



# Training Camp in 7 Days

## A glimpse into my life

I leave for Training Camp in approximately 7 days! There are so many emotions and thoughts that are running through my mind as I think about leaving for Training Camp, and as I step into my role at my dream job.

I am elated, excited, nervous, anxious, thrilled, scared, ready, and privileged. As I step onto the field for a 7th summer with Royal Servants, I can't help but feel all of these emotions. Training Camp is my home away from home. As I take on a

new role this summer as being the senior woman for my team, I am excited to pour into the lives of high school and college students, in the same way I was poured into when I went as a student on Royal Servants.

Being the senior woman, I am "in charge" of the girls on my team. I am the point person. I am the Trip Leader's (Jeff Bell's) right hand man, so to speak. I will be involved in planning the logistics for our team while we are overseas; putting together team teachings; discipling, challenging, encouraging, and speaking into the lives of my students. I also will be in charge of all things medical! Thankfully I have had 2 years of experience under my belt so this summer should be great. I am in charge of giving out all prescription medications on a daily basis, monitoring sicknesses, following up with students who get rashes, bug bites, soccer injuries, sprains, and making sure everyone on the team is 100% healthy so they can do ministry in Costa Rica well and effectively. I am looking forward to caring for my students in this way, and building relationships with them through caring for their physical needs.

I will also be learning how to manage the student's finances! We like to call them, "The Books!" Jeff and Heidi Bell will be teaching me how to make exchanges overseas, from American \$ to Costa Rican currency; how to balance each student's account; and, how to close out "The Books" at the end of the summer. I am excited for the challenge that this task brings :)

As I take on these 2 roles, one is more familiar than the other. I know the LORD has equipped me and called me to this, but there is a part of me that is nervous and anxious to be the senior woman; to be the one in charge of all of these girls. But there is one thing I have learned as I have sat under

leadership teachings the last 2 summers and that is, "Being a spiritual leader only means you love the Lord and you love others." And that is it. My relationship with Jesus and how I live my life for Him is the most important thing, and in doing so, that will flow out in my interactions with my students and team. I don't have to have a certain personality, make the right jokes, act a certain way, lead a team a certain way, or teach in a certain style. I just have to love the Lord, and love others.

Pray for me as I embrace that Truth throughout the summer.

Pray for me as I lead these students.

Pray for me as I expend all of my energy, strength, emotions, and thoughts every hour of every day for the next 2 months.

Pray for me as I take on team teachings and teach students about: Christ, discipleship, evangelism, temptation, gossip, forgiveness, and quiet times.

Pray for our leadership team as we need wisdom to make decisions throughout the summer.

Pray for our leadership team as we give all of our energy to our students.

Pray for our leadership team as we work together to unite our team as one under Christ.

Pray for our students as they finish support raising.

Pray for our students as they enter into a life-changing summer with the LORD.

Pray for our students as they share the Gospel with the locals of Costa Rica.

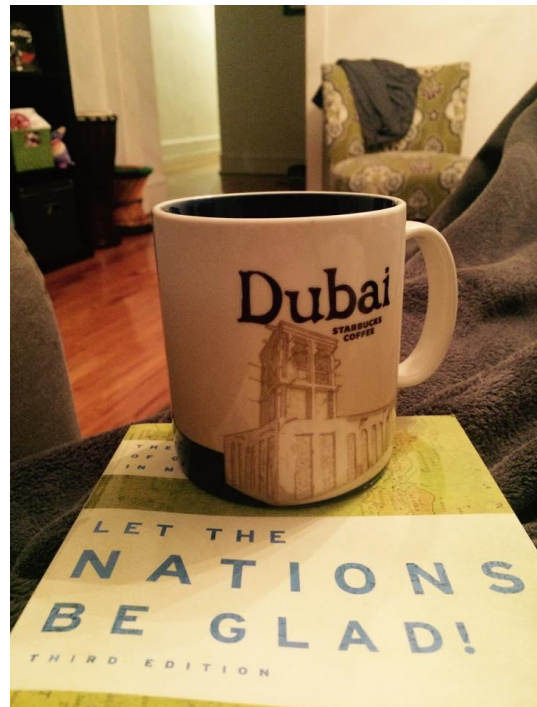
Pray for our students as they bring a lot of baggage with them on the field; pray for the LORD to meet them where they are at and for them to have open hearts.

Pray for our students as they have a lot of fears coming into the summer.

