

## Staci Stephens Legacy December 2007

The following is a summary of Staci's unique ministry. Since Staci has been gone, it has been bittersweet. So much has happened to carry on the legacy of Staci. I hope the information in this letter makes you feel like we do -- that her unique ministry is so cool, her story is amazing, and her legacy has indeed spread all over the world! Staci's dream to tell everyone about her saviour, Jesus Christ, is coming true!

### The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc. ([www.stacistephens.com](http://www.stacistephens.com)) (Created by The Stephens Family)

#### 2007 Milestones:

- [2007 The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc.](#) - Six Christian Conference Donations: In January 2007, six (6) deserving High School students were sent to the Fast Break conference (Student Venture/Campus Crusade for Christ) in Cocoa Beach. All six were High School seniors who had a passion for God and fulfilled Godly qualities much like that of Staci's. More information about the Student Venture program at TCHS can be found at the following web site: <http://www.svorlando.com/area/Timbercreek/>.
- [2007 Timber Creek High School \(TCHS\) Yearbook](#) - A beautiful tribute to the life of Staci Stephens was published in the 2007 TCHS Yearbook. These two pages consisted of a re-cap of Staci's life and journals. Countless hours were spent making sure the pages reflected Staci's love for Jesus along with her family and friends. A special thanks goes out to David Gooldy for his countless hours of dedication. Through this yearbook page, the lives of students at TCHS were once again impacted.
- [TCHS Baccalaureate](#) - Staci was remembered at the TCHS Baccalaureate service as one of Staci's close friends shared how Staci's passing made her re-evaluate her life and follow Jesus. Today, this girl is a changed woman because of Staci's life and death.
- [TCHS Graduation 2007](#) - At the TCHS Graduation ceremony at the Amway Arena, a pink rose was placed on an empty chair in remembrance of Staci's life. Staci's picture was shown and her close friend shared how much Staci is missed.
- [2007 Cemetery Headstone](#) - In January 2007, Staci's headstone was placed at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Titusville. At the gravesite, the main headstone contains a cross and heart that reflect Staci's love for Jesus. A birthday cake, flowers, bubbles, and crosses in Staci's own handwriting decorate the headstone. A grave ledger resembles a page of her journal reflecting several of Staci's favorite bible verses along with her reflection "I am confident that God Speaks when I Listen". A cozy bench with heart-shaped legs display "I Love Jesus" and "Why Worry? Let Go, Let God." On the top of the bench is Staci's famous saying "Sometimes I Just Like to Talk to God 'cuz He Rocks My World." Finally, the most touching of all is "Well done my good and faithful servant" Words we know Staci has heard daily from Jesus himself!
- [Scott Phelps, Excel Workbook](#) - Scott Phelps is the creator of the Christian based Excel program, which encourages students to resist the world's pressure towards sexual activity by drawing nearer to the Lord. This workbook and program encourages youth to resist the desire to live for self and choose instead to live for the glory of God. *Staci's legacy* is featured in

Chapter 8 of the workbook titled, "The Big Picture." Also, the DVD, *A Heart to Change, The Staci Stephens Story* is included in copies of the parent manuals. Scott Phelps has worked with youth in San Francisco and Chicago and each year speaks to thousands of teens around the country on the benefits of abstinence until marriage ([www.abstinenceandmarriage.com](http://www.abstinenceandmarriage.com).)

- Aretha Oliverrez, Author - Aretha continually assists *The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc.* Her web site contains a short video of Mrs. Stephens discussing how easy it was to create the non-profit 501(c)3 organization despite previous failed attempts ([http://www.multiplyingtalents.com/success\\_service.html](http://www.multiplyingtalents.com/success_service.html).) By using Aretha's materials, *The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc.* was established within 5 weeks - an amazing statistic along with saving us thousands of dollars in legal fees! As President of Multiplying Talents, Aretha takes a hands-on approach to assisting small and large nonprofit corporations such as The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc. (<http://multiplyingtalents.com/index.html>).
- Lyall Mercer, Evangelist - Lyall came across Staci's web site and was deeply touched by her story. Currently, he tours the US and Canada spreading Jesus' story to many! He continually uses "*A Heart to Change, The Staci Stephens Story*" DVD in his message and provides many stories of inspiration. His web site is <http://www.fanintoflame.com/>. Additionally, he is "The Bald Preacher" on myspace.
- Abby Glaser (www.abbysrun.com) - *Staci's legacy* has been featured in the Abby Glaser memorial run held in Kansas City for victims of Viral Myocarditis and sudden cardiac death in children. Abby passed away in 2001 at age 5. Over \$85,000 has been raised towards this deadly virus in her memory. The web site reflects a beautiful tribute to Staci and her life. [http://www.abbysrun.com/html/2007\\_tribute\\_7.htm](http://www.abbysrun.com/html/2007_tribute_7.htm).
- Alyssa's Hike - <http://www.alyssashike.org/2007/index.php>, Memorial hike for Alyssa Callaway who passed from Viral Myocarditis when she was 8 years old. In 2007, Alyssa's hike raised over 25,000 towards Alyssa's legacy. Staci's legacy is reflected in a tribute booklet of victims of viral Myocarditis.
- www.christianmemorials.com - Christianmemorials.com offers a Christian forum for remembering loved ones or sharing an exemplary life for the purpose of encouraging and edifying others. Staci's legacy is reflected on the home page of the site and we continually see countless messages from lives changed from all over the world! The site allows you to post candles and flowers in memory of Staci.
- Staci's Four Journals - Staci's unique and creative journals of her faith have been scanned in. Prayers are needed for how to publish/distribute these touching journal writings.
- During 2007, *A Heart to Change, The Staci Stephens Story DVD* and her legacy has been shared with numerous people including Kirk Cameron ([www.kirkcameron.com](http://www.kirkcameron.com)), Craig Scott (<http://www.rachelschallenge.com/>- brother of Rachel Scott, Columbine), Beth Moore ([www.bethmoore.com](http://www.bethmoore.com)), the Women of Faith team ([www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com)), singer Nicole C. Mullen ([www.nicolecmullen.com](http://www.nicolecmullen.com)), and Bob Mortimer ([www.bobmortimer.org](http://www.bobmortimer.org)).
- Numerous Bookmarkers, Stickers, and DVD's have been given out in hopes of sharing the gospel using Staci's life. *Staci's legacy* is depicted on [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), [www.godtube.com](http://www.godtube.com), and myspace among others.

