

But my servant Caleb,

because he has a different spirit and has followed me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land into which he went, and his descendants will inherit it. Numbers 14:24 (NRSV)

Caleb

REPORT

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The **Caleb Report** is the quarterly newsletter of **SEND Ministries**, a Department of Rosedale Mennonite Missions.



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At the end of the fourth week of REACH Discipleship Training School, participants were asked to share during parent weekend about some of the experiences they have had and things they have learned:



house life: Hans from the Himalaya team says... “Most mornings, most of the Himalaya team, and sundry members of other teams rise well before the sun and take to the streets to wake themselves with a mile or two of running, walking, or bicycling. After breakfast, we spend an hour of quiet time with God between 8 and 9am. Following quiet time, we engross ourselves in sessions with a variety of wise and educated instructors who teach on a multitude of topics. At noon, we eat lunch, except on Wednesdays, when we split into teams and spend the lunch hour in fasting and prayer. In the afternoons and evenings, teams are often gone from the RIC for community outreach, life groups, etc., and those who remain at the center spend their time playing games, talking, working on required reading, memorizing, or just generally whooping it up.”



life group: Kendra from the Southeast Asia team shares... “During life group teams get together and spend time hanging out with their team members. The purpose of this time is to get to know your teammates better and draw closer as a unit. Every team is given the requirement of at least four hours a week for life group. Life groups can be serious, such as talking about sessions, or they can be fun, like going out for ice cream and playing games. Often this is just a time for teams to have fun together and get to know each other.”



sessions: Janae from the Kenya team writes... “I’ve felt like every day there has been a five-gallon bucket full of truth poured over us and I only have a little cup to catch it. I just want to take it all in. Some specific teachings that have stuck out to me were on prayer, character, and evangelism through relationships. I was challenged by one of the activities: we were told to write down what we consider our values and priorities and how much time we spend doing them, and ask ourselves did the time we spent doing them match up. We often look to Jesus’ words but ignore His example. What did Jesus actually do? I had been reading in Luke that day for my quiet time and four different times I read about how Jesus withdrew and spent time with the Father. Another thing that has challenged me when looking at Jesus’ example was how much he served—one of the other speakers said, ‘We are not here to suck air and eat groceries.’ I had to ask myself, are my actions showing the love of Christ?”



ethnic meals: Trudi from the Thailand team writes... “Ethnic meals are a chance for each team to experience a little taste of the different cultural cuisines from each individual REACH team. The tasty fusion is highly anticipated amongst the REACHers and is experienced every Sunday night for supper. Teams spend time researching and getting acquainted with their culture’s cuisine and eating techniques. After compiling information and recipes, the team takes time to shop at their local ethnic supermarket before undertaking the task of cooking and preparing their meal. After all is completed, the result is a culturally authentic meal for all to enjoy together in community as we learn more about the different outreach locations and their accompanying culture.”



sunday night worship: Rhonda shares for the Thailand team... "Sunday night worship is a good time where we re-group and reflect on the past week and get our hearts prepared for what's coming in the new week. Worship is different every Sunday evening. One time we read some scripture and sang some worship songs. Another time someone led worship, and it was a very relaxing time where we drew or wrote and shared with others. It was good to just hang out in God's presence. We had an exciting worship night around the campfire fellowshiping and praising God. A unique part of worship is that we usually take part in communion, which is a great reminder of the sacrifice Jesus made for us. Sunday night worship is something that is a really good part of everyone's week and I always look forward to it!"



team prep: Denise from the Middle East team says... "Team prep is a time for our team to experience and get to know the culture that we will be living in for six or nine months. Part of our team prep is having to learn the language. Chad, a former missionary to the Middle East, comes to the RIC once or twice a week to teach us. We have been learning the alphabet, greetings, numbers, and more phrases that will be useful while in the Middle East. We also have been taking an online English course, called TESOL, so that we will become certified to teach English in the Middle East. More team prep time is made up of making Middle Eastern food and tea, watching cultural movies, and hopefully going to a Middle Eastern restaurant at some point here in Columbus."



intercession: Jessica says for the Spain team... "Intercession is a time when teams get together and pray for people, different outreach locations, etc. Each of the teams spend their intercession times in different ways. We, as the Spain team, usually start our intercession times off with worship and then we spend time in silence listening to what God wants us to specifically pray for. After that we share with the rest of the group what we feel God is saying to us. Then we pray. It's a good time to focus on ministering to people through prayer. On Wednesday the entire training fasts over lunch and we spend that hour in prayer.