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU, for your unconditional love, support, prayers, and constant encouragement. I am seriously so blessed by each of you, that words cannot adequately express how I feel. Thank you for your prayer & financial support. YOU contribute to my student's changed lives every summer and those in Costa Rica that turn their lives over to Christ. Be encouraged by that :)



Thank you to everyone who helped me gear up for Training Camp & Costa Rica! I am BEYOND grateful!



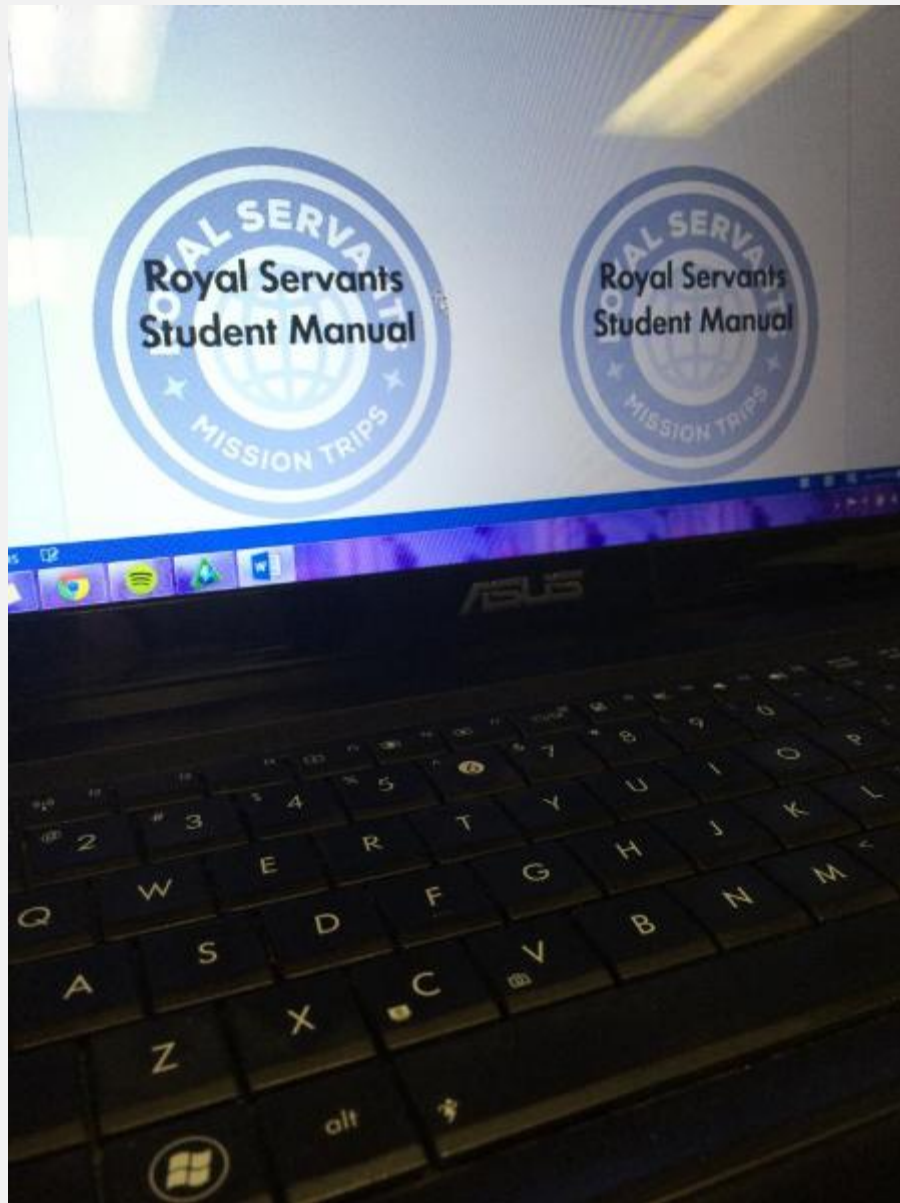
Relaxing with good friends in Chicago, by reading a new book & drinking coffee out of a Dubai mug :)