**[www.stacistory.com](http://www.stacistory.com) (Created by Campus Crusade for Christ)**

During the period of 2007:

- We have witnessed the blessing of more than 44,765 visitors to the site
- 2,178 individuals indicated that they prayed to receive Jesus after visiting the site.
- 771 emails received regarding the [www.stacistory.com](http://www.stacistory.com) site
- The top 10 countries with visitors were
  - USA – 10,497
  - China – 3,728
  - India – 3,616
  - Philippines – 2,506
  - Mexico – 1,427
  - Italy – 1,177
  - United Kingdom – 961
  - Turkey – 814
  - Argentina – 794
  - Poland – 748

## WEB SITES

- [www.christianmemorials.com](http://www.christianmemorials.com) (Christian Memorial Tribute site)
- [www.abstinenceandmarriage.com](http://www.abstinenceandmarriage.com) (Scott Phelps)
- [www.multiplyingtalents.com](http://www.multiplyingtalents.com) (Aretha Oliverrez)
- [www.stacistory.com](http://www.stacistory.com) (Campus Crusade)
- [www.abbysrun.com](http://www.abbysrun.com) (Abby Glaser)
- [http://www.abbysrun.com/html/2007\\_tribute\\_7.htm](http://http://www.abbysrun.com/html/2007_tribute_7.htm) (Staci's tribute)
- [www.alyssashike.org](http://www.alyssashike.org) (Alyssa Callaway)
- [www.fanintoflame.com](http://www.fanintoflame.com) (Lyll Mercer)
- [www.svorlando.com/area/Timbercreek/](http://www.svorlando.com/area/Timbercreek/) (Timber Creek Student Venture)
- [www.kirkcameron.com](http://www.kirkcameron.com) (Kirk Cameron)
- [www.rachelschallenge.com](http://www.rachelschallenge.com) (Craig Scott)
- [www.lproof.org](http://www.lproof.org) (Beth Moore, Living Proof Ministries)
- [www.womenoffaith.com](http://www.womenoffaith.com) (Women of Faith Christian Conference - Awesome!!)
- [www.nicolecmullen.com](http://www.nicolecmullen.com) (Nicole C Mullen - Christian Singer)
- [www.bobmortimer.org](http://www.bobmortimer.org) (A triple amputee who found Christ through trauma)

- [www.mournerspath.com](http://www.mournerspath.com) (Walking the Mourner's Path is a Christ-centered bereavement training and grief support program)
- [www.caringbridge.com](http://www.caringbridge.com) (Free, personalized websites that support and connect loved ones during critical illness, treatment and recovery)

Please consider donating to *The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc.*, and help spread Staci's unique story and ministry to people around the world, or send a kid to Church Camp!! Your contribution to the Non-Profit Organization enables a needy young person to attend life-changing camps. All donations are tax deductible and you will be given a receipt. The cost of youth camps range from 100 - 300 dollars per student! What a great way to encourage youth's to further their faith and trust in God.

You can donate on our website [www.stacistephens.com](http://www.stacistephens.com) or by mail at "The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 130, Christmas, FL 32709-130. Please see [www.stacistephens.com](http://www.stacistephens.com) for more information regarding the fund.

We would like to Thank You so much for your support, love, and interest in our daughter and sister Staci who is missed so much. We just can't believe how each day goes by and our hearts continue to ache. Your emails, letters, and calls are much appreciated.

Please keep in touch and help us to continue to share her legacy as we are her "unique" ministry!!

God Bless,  
Kristen Stephens  
President, The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc.



