

The Frontier

Training Leaders to Disciple Nations House

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Here I am on the front lawn of my new house.



“The House”



As many of you already know I have been on staff with Youth With A Mission (pronounced Y-WAM) now for nine years here in Tyler, Texas. Currently, I am in the midst of serving my second year on staff with YWAM-Tyler’s School Of The Bible. School Of The Bible (SOTB) is an intense year long missions training program in which the focus is studying and using the scripture as a road map for

life. Once completing SOTB the students will have the basic tools and knowledge to not only continue on in their studies, but also to train and disciple others. It is an honor and privilege for God allowing me to be training leaders to disciple nations.

The one project that I have been working on for many months was finding property and raising finances



to purchase a home. Being involved in ministry here is intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally challenging since we are dealing with issues that have a profound impact on all three areas of people’s lives. My heart is for YWAMers to be able to live off campus in a Christian atmosphere, and use the large livingroom and backyard for social events where staff and students could come off-campus and (over)

and relax. Finally, as a full-time long-term missionary, the time had come for me to purchase a home. On January 2nd the dream became a reality.

Already the property has been used to host SOTB staff meetings. Also, I held an open house party on February 3rd where about 50-70 friends came to see and enjoy the house. Later in the week my guy's small group got together and made



breakfast for one of the girl's small groups (see above picture). One of the girls from the girl's small group said that making them breakfast made them feel special.

Also, three SOTB men are currently lodging with me in the house and they appreciate the quiet and spaciousness of the property which in turn helps them with their studies. These students though, have also been able to use the house and bless

others recently when a couple of them made and hosted a dinner for some of their friends.

As you have read, the property has only been in my possession for several weeks and is already being a blessing to others. It is a huge responsibility to own a home, but I have come to understand that God gives us blessings so that we can have the opportunity to bless others.



Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Do well in serving others with my current responsibilities, including managing the house
- Decision about which outreach to participate in this summer

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Wishing You A
Merry
Christmas

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Behold the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel, which translated means, God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Personal Note

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings again from Tyler, Texas!

Well, School Of The Bible (SOTB) students had their commemoration ceremony several weeks ago. They now are on outreach to Tyler, Oregon, biking along the Alaskan highway, Haiti, Brazil, and Papua New Guinea. With the students on outreach and things having quieted down here on campus now is a time to reflect on the various ministry opportunities over this past year

The small group I worked with this past year was great! They blessed and encouraged me by their example of taking charge and organizing projects beyond my expectations.

Being a small group leader is more than just working on projects, or discussing issues together in a group setting. It is also getting down one-to-one and helping the needs of each young leader. Our concern here with SOTB students includes their relationship with God, but also how they are doing relationally with others. Also we are concerned about their financial, and emotional well-being and if they are comprehending the material being lectured in class. Once a month I would get together with each young leader during a meal, and find out how they are doing. Sometimes though, they would ask for advice on issues that they are dealing within their own lives. Once one guy shared with me over lunch a particular struggle.

Several months ago this young leader came to me and expressed his concern about what to do after SOTB. He had several options, but also being concerned for his wife's well-being, probably gave him some additional anxiety. I encouraged him to focus on his family's heritage of God's faithfulness to them who have been involved in missions for years. Some instances in his family's life were very challenging. An example was while his father was in Colombia to adopt a child, a car hit him. He survived the accident, but for many months he had to take powerful antibiotics intravenously and had several operations. The leg for some unknown reason would not heal. It was not until about two years after the accident that during another surgery, they discovered a piece of paint from the car in his leg. Today, the father who is a pastor has to use a cane, but God was faithful to bring him and the whole family through the whole ordeal.

Since giving that advice of focusing on God's faithfulness in his family's past, this young leader put his trust in Him again and has direction for the coming year. The coming year for this young man does involve the birth of his first child, but God has been, is and will continue to be faithful to him. It is true though, that we will never truly know the consequences of our actions until eternity. I am thankful and humbled for the opportunity that Jesus gave me to minister into this young man's life who wants to become a pastor.

