



Spring 2025

# The Petersens' Parable

A man's heart plans his way,  
But the Lord directs his steps. Proverbs 16:9

## We Praise Him for Everything Past, Present, and Future!

**We hope this letter finds you well and, most importantly, blessed.** Our prayer is that God is working profoundly in your life as you continue to serve and pursue Him in all that you are doing. It is an incredible journey, and we feel so fortunate to know a God who loves and cares for us deeply and intimately. Ellie and I (Timothy) are amazed as we reflect on the Lord's provisions. Whether in times of uncertainty or seasons of clarity, we know that Christ is in control. We pray that you can see this truth as we share what has been happening in our lives and ministry with the Lord in the months since our last newsletter in January.

## What's going on in the Lord's ministry at Teen Missions?

Since our last newsletter, Ellie and I have been pretty busy with a variety of tasks. Ellie has been busy coordinating with our volunteers and is really enjoying it. She's getting excited as Boot Camp (training for the mission trips) approaches. That's the time when she'll be able to have all the amazing men and women together who will be serving for that week and a half. It'll be an awesome sight for her to experience as she sees all the preparations for the summer becoming a true reality.



Volleyball at the Staff Picnic!

Teen Missions is so thankful for the awesome support we have from our volunteers. Whether it's during our summer program or the other 10 months out of the year, the volunteers show up and contribute so much to the Kingdom of God.



TMI's Second Ever Pickleball Tournament



Fun Trip with our Lodholm side of the Family during Valentines

Ellie is also continuing to work and collaborate with our president, graphic design team, marketing team, and contractors on designs for the Display Room renovations. Everyone in the TMI family is ecstatic to see the final results of that project here soon. As for me, I have been busy at work in our newly named Mobilization Department (formerly US Teams). When we get to the months of April and May, the department ramps up as we start ticketing, confirming roster spots, finalizing schedules, and other fun logistical things. It is an absolute joy to serve in this area of the ministry. I was just telling Paul (Head of Mobilization Dept) and Beth (Placement Coordinator) about how excited I am to come to work here. I give God all the praise for the excitement He gives Ellie and me for the jobs He's given us. We are also grateful for your partnership with us in the Kingdom's cause. As Colossians 3:23 reminds us, we work at all things as unto the Lord, and not for human masters. Whether you also serve in "Ministry" or in the secular workforce, we recognize your invaluable work for Christ, as you shine His light to those around you.

## What's to come for the Petersens?

While we are stoked to see all that God has done and is doing, we also look forward to what He will do. At this moment, Ellie and I are planning to lead the Madagascar team this summer! I say "at this moment" because you never know where you're really going until you're seated on the flight. God has blessed us with a full team of 20 team members and three other amazing leaders. The arrival date for all the team members to start the team is June 17. Please join us in prayer as we lift up the young people who will be coming on the property to be trained and sent out into the mission field.



Ellie and I got to lead the FL Spring Break team. The team got to put up obstacles!



TMI Staff & Bible School Students praying over our Spring Break team

Teen Missions currently has 216 young people signed up to serve overseas this summer. We are confident that God will do a mighty work in both the team members' lives,

as well as those the team members serve. Please pray for Ellie and me as we lead this team. Pray that we would lead with humility, selflessness, and confidence in Christ.

## How can you partner with us?

Through our generous monthly supporters, the Lord has blessed us with around 80% of our monthly budget goal of \$3500. That's a six percent increase since our last newsletter! We give God all the praise for bringing in the prayers and finances so that we may be in this work. Please join us in prayer as we watch God work and bring in the remaining partners!! If you feel like God is calling you to join us as a financial partner, you can do so by reading the instructions in this newsletter below. If you have any questions about partnering with us, we'd love to answer them. You can email us at [t.e.petersen4him@gmail.com](mailto:t.e.petersen4him@gmail.com).

**Thank you for being a part of our ministry** by putting forward encouragement, financial support, and, most importantly, prayers to continue God's ministry. Because of the partnership you give, we are able to give all our attention to the ministry.

I pray this ministry update finds you well and that you are blessed. May God hold you and keep you as you continue to serve Him where you are today.

Blessings  
1 Samuel 16:7  
Timothy & Ellie Petersen



One last getaway before we ramp up for the Summer with the Petersen side of the Family

In the U.S. mail to:  
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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](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)



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