## 2005 - 2006 Staci Stephens Legacy Letter

### Prior Milestones of Staci's Unique ministry from March 2005 - December 2006:

- In June 2006, The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc. was established. This fund is a 501(c)3 Non Profit Organization. This means that all donations to the fund are tax deductible. The mission of this fund includes sending kids to camps and conferences to further their faith, and assisting with Viral Myocarditis research.
- www.stacistephens.com was established to provide more information regarding Staci's life and legacy. A special Thanks goes to Pim Linders and Dave Gooldy who helped create this web site. Please visit this site and you will find a wealth of information.
- A pamphlet was created as a supplement to the DVD. This pamphlet further describes Staci's story and amazing facts.
- Bookmarkers, Keychains, and stickers have been distributed to honor Staci's memory.
- In 2006, sixteen students were awarded money to attend Christian conferences that further their faith.
- Mrs. Stephens has spoken to several youth groups, gatherings, and organizations regarding Staci's life and legacy. She never turns down the chance to speak about how Staci has impacted so many people.
- Florida Speaking engagements included: Indian River City Methodist Church in February 2007 to over 1000 people; Indian River City Youth group in August 2006 to about 50 kids; Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting at Avalon Middle School in February 2007 to over 35 kids (Kevin's middle school); First United Methodist Church in September 2006 to over 50 people.
- A Caringbridge Web site has been created so that people can sign a guestbook. This site can be accessed from www.stacistephens.com.
- The email stacistorymom@yahoo.com has been established. To request a copy of the DVD, email me at stacistorymom@yahoo.com or just send your comments or questions to the family.
- We have established a P.O. Box for correspondence of "The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc." The address is: The Staci Stephens Fund, Inc. P.O. Box 130, Christmas, FL 32709-130.
- If you would like to share Staci's DVD and her story with your Church, youth group, or organization, please feel free to contact Mrs. Stephens for further information (stacistorymom@yahoo.com).

### A Heart To Change, The Staci Stephens Story DVD

#### Created by Campus Crusade for Christ, Venture Media

##### Prior Milestones of Staci's Unique ministry from March 2005 - December 2006:

- The DVD won the coveted Silver Telly award. (www.tellyawards.com) The Silver Telly is awarded to the top 7 percent of Video's and films submitted in a pool of over 12,000. In order to obtain the Silver Telly, all judges had to rate the DVD a "9" or "10". Campus Crusade for Christ submitted the DVD to the Telly Awards.
- Over 7000 DVDs have been sent to Youth Pastors and organizations around the world and her story has been shared with thousands of people.
- Over 3000 DVDs were given out at Timber Creek High School and other local schools, churches, and religious organizations.
- Staci's story was shared on radio stations all over the United States by the president of Campus Crusade for Christ, Steve Douglass. As part of the Lighthouse Report, this short segment titled, "Staci Stephens, A lighthouse Legacy," spoke of her great legacy and how many people were impacted by her life and death.

**[www.stacistory.com](http://www.stacistory.com)**

Interesting statistics about the web site, [www.stacistory.com](http://www.stacistory.com) during the period of 2005 and 2006:

- We have witnessed the blessing of more than 88,230 visitors to the site. Of the 88,230 visitors, 79,204 were first time visitors.
- Of those visitors, 72,479 watched the Movie, A Heart to Change, The Staci Stephens Story and 27,749 went on to read her testimony.
- 445 individuals indicated that they prayed to receive Jesus after visiting the site.
- An additional 600 people indicated that they recommitted their life to Christ as a result of visiting the site
- More than 50 percent of the decisions were made by individuals under the age of 25
- There is an equal percentage of decisions from those over 26 years of age which seems to indicate that this site, while designed for a younger population, has wide spread appeal to all age groups.
- In addition to a popularity among all age groups, is the interesting data depicting the global reach of this site.
  - While it was expected that we would see a high concentration of visits in the USA, further analysis shows visitation from 210 countries.
  - Visits span the globe from the America's' to Europe, from Africa thru the Middle East to the Asian belt. The site has visits from all people groups, all religious backgrounds, and all political government systems.



**IN LOVING MEMORY OF STACI  
FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS  
WE LOVE AND MISS YOU SO VERY MUCH**

Staci's story has been told and spiritually internalized by tens of thousands of people around the world. Staci does indeed have a unique ministry!

## A Prayer by Staci Stephens - Spoken from her Heart

Thursday February 3, 2005

God, you are so great. And most of the time I treat you with such disrespect. Even the littlest things are sins against you Father and I am so sorry Lord. Help me to recognize my sins and just come to you immediately. But Father I don't just want to be forgiven, I want to be changed God. I want to let them go and never ever worry about them in my entire life again Lord. Please help that be possible and for me just to be strong Lord. Lord I'm judgmental, I'm selfish, I'm greedy and not-thankful Lord, and you still love me. I don't understand, but I defiantly approve Father. Thank you so much for your love and grace God. I pray that you just help me to be humble and quiet Lord. I want to be loud for you but quiet in spirit Father. God I need you desperately Father and I want to have you so much more Lord. Help me to have a yearning for you and for me to put so much more into a relationship with you and not just half as much Lord. I want so much more God. God I want to yearn for you, I want to burn with passion Father. That's my desire Lord, to seek your presence no matter where I am God. Lord I want to have my own ministry, not a copy of anybody else's Lord. I know that's going to happen Father and I pray that you just give me strength to do so and time as well Lord. I pray for the future of your ministry while using me Lord, and just prepare me for my future God. Help me use all my talents and passions for you God and no body or nothing else Lord. Let me run for you, let me cheer for you, let me sing for you and let me dance for you God. I want it to be for you and nobody else Lord. Lord I can't believe that all of these words are for you, and you listen to them. You hear me, you see me, you feel me Lord and you answer me. God that's so awesome. Lord I thank you so so much for everything Father. God thank you so much for your love and grace Lord. God, I need to spend time with you so much more. Lord I've been so busy and I've just blown you off and that is so stupid of me. When I'm busy, you're the one I need to be with the most, Lord help me to wake up early enough or set aside time to spend with you. Father I need the strength and security that you give to me and everyone else Lord and I pray that you help me to accept your grace God. Reveal to me all the worldly things God and my selfishness Lord. God I love you so much and just help me to have time with you everyday Lord so I can be so glorifying to you. Lord I love you as much as I can, and I pray I can love you more. It's in your Holy name I pray, Amen.