Well, that's all for now from Texas. Please do keep me in your prayers as I continue to raise finances to purchase a house.

Sincerely,

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Pictured here with my friends (l to r) Kelli, Sarah, & Kimberly who graduated from Teachers For the Nations in 1999.

“Teachers For the Nations Class of 1999: Where are they now?”

Three years ago I had the privilege of staffing my first training school Teachers For the Nations (TFN) here at Youth With A Mission (YWAM pronounced Y-WAM) here in Tyler, Texas. I helped train leaders to disciple nations who are all currently serving all over the world with YWAM today.

Kelli came to TFN not to be a teacher, but wanted to know more about God’s hand in History. Kelli says, “TFN gave me the confidence to reason on my own and that God makes sense.” She has been serving the past two years at YWAM-Haiti’s Liberty Academy and loves teaching because she loves learning and sees the value of education in discipling a nation. She is currently planning on return to Haiti either this Fall, or Winter.

Before **Sarah** came to TFN in 1998, she had no vision at the time, but knew that she wanted to work with children. After completing TFN she states, “Education is a crucial area of influence and can make a long-term impact on children through Biblical Education.” Sarah and Jared (see other side) are getting married August 4 and they would like to educate children in a large urban city and serve at YWAM-Chicago, or YWAM-Dallas.

Kimberly says, “TFN taught me how to think, reason from principles and to think for myself.” Kimberly and Markus (see other side) will be married October 7. Their vision is to teach children, or adults in the classroom, or on a one-on-one basis in India, or Nepal.

Germain (at right) states that, “TFN impacted me in terms of reasoning. Also I came to know that if we want to see the next generation loving God, and serving him, we have to start teaching the little ones His principles. The best way to disciple a Nation is through Christian education in schools.” Germain’s heart for ministry is base on II Tim. 2:2, the ministry of multiplication. He is currently working with YWAM’s Discipleship Training School in Rwanda.



Jenn (below at left) says, “TFN has increased my understanding of how we as Christians can really change the world for Christ. Educating and discipling in biblical principles will have an impact on nations.” She currently serves with YWAM-Tyler’s School of the Bible training program in the admission’s department. Along with her husband Todd, Jenn also teaches biblical principles to 3rd world pastors and leaders through a YWAM program called BELT seminars (Biblical Education and Leadership Training). The focus of this program is seeing Christian leaders who have little or no access get biblical training. These leaders will then train, raise up and disciple other leaders in their nations.



Desirea (left in middle) is currently working with YWAM in the Yale University town of New Haven, CT. She helps run a six-month missions training course involving world view and apologetics study, geared toward reaching the post-modern mind set with the axioms of truth found in scripture. She works locally in New Haven, plus oversees, leading outreach teams to eastern and western Europe. Her goal is to see the western world once again be a missions sending force into all of the world. Also, she wants to see spheres of society influenced, especially government and the arts become disciplers of freedom, beauty, and truth, that can only be found in Christ.

Charity (at left) states, "Since I attended TFN in 98-99 my life has drastically changed. I feel as if my time there prepared me to effectively disciple the nations. It prepared me not only to do the practical things of teaching and discipleship but also transform-ing my heart and mind. As I have taught in Christian Heritage School and worked administratively I have used the principles taught in TFN but, have continued to grow in understanding of how God wants us to disciple the nations."



Markus's (2nd from left) says "TFN inspired a joy for learning and teaching in me. I came to realize that everything from Math to History can be related back to God's principles and purposes revealed in His Word. Education is far more than just a transfer of information - it's about seeing transformation in people's lives towards God's purpose for their lives. In that sense, TFN transformed my life." Markus's long-term vision is discipleship and church planting in Asia through hospitality, teaching and community development.

