

No-Name Newsletter

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Welcome to my first newsletter! I am so excited to be taking this journey with so many people. Together we can share a love for culture and for God's Kingdom all around the world. I will rename the newsletter as soon as I find a title that strikes me as worthy of being the title.

As many of you know, I attended training in the end of May and have been support-raising since then. It is such a crazy adventure and I've grown so much throughout this time. I have loved sharing more of my testimony and how God has given me a desire for missions and for other cultures. It's exciting to cast that vision to others as well! Support-raising or Ministry Partnership Development (MPD) as I usually call it, has stretched me to step out in faith in ways that I never have before! I've been constantly reminded of who God is and His attributes. He's a BIG God who is capable of doing anything. This gives me lots of comfort, knowing that He's in control. So I continue to walk and pray in faith. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." –Matthew 21:22

It is a huge blessing to know that He's given me a passion to bring the Good News of His saving grace to unreached people groups. Unreached people groups are groups of people who have limited, if any, access to hearing about Jesus. That's why I'm so excited to be a part of what God is doing in South Asia. Our team's vision is to bring the Good News to the oral cultures there. John Piper once said, "Missions exists because worship doesn't." My desire is for people in all nations to know God and worship Him for who He is and have a personal relationship with Him.

Top 5 things I've recently learned:

1. Pray and ask God in faith
2. If He gives you a calling to Go to the Nations, you better Go!
3. People are grateful for the opportunity to give, and it's God's money.
4. Expect great things from God!
5. My farm is like a little haven that sings to me!

Prayer Requests

- For God to be preparing the hearts of those we'll work with in South Asia
- For our team as we finish support-raising and once we go to India we'll get adjusted well and learn the language fast
- That my support will be complete by the middle of August
- I find strength and peace in support-raising

Praises

- I'm 40% funded
- God is increasing my faith in huge ways
- The great conversations I've had so far and will continue to have
- Multi-cultural Bible Study

I wanted to include a picture of our group that I trained with. There were almost 40 young adults committing to go to several different countries for a two year period. We received training on Ministry Partnership Development, as well as met with our team/organization leaders to talk about our projects more. It was so inspirational to be surrounded by a group of peers who have a passion for going to unreached people groups. Together we'll reach many countries.



Meanwhile, I've been a part of a multi-cultural Bible Study in Storm Lake through our church and The Bridge. It's been an absolute delight to hear the Bible Stories in three other languages and then discuss the story in English. We start off telling the story, not reading but telling it. Then we'll read it in all of the languages and finally discuss what we learned from the story. Examples would be: What does this tell us about God and Jesus, what does it tell us about us as humans, and how can we apply it to our lives? One of the hardest parts is to STICK TO THE STORY. We can only talk about the passage we read. It's similar to what we'll be doing a variation of in India. I'm so thrilled to be a part of it.

If you'd like to know more about the mission I'm going on and we haven't yet, please email me and I'd love to meet with you, speak at your church, or any small group you're involved in! Like I said, it's so much fun to share my love for missions with others! Together, reaching people here and afar, we'll work and strive for God's Kingdom. Thank you for your love and prayers!

Many blessings,
Jessica

If you'd like to be a prayer partner:

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If you'd like to be a financial sender

Give Here:

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Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-13

Oh sing to the LORD a new song;
sing to the LORD, all the earth!
Sing to the LORD, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to
day.

Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the
peoples!

For great is the LORD, and greatly to
be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the
earth rejoice;

let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything
in it!

Then shall all the trees of the forest
sing for joy