**LIVES IMPACTED BY STACI STEPHENS**

- This morning went FANTASTIC!!! We had around 60 or more total students, 3 parents, and 1 other teacher in the Multipurpose Room watching the video this morning. We then passed out those booklets that went with the Staci Story and I had my officers read it together with them at their tables. God was definitely speaking through the video, booklets, my officers, and myself.....IT WAS AWESOME!!! I passed out a small slip at the end of our time together, and (17) kids wrote that they accepted Christ for the first time!!! The rest of the students marked that they had accepted Christ before, but they wanted to start living for Him. We told the students that needed a Bible, and wanted to "Read the Cover" off of it, to grab a Bible, (they were gone before I could look!!!) IT WAS A VERY EXCITING MORNING ALL AROUND!!! P.S. The best part of the morning was that I had been inviting my Basketball Team for weeks, and the entire team came but one (even our manager). Five of the girls asked Jesus in their Heart this morning for the first time ever!!! Now I know why I Coach!!!
- I just wanted to email you to THANK YOU, and let you know how God is working through Staci's Life and Testimony in the students at my school. Last year we had around 85 students view her story, with 15 kids giving their lives to Christ. This year, my FCA Officers have handed out over 600 personal invitation/flyers for our Huddle this upcoming Friday morning. We have invited all of the teachers, and are praying that God will work!!! We THANK YOU for Staci's Story!!! God Bless!!!
- Aloha from Hawaii, Staci's story is truly inspiring and uplifting. I saw clips of her story on YouTube. My wife heard Staci's story at an Awana Scholarship Camp last year and she was touched. I don't know much but when I see Staci's pictures...in her eyes and in her smile...you can see a joy that can only come from knowing Jesus. Let us spread her Joy here in Hawaii...
- I don't know Staci at all but it was emotional watching this and reading about her and the impact she made and continues to make. She is a beautiful girl and as someone who was in youth ministry for 10 years and loves teenagers I wish I would have known her. The first time I saw the DVD I knew how powerful it was, however I misplaced the website and spent a month looking for it again before I found where I had written it. I look forward to taking this story across the world as I minister.
- We had a God night. About 30 students accepted Christ and the video was a large part of that. The following are a few comments received: "This week has really been one of the best camps that I have ever been to. Over all the best message for me was the video over the high schooler that totally changed her community. And that was just so cool to me because it showed that just by being positive around people you can show God's love and others will notice."
- I played Staci's video on the last night of a youth retreat in Indiana on the weekend and it was amazing. I saw some of the most powerful and real altar ministry I have ever seen as God ministered to students. I believe God transformed lives on the weekend and Staci helped open hearts for God to move. She did it again!! I still cannot watch the video without being humbled by her life and overwhelmed by the effect her ministry is having. I feel like I know her.
- I have read about her, heard of her, I watch it all the time - I want to be like her I am doing a presentation about my hero and mine is Staci even if I never knew her. She has done a number in my life may I report your daughter is a women after God and I know she is with him at his side right now.
- Thank you so much for sharing Staci's story. It has greatly impacted me and I am rejoicing with you that your daughter is now with our Savior. I look forward to meeting her someday. I sent her website to so many people in hopes that God will use it to draw them to himself. God's grace is

amazing!! There is no greater joy than to know that your daughter is with our heavenly father and that God is using her testimony to share the Gospel with so many others. Thanks you so much

