

Returning from South East Asia!

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Bringing Discipleship Training School to a close

Prayer Requests:

- SOMLD: that God would be speaking to us as students about our gifts and passions
- That God would help me transition from a staff to a student role, especially as many of the SOMLD students were my students during DTS
- Wisdom, strength and energy for SOMLD leaders as they pioneer this school

Extra Expenses (in CAD):

Field assignment to Central Asia: \$2,500.00
Plane ticket to NC: \$ 704.00

As various extra expenses arise I will add them to this list.

Please prayerfully consider partnering with me through financial support

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On March 28, eighteen people sat around a dinner table to reminisce over the past six months and say goodbye. I was one of these people who looked on proudly as 15 students shared what God had done in their lives. We remembered when we received an idea through prayer to run a mini-DTS for the youth group in Thailand that ended with an evangelism event that the youth lead themselves. We thought of the time in Indonesia when our team split in half working directly with the locals and creating relationships with

strangers despite many cultural barriers. Or the time in Bali when we played with street children for one hour each week - the children's only chance to play all week as they had to panhandle at street corners to make a living. Through these times we learned more about God and his unconditional love for people despite their age, culture or religious beliefs.

As a leader I have learned more about God's grace and love for me. While taking this risk of leading, God reminded me that I

am significant, valuable and have things to offer. Currently I feel God prompting me to grow in the area of generosity, not just with resources and money but with myself as a person. I would love to staff a DTS again as it is rewarding to point people toward God and watch Him bring transformation.

Thank you for your support and prayers during this season of DTS which made a difference and meant a lot to me!

Check out pictures on page two!

Moving Forward

As of April 11 I have completed my year as a staff intern! Now I will continue leadership growth in a five month program from April to August of this year. I will stay in Vancouver to be a student in a School of Ministry and Leadership Development (SOMLD) to acquire more leadership skills through hands on experience in a focused environment. After three months in Vancouver I will

head to Central Asia for two months for a field assignment. This course is the beginning of a two year commitment I am making to YWAM. Along with all other YWAM staff I will continue to partner with you through financial support and prayers as no one gets paid in YWAM. My living costs of \$1,000 per month will remain the same. This pays for my housing, food, transportation, insurance, etc. I will

also have extra costs like paying for my ticket to go home, and my field assignment to Central Asia. Following the school, I will go home for six weeks to reconnect with my church, family and friends. Then I will return to Vancouver to help disciple young people in YWAM. I am very excited to discover more about my gifts, talents and strengths during the next five months as I explore how to use these aspects of myself to bless others.



In Thailand, we spent time with the local youth group every weekend where we taught about God, and had fun together (like in the above picture as we played an ice breaker game).



We prayed for local church members in Indonesia after sharing testimonies and teaching during a church service.



While in Bangkok, our team visited the elderly who live in the slums. We got to give them rice, hear their stories and pray for them.



A local Thai family invited us to their home for dinner and Bible study. I felt like I was eating with family.



We ran an English camp for children in rural NE Thailand.



Teaching youth in Bali about prayer