



The Kelly Chronicles

“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”

Romans 8:28

Winter 2024

Hello from the Kellys!

Australian Adventure

It has been hectic the past few months. We just got back from traveling to Australia and Fiji with Teen Missions Australia. We left at the very beginning of December and traveled twenty hours flying over to Brisbane, Queensland, where the Teen Missions base is located. After a short day of sightseeing, we went straight into the Leader’s Training Seminar for about a week. Towards the end of the week, we moved into tents; to our surprise we found that it was quite pleasant as there was less heat, humidity, and mosquitos. I (Elena) unfortunately discovered that Queensland has very large spiders that like making their way into and around our tent. Despite that, we enjoyed our time at the Boot Camp there and with our team. Rallies every night were a favorite, as we got to worship, hear a message from different speakers, and get prayed over at the altar. We also saw God working a lot in the lives of the team members. A great memory was one night at a rally when they had a service where the kids were quite literally able to take something they wanted to give to God, to the cross and leave it there (where they had a little bonfire to burn the slivers of paper the kids had written on). The kids ended up staying a while by the cross to kneel and pray. We feel many lives were changed that night. It was an amazing experience.



Judah and I with our other leaders, Eloise and Sienna

Our Time in Fiji

We had a very small team of six team members and four leaders. At first, we found it was a bit strange because we’re used to teams of around 20 kids; but by the end, we had all grown very close and had a hard

time saying goodbye. Fiji was also a great time. We were at a Christian youth camp in Nadi, helping out the family that runs the camp. We did some renovations, helped with lawn work, painted, and built new bunk beds for the dorms to replace the ones that had been destroyed by termites. We also had the opportunity to go to local churches to share, as well as have a kid’s church group come to the camp so that we could do our presentation and play games with them. By the end of our time in Fiji, it seemed like our team had grown very close to each other and to the Lord. We thank God for that.



Judah introducing the team on a Sunday

Debrief in Australia

After our time in Fiji, we flew back to Australia for a time of debriefing before heading back home. On our sightseeing day, while we were at an inflatable water park a girl from another team had slipped and fallen into the lake and another girl had also slipped and landed on the first girl’s neck. She later said that she lost consciousness briefly while in the water, but somehow managed to pull herself out of the water back onto the inflatable where she then couldn’t move. The lifeguards brought her back to the shore where we had a leader with us who was a trained EMT. He was worried about a serious neck injury so they did not move her. She was complaining about weakness and neck pain and she also kept losing consciousness. The kids from the other teams began to pray for her. The ambulance arrived and took her to the hospital and for the rest of the day, everyone was very concerned about her. That night she walked back into Debrief while



Our awesome, crazy, and hilarious team



In Fiji even men wear sarongs

we were worshipping and even singing the lyrics to the song “Nothing I hold onto”, which says “I lean not on my own understanding, my life is the hands of the maker of heaven”. We saw how her life had been protected by the maker of Heaven himself and what a miracle it was that she was completely fine. Praise the Lord!

At the end of Debrief and after some tearful goodbyes, we headed home. Our trip was uneventful and restful and we got back to the U.S. on the 20th of January. Since then we’ve been settling back into work and seeing friends and family. We are very grateful for our experience this winter and we look forward to the future. This upcoming summer we will be going on an eyeglass and medical team to Tanzania. Judah and I don’t have experience with this type of team, but we are very excited.

Thanks!

Thank you to everyone who has been praying for us and supporting us in this journey so far. We couldn’t do this without you! Judah and I are excited and ready for God to continue to use us in His ministry and to bring you along with us on this adventure. We are happy that we have a group of financial and prayer supporters that allow us to be able to fulfill the great commission together with the Lord. It’s hard for us to explain the difference that we’ve been able to make in these kids’ lives every year, but we want you to know that we are abundantly blessed to be able to do these things because of your support. We again say all these things with Christ’s kingdom in the front of our mind and give glory to the Lord.



Some of the bunk beds we made

“So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth.⁷ He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor.⁸ For we are God’s fellow workers. You are God’s field, God’s building.”⁹ 1 Corinthians 3:7-9

God sees your labor.

These are a few ways you can pray for us:

- For our trip this summer—protection, blessed ministry, and unity amongst our team.
- We are in the process of selling our cars that have been unreliable and are praying for God to provide an affordable vehicle for us.
- As we work on raising support, we will be able to share our ministry with others and grow our community of prayer partners.

The Kellys God bless you!

Thank you for praying for the Kelly family and thank you for your continued partnership with us. Praise God!

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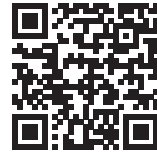
VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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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You can pray for Teen Missions using the free PrayerMate App. Download it today!



2023 Teen Missions Worldwide Statistics



Boot Camps:	Staff and Students:
Leaders 816	Staff 380
Team members 3,239	Interns 126
Salvations: 20,671	Students 450
Matron Units:	Rescue Units:
Girls cared for..... 437	Children cared for 6,641
Salvations 96	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.