Sindre (2nd from right) states, "What impacted me most during TFN was that I have gained much better understanding in how to develop a strategy for discipling the nations with understanding the key impact of a philosophy of government in any of the spheres of society. I have also gained greater understanding of the Providential Hand of God in History. This is so important when we set out to work alongside with Him to expand His Kingdom." Sindre is currently working in Haiti to develop people in their understanding of the truth. His life long vision is to discipleship and specifically training of leaders. These leaders then will influence others and work for the glory of God to build His Kingdom in the hearts of people. God is working for restoration and History tells us that He is persistently working towards His heart's passion, that the knowledge of Him will cover the earth.



According to **Jared** (above at right) he learned in TFN that, "The only true lasting revolution comes in transforming the heart of the individual." He is currently teaching 3rd grade at Christian Heritage School. In the future Jared will be working with children in urban ministries and would like to do some writing including children's books.

Lisa (at left middle) says, "A lasting principle that I learned in TFN is that God does not think sporadically, but strategically. Therefore, knowing who He is, I can see that unimaginable goals are possible and I can commit myself to them." Lisa currently works with YWAM-Tyler's School of the Bible staff and her responsibilities include housing coordinator, and organizing extra curricular activities. Her

long-term vision is to disciple with an understanding of why God created Canada and why and how He can use both the French and the English to do so. This discipleship would be done by starting a Biblical method of reasoning school (in French) in Quebec, Canada where France first established a colony.

Christine (above at right) has been serving in Haiti since August of 1999. She states, "I love the plan of liberty God has for this nation. I have been working with Liberty Academy with hopes that as the children come to an understanding of God and His plan for their individual lives, Haiti will change. My vision is to see Haiti bring joy to God's heart and to bless the nations of the world. I believe we will see this vision come to fruition as we diligently teach the children and adults of Haiti the truth of God."

Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- Do well in serving others with my current responsibilities
- Raising finances to purchase a house - Thank you so much to whom ever donated the incredible blessing of \$34,000!

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Personal Note

Dear Family & Friends,

Greetings once again from Texas!

I Pray that you are well and growing in Christ!

As you may remember from my last personal note, I shared a vision of giving seminars in churches that would educate Christians on how to be more effective in expanding the Kingdom of God. I would like to explain in more detail my heart regarding these seminars.

For the past four years I have had the incredible privilege and opportunity to be involved in School Of The Bible(SOTB) and Teachers For the Nations(TFN). Since taking these two courses and now serving on staff of both training schools, I have come to one conclusion. There is no reason why The Church in America should not be overcoming the darkness. The Creator of the Universe has given us His Spirit, has blessed this country with a rich Christian heritage and the knowledge of Scripture. Yet in my short lifetime, I have seen this nation become a post-Christian society. My heart longs for this country to return to righteousness and to spread the Gospel even more so. It will take millions of Christians to get really serious about their relationship with God, be educated, make the needed sacrifices and get out of their comfort zones. I believe that Christians can restore this nation with, or without Revival, by taking their rightful places in society(Matt. 5:13).

My vision is for at least 10 two week education seminars to take place every year for 10 years. That means 100 different communities would be affected and changed for Christ. Of course but that number would double if these seminars continued for 20 years. When you factor in the vision of multiplication, after 20 years 10,000 people disciple others in Christ, and the next year 20,000 individuals are disciplined. Continuing this process for 15 years will result in 163,840,000 coming to the saving knowledge of Christ in this country! It would be like starting 200 forest fires in America and then watch it spread throughout the nation.

