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## Lawton Ministry Update



Dear Family and Friends,

I trust that you have had a joyful Christmas. I'm anticipating a crazy end of the year with driving to the Urbana Missions Conference and visiting friends and family along the way. But 2018 has been a good year despite the challenges and God is working in many exciting ways. I hope you enjoy reading about them.

### URBANA AND HACK4MISSIONS

On December 27-31, I will oversee a team of five from TWR that will represent and present our ministry to many of the over 11,000 attendees! I'll give you an update on this endeavor in my next letter. But an exciting new opportunity that we have at this year's Urbana is to work with a small group of attendees (7-15) that



want to use their computer programming skills to serve the missions world. We will have a project that could help TWR digitally evaluate our global effectiveness by tapping into a global network of Software Defined Radios (an Internet-of-Things device that can find every local radio signal) to test TWR's signal clarity and strength and to compile reports to ensure that our AM, FM and Shortwave radio ministry are as effective as possible. Again, I'll let you know how it went.

### SUMMER MISSIONARY INTERNS

Believe it or not, my team has already vetted and approved sixteen potential missionary interns for next summer and we have several applicants still in the pipeline – way ahead of last year! It appears that our program is getting better known as a place where missions-minded young people can use their non-traditional missions gifts and talents (engineering, the arts, communications, business, etc.) to help TWR share hope everywhere.



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 FOR...

- Two families have raised their support and are off to two different transmitter sites
- New team member added to my team to help missionaries raise support
- New missionary application software working well
- Great meeting with many other mission board's Mobilization Directors
- Perspectives class that I taught had a lot of missions interest

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Our follow-up with people we met at Urbana
- Placement and support raising for our missionary interns