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**Thank you for your continued prayers as we press into a busy summer of ministry. Our family is well and we praise God for His continued grace and blessing.**

We finished the month of May by getting things ready for the arrival of pastors and missionaries from around the country as we held the Semiannual Board of Trustees' Meeting and Candidate School. This time always comes the first week of June and December respectively. Everything went very well.



This year we had 48 in attendance at Candidate School and it was a blessed time. New missionaries were approved for USA Church Planting in urban centers and the Navajo Nation as well as Cambodia, Philippines, Honduras, Costa Rica, Brazil, England, and the United Kingdom. We also had two associate missionary couples approved who will serve in a support role to church planters and ministry to the US Military around the world.



Mary and I paid close attention as we participated in the different aspects of preparation and logistics, the missionary screening process, and the training programs of our candidate school because this December we will be on our own. Brother Dan DeLong is transitioning to the role of International Representative and so one of the actions taken by the Board was to install me as the new Pre-field Ministries Director for BIMI.

It will now be our responsibility to direct and coordinate all pre-field ministries, including the promotion of opportunities for missionary service, the screening of new missionary candidates, the training of those candidates and their deputation process as well as the CAMP BIMI and CONNECT ministries among other things. We will continue to work closely with Dan DeLong and the other directors as we fulfill this role.



Mary and I are very humbled that we would be entrusted with this opportunity and we thank God for using us in this way. As you can imagine, we desperately need your prayers as we take these new opportunities to help reach the world with the Gospel.

In two weeks we will assist with Enrichment Week here on campus as we welcome fulfilling missionaries for a time of encouragement, fun, and fellowship. I will write again soon to report on what God does during the week. Once again, thank you for your prayers and faithful support of our family. May God bless you all.

In Christ for the Harvest,

Jason and Mary Ritchie, Katherine, Anthony, Sean, Emily, Allison, Jenna, & Madelyn





June 11, 2024

Dear Church,

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Anthony Ritchie, and I am 17 years old. I accepted Christ as my Savior when I was 6 while our family was in Mongolia as church-planting missionaries. I surrendered to God's call to preach at 14, and since then I have been striving daily to do what is right and walk with the Lord. I will be a Senior in high school this fall, and I am prayerfully considering where to attend Bible college after my graduation.

This August I have an opportunity to go on a BIMI CONNECT trip to Scotland. The team will be assisting the Demastus family as together we renovate a new church building, distribute gospel tracts, and hold special church services. The focus and aim of this missions trip is not just sight-seeing, but fulfilling the Great Commission on the front lines. Beside this, I believe that the Lord wants me to dedicate this time personally in order to serve Him as I consider whether or not God wants to use me in foreign missions work. I want to do this out of obedience to Christ and I am joyfully anticipating what God has in store!

I earnestly covet your prayers as I step out by faith and go. Please ask the Lord to guide me, to help me lead some souls to Christ, and to get my feet wet in ministry while in Scotland this August! Please feel free to learn more about what I will be doing by following the QR code below. If the Lord would lead you to help me with the cost of getting to Scotland you can also donate toward my trip by following the link. May God bless you!

Sincerely,

Anthony Ritchie

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