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A Life Responds to God's Plan

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My family has lived life by one motto since before I was born: "Ministry is about an opportunity." My father has been a senior pastor since I was three, before that he was a youth pastor, and my mother has often filled the role of worship leader at the churches I grew up in. My two brothers and I were taught from a young age to follow 1 Corinthians 10:31, taking every opportunity to display the glory of God. This meant that whatever I did, whether it was helping an elderly lady up the steps at church, helping in the nursery, or taking over the position of worship leader when my mom was no longer able to, was done with as much excellence as I could manage and with a heart that desired God to be praised.

I was saved at the age of six. The week prior to this I had made a comment to my parents about being a Christian because they were. My parents sat me down after that and explained that the faith of my family didn't make me a Christian, to be a Christian I would have to believe that Jesus had died for my sin and accept him as my savior. That week my mind never left the topic, and the following Sunday I stood in the hallway in front of the sanctuary asking Jesus to be my savior and to forgive me of my sins. Not long after I was saved, I had my first introduction to

foreign missions. My mother went as a short-term missionary to Malawi, Africa, and I began to feel the pull of the call to reach the lost with the gospel. For the first time I was heartbroken for the loss. At the time all I could do was cry, but my dad heard me and came to see what the matter was. This prompted a discussion about God's call to Christians to seek the lost and share the hope we have in Jesus. My heart for missions was created at that moment even though I would not receive the calling to vocational missions until I was fourteen.

My first opportunity to go on a mission trip was in 2018 when a group from my church went on their annual mission trip to Piedras Negras, Mexico. I loved being able to bridge the gap between two cultures, and it felt like I was at home in that world. Although I barely spoke any Spanish, I learned something very important from that trip; God's love spans across every boundary our lives hold. Galatians 3:28 says "There is neither Jew nor Greek, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (NIV). This means that salvation is for everyone, and I want to make sure everyone has that opportunity. My vision for missions has really been shaped by this, especially

my desire to work with unreached and unengaged people groups. These groups have no access to the gospel and few people who are trying to bring it to them. I'm working towards this goal by pursuing a degree in Intercultural Studies at Texas Baptist College, a school that has a direct relationship with the International Mission Board that allows students to participate in hands-on mission work while going to school. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19) is not a passive remark, it is a command. God has not just called but commanded me to go to those who desperately need the hope that can only be found in Him. Acts 4:12 says, "Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved." As I go out to all nations, this is what I will share. Salvation is found in Jesus alone.

While I am confident in the call God has placed on my life, I have not always been that way. Up until my junior year of high school I tried everything I could

to run away from God's plan because, although this calling gave me peace that I hadn't experienced since salvation, living with anxiety most of my life had conditioned me to plan everything, even down to the most minute detail. Even though I knew God had a plan for my life, I also understood it would be full of unknowns, so I did what I do best: I made a plan. For a while, I tried to create my own path and squeeze God's plan into it, but it never gave me the same peace I saw in the stories of missionaries living faithfully among the people God had called them to. Eventually, I realized God's plan would never fit inside of mine. When I finally surrendered and began doing what He was calling me to do, I experienced an overwhelming peace.

The verse that I am living by in this present time is Romans 1:16 which says, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile." This is the scripture that I hope to embody. As I study at Texas Baptist College, I will be actively learning how best to share the gospel that I am not ashamed of. As I go forth into this world, I will be praying that everyone I come into contact with will have the opportunity to experience "the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."

FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation:	\$20.483
Other Incomes:	\$ 8.707
Expenses:	
Scholarship Distribution	\$65,000
Office Expenses	\$ 490
Total Expenses	\$65,490
Deficit:	<u>(\$36,300)</u>
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 26,074
Mutual Fund	\$1,571,512
Total Assets	\$1,597,586
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1st Timothy 2:3-4

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