One new idea that came up recently is members of congregations meeting in the evening for lecture and discussion, and having leadership meetings with the pastors and church leaders during the afternoon. The purpose for such pastors' meetings is to share ideas and train these leaders to effectively teach members in their congregation who will then disciple others. There are many stories of pastors burning out and having to take a sabbatical to get their batteries re-charged. I believe one reason for pastor burn-out is that people they minister to are high maintenance and low impact, high maintenance meaning that the pastor is constantly trying to lift up and encourage his congregation every Sunday, who leave church, impact few people for Christ, but are expected to be ministered to the next Sunday. These congregations should be disciplined and then trained to become effective leaders who can then move into new levels of responsibility. Then more ministry would take place through churches, and the pastor could be focused on other areas of responsibility. Such churches could be low maintenance and high impact for The Kingdom of God!

The idea of these education seminars is in the embryonic and prayer stage of formation, but I am excited about the possibilities.

Well, that's all for now from Texas. Please do keep me in your prayers concerning the vision of these education seminars.

Sincerely,

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Pictured here with guys from my School Of The Bible small group.



“Small Group”

My involvement this year as a small group leader has opened up more possibilities for nations to come to the saving knowledge of Christ. A small group leader gives hands on practical application in leadership and the presentation of Biblical truth that can change nations. Helping to shape and form the character dynamic of the individual is important. Character is a foundation to help uphold the intellectual with humility. But intellectual understanding is essential in forming character because it gives you the correct foundational principles to build character from.

My role as a small group leader is in the development of character of the individual. As they receive revelation of truth in the classroom, I disciple them by processing the truth and applying it to their lives with the intent that they can apply it to others. The intent here is in the application of truth and how it affects their lives and watching them walk it out. At School Of The Bible(SOTB) we give our students theory and the actual hands-on application. It is an honor and privilege for God allowing me to help shape these young leaders, and I enjoy the challenge.

“Son of guerrilla leader does School Of The Bible”

This year I have the privilege of a young Christian leader from a closed country in Asia as a member of my small group. For security purposes we will call him Da (pictured here below with me when we played paintball). He grew-up the son of a communist guerrilla leader and was himself involved in terrorist activities. Later while at university, Da saw a group of people being arrested and began to wonder if they were some of his communist friends. He learned that they were Christians, and was told that one of them was still left in the crowd. Upon finding him, Da asked what was in the bag and the frightened man claimed that he had nothing. Da persisted hearing that he had a leaflet in the bag. The frightened believer left quickly. Da did not want to be left out of this important news, and he followed the man demanding a tract and even threatened to hit him. The man threw a tract down on the ground and ran, leaving Da to read about Jesus Christ for the first time in his life. He later came to Christ, and was able to get an address of where he could find a small New Testament.

Ten years later after completing his degree Da established a non-government organization(NGO) to facilitate Christians reaching the needs of the poor and needy in his home country. In their first project, they help motivated and supported a community to clean out the open drains that had been a longstanding health threat. The NGO has also partnered with Youth With A Mission to run a preschool for poor children. Literacy projects have been established with Christian-based materials and help individuals like women learn to read their Bible. Da knows that it is so powerful to give people the ability to read for themselves. They can say, “This is my God, and I can learn from Him from this (Bible).”

Da being given the opportunity of studying in America, shocked some government officials when they found out that he was going to the states for Bible College. They asked, “Why are you going over their to study about those foreign gods.” He responded (over)





(cont.) saying that what they do, seems to be working. Da strongly believes that following false idols have had a stifling, degrading effect on his country. He says, "Changes must start with a Godly world view, and I want to be a part of that change. God's Truth will serve as the foundation from which all our projects will be chosen and run." Please do keep Da in your prayers as he completes the course work and prepares for School Of The Bible's global summer outreach.

"Small Groupies Speak-out about SOTB"

Below is a list of comments from some of the guys whom I have come to know as friends over the past several months.

Included in these remarks is my roommate and small group co-leader, Markus.



