

Joe + Taylor Keith



"Mission exists because worship does not" -John Piper

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International Standard for Youth

I don't know if you know this, but the International standard for "youth" is 18-26 years of age. Here in the United States, we often say that youth ends at 18 and then young people transition into adulthood. But not so with many of the countries around the world. Which is why we, here at YMI, continue to send out students up to 26 years of age through our Mission Apprentice Program (MAP). In fact, as I am writing this, we are launching 6 college students for their internships in South Korea, Brasil, and Portugal.

One of the things I absolutely love about MAP is that we have the opportunity to organize and facilitate international internships for a college student that will allow them to work alongside a missionary on a more personal level and for a longer period of time. Usually, our MAP trips last from 3-8 weeks and only consist of 2-3 people per trip. This allows the students to adapt to the needs of the missionary in a much greater way, as well as get the opportunity to observe and learn so much more from the missionary since there are so few students.

I actually had the opportunity to go through the MAP program when I was attending Seattle Pacific University for my college internship. I spent two months in Perú working alongside Julio Serrano, our YMI Perú National Director, and assist him by training churches to begin English programs for their children, as well as re-design an English program for Him to use. I also was able to live with the missionary and his family and observe first hand what it looks like to be a missionary in Perú and experience the culture there. This internship greatly impacted my life, especially as I was beginning to look to what my future would hold and the Lord's calling on my life to go into missions.

As MAP continues to grow and develop, I am so excited to see how God can use these college students just as much as our teams. I know they are different experiences, yet great "next step" options for those who are looking into pursuing mission further. If you or someone you know would be interested in doing a longer term internship internationally, please feel free to talk with us or have them talk with us and we would love to explore options with them!



Church Program Update

The nature of the ministry here at YMI is that it is easy to lose sight of what we are serving for around late winter to early spring. It has been a 9 month journey of logistics and training that when the time comes for the ministry to begin, it is easy to forget why we do what we do. We had our first church team return from France in early May. God used this team to encourage the missionaries they served and to advance the Gospel in serving the churches of Grenoble. One of the missionaries that received the team said that this team set a new standard as to expectations of short terms in the future. Our next church team leaves on the 26th for Taiwan to do English Ministry. We are so excited to see what God is going to do with this team and their willingness to serve for the glory of the Lord.

We have about 200 more students going out this summer with their youth groups. Please pray that God will use them to impact the ministries they are serving and that God will open their eyes to be more service-oriented back home. Please also pray for their health and safety as they travel all over the world. *-Joe*

The Keith Family

The Keith family is as busy as ever! Joe just finished his year of seminary in May (and first year of Hebrew) in May and will be on summer break until September. He is still thoroughly enjoying the opportunity to further his education and continue to study the word of the Lord. In fact, he is enjoying it so much, that I came out to our living room the other night to find him translating the first chapter of Daniel from Hebrew into English. Now that's dedication! For other school-related news, we also just had the privilege of seeing my brother Cole graduate from SPU with his Bachelors Degree in Business and Ministry!

Other than that, we are simply busy preparing for New Hope's community Sports Camp at the end of July and then the arrival of Mr. E. in just 11 short weeks! My how time flies. But we are looking forward eagerly to all that this summer holds and hoping that sunshine will somehow be involved.

Follow Mr. E.:

Fun fact: Mr. E. is now the size of a butternut squash and weighs roughly 2.5 pounds and moves about 10 times an hour!



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Points of Prayer

- Please **pray** for our teams that are currently going out and returning, that they will be able to see where the Lord has ministry planned for them and how to best assist the Missionary they are serving.
- Please **pray** for energy and strength for the staff at YMI as we head out in numerous ways this summer for launches and debriefs and trainings and camps
- Please **praise** the Lord for his continued provision for all our needs, and **pray** that He will continue to increase our support as we prepare for Mr. E., as well as allow Mr. E. to continue to grow and develop in a healthy way as we near his due date in September.