



The Petersens... In His Harvest

Winter 2024



Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I, Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

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"Therefore, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord; do not touch any unclean thing, and I will welcome you. And I will be a Father to you, and you will be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty." - 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 CSB

Dear Friends and Family, OVERSEAS MINISTRY UPDATE

We praise the Lord for all that He has done through the Boot Camps that took place this winter in Zambia, Tanzania, South Africa, Uganda, Honduras, Cambodia, and Australia. In total, there were over 1,200 team members and leaders at these Boot Camps and thousands of people accepted the Lord as their Savior!

I couldn't be more 'proud' (in a good way) of all of our hardworking and dedicated staff and students around the world for their tireless dedication to the Lord and to the next generation of disciples. What a privilege and joy to hear each report!

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Registrations for the 2024 Boot Camp are still coming in. This week our count is at 208. There are 194 teen team members, and 14 preteens registered for 2024 summer teams. We praise the Lord that our numbers are up from this time last year. There are also 13 people registered for the Florida and Michigan Spring Break



Seasonal volunteers are a HUGE blessing to us!

trips that will be held the last week in March.

We have welcomed a great group of volunteers who have come down from the north to help us with various projects that we, as staff, don't have time to do. The ladies are using their talents by sewing puppets and drama props. Plus, they are doing various other jobs. Outside, the gentlemen are building benches and bridges, and making Boot Camp signs. Work is nearing completion on the Eve Lodge renovations; and construction should soon begin on the Caretaker Building at the main gate and on the front entrance of the main office.

THE PETERSENS' TRAVEL PLANS



Not exactly how we planned to spend Christmas, but PTL for good medical help.

As some of you may know, Gay had a bout with kidney stones which prevented us from traveling to Madagascar in October. Then in mid-December, she had a lithotripsy and unfortunately ended up in the hospital in Houston during Christmas with a severe kidney infection. Hence, we canceled our Latin America trip that was to begin on December 26.

Therefore, we are planning to reschedule our travel plans (sometime this spring) to Columbia and Bolivia, with the addition of Mexico. Each location is expressing interest in partnership for training teens in ministry. We also plan to reschedule our visit to our bases in Madagascar, South Africa, and Uganda this summer. We will definitely miss the blessing of being summer trip leaders.



Steve and Timothy in Mongolia with Batmunkh

OTHER NEWS

Timothy is doing well. He had the privilege of going to Mongolia with me over the Thanksgiving break, as well as traveling to Honduras right after Christmas to learn more about how to run an overseas Boot Camp. His work in the US Teams Department has him talking to parents and helping out with paperwork as well. Timothy is also a co-host for Teen Missions podcast Firmly Grounded.

Faith continues to enjoy her time at our Sojourner School of Ministry. She attends classes in the morning and often spends the lunch hour talking "Bible" with me. Her afternoons are spent working with our Legacy Lake Retreat Center which means she has a variety of



Gay & Faith at the TMI Christmas Party

jobs like helping in the kitchen or cleaning rooms, etc. Faith and two other young ladies co-host Teen Missions podcast Wholly Devoted.

PRAISE ITEMS

- For the thousands who are hearing the Gospel daily because of our staff and students around the world.
- For those teens, preteens and leaders signed up for the summer of 2024.
- For the great worship, discussion, and fellowship we had at our Staff Retreat this past September.

PRAYER ITEMS

- For each of us to be bold in sharing the Gospel with those around us.
- For me as I head up the ministry. Pray that I might also find time to rest in my busy schedule.
- For Gay to stay healthy and not have further issues with kidney stones.
- For our staff and students serving in countries around the world.
- Timothy as he continues to raise support.
- Faith as she attends classes and works in the afternoon.

THANK YOU!

We are unbelievably blessed to partner with you in this adventure of training youth and mobilizing end-time workers to reach the lost in these last days. To God be all the Glory!

Together in His Harvest,

Steve & Gay Petersen

Is 6:8 / Heb. 11:1

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Note: In order for your contribution to be tax deductible, checks must be made payable to Teen Missions (the missionary's name should not appear on the check). Please enclose this coupon with your contribution to assure proper designation.

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)



Scan to Volunteer!



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

INSIDE: News from your missionary! Winter 2024

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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.