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"Surely the righteous shall give thanks to Your name; the upright shall dwell in Your presence." Psalms 140:13

Dear Friends,

Spring is a beautiful time of the year and, in fact, is a favorite. The tulips, daffodils, lilacs and lily of the valley bring back wonderful memories. Here in Florida we have so much green; however, there is a type of pine that blooms at the end in the shape of the cross. A wonderful reminder of the beauty of the Spring and Easter season.

MARCH

Link plays soccer. I am so excited that they love sports! March is my favorite month because I love college basketball—it was an exciting tournament season this year.

At Teen Missions we hosted a few Spring Break to spend Easter with retreats and facilitated two Spring Break Teams. Zach, Alyssa, Elinor, One of the teams traveled to New York City and Antigone and Merry Joy. worked with an inner-city church, while the other We had such a blessed group worked here on the property. Both teams time celebrating our Risen had teens who signed up for summer mission trips Savior and creating some because of their involvement with our Spring Break Nana and Papa memories. ministry.

Special to us this month, we hosted long-time and love to sing. We took friend and supporter, Gary Camp, and his wife. Gary

> has been a faithful supporter for the

entire time we have

journey

spiritual

group leader.



With the Camps



Visiting with Tom's Siblings

We also had a visit from Tom's sister at the end of Our two oldest grandsons, Jude and Link, both February. Tom's brother came up from South Florida turned ten in March. Jude plays flag football and and the three siblings spent a rare day together. Diane brought some childhood photos to share which was so fun.

APRIL

We traveled to Alabama The girls are growing up so fast. They are so talkative walks, read books, played games and enjoyed many precious moments. Tom helped our son with a few served in ministry. He home improvement jobs was pivotal in Tom's as well.

serving as his youth Teen Missions hosted two groups that assisted in putting up our Big Top tents. Our grandchildren who visit weekly were so





excited to see the "BIG" tents. Ollie (4) loves to ride **SUMMER** his little bike with training wheels through the tent shouting at the top of his lungs because he loves the echo.



MAY

On the first Saturday of May, Teen Missions hosted Because HE Lives, our Annual 5K Mud Run. This year we had over 700 paid registrations and over 630 participants. The Tom and Linda Maher feedback was incredibly positive and the day was enjoyed by all. Tom helped with the timing for the **PRAISES** competitive runners and I manned the Food Booth. • We serve a Risen Savior! All of the proceeds will go to our overseas bases to • assist with famine and medical needs. It is such a • Faithful support partnership team blessing to host this event each year.

Our beautiful daughter, Kalah turns 40 on May 7. • We are so blessed by her. She is a gifted teacher who won "Teacher of the Year this year" (WHOO • HOO). She continues to be the joyful one of our family. She shares a birthday with the ministry of Teen Missions. Teen Missions which celebrated 55 years. It's hard to believe we have been on staff for 47 of those years. Tom and I have considered it such a privilege to serve! May HE find us faithful!

E-mail

We are excited that 300 teens and leaders will be participating on mission trips all over the world. The first team to Rwanda is going this year. Tom and I did the set up for this team back in 2019 and then COVID hit and put the project on hold. We are grateful to see the team finally go. We are assigned to the home office "Launch Team" again this year. We will both have multiple Boot Camp responsibilities doing the things we love. I appreciate your prayers as I teach classes and mentor teens and leaders. For the duration of the summer we will assist here at the base, as well as maintain the responsibilities of our departments.

We are so grateful for our ministry partner team!!!! THANK YOU for your faithful prayers and financial support. We are richly blessed and loved!

- Precious times with grandchildren

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for a fruitful and successful summer program that results in changed lives.
- Pray for Tom as he is having a lot of pain in his right shoulder. Pray for the needed medical appointments and a solution.
- Pray that each of our children and grandchildren will be obedient to the Lord.

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Teen Missions International

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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." (I 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

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)



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