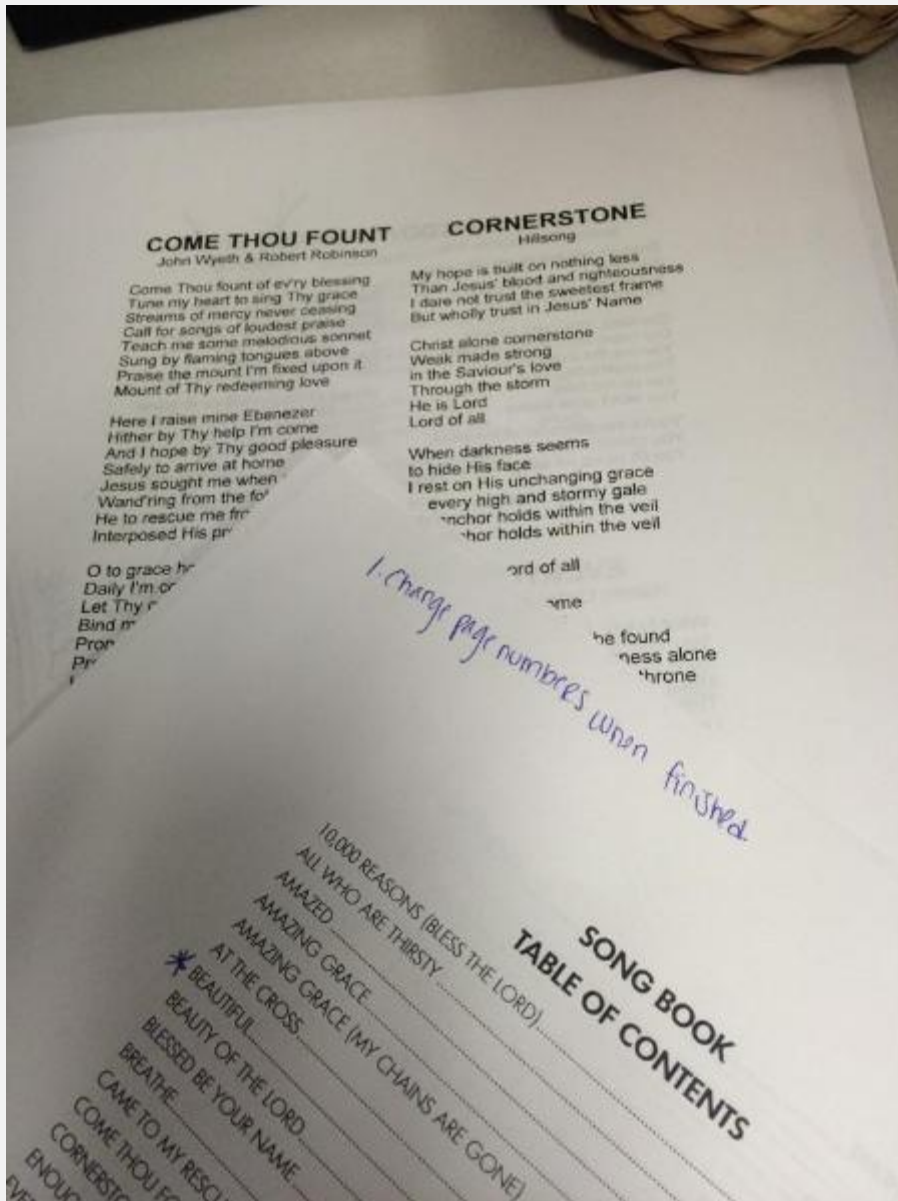
I was able to visit Job and Bethany in Chicago and Sophie and I had wonderful quality time!



My brother got accepted into the Marines, so I drove 11 hours to surprise him before I leave for Costa Rica, and he leaves for basic :)

