



# The Kelly Ministry Update

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

Spring 2025

Romans 8:28

## Hi Guys!

We hope this update finds you well! Judah and I have been keeping busy and are excited to share what’s been going on and what’s coming up as we gear up for another summer of missions.



Judah, I, and our fellow spring break leaders

## Recent Mission Trip: New York

Earlier this spring, we had the privilege of leading a short-term mission trip to New York over Spring Break. We met a team of nine amazing teens and spent the week serving in Yonkers, where we helped renovate a local church—tearing out a bathroom, painting, hauling things, and more. Each evening we gathered for devotions and shared testimonies of how God was moving in our lives. We wrapped up the



trip with a full day exploring Manhattan: the Empire State Building, Central Park, the Statue of Liberty, and more! **It was an incredible week, and we were so blessed to walk alongside these teens in ministry.**



Some goofiness at a truck stop in Virginia

## Current Work at Teen Missions

**In the meantime, we’re both hard at work in our departments here at Teen Missions.** I have been focused on promoting the summer program, while Judah is working on developing training materials for team members and helping with the website. The “Big Top” tent—where evening rallies take place during the 10-day Boot Camp training—went up recently. It was really fun to set up and we’ve been getting more excited for the teens.

**The annual Teen Missions Mud Run was a big success!** I went around all day and took pictures and videos of the runners and course. Judah was responsible for the water slide obstacle which is always a favorite. We had a lot of fun, and it’s always great to see how many people get to see the property and what we’re doing



Got to go to Disney with a friend and my brother and sister-in-law

here. The proceeds from the Mud Run go to our overseas bases to help cover medical expenses and various other needs that aren’t met through their monthly budgets.

Please pray with us as this busy season kicks off. It truly feels like a marathon from now through the end of summer. **We’re praying for energy, endurance, and most importantly, to focus on the Lord.**

## Upcoming: Germany

Looking ahead, summer is fast approaching! **We’re now preparing to lead a team to Germany.** We’ll be serving in a small village, partnering with a camp to complete various work projects and engage in evangelism in the surrounding community. We know God has something special in store!

After the summer, Teen Missions gives staff a few weeks off to visit churches, raise support, and reconnect with family. During that time, **we’re hoping to build more relationships with individuals and churches who are passionate about missions.** If you or someone you know would like to hear more about our ministry, host us to speak at your church or youth group, or simply grab coffee and chat, we’d love to connect!

## Prayer Requests

As we enter this busy season, we’d love for you to join us in prayer:

- For safety and for our Germany trip.
- For energy as we navigate pre-summer assignments.
- For wisdom in preparing training materials and leading teams.
- For fruitful connections with new supporters and churches.

Thankyouallforyourcontinuedencouragement, prayers, and support. We’re so grateful to be on this journey with you.

With love,  
Judah & Elena



*Judah + Elena*





Worldwide God is working through  
this generation.

Pray with us:

- For the Boot Camps happening this spring and summer
- For ready hearts to hear the Gospel from our teams
- For safety and unity for the leaders and team members

- Mexico
- Philippines (2)
- Southeast Asia (4)
- Cameroon
- Italy
- Madagascar (2)
- Malawi (4)

INSIDE: News from your missionary!  
**Spring 2025**

## The Kelly Ministry Update

885 East Hall Road  
Merritt Island, FL 32953



Non-Profit  
Organization  
U. S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Cocoa, FL  
Permit No. 408

Teen Missions International

Spring 2025

# Ministry Update

## Teen Missions: A Legacy of Faith and Action

**“I will remember the works of the Lord. Yes, I will remember the amazing things you did long ago!” Psalm 77:11**

**On May 7, 1970**, Teen Missions was born—not from a boardroom or a business plan, but from a burning desire in the hearts of men and women who believed God could use young people to change the world. Leading the charge was Robert M. Bland, a man whose years in ministry had opened his eyes to a powerful truth: **God doesn’t wait for someone to grow up before He calls them. And neither should we.**

Bob met countless teenagers who were eager to serve the Lord, only to be told to wait. One young girl’s words stayed with him: **“But I want to do something for the Lord now—not five years from now,”** she told him. Her plea echoed the heart of a generation longing to act, to serve, and to go. Bob knew teens had the passion, the energy, and the boldness to follow wherever God would lead.



From that conviction, a bold and unprecedented vision took shape: **“Training tomorrow’s missionary today.”** The first Teen Missions team stepped out in faith and traveled to Mexico in 1971. It was the beginning of something extraordinary.

Fifty-five years later, the numbers tell the story—**48,000+** teenagers, **120+** countries, and **1,900+** teams have left their mark across the globe. Fifty-five years later, our mission remains the same: **“To inspire and equip a new generation to boldly proclaim salvation in Christ alone.” (1 Peter 2:9)**

And that’s the story of Teen Missions—a story still being written by teenagers with willing hearts and a God who still does the impossible. **When young hearts say “yes” to God, they can impact the world for Jesus!**

Be part of the legacy and share your photos and memories! Send them to:  
[graphics@teenmissions.net](mailto:graphics@teenmissions.net)

## Happy Birthday, Teen Missions International!

## Together for Global Impact : Will you partner with us today?

Teen Missions International has **equipped and inspired youth** to live out their faith and serve others for decades. Our overseas ministries, established **because of their faithfulness to ‘GO’** are growing like never before! National staff are trained, equipped, and eager to begin new ministries. The only thing standing in their way is funding. We invite you to join our **Global Impact Partnership** to fuel this movement! Together, we aim to raise **\$1 million** in 2025 to sustain and expand vital ministries worldwide:

- Boot Camps** – Training youth for missions (\*3,362 team members)
- Bible Schools** – Equipping future leaders (\*627 students)
- Sunday Schools** – Discipling children in need (\*81,690 children attended)
- Rescue Units** – Supporting children in crisis (\*7,397 orphans receiving care)
- Matron Units** - Providing safety & discipleship for young women (\*729 girls)



Visit [teenmissions.org/give](https://teenmissions.org/give) or scan the QR code to learn more!

