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BY MEGAN, HIMALAYA TEAMMEMBER

As I sat beside the local pastor, I glanced through the photos that he had given me. One photo caught my attention, especially when he pointed at it and said, “nya jiwana,” which means “new life.” He said that he took the photo because it represented what God has done for us. It was a photo of a jagged, hollow tree stump that was a few feet tall, and growing up from the middle of it was a young tree. He went on to paraphrase 2 Corinthians 5:17 in his broken English. This image of the dead trunk being the old creation, and the new life as a representation of what God has done for us, is something that I have begun to identify with even more.

My experience in training and outreach has been a continual process of being pushed into unfamiliar territory and learning more about what it means to follow God in faith. God has peeled away inhibitions, fears, and pride in my life; he has shown me that he will use me. I have learned through being open with others, initiating relationships with new friends, and being willing to teach and preach that it is all about trusting in God. This trust is about accepting my weaknesses and recognizing my incompetency—not to see shame or failure, but only to see God’s power and purpose. In every situation, even though I may be uncomfortable, afraid, or incapable, I have learned that I need to completely rely on God, to listen, and obey.

I think the biggest area that I have grown in, and that my team has grown in, is prayer. When we went to teach at a discipleship training center in a far western district of this Himalayan country, we learned from the believers what it truly meant to pray unceasingly. One late evening, we were interrupted by a knock at our door followed by “our family.” They proceeded to pray for our sick team

member—speaking as loudly as possible, shouting “Hallelujah,” and singing many songs. Then they went around the room with their regularly used bottle of anointing oil that we later came to almost dread.

Though we were unaccustomed to their way of praying and found it humorous at times, we came to appreciate what we learned from them. No matter what the situation was, they would pray. At any hour, the sounds of Himalayan prayer could be heard drifting through the air. Most families believed through miracles and healings that were answered prayers. Hearing their stories about how God has opened this country to the gospel helped me to understand their deep faith in prayer.

The power of God is always displayed in miraculous ways, whether that is a healing or a willing servant. We may not be able to see how he is working, yet we believe that he is. It may be in ways that, instead of a wind that causes waves, are only a tiny drop that causes ripples. It all makes a difference—every word, moment, and prayer. At times, it is hard to see and easy to become frustrated. Yet because of prayer, miracles do happen, and our Savior has redeemed us. Because of prayer, one team is serving in another country, and it is only because of prayer that we are able to make an iota of difference. God has bridged the gaps of culture and religion. He has brought together the body of Christ and it is his power alone that has brought this new creation to life. ■





meet the staff interns

BY AUSTIN BEACHY

WITH THE NEW YEAR COME CHANGES IN HOW THINGS LOOK HERE AT THE ROSEDALE INTERNATIONAL CENTER. PERHAPS THE MOST PROMINENT CHANGE IS IN OUR STAFF INTERNSHIP POSITIONS. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU BRIEFLY TO OUR NEW STAFF (LEFT TO RIGHT):

- **TOBY MAUST** is from Accident, Maryland, and was on the same team as Jesse in Zambia. Toby filled in last year during REACH training as our Prayer Coordinator, and has returned for a full year in the same position.
- **SAMANTHA YODER** is from Farmville, Virginia. In 2009-10 she lived and worked with our REACH team in Thailand. As our Food Services Assistant this year, she has the big task of helping to cook for all of the participants in our programs.
- **BRIAN "BAM" TROYER** is from Hartsville, Ohio. In 2009-10 he was a part of a REACH team that served in Spain. This year he will be serving as our Community Outreach Coordinator.
- **RACHEL ZOOK** is from sunny Sarasota, Florida. She served on a REACH team in the Middle East in 2009-10. As our Hospitality Coordinator, she organizes many of our guest services and is in charge of keeping the whole facility neat and presentable.
- **JESSE SWARTZ** is from Au Gres, Michigan, and served in Zambia with REACH in 2009-10. As our resident handyman, Jesse is charged with general upkeep and maintenance of the building.

These brief descriptions really don't do justice to all these interns do. In many ways they serve as the hands and feet of our programs. They will serve in many different capacities and will be impacting lives daily for the Lord. Please be in prayer for them as they step out in faith and lead their peers, serve our guests, and impact our surrounding community.

RMM'S CALIBRATE AND MISSIONARY APPRENTICE PROGRAM



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

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:
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BIRTHS

Melissa (Moon R 98) and Keith Haarer had a daughter, Keturah Skye, on October 4, 2010.

Deanna (Mullet R 07) & David Miller welcomed their son, David Alexander, on November 22, 2010.

Stephanie (Nisly R 98, S 05) & Jonathan Compton had a baby girl, Abigail Marie, on November 24, 2010.

Joelle (Kurtz R 07) & Hans Hochstedler had a baby girl named Marley Grace on November 25, 2010.

Jerrel (R 01, 03) & Sarah (Troyer R 01, 03) Heatwole welcomed their daughter, Jubilee Grace, on January 31, 2011.

MARRIAGES

Amber Yoder (S 04) and David Miller were married on November 20, 2010.

“What is God’s will for my life?”



Doing God’s Will

BY CARMAL MILLER, SEND MINISTRIES ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

“If God would show me clearly what he wants me to do, **I’D DO ANYTHING.**”

I’ve fielded these questions and have asked them myself hundreds of times. They’re often accompanied with fear and anxiety: What if I make the wrong decision? What if something better comes along? What if I fail? And on and on...we get stuck in the mindset that we can figure it all out and that it all depends on us.

Our problem is that the “I” and “we” and “us” in the previous statements often become much larger than God himself. Just the smallest glimpse of God’s sovereignty, mercy and love would breathe fresh air into our lungs and we’d relax knowing that truly, he will never ever let anything happen to us (or through us) except to reconcile it for his glory and our best.

It reminds me of Thomas Merton’s words in *Thoughts in Solitude*:

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I

cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following Your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please You does in fact please You. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this You will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust You always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for You are ever with me, and You will never leave me to face my perils alone.

May you know and rely on the Eternal God as your Refuge, and may you relax in the security of his everlasting arms underneath you throughout your life’s journey (see Deuteronomy 33:27).



SEND Ministries exists to equip and motivate young adults to become Christ-centered world Christians who make disciples.

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