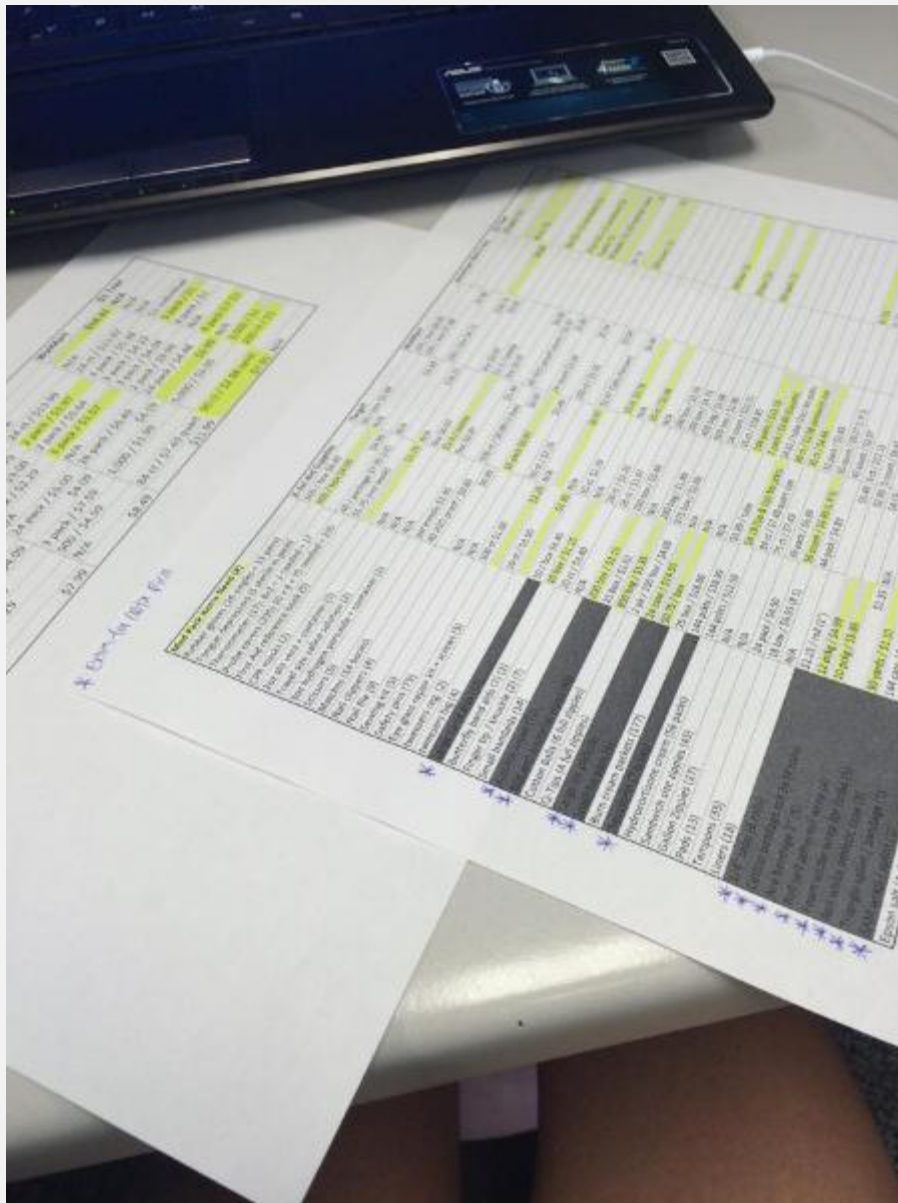


I have learned SO SO much doing this job. I have reformatted ALL of our manuals: Student, Staff Discipler, Assistant, and Trip Leader. I have changed everything to our correct fonts, spacing, titles, and branding, and re-formatted these by converting them from Word to Publisher.



I also helped reformat our Song Book that we give out to everyone.





I was in charge of organized all of our team's (8 teams) medical packs that we take overseas with us. First step: take inventory of everything we need. Second step: Research the best prices and the best stores to get the supplies at.



I got to visit my forever friend before heading to Training Camp!! Being with her and her husband, Andrew, was so so good for my soul. The LORD knew exactly what He was doing when He made our paths cross in one of our freshman classes at Moody Bible Institute. SO beyond thankful for the friend that she is to me.  
#80+yearsoffriendship #foreverfriends #Minneapolis-Wisconsin



Just another day in the Reign Office.



Charging our team's International phones in preparation for Training Camp!



I planned a spontaneous road trip to Indiana hours before I had to leave :)



All of the manuals ARE DONE! I started these in February and finished just a week ago!



Took Sophie to the "beach!" :)



Listening to my Taylor Swift vinyl on a bright and sunny day, with all of the windows open and the birds chirping! :)



The med pack process continues! Step 3: Go buy all of the supplies!