On September 18-19, we had a 24-hour prayer vigil. We all did a Daniel fast which is just eating fruits, veggies, and drinking juice. During the prayer vigil people were constantly praying. There were different stations set up that we could pray at. One was under the cross and it had our different countries and prayer requests to pray for. There was also a station where we could draw and write notes. Then there was a station for communion. Also during the prayer vigil there was someone reading through the Bible at all times. We ended up reading through Psalms, Proverbs and the entire New Testament. We each took a forty-five minute block of time to do that. It was a very restful time when you could just be in the Lord's presence. It was nice to just let him lead us in prayer. I think that we all felt pretty rested and peaceful after that twenty-four hours."

Since this article was written, all six teams have made it safely to their cross-cultural outreach locations.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

mission opportunities



SPAIN: teaching assistants

The Ministry of Education in Spain is offering grants to college graduates from the USA and Canada to work as teaching assistants in K-12 public schools in Spain. These "Cultural Ambassadors" will help teach English in the public schools and help foster greater understanding between North America and Spain.

RMM would like to seize this opportunity and send two individuals to Spain as part of the program. Our vision is to send ambassadors of the King of Kings who will not only teach English but disciple Spaniards at the same time. Applications to teach in 2011-2012 will be accepted from November 2010 to March 2011.



CALIBRATE

In January 2010, RMM launched a new mission-preparedness training program called CALIBRATE. The training includes classroom instruction, real-world application, and coaching, in preparation for a two-year missionary apprenticeship. Apprentices serve alongside established long-term workers in one of RMM's locations.



MISSIONARY apprentice

One apprenticeship location possibility is in Thailand, where participants would work alongside an established team from the U.S. and Latin America. Apprentices would be engaged in a university and/or work environment, building friendships with people living in Bangkok. They would take six months of formal language and cultural study, then spend 18 months working with the team there gaining experience in cross-cultural missions and making disciples.

For more information about CALIBRATE or mission opportunities, e-mail the HR department at shirley@rmmoffice.org, or call us at (740) 857-1366.

alumni happenings

Please inform us of any births, weddings, missionary appointments, or change of address. (karen@rmmoffice.org)

BIRTHS

Shawn (S 01) & Kaylene Yoder had a baby girl named Kelsey MaKenna on May 14, 2010.

Lenny (R 00, 06) & Christina (Swartzentruber R 98, 06) welcomed a son Isaiah Timothy, on September 10, 2010.

Shawn (R 98, 99) & Nadia (Romanov R 99) had a boy named Andrew Stephen on October 7, 2010.

Hannah (Mast S 03) & Steven Goss had a son named Avery Steven on October 14, 2010.

MARRIAGES

Arlis J. Sommers (R 94) married Raymond C. Pierce on September 18, 2009.

David Sonifrank (R 99, 00) and Parla Cline (R 05) were married on August 7, 2010.

the disciple's CHOICE



editorial by austin beachy

Recently I read an old story about a man who was on a trip to the next town. On his way he was mugged and badly beaten.

The story is not about him.

Soon two religious men who had strong convictions that had been passed down through generations would travel the same way as the first man. Neither one of them was mugged or even inconvenienced really. Thank God! Ironically it was their strongly held religious views, responsibilities, and convictions that kept them from stopping to help the first man. They saw him and like many times before asked themselves a simple question: "If I stop and help this man, what will happen to me?" So on their way they went to do good things.

The story is not about them.

The third man to go that way should not have been there. It was clearly chance that made him go that way. He was a religious and cultural outcast who did not have all of the answers. He was different. He stopped and offered the little that he had. All of it. His question was different: "If I don't stop and help this man, what will happen to him?"

The story is about this good man.

I am discovering that it is not until we manage to untangle ourselves from our own hand-woven nets and live like those who are called daily that we truly find ourselves walking as disciples.

"Go and do likewise." - Jesus *From Luke 10*



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