Jason H.: I had always wanted to be in leadership until I studied the Old Testament. There are countless Biblical examples of leaders who were full of potential in the beginning, but whose pride clouded their judgement and caused their downfall. Over and over again, I saw that a leader must have humility if he wishes to succeed. This applies to kings, priests, and short-term outreach leaders alike. So when I led an outreach team to Monterrey Mexico, I tried to take that lesson with me. That meant consistently laying aside my plans and seeking God's agenda. As it turned out, His agenda was much more effective than mine would have ever been. In short, I learned that to be a Christian leader, you must simply allow Christ to lead, and then be the first to follow



Jason S.: My understanding of God's character, ways, nature, principles of living have become a whole lot clearer. A lot of views and ideas when I began were challenged, and found to be false, or twisted when scrutinized against scripture. School Of The Bible has really help me know what I believe and to scrutinize anything new before accepting it.



Phil: What has blown me away throughout my SOTB studies has been the increasing discovery of how everything God does is out of a heart of total love. God is so actively involved in history and His heart and goal is to bring liberty and, therefore to send revival to the nations. God has been opening my eyes to see how nations can be transformed and He can use individuals to bring change. The more I study in SOTB the more aware I became of the significance of God's word and the great need to understand truth and right principles in order that I might know God for who He really is and be able to communicate to others His nature and character, to see the furtherance of His Kingdom accelerated. SOTB has exposed me to the power of the Bible - it is incredible!



Ryan: I think what helped me the most in being a leader was the study of Moses. I saw that his effectiveness had to do not with him, but his relationship with God and hearing His voice. Going into my outreach to Houston, I knew the most important thing was to go before God and allow Him to speak, in guidance and leaders are simply instruments that have authority based on hearing and obeying God's voice.



Markus(co-leader): Working with this year's SOTB has taught me a lot about the value of multiplication and investing in others lives of what God has given and taught me. Looking back on this year, it is so encouraging and rewarding to see the change and growth in students' lives. It seems that SOTB helps unlock the potential in students lives from all over the globe to release and empower them to further the growth of the Kingdom of God in other people's lives as well. When accompanying an outreach team to Chicago and seeing them applying and living out the things they learned was proof to me that God started a work in and through them. He will continue to use them, as they go back to their nations.

Please do keep these students in your prayers as they raise finances, and prepare for outreaches to Tyler, Oregon, biking the Alaskan highway, Haiti, India/Nepal, and Papua New Guinea. Thank you.

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Pictured here with my School Of The Bible small group. Front row(l to r): Jason, I, Nanda, and Markus(staff). Back row(l to r): Ryan, Max, Phil, and Jason.

School Of The Bible

Class of 2001



Front Row(l to r): Lily(Kenya), Jessica(Zimbabwe), Nanda(Nepal), Michael(India), Katy(TX), Alisa(WA), Carmen(Venezuela), Ariadna(Mexico), Jessica(Puerto Rico), Sandy(TX), Candy(TX), & Gunilla(Sweden).

Second Row(l to r): Andy(CA), Mark(MO), Philip(TX), Sara(Staff-Idaho), Karen(ID), George(Papua New Guinea), June(Staff-TX), Mick(Staff-TX), & Jeff(Staff-OR).

Third Row(l to r): Vlady(Staff-Mexico), Heather(TX), Phil(England), Katrina(KS), Nicole(MD), Jordan(Quebec), Dahil(Puerto Rico), Irmi(Staff-Germany), Kaaren(British Columbia), Andy(Staff-PA), & Larry(Director-TX).

Back Row(l to r): Max(TX), Brad(TX), Markus(Staff-Switzerland), Jason(Australia), Ryan(KS), Roland(Switzerland), Ken(Canada), Jason(TX), Paul(Staff-TX), Mike(Staff-TX), and I.

Please do keep us in your prayers as we finish our course work and go on outreach this summer to Papua New Guinea, Venezuela, Norway, Oregon, Namibia, Nepal, Closed Country in Asia, and Brazil. Thank you.

