

APRIL: ADVENTURES IN MISSIONS



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...AND ANOTHER DOOR OPENS

April: leaving Lubbock and preparing for Homestead

The last few weeks of my AIM time in Lubbock were both parts sad and wonderful. The goodbyes were bittersweet but the excitement of the field was electric. I was able to reflect on everything that had happened in those 7 months at Sunset and it amazed me that so much could happen in what felt like a blink of an eye. In the end, I can

confidently say that it was a privilege to be able to learn at SIBI under my instructors, and I was so very blessed by the AIM directors, staff, assistants, and my classmates. I can only thank God for bringing me this far; and you all, for providing me with the means to embark on this incredible journey.

"WE HAVE THIS AS A SURE AND STEADFAST ANCHOR OF THE SOUL, A HOPE THAT ENTERS INTO THE INNER PLACE BEHIND THE CURTAIN." - HEBREWS 6:19

Lessons Learned

When I was little I always wondered about what it would be like to "grow up". I couldn't quite grasp at what made up that great divide between my own little self, and the grown people I saw around me. This carried on for quite some time, and I turned 20 before I had even the slightest hint of what it might be. What AIM, and to a larger extent ministry has shown me, is that it's responsibility that makes

the difference. I think it's an obligation to others that takes us out of our own small little worlds and into a life of purpose.

All this to say that my beginning experience of service as a part of Christ's body has matured me in ways I never could have anticipated.

God has given us the most wonderful purpose of all: to love and serve others, and to share the hope that is in us.

Encouragement:

"YOU HAVE GIVEN ME THE SHIELD OF YOUR SALVATION, AND YOUR RIGHT HAND SUPPORTED ME, AND YOUR GENTLENESS MADE ME GREAT."
-PSALM 18:35

So many times I feel like I have just stumbled upon this incredible new life in Christ. All too often I tell myself that I am trying to do something that I am just not capable of. But God reminds us so many times that it is His grace, His gentleness, and His power that allows us to do wonderful things in His name.

"AND GOD IS ABLE TO MAKE ALL GRACE ABOUND TO YOU, SO THAT HAVING ALL SUFFICIENCY IN ALL THINGS AT ALL TIMES, YOU MAY ABOUND IN EVERY GOOD WORK."
-2CORINTHIANS 10:8

Goodbye Lubbock...



I was browsing through old photos from Lubbock and I found a picture that Jamie White (now my teammate!) had taken of a few of us on our first day of classes.

That prompted me to look for the last picture I took in Lubbock: This one features most of my teammates and our assistants on the day of our final goodbyes.



It is so strange to think of everything that took place between those two pictures. Once again I am struck by how very blessed I am to be a part of this wonderful experience.

...Hello Homestead!

I will be leaving my home in T.X. to go to Homestead, Florida on the 22nd of May. I will be working with my team of six, under missionary Mike Hoots in association with the Homestead Church of Christ. Our work will be Inner City Missions, primarily with youth in the suburbs of Miami. We will strive to reach youth in surrounding areas through a number of programs: R.C.A. and J4L are 2 of our biggest ones:



Teaching at Redland Christian Academy will be a large part of what we will be doing during the school year. Redland Christian Academy is a nonprofit private Christian school run through Homestead Church of Christ. R.C.A. serves children and young people from pre-K all the way through high school. As AIMers we will be responsible for teaching bible classes 5 days out of the week, as well as organizing and leading Chapel for the school. Our ultimate goal is to expose these kids to the Gospel and to show Christ.



J4L (Jesus for Life) is an after school program for kids in the community. We will meet with the J4L-ers throughout the week to act as a mentor and friend. Our mission is to become a part of their lives so that we can make an impact in order to build them up in Christ.

I am sure I will have so much more to tell when I finally get to Homestead. I am so excited and I would greatly appreciate your prayers for myself, my team, and the people we're going to come into contact with in Homestead. Now more than ever, I believe I will rely on your prayers and support.

Prayer Requests

- *That the team gets to Homestead safely
- *For the strength and spiritual health of myself and the team as we venture out into our mission field.
- *For the unreached in Homestead: that God will prepare their hearts and minds for His good news.
- *That the team, our missionary mentor Mike Hoots, and the Church Family in Homestead be effective workers for the kingdom.

Financial Need

As some of you may know, I am still in need of monthly funding in order to support myself in Homestead. I am in need of committed monthly donors throughout the 18-22 month time I will work in Homestead. If you would like more information feel free to contact me I would love to hear from you!



Thanks

As always, I want to say thank you to every single one of you. As I've looked back on my journey so far, I can't have imagined any of it without your love and support. Every single one of you has encouraged me in some way. You are such an important part of what I have done and am about to do; and for that, I am so grateful.

If you know someone who would like to receive monthly newsletters detailing my time here at AIM, just let me know and I will add them to my mailing list.

I hope you are all well and I want to thank you again for showing an interest in my journey in AIM. Thank you all so much for your help and prayers!

If there is anything that I can do for you, or if you would like to get in touch, just let me know. I would love to hear from you.

For now, God bless!

With love,

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Thank you all so much! & Praise God for everything He is doing!