

## MISSION STATEMENT

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field.  
Grow a prayer lifeline to nurture their spiritual, physical and economic needs.

### A Seminary Student's Background Written by a Harvesters' Recipient of 2006, 2007, 2008

I was born in Maryland to strong Christian parents, but I do not really consider it "home". When I was three, we moved overseas, where my parents served in Africa and Southeast Asia for the next 14 years. I came to know Christ as my personal Savior at the age of 5, in my living room. At a young age, the Lord began working in my heart, cultivating a love for unreached peoples and a passion for His glory. Growing up, when asked "what I wanted to be when I grow up" the natural answer, of course, was to be a missionary. It was what people wanted to hear because it was "cute," so I gave it to them. However, as I got older, that answer started to really become something that I was truly passionate about. Since moving back to the States, the Lord has used a number of short term trips overseas to confirm His calling to the mission field for me. At times, it is very difficult for me to not just leave everything here and go back. However, I realize that I must wait on the Lord's timing, and that right now, I am right where He wants me to be.

While in college at Palm Beach Atlantic University, I was involved in the Campus Ministries Mission's Department as a member of the Mission's planning team. This involved planning and putting together mission trips for the students at the University. For the last 6 years I have been working at Pioneers, a missions agency focusing on church planting among the unreached peoples around the world. I started working there during my senior year of high school, and continued working there – seasonally at times, and on a full time basis at other times. Currently I have been working there since August of 2005 full time. I am also involved at my church where I lead worship for the high school youth group on Wednesday nights, as well as play on the worship team on Sunday mornings for the main service.

As far as missions is concerned, my passion is to eventually go overseas long term. I am open to wherever the Lord leads me, but feel a strong pull towards Asia, where I grew up. I think that perhaps the Lord has put the experiences, knowledge or the language, and knowledge of the culture into my life for a reason, possibly leading me back there. I feel Led to go an area that is very spiritually dark and unreached where there are either no missionaries yet, or where there has been very little missions work done. I have a passion to work towards planting indigenous churches overseas. This is a passion that I have had nearly my whole life and what excites me the most. It was

sparked in me by the Holy Spirit's work in my life, and I was also inspired by people God such as my parents and my grandparent (who founded the mission that we are a part of – Pioneers).

### Three years later, the molding of this seminary student....

#### Ministry as a Lifestyle

When I was first considering what to share with regards to my life as a "missionary-in-training," I had a difficult time coming up with anything which seemed to be significant enough to write about. After all, I am not leading any sort of world-changing ministry or solving the problems of poverty around the globe while enrolled here in seminary. Rather, I am fully engaged in classes, church activities, and work. I think I came into seminary with certain expectations – that I would be involved in a thriving ministry, that everyone I encountered would be as excited about missions as I was, that every class that I took would have obvious relevance to future ministry on the mission field, and the list goes on. Once I entered seminary, however, I found that the realities of life were somewhat different than my set of expectation.

The main thing that I realized was that fulltime involvement in a formal ministry setting while also enrolled fulltime in seminary classes was not necessarily a realistic expectation. Initially I felt a sense of guilt that I was unable to fully commit myself to a ministry in my church or community. The Lord gradually began to help me realize that I had a flawed view of what "ministry" was. I had been operating with a mindset in which ministry was closely linked to a job description. As a missionary-in-training I felt as if I ought to have some sort of officially-recognized role in a church or other ministry in order to make a difference in people's lives. What I have been realizing, however, is that ministry can occur anywhere and at anytime. When I cross paths with a fellow believer who is in need of encouragement or advice, this presents an opportunity for ministry. When I am studying theology in a local Starbucks and someone comes up to me and asks me what book I am reading, this too provides me with an open door for ministry. Ministry is not something which ends when I punch the clock at the end of the day. Rather, ministry can take place in every situation in which I find myself on a daily basis. Every person with whom I come in contact and every task with which I am entrusted allows me the chance to serve our Lord and others in what we call "ministry." It

seems only fitting that this is part of what my life as a missionary-in-training currently consists of, for will this not be in large part what my ministry overseas will look like? It will not always (and in fact may never) involve an officially-recognized position, but will instead consist of my faithfulness in being salt and light in each and every situation!

