



The Petersens...
In His Harvest

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. - Lam. 3:22-23 ESV

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Dear Friends and Family,

OVERSEAS REPORTS

Boot Camps are running in Palawan and in Mindanao in the Philippines; two additional Boot Camps were just completed in Southeast Asia as well! We have also received exciting testimonies from the two Boot Camps now running in Kabuta and Wangibisha in Zambia.

Here is the testimony we received:

Our success story is coming from the Disciples Team. The Disciples Team is doing their projects at Mukwakwa circuit, the place where our Circuit Riders stay. On Saturday, the team went out for evangelism. Before going, the leaders of the team and some team members who had never in their lives opened their mouths to share the Gospel, were amazed when they reached the field and started sharing the Gospel. The team members did not know where to begin and they were afraid because they had never stopped someone to share the Gospel. But when they reached the villages, they said they did not understand where the confidence and courage came from that enabled them to start sharing the Gospel. The leaders of the team are testifying that even the least person we thought could not share the Gospel was there, courageously sharing the Gospel. The leader's reported that when they came back from the field to their campsite, each one of them had a story to share about how the Lord had used them in a way they never expected. The team members are testifying that they did not even know where the words they spoke were coming from. They said that if you asked me to say the very things I was saying in the field, I can't even remember many things, but people willingly accepted the Word we preached to them. The team testifies that as the team members were sharing the Gospel, they

met one old man who after preaching to him accepted Jesus. He knelt down before the young people to thank them, to say thank you for coming to my house to share the Word of God with me. He said there has never been anyone who has visited me to share the Word of God with me. He also asked for a Bible so that he could start reading the Word of God. The leaders of the team have invited him to visit the team so that they can give him a Bible written in our local language.



Sunrise Easter Service with the Family

WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE

Over 630 runners participated in our ninth Tough Gator 5K Mud Run, which raises funds for our medical and benevolence efforts overseas. More importantly, four people said 'Yes' to Jesus and repented of their sins after their races.



PETERSEN FAMILY UPDATE

Faith is in her last term as a student, and we are SO proud of her courage and hard work. She has been a great student, role model, and servant of the Lord. She's assigned to the Rwanda Team as a backup leader this summer and is scheduled to begin serving her internship at the TMI base in Colombia in the fall.

Timothy & Ellie - Timothy has stepped up in his role, overseeing the training and preparations of our summer leaders within the Mobilization Department. He's also assisting with the youth group at our local church. Ellie has been handling our volunteer initiatives, in addition to managing the upgrades to our new TMI display room.



Steve & Gay - Gay has agreed to run the Florida Boot Camp Kitchen, which is a huge responsibility this summer. She continues to serve in the HR Department and in proofing TMI publications. Steve returned from an exciting trip to Italy where we are expecting to see our

first Europe Boot Camp this summer! Steve was elected in March to another 3-year term as President of Teen Missions.



PRAISE ITEMS

- Steve's dad, Doug, received an exciting report that his cancer cell count has dropped to near zero! Praise the Lord!
- For a successful leaders' seminar in Lodi, Italy, with over 25 participants
- For 300 team members and leaders registered for 12 teams this coming summer!
- For successful Boot Camps in Asia and Africa, these past few months

PRAYER ITEMS

- For Gay's strength, health, and wisdom as she manages the Boot Camp kitchen this summer.
- For wisdom as Steve seeks to mobilize people and finances for the expanding opportunities to proclaim the Gospel and disciple the next generation.
- For the power and presence of the Lord to rest upon our Florida Boot Camp, staff, leaders, volunteers, and team members this summer. For safety, good health, and impactful ministry.

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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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)

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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.” (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

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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