

Wow, how many of us have felt that way? The call to be a missionary can seem so big and scary, especially when we're so small and inadequate. Yet, as Carol Neuschwander, missionary intern to Costa Rica, mentioned, it's not about being super spiritual, it's about being humble and allowing God to work through your brokenness.

Have you ever thought about being a missionary, but just didn't know where to go next? Here are some glimpses into the lives of Carol and her fellow missionary interns Anthony F (Central Asia) and Tamara W (East Asia):

Why did you get involved in missions?

Anthony: I got involved in missions through REACH, because I was bored with the ordinary, basically. I was tired of living day-to-day, but never feeling like each day got me somewhere deeper with God and brought others closer to God through me.

Tamara: Probably the biggest reason why I became involved in missions was because of the Great Commission. I felt that He kept laying on my heart the fact that many people have never heard and that I needed to go and tell them.

What do you do, just stand on soapboxes and preach?

Carol: My job as Pura Vida Missions Administrative Assistant includes many things—from office work, to physical labor, to visiting people, to leading youth groups. It varies daily depending on what is going on. It's a very flexible job.

Anthony: Only when I'm lambasting other Christians! No, I work to be a friend to people, and let my friendship with God come out naturally and powerfully as I get to know them.

Tamara: Living in [East Asia] puts a new definition on what it is like to be a missionary. Most of my work involves the same thing as living a typical life in North America would. I have a "job" and responsibilities that I am asked to complete.

Did you feel called specifically to the place where you are currently serving?

Carol: Yes and no. I felt a calling to work with Hispanic peoples and also with youth, but I had no specific country in mind. But once I started looking into my internship I knew that Costa Rica was the place that God was leading me to for this time. Whether God brings me back here or takes me to another place after my two years are over, I know that this is the place that I am called to for this time.

Anthony: At the moment, yes, definitely. Long term, possibly.

Tamara: Yes. When I made the decision to come and live [here] for a year, I spent a lot of time praying and asking for His wisdom and guidance. Therefore, through the course of events, I was sure that when I made the decision to come, that it was His timing and direction that led me here and not my own desires.