

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.



INTRODUCING SEND MINISTRIES'

staff internships

After more than 15 years of voluntary staff members manning the SEND Training Center (aka SEND House or REACH House), SEND Ministries has formalized these positions into staff internships. In the past staff members have largely succeeded in their jobs with minimal input. But we realized that current and future staff could be empowered and mobilized to a much greater extent with the addition of personal and professional development.

Staff internships last for one year (January – December) and are primarily designed to train young adults in leadership, ministry, and service. Interns are given hands-on experience through opportunities presented by SEND Ministries programs and other functions at the Rosedale International Center (RIC), which is Rosedale Mennonite Missions' new training facility.

Internships are built around two basic components: Leadership and Ministry Formations and Leadership and Ministry Applications. Leadership and Ministry Formations provide training and growth through intentional community, education (formal and informal teaching), simple church, Bible studies, reading assignments, the practice of spiritual disciplines, and mentoring.

In the Leadership and Ministry Applications, interns will be able to practice the formative lessons they get from Leadership and Ministry Formations. They will have both an inner-city context and a Christian "greenhouse" context in which to apply these lessons. The applications include service and ministry opportunities, intercession, work projects, leadership of SEND programs, direct ministry to program participants, and job functions specific to each intern position. Because of the amount of autonomy given to staff interns, they are required to meet regularly with a job mentor who will provide teaching, advice, and direction specific to their job position and function.

The staff interns function as a team under the leadership and oversight of the SEND Ministries Program Facilitator. There are currently five internship positions available:

community outreach coordinator – Creates, coordinates, and facilitates ministry opportunities and service projects in Columbus for SEND Ministries programs.

facilities assistant – Helps RMM's property manager with maintenance and upkeep of the Rosedale International Center and provides leadership for work projects.

prayer coordinator – Intercedes for all aspects of SEND Ministries (participants, programs, outreaches, personnel, ministry partners, etc.). Also leads various prayer functions and mentors program participants in intercession.

food services assistant – Helps the RIC Food Services Manager with food preparation and other services involved in kitchen and dining management.

hospitality coordinator – Serves as the primary receptionist/hostess for the RIC and assists with administrative detail.

As SEND Ministries continues to grow, we anticipate the creation and development of several more internship positions.

We are now accepting applications for 2011 Staff Internships. Applicants must be 18 years or older and preference is given to young adults who have successfully completed a Discipleship Training School. For more information and/or to request an application, please contact SEND Ministries' administrative assistant, Karen Yoder, at karen@mmoffice.org.

what previous interns have to say:



cassandra yoder *prayer coordinator 2009*

"I have really grown in my prayer life, specifically in realizing and experiencing the power of prayer and what it means to pray constantly. I've grown in my ability to hear God clearly and am more confident in speaking and walking that out."

austin beachy *interim program director 2009*

"I have learned humility in many ways. I have discovered that as hard as I work and want things to happen in a certain way, in the end it comes down to what the Lord wants to happen. There were times that I didn't think there was any way that situations would work out but the Lord always redeemed those things. I have learned to trust Him in new ways. As long as we are pursuing Him, I find that He will make Himself known."



teresa beck *food services 2008*

"The main highlight of my time as a staff intern was the opportunity to share life with participants in City Challenge and REACH and to see God work in and through both me and them...and I enjoyed cooking!"

aaron biscup *facilities coordinator 2009*

"Besides serving in a maintenance capacity, I grew in my ability to lead worship during my time as an intern. God definitely grew my heart for His glory."



wendy orozco *food services 2009*

"I have grown in confidence and boldness, in stepping out in leadership. I've grown in interpersonal relationships—especially in knowing how to deal with conflict more effectively. My time as a staff intern taught me that it's not about me and whether I do things perfectly, whether I completely screw things up or succeed. It's about being open to letting God use us. God will give us strength to do whatever He asks us to do."

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

SPAIN: teaching assistants

The Ministry of Education in Spain is offering two-year 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. Our goal is to have these two teaching assistants join our team of workers already in Granada from September 2010 through the end of May 2011. Applicants need to apply early in 2010 to get an assignment in a province like Granada.

THAILAND: missionary interns

This is a two-year program combining work with language and cultural studies in Bangkok, Thailand. The intern will participate with a multi-cultural team, building friendships with Thais and others living in Bangkok, and learning what it means to be a catalyst for people coming to know Jesus. At the same time, the intern will be engaged in a university environment and/or in the workplace. There are six months of formal language and cultural study and eighteen months of learning through mentored practice.

For more details, contact: Denise Mast, Missionary Intern Facilitator at denise@rmmoffice.org

alumni happenings

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

BIRTHS

Amanda (Fretz R 01) & Andy Powell welcomed a daughter, Nadalyn Grace, on August 29, 2009.

Dianna (Gingerich R 97) & Matt Conrad adopted Nisha Anne and Zay Matthew on September 24, 2009.

Tamara (Duncan R 98) & Tim Shoemaker had a baby boy, Joel Aaron, on October 15, 2009.

Sara (Miller R 01) & Mitch Swartzentruber had a baby

boy named William Paul on October 15, 2009.

Beth (Hollopeter R 99, 00; S 04) & Kefa Manyara had a baby girl named Lydia Neema on October 19, 2009.

Oleda (Miller R 02) & Keith Miller welcomed daughter Coral Marie on December 16, 2009.

MARRIAGES

Anthony Fisher (R 03) married Jessica Heskett on August 22, 2009.

Jason Yoder (S 04) married Lydia Fath on August 29, 2009.

Deanna Mullet (R 07) married Dave Miller on October 24, 2009.

Carla Yoder (R 08) married Jonathan Weber on October 24, 2009.

Alicia Slabaugh (R 08) married Aaron Morhart on November 21, 2009.

Aaron Biscup (R 07) and Andrea Gingerich (R 07, 08) were married on January 16, 2010.

It's that time of year.
The time for resolutions,
when I take inventory and
rethink what I am doing.

am i...



editorial by todd miller

- spending enough time with my family?
- intentionally walking out my faith?
- loving my wife like Christ loves the Church?
- being the man of God I desire my kids to imitate?
- using the resources God has entrusted me for HIS purposes?

The list could go on. Am I living my life for myself or for the purposes God has set before me? Would He be pleased with these areas of my life if I had to give account for them today?

In REACH, Richard Showalter teaches about the two trees in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:9). The Tree of Life can represent dependence on God. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil can represent rejection of God, when we become our own authority, pride, selfishness, and death.

As I take inventory of my life, I have to ask which tree am I eating of. Honestly, I find myself parked under the wrong tree more often than I am comfortable with. Worse, sometimes I'm satisfied there. But God is a giver of second chances. He has more for us than to sit and rot under the wrong tree. With His help we can set our sights on new goals.

Someone once said, "Think of a goal as a target. The bull's-eye is 100, concentric rings are 80, 60, 40, and 20. I aim for 100, but sometimes I hit 80 or even 20. But if I don't aim for 100, I will hit zero every time."

It's inventory time. What targets are you aiming for? Which tree are you parked under? Is it time for some new resolutions?



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

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