- Staci is still touching lives across North America as I travel and play the DVD. I use it at every youth camp or retreat I do - usually on the last night incorporated in a message I give titled "uprising". I never get tired of seeing it myself and it inspires me continually.
- As Christians, we need to outreach to others and share Jesus. Staci Stephens did just that. Staci was saved in 2004 and died in March of 2005. There was an instant transformation from the moment she accepted the Lord into her heart. The web site is not a memorial to Staci, but rather a testament of our Almighty Father's power, grace, love and mercy. At such a young age those Staci came in contact with knew there was something different about her. I never met Staci but I can assure you that if you visit the web site and view the movie and read her testimony, that she will make an impact on your life. Individually our circles are small, but when we combine our territory under the name of Jesus ... GREAT THINGS WILL HAPPEN!
- Since the beginning of the year I have heard of Staci and her story but didn't really understand what happened. I received my TCHS yearbook today and saw the Staci Stephens page and went to the web site. I began to watch the video and read of Staci and was deeply touched. I kinda had a falling out with Jesus and my faith recently and while watching the video on the home page of the web site I felt this, "over coming" maybe even happiness. I asked myself, "Why am I not sad right now? Why are Staci's friends and family in the video not crying?" I took a second, thought, and the answer came to me. "It's because they have faith, they have Jesus" I understood. Right there at that moment I felt like my relationship with the Lord was rekindled. It just goes to show, even though Staci has passed and is physically not with us, she continues to touch people and bring them closer to God. Thank you Staci. May your glory and love continue to shine down from Heaven.
- I just wanted you to know that I am very touched by Staci's story. I am 15 and I live in Alton, Illinois. I think that Staci was an AMAZING girl and that she was very, very gorgeous! I recently found Jesus in myself when I was diagnosed with Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis and Hypothyroidism. I know it is not as bad as what Staci had but it still makes me think. Staci was a remarkable young girl and she would have made a wonderful woman.
- I am a youth leader for Fusion Point Student Ministries, and I just want to let you know that I pray for my youth to have the passion and the hunger for Christ that I saw in Staci. I would've loved to know her. Thank you for that video, it really touched me in a powerful way. God Bless you and your family.
- I read about Staci this last week in Cocoa Beach and was very touched by her story. I have a little blond haired blue-eyed girl myself and couldn't imagine breathing without her. I have been thinking about Staci and her word ever since and just wanted you to know that she has touched me. I have been struggling with my relationship with Jesus lately and somehow Staci has made me think about that. Even though Staci is not here physically, she is still here and is doing a wonderful thing through God. Her video is one that spreads the word and one that I have been watching daily. Thank you so much for her web site.
- Your daughter's story had forever changed my life, your daughter was a gift from heaven and you were so blessed. I was raised in Huntington Beach California and wasn't really raised with any knowledge of church. I started going with my grandma every once in awhile when I visited her in another state and I thought, you know, if I get baptized, I thought, hey if I just go on Sunday and worship that would be good enough so that's what I did on and off again. I would go to church then I stopped going and got involved with all the wrong people. Then about three months ago my oldest brother says, hey you should come to my church on Thursday its youth night just come see if you

like it and I was like okay I'll try it. Then I started going regularly, then I started going Wednesday Thursday Sunday three times a week. About a month and a half into going to this new church on a Thursday night they played STACI'S STORY it grabbed a hold of my heart and just squeezed everything out me. Her story is so amazing I only wish I would of had a chance to of known her. It's has totally changed everything about who I am and how I follow God. I committed myself to GOD that night we watched the video. I'm committed myself to God and got baptized a month later and have been saved and walking in his path since. Staci has forever changed my life and is an amazing person and will never be forgotten.... I've been praying for over a month that I would find you I'm so grateful for everything that God has blessed me with since I've accepted him as my savior.... I really couldn't ask for more.

- Last night's Cheer Banquet was definitely a memorable event for area cheerleaders and coaches that were in attendance. A very moving video called "Staci's Story" was shown. It is the story of a high school cheerleader who came to know Jesus as her Savior in 2004. During the next year she was on fire for Jesus and everyone at her high school noticed a difference in her. Many came to trust Jesus as their Savior and Lord because of her influence. In March of 2005 she died suddenly of a viral infection. The video shows, through interviews with her friends, the difference she made at her school in just one short year. Forty-seven faith commitments were indicated on the response cards, of which four were first-time decisions to trust Jesus as Savior. Below are a few of the comments we received on the response cards: Thank you! I appreciate all you do to bring young people to the Lord. Please continue this ministry! It was very good. I loved it! It has showed me and taught me who really matters to me the most. This banquet made a very great impression on me. This banquet has showed me and taught me so much and the funny thing is I've known all of this but I guess seeing this in person and seeing how much Staci impacted people's lives has showed me that I wanna be a "Staci". This banquet was amazing! I felt God in this place! You all really brought the spirit in. My heart felt so open to every aspect of this banquet. God bless you all. Don't ever doubt that your time, efforts, and financial contributions are making a difference. Thank you for making these events possible.
- UK: Dear Staci's Mother and Father, I have just come across Staci's memorial page and I would just like to express me deepest condolences to the loss of your wonderful daughter. I am sure she is looking down on you and smiling.
- Canada: Amazing testimony! so quickly matured in the Lord! I can hear her now "Shed no tears for me...for I am with my Saviour!"
- New Zealand: What a beautiful child. Her story makes me appreciate the valuable life and pleasure I get from my own 17-year-old daughter. I will go and plant a kiss on her cheek now, as she sleeps, and say a prayer for Staci. God Bless.
- Staci, I didn't know you in life, but you sound like an angel. What beautiful little girl you were and always will be. It is true every time I see something like this, the good do die young. Another angel gone back to heaven.
- The pages really touched me and made me want to say, you all were so lucky to have such a smart girl who had enough sense to turn her life around before it was to late. I wish all the young kids had a head like hers on their shoulders.
- Staci was truly a special young lady. I was browsing through online memorials, as I've made some myself for departed family members, when I came across Staci's. Something about this girl really touched my heart and has made a permanent and positive impression upon me. She was truly a beautiful girl, but it's her inner beauty that really shines through. How proud you must be of her, as she continues to bring people closer to God. Remember, she is with the Lord -- she lives! I pray for

her and you, her loved ones, every night, and I also ask Staci to pray for me. We will all be reunited one day, never to be separated again. I firmly believe Staci is watching over you and protecting you by the power of our Dear Lord. I wish you love, peace and comfort; you truly have a special and wonderful daughter in heaven!