Teachers For the Nations Class of 2001



Front Row(l to r): Charity(MI-Staff), Joana(Romania), Robin(FL), Mrs. Kilkenny(TX-Staff), Mr. Kilkenny(TX-Director), Charnelle(South Africa-Staff), Rachele(Canada), & Jaymie(WI).
Second Row(l to r): Wilson(Columbia-Staff), Benny(Zambia), Miss Bastounes(Staff-IL), Michael(CA), Dawn(FL), Mrs. Fredrickson(WY), & Mrs. Boettcher(TX-Staff).
Back Row(l to r): Mr. Fowler(Staff-KS), Ricardo(Columbia), Ian(WA), me, Justin(WA), Cornelia(Namibia), & Sharon(CA). Please keep us in your prayer as we finish our classroom phase and go on outreaches to Puerto Rico, Jamaica, & Namibia in June. Thank you.

Prayer Requests:

- Develop a deeper, loving relationship with Jesus Christ
- humility
- Overcome insomnia - thankfully getting better
- buying a house

Youth With A Mission(Y.W.A.M. - pronounced Y-WAM) here in Tyler, Texas is an international interdenominational humanitarian and missions organization with more than 13,000 full-time volunteer staff from more than 200 denominations, representing 135 countries and 25,000 short-term missionaries in more than 600 mission centers in 144 countries.

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Personal Note

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Tyler, Texas!

Pray that you all are doing well and growing in Christ! I really do appreciate all of you who pray and support this ministry. It is through your participation that has allowed me to disciple young Christian leaders from around the world. I would like to tell you more in depth about the reasons for me joining School Of The Bible staff and new vision that God has imparted on my heart about a possible future ministry.

I decided to join School Of The Bible staff this year to start seriously preparing for future ministry. In the past, I was not sure if time permitted for me to be a part of School Of The Bible, and somebody needed to take over my logistical responsibilities. Well, the accounting aspect of my responsibilities went over to the main YWAM-Tyler facility, and several people stepped in in order for me to join School Of The Bible staff. Also I mentioned that time was a concern because I am taking college courses to finish my degree. I believed now was the time to step forward, and not let circumstances determine the ministry and the desires that God has placed on my heart.

Recently, new vision is being put forth here about sending out teams that will give seminars on how Christians can be more effective in changing society for Christ. Topics for these seminars would include evangelism, defending the faith through apologetics, the hand of God in History, and the Christian's responsibility in society. Several people here have been wanting to take the knowledge that we have learned to others, but no such ministry has been put into place as of yet. Many Christians in this nation have been wanting to see this country changed for Christ, but may lack the knowledge and understanding of how to do it, and do not know what He has done in past generations. If Scripture says, "Seek the truth and the truth shall set you free," is it not logical to reason that when we have more of God's truth and walk it out every day, we will have more freedom?

Christians need to come to an understanding and be knowledgeable about their responsibilities in society instead of referring to somebody else. Yes, time is a factor in advancing The Kingdom of God, but busyness and circumstances must not determine our motives and ministry. Also, we must be careful in allowing other Christians who are specialists in their field to carry additional burden, and to rationalize, and surrender our responsibility to others.

I believe very strongly all of us need to be well equipped to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ and apply His principles in every part of our culture. Also, we as believers need to come to an understanding that bringing this nation back to Christ can happen in this lifetime. Otherwise, if we keep on focusing on our circumstances and not get the full perspective of the great plans God has for this nation and each of us, we will be responsible for the demise of this country because we were not salt(Matt. 5:13) in our society.

Some may ask, "When are these seminars on how Christians can be more effective in changing society for Christ going to come?" I do not know the answer to this question. We are now in the praying stages of a ministry that may be formed in years to come. I do understand from experience though that five years after vision was birthed I helped form the college mobile team and ministered to university students in North America. Though I do not know when God may release, my heart is excited, and looking forward to when this ministry comes about in His timing.

Well, that's all for now. Please keep me in your prayer concerning this new vision of educating God's principles to believers, multiplying it to others, and thereby expanding the Gospel throughout this and other nations.

Sincerely,

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