Met with Hildy for breakfast! She has known me since before I was born. What a blessing it was to meet with her after all of these years :)



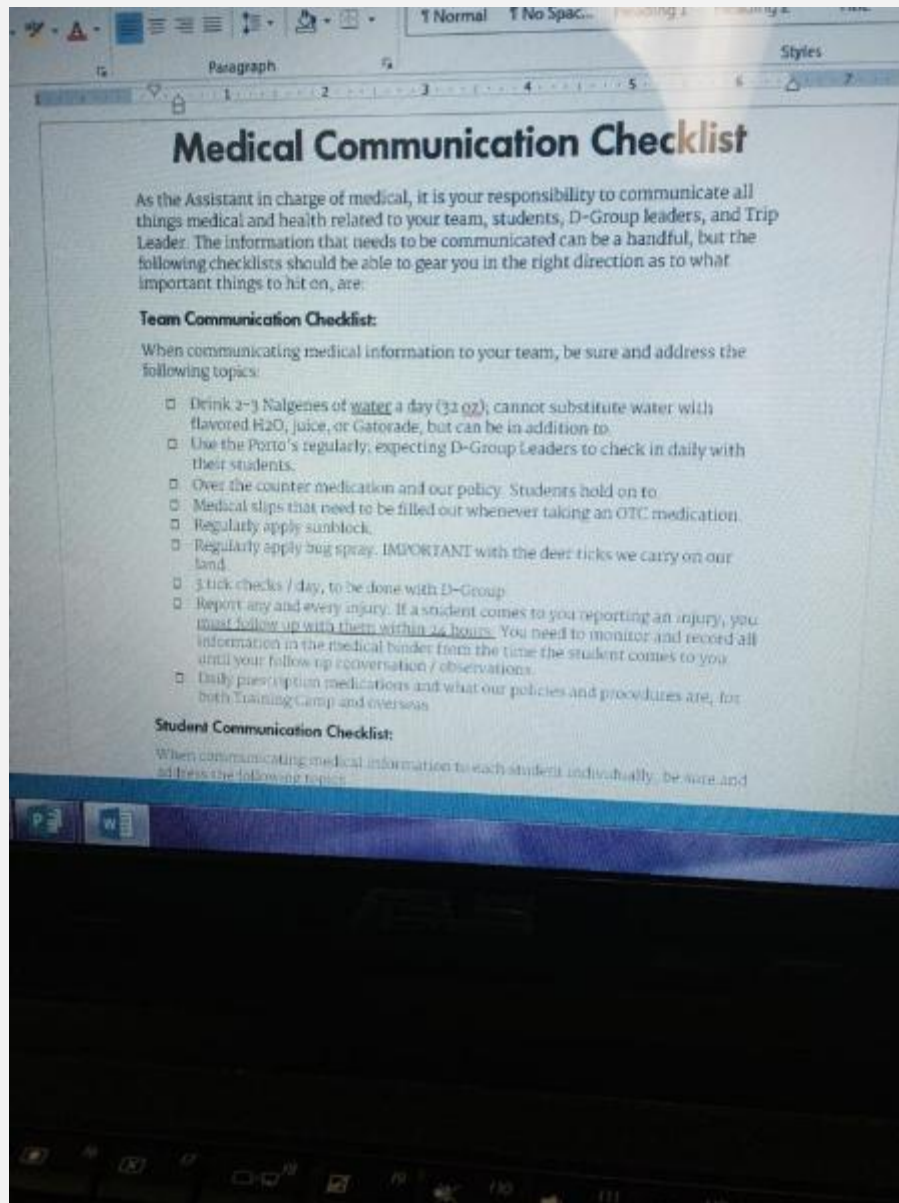
She's my favorite #ForeverFriends



I put together all of our Team Offices, which include: a calculator that prints receipts; receipt rolls; receipt books; pencils; sharpies; lead refills; index cards; a stapler; staples; and new ink!



Raechel made Carly a beehive cake out of cupcakes for her 4th grade kids :) I definitely only frosted a few! Most of you know, I don't enjoy baking haha!



I had to write up a Medical Communication Checklist for all of the Assistants doing medical for their team this summer. I was honored to be entrusted with this big task, especially being the "new one" in the office. I was also surprised at how easy the information came to me as I just typed. I am SO thankful for the 2 years of medical experience I have had on Royal Servants!



We are getting SO much mail, everyday! Processing passport copies, physician forms, health forms, terms & condition forms, immunizations, and domestic travel plans!



and FaceBook! So be on the look out for those!

We are not sure if we are going to have access to Wi-Fi in Costa Rica, so I will do my best to keep in touch with you all while I am there!!!

THANK YOU so much for praying for my summer! It means the world to me!

### **Important Dates:**

Training Camp: May 26 - June 29

Costa Rica: June 29 - July 25

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