

What is the biggest lesson you've learned so far?

Carol: I've learned that no matter what happens, God is in control and is faithful to take care of you. Just keep looking to Him in the midst of all the storms and tests that come along.

Anthony: The biggest lesson I've learned is that God is far, far bigger than we are, and His plans always outshine the biggest plans we could ever lay, and even when we are weak and feeling insufficient, He can still use us powerfully to His glory!

Tamara: Probably one of the biggest lessons that I have learned so far is the importance of "going with the flow of things." I like to have everything very organized and well thought out ahead of time. I have learned that it's okay to prepare and play ahead, but when something happens that's not in the plan, to go on and let everything else fall into place.

Is it worth it?

Carol: The cost is significant. You lose contact with all your close friends and family and miss out on all that is going on. Most of all the hardest part is when you return and you have completely changed and you no longer fit in with your friends, your family, and the world. Then you question, was it worth giving up all that? When you remember the smiles you received in giving a child his only Christmas present, or the friend that you saw grow spiritually over the time, you realize that you would give anything to do it again.

Anthony: Yes, yes, yes

Tamara: How do you describe worth? If you're looking at the financial benefits of doing an internship, it won't take you long before you realize that those who join the program aren't earning great dividends. However, when you look at the worth of your life as seen through the eyes of the people who you are helping, the time that you spend away from your home country, family, and friends all becomes worth it. I primarily work with orphaned children at a foster home. Each morning when I walk in and see all of their smiling faces greeting me, I feel like I am already receiving my earthly reward. Even though I have been able to see, in a small way, how I am affecting the lives of those that I am around each day, I realize that there are heavenly rewards that I won't be able to see or experience until after I die!

Missionary interns are individuals who are testing and clarifying their call to missions in a supervised setting. The purpose of a missionary internship is to place an individual in an assignment where they can exercise spiritual gifts and ministry skills in the context of a people group or country that they have felt called to work among. The assignment is designed to assist in the formation and clarification of a life ministry and calling.

Rosedale Mennonite Missions currently has ten interns around the world in places like China, Turkey, Ecuador, Uzbekistan, Russia, Costa Rica, and Belarus. If you think you might be interested in doing an internship or would like more information, please contact: Carla Lozada, RMM Missionary Intern Facilitator, at carla@rmmoffice.org or 740-857-1366.

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Position Available

SEND Administrative Assistant

If you're interested, email Davy at dcsslabaugh@yahoo.com.



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PRAYER AND PRAISE...

Praise God

that the REACHers have reached their outreach locations, and are learning the culture

for the contacts that the REACH teams have been making

for the City Challenge, SWIM & REACH applications that we have already received

Pray

that God would call more people into REACH & SWIM, and that they would be obedient to His call

for the SEND Department as there is currently a lot of transition taking place

for the contacts that the REACH teams have made, that the REACHers may live out Christ's love for the nations

ALUMNI HAPPENINGS

BIRTHS

Paul and Angie Sommers (R '98) had a son, Kyle Braden on August 30, 2005.

Davy (R '92, '93) and Collette (Miller) Slabaugh (R '93) had a daughter, Alinea Rayne, on January 7, 2006.

MARRIAGES

Simeon DiGennaro (R '02, '04) & Janelle Swartz (R '02, '04) were married on December 17, 2005.