

Holschen Commotion

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And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!"

Romans 10:15



Greetings In The Name Of The Lord!

God is good! He has blessed me abundantly in the months since my last letter, and I am incredibly grateful to be able to share it all with you.

First of all, is the elephant in the room (or elephant in the letter?):

This letter is not from Caleb Holschen, the bachelor, but rather from Mr. and Mrs. Caleb and Karly Holschen. On November 18th, 2023, Karly and I joined together in the holy union of marriage. God was so gracious in providing the perfect setting for our special day. For most of the prior week, there had been torrential downpours all across central Florida; we almost had to postpone our rehearsal the day before on account of the rain. But, when I arrived at the venue that morning to prepare for the 10:30 AM ceremony, the ground was dry, the sky was perfectly lit, and magic was in the air. There were a couple hitches in the preparation and execution of



the ceremony, but with our friends and family helping out, it got all sorted so I did not even know about the issues until after the fact. I was playing pool with my groomsmen and having a good time while everyone was bringing Karly all the problems. She was able to work with our helpers and get it all sorted moments before the ceremony started. We were so blessed to have such a perfect day surrounded by friends and family and thank God that He shone His favor on us.

After the ceremony, we stayed the night at the hotel across the street from the venue and woke up bright and early at five o'clock in the morning to catch our bus to the Miami Airport. About an hour in, the bus broke down. The driver called for a replacement bus, but the company sent a mechanic instead, who spent the better part of an hour and a half fixing the bus before we got underway again. This delay caused us to be very late to our check in at the airport. God was still watching out for us, though, and the security checkpoint ushered us to a special line to get through and make it to our flight to Cartagena, Colombia, on time. Having such a beautiful and exotic honeymoon location was another great blessing. Several months prior, we were gifted a voucher for a vacation agency that was able to cover almost the entire cost of our four day stay in South America. While in Cartagena, we were able to see the historic Spanish Inquisition city and experience the lively, tightly-packed streets and markets the city had to offer. In the evenings, we were able to sit out on our room's balcony and watch



The full wedding party



Karly in the streets of historic Cartagena



Me in the streets of historic Cartagena

the sunset together in the balmy Colombian air. It was a very relaxing time, and it would be difficult to overstate how much we appreciated the generous gift and how much God provided for us.

Upon our return on Thanksgiving day,

we had a couple of weeks to settle into married life. I had saved my vacation days to use for this time so we would not have to return to work immediately. Those weeks flew by, though, and ended with a hasty two-day moving effort to clean out Karly's old apartment and my old trailer home in order to move into a new one before leaving to spend Christmas in Houston with Karly's family. Our time in Houston was very busy, but also rewarding. We spent time with various family members and Karly caught up with old friends. I am very fortunate to be able to name myself among their family now. It was over before we knew it, and we left mid-morning New Year's Eve to make the 17 hour trip back home. We stopped at a gas station in northern Florida to watch the ball drop on Karly's phone, then made it home at a modest three o'clock AM.

Since then, we have been unpacking and learning how to navigate our marriage through the mess of boxes.

Teen Missions' office opened on the 3rd, where we both hit the ground running with our various responsibilities. I am continuing my work in the Finance Department, as well as IT work and updating our phone system. Karly was placed into split departments: Legacy Lakes Retreat Center, and International Operations. She is helping in the kitchen along with helping keep the rooms clean

for the various retreats and conferences that come through, and she is organizing and packing supplies to send to our bases around the world. On top of all of that, she is also helping organize and promote our annual Tough Gator Mud Run on May 4th. It is a busy few jobs that have kept her on her feet, but she is enjoying the challenge and working environment.



Karly and me in our matching t-shirts that her grandma made for us

Here are some specific ways you can pray for us in this new year:

- That we can grow in our relationships with each other and God
- That God would open people's hearts to support us financially. We are close to our final goal, but still a few hundred dollars a month away from full support.
- That we would be able to serve God diligently and effectively wherever we are and in whatever we do

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in praying for us and our ministry. None of what Karly and I are doing would be possible without it.

May God bless you richly in this new year of 2024!

**-Caleb and Karly Holschen
Proverbs 31:10
2 Thessalonians 3:16**

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WINTER & SPRING: Youth Groups, Schools, and Church groups welcome!
SUMMER: Boot Camp! (June 15 - 29)

Big Top Day (April 13)



Mud Run (May 4)



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2023 Teen Missions Worldwide Statistics



Boot Camps:	Staff and Students:
Leaders 816	Staff380
Team members .3,239	Interns.....126
Salvations: 20,671	Students450
Matron Units:	Rescue Units:
Girls cared for..... 437	Children cared for 6,641
Salvations96	Salvations 397

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Ministry Update

The Tough Gator 5K Mud Run is an “event with a purpose!”



100% of the proceeds from our annual fundraiser in 2023 were sent to our TMI ministries overseas. The proceeds assisted families and orphans with school fees, uniforms, food, and other daily needs. It was also used in unexpected ways. This is a story from our Malawi country coordinator, Miscious.



“Greetings in Jesus name. When I visited the Wellman Family Rescue Unit, I found this poor Agogo (grandmother) sitting down. I felt sorry. She does not have anyone to help her. Her house is just by the entrance of our ministries, and she struggles with the rain daily. She did not beg anything from us, but when I saw this, I discussed what we can do to help her.” Miscious and the Malawi staff had some bricks to start helping build a house but didn’t have cement or other materials needed. Miscious was able to use \$300 from the Mud Run money they had received to build a new house for her. Miscious says that the Agogo appreciates the house and said, “Teen Missions has given her a new life and she has seen the love of God.” The chief of the local village said that, “It is a real gesture that Teen Missions is here to show the love of Christ.”



Before



After

Sojourner Campus Days March 6 - 8



Want to tour the Sojourner School of Ministry campus, preview our Bible classes, participate in chapel, meet our staff, and experience Sojourner life?

Come visit Sojourner School of Ministry for Campus Days! Stay in the dorms, engage in the normal school life of our current students, and see what life is like on Merritt Island. You will also get to be a part of our weekly Community Night where we come together as a student body to worship, play games, and/or relax!



Lead a Team This Summer! Spring Leaders Seminar Feb 29 - March 3

Gain Valuable Experience
 — Teach Bible Studies
 — Build valuable skills in youth ministry

Help Youth

- Discover gifts and abilities
- Grow closer to the Lord
- Develop a burden and heart for world missions
- Impact nations and eternity

Join Our Staff Family! First Step Orientation March 4 - 8

Our current reality has taught us all that we live daily on the edge of eternity. Come and join the Teen Missions family and have the privilege of working toward eternity’s reward! First Step is the opportunity to come and see what Teen Missions is doing worldwide. Positions are available in Graphics, Computers, Finance, Mechanics, Maintenance, Video, Promotions, Office Work, Landscaping, and at various overseas bases.