- Thank you Kristen (Staci's mom) for sharing your most wonderful daughter's story. My family and I were very inspired with Staci and cannot begin to express in words how motivational the CD is. Here's to you and your most precious angel!
- I live in England and you really touched me Staci she was a beautiful young lady and smart I'm sure she is happy that you are still thinking about her and I'm sure she is looking down on you thinking what lovely family and friends
- Your daughter, Staci, was and is a unique individual. What a wonderful gift from God she must have been in your lives. I really believe that in dying we find our most precious reward, living in the kingdom of Our Lord, and certainly that is where your precious daughter is today. As human beings, we can't even imagine the paradise that she is experiencing, we grieve, only because we don't know where she is. We are promised a Heaven that is so wonderful that we don't have the capacity to even be able to imagine it, that's where Staci is. She is probably looking down on you right now and saying, "If you only knew where I was you would not cry for me, you would cry for yourself, you are still on earth and I am cradled in the hands of our Lord." She obviously was a very religious person, and I pray that gives you relief in this journey called life that you and your family must travel through without your beloved daughter. I know it's not easy, but I'll bet Staci wouldn't want sadness associated with her name. When you think, and speak of her, make sure you do it with a smile on your face, although I never knew her, I can see by all that I've read she would be happy knowing that her family was happy. God Bless you, and I will pray for your peacefulness.
- West Africa: I read about Staci and felt a longing in my soul. A longing to know more about Jesus, to talk to Him as a friend, to help me walk according to the will and plan of God. I'm really blessed. She's made me check myself and to want to live everyday of my life as though it were the last. To live my life for God. Staci, rest on and shout Hallelujah forever in the presence of our Lord.
- Staci Stephens...AN AMAZING GIRL!! Today my life totally changed be cause of her...Jesus used her to reach out to me!! She was on fire for Jesus! AMEN! Jesus was her everything.. and now he is my everything too! I was just living life like I knew I was going to be here tomorrow.. but the truth is...only God knows!! Today I AM CHANGED...for JESUS!! I will never go another day without praising Jesus' name! Thank you God bless! God is SO SO SO good!
- I am 11 years old and heard about Staci. I am so sorry but also happy she is living in heaven with Jesus. I believe in God ALOT! But as I watched the video of Staci I realized that I want to stay with Jesus and die or when I die and go live with him. I talk to God alot and I see him alot well if you could.
- I'm a senior in High School in Charlotte, NC. I'm also the president of CYC (Committed Young Christians) I would like to be a Staci at my school. I am so waiting until the point where I can say I led someone to Jesus Christ and Staci's story has inspired me.
- I showed Staci's video today. I started out by asking the youth group to think of someone who has impacted their lives in a major way. So as they were thinking I showed the video of Staci Story, and by the time it was over I noticed tears in some eyes, and as I was showing the video I also called out some ones name in the youth group and instructed them they were dead please scoot your seat back, I told them how they died. It really had an impact as you will find out. When we were done I asked, first of all how did you like knowing that your friend died, then asked them who they thought

of that was an impact in their lives. To make things short 2 of my youth got saved, and that is what it is all about thank you, and I know Staci is rejoicing in knowing that 2 more people will join her in heaven. May God Bless You.

- I'm a current student at Timber Creek and I was touched by Staci's Story - who new just one person could touch as many people as Staci did. I remember going to church and that is when I met Staci and ever since then I accepted Jesus as his lord and savior into my life!!
- I am looking forward to meeting Staci when I go to be with my heavenly Father. What an incredible young woman. I came across Staci's story in a grief group I belong to. My daughter passed away July 5th, 2007. She was 33. When I read the poem, My Mom Is A Survivor, I felt the tears flowing again. I was thinking of my own beautiful daughter who I know, without a doubt, is in heaven at this moment. God bless you and be with you.
- God Blessed your family with such an amazing daughter. Someone shared Staci's web site with me, her story has truly touched my soul. I knew that my children had to read about this remarkable young lady. I find it to be a blessing that Staci had a love for Christ. I tell my children that we all need the Lord know matter how young or old we are. Thanks for being a leader for children! Thank you for sharing your daughter's story with us.
- I have never met you or Staci...but I wanted you to know that I have been deeply impacted by her story. Like her, I've been a cheerleader all of my life and very involved with Student Venture. I saw Staci's video on the 2005 conference. Through your video, one of my best friends accepted Christ at fast break with me. I have a copy of the DVD and show it regularly at the Freshman girls' bible study that I lead. During discussions, it is common for girls to say things like..."I bet Staci Stephens would do it this way." I got the chance to share the gospel in front of my high school, and I was nervous...but honestly knew that Staci was with me. Thank you for your inspiring story. It has impacted Carmel, Indiana in huge ways!!
- I have watched this video so many times and I am inspired every time I watch it. I am on staff with Crusade in Austin Texas. I am so grateful for Staci.. and her changed life.. and the amazing ministry that is happening at Timber Creek thru Student Venture... The life and hope that Staci portrayed is such a blessing.. life giving .... Thanks to all who have been a part of this video and ministry.. I want to be more like Jesus and tell more people about Him... thanks..
- I am presently sitting at the bedside of my 14-year-old daughter. On October 31, she was diagnosed with Myocarditis. She had a blood clot the size of a quarter in the lower left chamber of her heart. Two days ago, she was moved out of the critical care unit and into a regular room. The clot is gone and so is the fluid that surrounded her lungs. They are continuing to monitor her heart functioning, but considering the condition she was in, things are looking pretty good. The cardiologists say we are very, very lucky, but I know luck has nothing to do with it. The outpouring of prayers from our hometown churches and schools has been overwhelming. I ran across your daughter's websites today while researching Myocarditis on my laptop. I don't think this was by accident. I think there was a reason I found these sites today.
- I am 25 years old. I am in school at Mississippi State University majoring in educational psychology. I plan on being a counselor after I am finished with my education. I watched this film one night at church and I was really moved by it. It brought tears to my eyes. I was really active in the Baptist student Union and our director always tells us not to be on bad terms with a friend, because it might be their last day that we see them.
- Staci's story has really touched my life, I am sure you get numerous emails stating that. But her story reminds me that I need to get off my butt and really look for God with my whole heart

because I never know when my time may come to go home. I have such a deep passion for others to know Christ and I want to tell others about His love but that will only happen if I dedicate myself like Staci did to searching for God above all else.