As a practical example of what this may look like in my life currently, a few weeks ago I was having a conversation with a Christian friend who was interested in the mission field but felt that he needed to discuss this option with someone who had previous experience in this field, as he himself had just recently been exposed to it. I gladly suggested that although we both were quite busy, we should find some time to have coffee later in the week. We did this and I was able to take this opportunity to encourage him in this area, as well as recommend to him some professors and missionaries to get in contact with who would be able to answer some of his questions more specifically. In another situation I was given the privilege of representing the mission organization with which I am affiliated at a local church mission conference. During this time I was able to meet and pray with numerous individuals and couples who were seeking to serve the Lord overseas. In ministry opportunities to unbelievers, I play soccer weekly in a local park with individuals of greatly varying backgrounds. Afterwards a few of us will often sit in the grass and talk about careers, family, beliefs, and life in general, thereby allowing an open door from time to time for me to share my personal beliefs.

What I have come to be aware of in my life as a missionary-in-training here in seminary is that I need to release grandeur notions of involvement in a high-profile ministry position. If the Lord were to provide one, then I may consider the possibility, but the important thing to remember is that the absence of a job title in no way relieves me of the responsibility to be faithful in the encounters and opportunities which I do have. Ministry is a fulltime lifestyle rather than a nine-to-five occupation, and as I continue to receive training for future ministry overseas, I must continue seeking to serve and to be faithful in every situation, for we are not called to seek lofty positions, but to be faithful to Him who has called us, even in the "small things".

Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five talents. See, I have gained five more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "The man with the two talents also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two talents; see, I have gained two more.' "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!' "Then the man who had received the one talent came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your talent in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.' "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

" 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

Mt. 25:14-30

## FINANCIAL REPORT

### Expenses

Scholarship distribution	\$45,000
Field workers award	\$5,000
Office expense	\$313
Total expenses	\$50,313

### Assets

Cash	\$54,933
Stock	\$47,813
Mutual Fund	\$226,040
Total funding as of April 30, 2009	\$328,786

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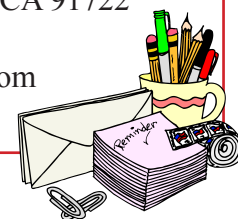
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*"They will rebuild the ancient ruins and restore the places long devastated; they will renew the ruined cities that have been devastated for generations."* Isaiah 61:4

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### 宣教士學生的背景

作者：2006, 2007, 2008收割者獎學基金會獎學金得主

我在馬利蘭洲一個基督教家庭出生。但我卻不覺得馬利蘭洲是我的家鄉。三歲時，我們一家遷到海外，父母在非洲和東南亞侍奉了十四年。五歲時，我在家中客廳裡接受了耶穌為我個人的救主。自幼，神已在我的心裡動工，培養一顆對神的敬畏和對未得之民的愛。成長的過程中，有人問：長大後，做什麼？很自然的答案是：宣教士。人們都願意聽，因為這個答案很動聽，我就說給他們聽啦。但是，當我漸漸長大，這個答案成為我所渴慕的願望。自從搬回美國，神預備了好幾次短宣來印証他對我的呼召。有時候，我舍不得放棄我擁有的，回去宣教工場。然而，我需要等候神的時間。現在，我正處於神安排的計劃中。

當我念大學時，我參與大學事工的宣教計劃團隊，負責計劃和組織大學學生短宣事工。過去六年，我在“先鋒”工作，這是一個專注在未得之民中植堂的國際差傳團體。自從中學最後一年，我就在這裡做事，有時候是半工，有時候是全職。自從2005年八月開始，我是全職侍奉。在教會，我參與在周三晚上的中學生崇拜，與在主日崇拜的敬拜讚美侍奉。

在宣教來說，我渴慕到海外去長宣，我會尋求神的帶領。但是，我希望回到我長大的亞洲去。我想，神把經驗，知識，語言，文化放在我生命中，一定有他的美意，可能就是要把我帶回去。我願意去一個屬靈黑暗的未得之民中，是未有宣教士，或是很少宣教事工的地方。我渴慕去為海外的原住民建立教會。這是我一生所盼望的，也是令我最興奮的。但在聖靈不斷的帶領，及周圍的人，包括父母和祖父母（先鋒差傳的創辦人）的激勵下更堅定。

