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Lawton Ministry Update



Dear family and friends,

It's been an exciting last few months! My team and I have brought on seventeen summer missionaries, two more short-term missionaries and three long-term missionaries. We've also added two new people to my team and even our NHL hockey team made it to the final four. Keep reading to see what else God has been doing (not including the hockey) in and through us and TWR.

SUMMER MISSIONARY INTERNS

A few weeks ago, thirteen of our seventeen summer missionary interns arrived here for three days of orientation and then to kick off their summer serving with us. We have engineering,



graphic design, videography, audio production, IT, journalism, and accounting students that want to combine their God-given interests with missions to see unreached people all over the world introduced to Jesus in their heart language. I thank God that, as a group, they raised 100% of their financial support and so far, they seem like a great group of young men and women that love Jesus and want to serve him.

MOBILIZATION TEAM IS GROWING

This month we also added two new part-time members to my team. Eileen is coming back after eighteen years of ministry with TWR in Europe and will be helping our missionary appointees develop partners to raise support funds. Ryan, an MA student in the area, will be helping me visit colleges and missions' events, talk to potential missionaries on the phone, process applications and help with the logistics for the internship and short-term missions' programs. I'm thrilled to have some help in these areas. Please pray for their adjustment and for them to get up to speed quickly.

NEW TRANSMITTER ON THE AIR

One of the exciting developments at TWR is the debuting of the Silk Road Transmitter. This 200,000-watt transmitter will reach across the vast steppes and mountain ranges of Central Asia, bringing the gospel to millions in this largely unreached region. Programs in Kazakh, Central Asian Russian, Uyghur and Uzbek went on the air on June 10. The Silk Road Transmitter will touch an additional 60 million people in this spiritually hungry region. "We were doing a lot of home [church] groups after 11 o'clock at night because that's when the police go home and are not working," Central Asia pastor Makhset, whose last name has been withheld for security reasons, told a TWR missionary video team. "When we had no Bibles, we heard preaching on Trans World Radio and this encouraged us. Media and Trans World Radio are very important to our country." TWR has been broadcasting in Central Asia for more than two decades, but the Silk Road Transmitter represents a significant upgrade over a previous transmitter that wore out in 2017. Please join us in praying for the lives that will be touched in this region.

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

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PRAISE GOD THAT...

- Two new Embarkers (short-term missionaries) are raising funds to go to Cyprus.
- We have 17 summer missionary interns serving with us this year.
- The new Silk Road Transmitter is reaching millions in Central Asia.
- Two new team members have come to share the workload and multiply our efforts to mobilize missionaries.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Our new missionary appointees as they raise funds and prepare to serve.
- The adjustment and training for my new team members.