- Stac, words can't explain how much you have impacted this world.. as sad as it is to know that you aren't here on earth with us anymore, I find so much comfort in the fact that you are with our Father, our Best Friend, our Redeemer- you are in His arms, forever.. You got to see His face on March 13th.. personally, I'm jealous- because you're Home.. you're safe.. you are so happy right now- and I'm so happy for you.. Stac you affected so many people. You were an amazing servant for God. You never gave up hope.. You spread His word like no other.. Stac the world really needs more people like you. -- the years that I knew you were amazing, you've shown me so much and you just shined for Christ.. we will meet again and we will get that chance :) and I can't wait for that day.. Love you Stac\*

#### Inspiration eMails Received 2005 - 2006:

- Wow...How great is our God and savior. Well it is often said that God works in mysterious ways, and I admire you as Staci's parents, for seeing that in the midst of a tragedy, there was a grand plan to Staci's Life and Death. I pray that your family will stand for God until his coming and that you will see Gods work throughout your life. I am thankful that God has had favour over my life and I to hope that I will fulfill my calling as a minister one day. I ask for your help and anybody reading this to pray for me to accomplish this and spread Gods greatness. And I will in turn spread the beautiful story of Staci Stephens life throughout South Africa. Have faith and God Bless.
- I have watched the Staci's Story many times and every time gives me the same fire that I believe Staci felt. The first time I watched it was at my school's FCA. Which is a student led worship every Friday morning before school. I watched it there and was renewed with my outlook on life and on God. Like Staci, I had God in my head, but not in my heart. That day after school, I logged onto the website for Staci's Story. I read through everything and was hooked on everything of what God had to say through Staci and everything about her story. I loved the video so much I decided to share it with my church's youth group. I could see the power of God working through many people. I only wish that her story would spread throughout the world. I know that I don't know Staci, you, or any of the people she knew, but I do know God, and that is what will makes us the same. I am now a sophomore at my high school and I could just picture something like that happening to one of my friends or family. I have never lost someone like that so I cannot say fairly that can relate or understand your pain. My heart does reach for you and I pray to God and thank Staci every night for saving me and the friends I hold dear. Please do not consider this message as one that is just one to make me sound special or something. I want you to know that my feelings are genuine and my heart and soul will forever thank Staci's life, death, and teachings. Thank you Staci.
- Staci has touched many lives in very many ways! I know I loved her dearly and so did everyone else. People thought just because she was a cheerleader she was not smart, but they were wrong, she was and still is the most amazing person I knew. She taught me how to believe w/ all my heart to be with god 24/7. Now God has me all the way I'm missing nothing. STACI today is my #1 hero and always will be. I love and will always miss you Staci. Forever in my heart.
- Wednesday night was my first night going to youth group in a long time. I haven't been going to my church because I have been feeling very disconnected with God. I have had a very hard two years in Florida. I moved here from California two years ago, and had to leave behind my church. I was very involved. Since then, I haven't been able to find a place where god has told me he wants me to be, until last night. Your testimony about Staci touched my heart. Just hearing about her changes she went through after she accepted Christ, just makes me want to accept him all over again. You are

truly blessed to have someone like Staci, who can touch someone's heart, just by hearing about all her achievements. I am sorry I didn't get to meet her, she sounds amazing. After last night, I made a promise to take my walk with God to a new level, and I've never felt better. You will be in my prayers. love, your friend