### 三年之後，這位學生的成長...

#### 侍奉：一種生活方式

當我要考慮怎樣分享宣教士的學徒生活時，我不知道有什麼值得一提。在神學院，我未曾參與什麼驚天動地的侍奉，也不可能去解決全球的窮困。然而，我全時間去上學，參加教會活動和工作。剛來到神學院時，我的期望是：我會參與一個興旺的事工，每個人都有像我的宣教熱情，每一個課程都會直接對我將來在宣教工場的侍奉有影響，還有許多。。。但是，事實與期望卻不一致。

重點是認識什麼是全時間的侍奉。開始的時候，為了我未能全心的投入教會或社區的侍奉，我感到內疚。神慢慢的讓我明白我對侍奉的錯誤觀念。我一直認為侍奉就像是一個職務。作為一個宣教士學徒，我需要在教會，在侍奉的崗位找一個正式的名銜才可以改變人的生命。現在我明白：侍奉是隨時隨地的。當我遇上有需要鼓勵，或提醒的弟兄姊妹，這就是一個侍奉的機會。當我在Starbucks溫習神學的時候，有人來問我讀的是什麼書，這也是一個侍奉的機會。無論得時不得時，只要有機會，我都會去侍奉。這就是我學習作宣教士的生活。這也就是將來去遠方侍奉的縮影。它不一定會（其實一定不會）有正式的名銜，但我必須憑著信心，在每一個情況為主作光做鹽。

幾周前，我與一位基督徒朋友談話。他對宣教有興趣，但覺得需要與一位有經驗的來討論這個可能性。我高興的提議：雖然我們都很忙，我們應該找一個時間去喝咖啡。我們去了。透過這個機會，我鼓勵他。也提議他聯絡一些教授和宣教士，讓他們為他的問題提供答案。在另一個機會，我代表了我們的宣教團體去參加宣教會議。



我遇見許多人，包括單身和夫婦，更有機會與他們一起禱告。他們都在尋找到遠方侍奉主的機會。每周我到一個公園跟不同背景的人踢足球。踢完球，有一些人留下來，坐在草坪上聊天包括職業,家庭,信仰和生活。在談話家常時，門就打開，讓我分享我的個人信仰。

在宣教士學徒生活中，我需要放下參與高知名度職位的堂璜概念。當然，如果神預備的話，我會考慮。但是，最重要是，沒有正式的名銜也不會減退我面對侍奉的信心。服侍是一套全時間的生活方式，不是一份朝九晚五的職業。在我繼續我的海外宣教訓練時，我需要在每一個侍奉的機會上忠心。因為我們不是被召去得到高職和名銜，而是對召我們的神忠心，尤其在“小的事情”上。(馬太25:14—30)

“天國又好比一個人要往外國去，就叫了僕人來，把他的家業交給他們。按著各人的才幹，給他們銀子。一個給了五千，一個給了二千，一個給了一千。就往外國去了。那領五千的，隨即拿去做買賣，另外賺了五千。那領二千的，也照樣另賺了

二千。但那領一千的，去掘開地，把主人的銀子埋藏了。過了許久，那些僕人的主人來了，和他們算賬。那領五千銀子的，又帶著那另外的五千來，說，主阿，你交給我五千銀子，請看，我又賺了五千。主人說，好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人。你在不多的事上有忠心，我要把許多事派你管理。可以進來享受你主人的快樂。那領二千的也來說，主阿，你交給我二千銀子，請看，我又賺了二千。主人說，好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人。你在不多的事上有忠心，我要把許多事派你管理。可以進來享受你主人的快樂。那領一千的，也來說，主阿，我知道你是忍心的人，沒有種的地方要收割，沒有散的地方要聚斂。我就害怕，去把你的一千銀子埋藏在地裡。請看，你的原銀子在這裡。主人回答說，你這又惡又懶的僕人，你既知道我沒有種的地方要收割，沒有散的地方要聚斂。就當把我的銀子放給兌換銀錢的人，到我來的時候，可以連本帶利收回。奪過他這一千來，給那有一萬的。因為凡有的，還要加給他，叫他有余。沒有的，連他所有的，也要奪過來。把這無用的僕人，丟在外面黑暗裡。在那裡必要哀哭切齒了。”

## 財務報告

### 支出：

獎學金.....	\$ 45,000
宣教士工場獎勵金.....	\$ 5,000
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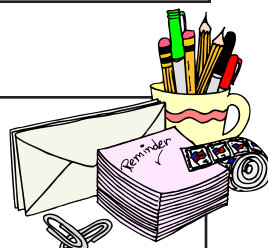
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