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## Lawton Ministry Update



Dear family and friends,

I hope that you had a lovely Christmas. It was a little different for me this year but one thing remains the same - God loved the people of this world so much that He sent His one and only Son! What a joy to celebrate His gracious gift.

### MINISTRY UPDATE

It was a busy but productive fall as I spent a number of weeks on recruiting trips visiting Christian colleges (we work with The Traveling Team for the secular schools) in four different states and then at ICOM, a large missions conference. I made a lot of great contacts and I'm excited to see how God will move their hearts toward missions in general and to TWR specifically. We've also vetted and appointed a few new long-term missionaries and volunteers to serve as engineers, videographers and writers. Then in December we hosted a seminar to train coaches on how best to work with our appointed missionaries to help them through the partnership development phase of becoming a missionary. I'm excited that a few more TWR staff members have stepped up to get involved in this crucial role. And last, but not least, we already have ten summer missionary interns that we've vetted and are in the process of placing. We still have time to accept more applications, so if you know a college student that would like an internship with a missions focus, please give them my name.

### FAMILY UPDATE

In case you haven't heard, Brittany has had an exciting year after teaching for three years in the Nashville public high schools. She quit her job in May after being accepted into the Master's program at Vanderbilt in Education to become a reading specialist. She is open to going back into the school system after completing her program but hasn't decided yet. But even more exciting than that is that she got engaged a few weeks ago to Jon McClung, a guy she met through the Navigators (Christian college campus group). He's a sharp, kind, godly man that works in computer programming. They're looking at an early July date in Nashville for the wedding!



Zachary has finished his undergrad at NC State in Human Biology! He's planning to work as an EMT for a year or so to get enough patient hours to apply to graduate school to become a Physician's Assistant with an emphasis on surgery. He's been lifting weights a lot these last few years so you wouldn't recognize this buff guy if you haven't seen him for a while. He is also really developing his electric guitar playing skills. I think he's purchased and sold five guitars and a couple of amps in the last few years. He not dating anyone (so no wedding bells here) and he's not walking with the Lord at this time so please pray for my prodigal son to come "home."

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 had a safe and productive fall travel schedule to recruit at Christian colleges.
- We already have a good number of missionary internship applicants for the summer.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Our past interns and short-term missionaries to consider longer term service.
- Wise placement of summer missionary interns.
- My daughter, Brittany, as she and her fiancé are planning their future.
- My son, Zachary, who just graduated from college but is wandering in his faith.