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Lawton Ministry Update



Dear family and friends,

I trust that by now you're ready to enjoy some warmer weather and to watch the flowers and trees bloom. I know I am! Spring is always a busy time for me because that is when I'm helping our summer missionary interns raise funds, making all of their international travel arrangements and then preparing to bring them to North Carolina for orientation and on-boarding. I sure would appreciate your prayers!

MISSIONARY INTERNS IN SHORT SUPPLY

Even though we've had a lot of interest and have processed over 60 preliminary applications from college students to do summer missionary internships with us, it has been a challenge to get them to commit to raise funds to serve. So far, we only have seven interns lined up for this summer (we usually have 12-17)! A quick survey of those who applied but then withdrew indicates that they are getting other offers for paid internships and it's hard for us to compete with that! We are confident, however, that this is all part of God's plan. But, better news on the long-term missionary front.

NEW MISSIONARIES FOR THE HARVEST

In the last two months my team and I appointed two new missionaries and deployed three short-term and one long-term missionary! One couple will be going to Guam (Lord willing) to help us with the transmitters to bring the message of hope to Asia and one will be coming here to North Carolina to help us with our information technology (computers) to bring Christ to the world on our digital platforms. One short-term missionary departed to assist our ministry out of South Korea and one long-term and two short-term missionaries left for Cyprus to help us with our communications with national partners and ministry to Europe, North Africa and the Middle East. I praise God for raising up these wonderful people so please join me in prayer that God will provide for the resources they need to help us fulfill the Great Commission.



GLOBAL MOBILIZATION OF MISSIONARIES

Part of my role with TWR is to assist our global HR directors with mobilizing people from their regions to serve with us as missionaries. To this end, I will be meeting with our Europe, Asia and Africa directors in a week to take a look (among many other things) at how we can mobilize more non-Americans as short-term missionaries for TWR. An exciting development with this is that we have a new US missionary candidate that wants to work with me to help develop this. We will interview her in May so please pray that this goes well.

ZACH'S NEW JOB

In case you haven't heard, Zachary just started working at the EMS Academy here in Raleigh! He'll be in the Academy for three months and then, if all goes well, he will keep working as an EMT until he has enough patient hours to apply for PA (Physician Assistant) school. Please keep him in your prayers.

Thank you for reading my newsletter, praying, and for your partnership in making this ministry possible. May God richly bless you.

Alan Lawton
Director of Mobilization and Internships



PRAISE GOD THAT...

- We've had a number of newly appointed and deployed missionaries
- One past intern decide to serve with us long-term
- Zachary got a job

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Our internship program as the interns raise support
- Our short-term missionary in South Korea to stay healthy
- My meetings with our global HR directors
- Brittany's wedding plans and the family gatherings