- I'm a girl that lives in Brevard County, FL. I was in the waiting room for the dentist today and I was reading through the newspaper. I came to the Space Coast section of the newspaper and saw something titled "In Memoriam". I looked under the title and saw your daughters face. From the second I saw the picture, I knew who she was. Last year in a Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) meeting, a friend of mine played the DVD inspired by Staci. Since I saw the DVD, I feel like I know Staci and your family because her testimony has really changed my life. It truthfully has encouraged me to live a better life. The words the float around in Staci's journal really touched me and has made me think about my life and relationship with Christ. Even though I could write words and words describing how she has changed my life and many others, there are two simple words to sum it all up: Thank You. I have and will pray for you and your family, especially on a day like today - Staci's birthday. You, I, and everyone has truly been blessed with Staci's words and presence. May God and Staci be with you
- I just wanted to tell you that I heard about Staci's story in Church at Indian River City United Methodist Church and was very touched. After hearing that it really made me think about it later on that night and later on that I had accepted Jesus in my life. Hearing about Staci made me think that me being 14 I wanted to develop a relationship with God now and need to talk to him more and share my feelings to him. So I really want to say thank you so very much for sharing your story. God Bless You
- Staci, I didn't know you personally but I just wanted to thank you. You brought me closer to God. You were truly an amazing person. I love you.
- I was in only 9th grade the year that Staci passed at Timber Creek high school! I as a student was given a copy of " A HEART TO CHANGE " I immediately came home and popped it in my DVD player! I still watch the story today. And My heart was changed with my faith in GOD! I want to thank Staci Stephens for changing my faith as It stood! I did not personally know Staci, I was not on the cheer team, and I was not in drill or any organization at school. I never even heard of Staci up until I heard about her death! Me being a compassionate person I felt love and grieve for Staci's friends and family anyways! Even though we as in our own clique did not personally know Staci, I wanted to learn from her, I thought she must have been big if they're making a movie on her! And proudly I did learn from her. But we cannot be selfish and want her here on earth with us, then we would be.. she belongs home with our Lord and Christ Jesus! Like I said I never even heard of STACI STEPHENS up till her death, But this 1 girl, this one not so ordinary girl changed my life, my heart and my faith... All I had to do was here her story and here how she wanted to tell it! I never heard of the diagnosis that Staci had died from, And I hope that they find some way to prevent more deaths. I know it must have been awful! I know it's a little late to be writing now, It has almost been two years since Staci's death! But I figured I would Find her space and leave my thoughts to her friends and family! I am in 11th grade now, and I am going to a totally different school, WEST ORANGE HIGH SCHOOL! And believe it or not people here have heard of the Staci Stephens story, " A HEART TO CHANGE " I was a little surprised but they knew all about her! And I helped Spread her word to those who did not know her or have not heard of her, and I hoped that with Staci's helped, I have had more than a few HEARTS TO CHANGE! Well Staci beloved friends.. that is all I got to say right now... Please do know that it was still hard for me for loosing Staci But I know it was even 1000 times harder for you all... It was only hard for me because I have learned

from A HEART TO CHANGE!!!! well beloved, God Bless and may Christ Jesus be in all of your hearts...

- Staci is a beautiful girl and as someone who was in youth ministry for 10 years and loves teenagers I wish I would have known her. I think as I show this video I will get to know her, and I can't wait to give you reports of those who she helps bring to Christ through this video.
- Another awesome youth retreat to around 250 students from several denominations - this time in Canada. As usual I showed Staci's video and as usual God used it to bring major impact.
- I'm showing Staci's video at a youth retreat in Indianapolis at the weekend. I've included the video into a message I'll be doing regularly as part of youth retreats and camps (of which I am doing many across the USA and Canada in 2007) so it will be shown far and wide.
- That night when I heard Staci's story I cried so hard. Wednesday night was amazing. I felt totally reconnected. I know that I haven't been the best Christian I could be. I know I could be better. I want to be like Staci and share my knowledge of God to everyone I know. Her story really wants to make you do something about it. The story moved me and moved alot of people. you must be going through a tough time right now. this whole week at school I wrote I love Jesus on my hand. a kid that sits next to me asked why I have it on my hand. I told him because I love Jesus and he loves me. I want to be the best Christian I can be. this story has helped so much! Thank You for sharing! God Bless you

**Bactrim Warning** <http://briandeer.com/septrin/bactrim-effects-1.htm>

I had an allergic reaction to Bactrim and I have never been allergic to anything, ever!! I came across a story that sounded very much like Staci's and the cause of death was recorded as Viral Myocarditis when in fact it was the Bactrim that brought on the reaction. I was prescribed the generic medication Bactrim that is marketed under many names, including Bactrim, Bactrim DS, Sulfatrim, SMZ/TMP, Septran, Septrin, Septra, Septra DS and co-trimoxazole, etc. The doctor asked if I was allergic to Sulfa based medications, and I did not recall ever taking any since I am rarely ill, just things like Amoxicillin or Z-Pac for the occasional sinus infection. So, I said, "No," and that I have never been allergic to any medications. I took the tablet at 4pm and within minutes felt like tiny insects were biting me all over my body. THIS WAS ONLY AFTER ONE TABLET!!!! You must be monitored by a family member (or friend) when taking this medication. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CHILDREN UNATTENDED IF THEY ARE TAKING THIS!!! But in my opinion, I would consider it poison and never allow a friend or family member to take it. Be aware that the allergic reaction could be fatal. You can learn more at: <http://briandeer.com/septrin/bactrim-effects-1.htm> ... this site is worth passing onto your friends and loved ones. I want to note that I have never been allergic to anything in my life (other than an occasional sneeze due to pollen). Most importantly, you may have successfully used Bactrim in the past and have the same reaction that I did (or worse) on a subsequent use. Please forward this message on to people you care about...it could save a life. There have been many reports of very serious complications (as bad as it was, consider my reaction mild when you read some of the other reactions!!!) including death.

The website: <http://briandeer.com/septrin/bactrim-effects-1.htm> is a compilation of emails from people who have had reactions to this very common anti-biotic medication. It also seems from these emails that many medical professionals do not clearly or quickly identify the allergic reaction, but rather say that it is a coincidental flu! Furthermore, if you travel overseas, this is a very commonly prescribed medication as it is very inexpensive and rarely do they give you the pharmaceutical pamphlet that describes allergic reactions (again, learned from the above website). What you will read will appall you! Please take the time to read through some of the emails on the above listed site, especially if you know people who frequently travel outside the US on mission trips, etc.