



**“The steps of a man are established by the LORD, when he delights in His way”  
Psalms 37:23**

### The Mud Run Changed Antonio’s Life

Here in Florida, we just finished our annual Mud Run fundraiser event. This event provides funds for disaster relief along with essential food and supplies for the needy in partnership with our work overseas. This year we had 634 total runners. I had the privilege of being at the Starting Line and sending off each wave of runners into the mud! Emily, James, Lauren, and Emma all ran the course together and had a great time. This event is a great fundraising and outreach opportunity. These funds are actively changing lives around the world. Antonio is just one of these lives touched.



Antonio lives in a rural village in Madagascar. Several months ago, Antonio became very sick. He was taken to the witch doctor with various shrines of idols for healing, but nothing helped. In fact his sickness became worse. His family lost all hope of him recovering. Eventually Antonio could not walk and soon stopped eating food. One day, some of the kids that attend Teen Missions Sunday school program told Antonio’s mother, “Our Sunday school teachers pray for sick people and sometimes have medicine. Why not call them to come and pray for your son?”. With nowhere else to turn, Antonio’s mother called the Teen Missions Sunday school Circuit Riders. She asked if they would come and pray for Antonio. Upon finding Antonio in his mother’s house, the Circuit Riders couldn’t believe Antonio’s condition. It looked like he was just waiting to die. Antonio couldn’t speak and it had been three days since he had anything to eat or drink.

The Circuit Riders prayed for Antonio’s healing and that he and his family would believe in God. They took Antonio to the hospital and the doctors immediately began caring for Antonio. Through the work of the doctors and the healing that God provided, Antonio began to recover. He stayed in the hospital for over a month before he was released. As Antonio recovered, the Circuit Riders continued to visit him and on one of these visits he gave his life to Jesus Christ. He committed his life to serve God for the rest of his life. While he was still in the hospital, Antonio’s mother, sister, brother-in-law and one of his aunts all gave their lives to the Lord! Because of the Mud Run, Teen Missions was able to cover Antonio’s medical bills and food, as well as provide him with food during his recovery at home.

As you partner with Emily and me, you partner to make an impact in lives like Antonio every day. We can’t do this on our own and we are so thankful for the many people who make this possible. I would need more space than this newsletter to tell you all the stories of lives that have been impacted by your partnership in the Gospel.

Thank you!

### Boot Camp to Mexico – MPAM

The Lord has opened doors of ministry for Emily and me to lead a group of teens to Mexico this summer to serve with a ministry of Teen Missions called Mexicanos Para Alcanzar al Mundo (MPAM). Our team will work alongside national missionaries from Mexico, Peru & Colombia. We will host a Boot Camp in Mexico for Mexican youth. The past few years, groups of Mexican young people have been traveling to Colombia to participate in Boot Camp missionary training there. We are excited to bring Boot Camp to Mexico. Our family is looking for



is training for leadership. Three of the teens coming on this team were with us last year as we served in Germany! Our team will assist during training in Florida for those who are coming to Teen Missions for mission trips this summer. Then on June 29th we will fly to Mexico for our ministry there. We come back to Florida on July 27th for Debrief classes and to prepare our team for going home to serve God there. Please pray for us as we lead this team, that the Lord would use us as His servants wherever we are and that we would be obedient to Him in everything.

### Family

James, Lauren, Emma, and Sadie are doing well and are excited for this upcoming opportunity in Mexico. The school year is coming to a close and we are busy getting things packed and ready for the summer ministry. The kids have been involved in co-op classes with a new homeschool group that meets at our church. They are looking forward to classes starting again in the Fall.

financial support for our summer mission trip. If you would like to give toward this ministry opportunity you can use the slip at the bottom of this newsletter.

Our team will arrive here in Merritt Island on June 10th to begin training. It is a specialized team that

unwavering support. Your prayers, letters, messages, and financial support are essential to the ministry God is doing through us. Your dedication to making a difference in the lives of young people around the world is truly inspiring.



### Praise:

1. Thank God for all He has done around the world through the Mud Run.
2. God has given us joy in the ministry and a great family through the Teen Missions staff in Florida.
3. For our partnership team and the ministry that has taken place because of you.

### Prayer:

1. Please pray for young people like Antonio from around the world as they testify about what God has done in their communities.
2. Pray for God to prepare Emily and me for the ministry this summer in Mexico and the teens we will lead on mission as we partner with MPAM.
3. Pray for our family that God would establish our steps every day.

If you are interested in joining this work that God is doing, please let us know. We would love to share more about how you can be involved and become part of the team. We are looking for individuals, families and churches that will partner with us financially. Thank you for your involvement. We could not do this without you.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Seth & Emily Phippen,  
James, Lauren, Emma, and Sadie

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### You are making a difference!

Your prayers and support make it possible for lives like Antonio to be changed. Thank you for your

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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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