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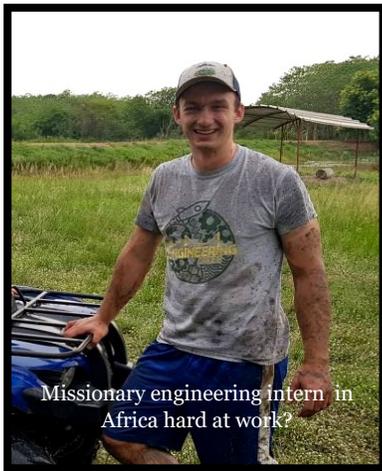
## Lawton Ministry Update



Dear family and friends,

I trust that this finds you well and that you are looking forward to fall. I know that I am! Some people here in North Carolina complain of the summer heat, but after living in Thailand, it's nothing compared to that. I remember getting off the airplane returning to Thailand one summer and hitting that wall of heat and humidity in the jetway. Zachary, my son, took a deep breath and said, "We're home!" It's all relative. Things have slowed down a bit after our summer missionary internship program, but God has still been at work through our partnership with you. I hope you enjoy this brief update.

### SUMMER MISSIONARY INTERNS



Missionary engineering intern in Africa hard at work!

As I mentioned in my last letter, we had seventeen summer missionary interns serving here in North Carolina and around the world. Thanks be to God, all had a safe, productive and transformative summer. In fact, all seventeen said that they would do it all again if they could. We also had some serious talks with at least four of them about coming back and serving with us long-term. One of our interns, Abi, wrote, "I enjoyed the fact that I got to "dabble" and interact with people from all different departments. I got to pursue my audio interests, my writing, and my possi-

ble future in IPR. Staying in the Lodge meant I met people from all over the world and to interact with individuals who I'd never come in contact with otherwise. This internship gave me a heavy dose of perspective – I knew the world was really big and yet really small at the same time, but being here made it concrete and real. I've had a really positive and productive experience."



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...

- Two new team members are fitting well into my team (of 10 now!).
- We have two new long-term missionary appointees in engineering and videography.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- Our past interns and short-term missionaries to consider longer term service.
- Our fall recruiting trips to many Christian colleges.
- My daughter, Brittany, as she and her boyfriend are considering their future.
- My son, Zachary, who is in his last semester of college but wandering in his faith.