



What's New?

A personal note
By Ashton Loyd

Well, for starters... me. This quarter, a LOT of exciting things have happened! First, I'd like to say how grateful I am to be a part of the AIM team. This is a new and exciting chapter of my life, and I'm honored to be able to spend it with you. I'm thankful for Tia Reynolds-McBride who graciously trusted me with her position and for the rest of the team: Bro Poitras, Sis Angie, and Sis Pat, who have made it a sincere joy to tag along on this wild ride. And of course, thank you AIMers for all you do! Seeing the extent of your service in the Kingdom of God and your love for others has already left a mark on my life.

I hope 2018 has been eventful for you because it has for us. We kicked off the year with AIM Training which was very successful! The application deadline for Next Steps '18 has come and gone with finalizations to this year's trip being made, and we have begun the planning meetings for this year's Global ConNEXTions Weekend! Sis Pat has seen applications for AIM pouring in.

You'll notice this edition of AIMers Alley looks slightly different than previous ones. My hope is not to change everything, but rather build on the incredible foundation Tia has left behind. With that being said, please *please* feel free to comment on anything you see - related to AIMers Alley, social media, programs, or otherwise. I'm here to make your lives easier, and a little bit happier if I can, and I need your input on how to do that! Prayers and blessings to each of you.

Next Steps
Tanzania/Sri Lanka
June/July 2018

GoNEXT Kids
O'Fallon, MO
September 15, 2018

General Conference
Louisville, KY
September 25-28, 2018

Global ConNEXTions Weekend
St. Louis, MO
October 18-20, 2018

TESOL Certification Course
St. Louis, MO
November 12-17, 2018

Upcoming Events



Please add Ashton Loyd to your recipient list for your monthly AIM Reports: aloyd@upci.org

Tia McBride will still be the point person for the Go!Center. Please contact goCenter@aim2go.org for any related information.



A match made in missions



Congratulations to our very own Tia Reynolds-McBride and Michael Paul McBride on their marriage on April 14, 2018. Tia has been involved in missions for years, even working for a period of time on the AIM Team giving devotedly to all the AIMers and Missionaries. Michael Paul attends Missions Board Member Harold Linder's church in Winston-Salem, NC where the two will live. Both are passionate about

Global Missions and plan on AIMing in the future! A great showing of members from Global Missions is pictured above at the reception, and AIMer Courtney Boyd did a great job as the wedding photographer!



EME youth are moving out!

EME Youth from Ireland, Scotland, and North England gathered together in Sunderland, England for Moving Out! This was the inaugural year for this week-end evangelism event sponsored by the Northern District Youth Department. The youth of the district "moved out" of their own church comfort zone to meet the youth of the district. They "moved out" of their church onto the streets of a city in the district. They "moved out" into a local coffee shop to host a concert. They "moved out" into a traditional church to share the Pentecostal experience. Eight people signed up and committed to having home Bible studies because of the boldness of these young people. They "moved out" of the comfort of normal! We are looking forward to seeing this great event continue and grow!



California group making an impact in the DR



The California Men's Impact Group traveled to the Dominican Republic in early March to help construct an addition to the Bible School in Santo Domingo. This addition will soon be the new school office, and they also converted a bathroom to an office. AIMer to the Dominican Republic Theresa Blash also was impacted by this group as they re-tiled the floor and shower in her AIM apartment! Thank you: Brother Powell, Brother Royer, and the entire group for your effort and hard work.





Newly Appointed AIMers/Change of Field

AFR

Dale Austin	Keith Ikerd	Namibia – 3 m
Robert Poole	Gary Abernathy	Lesotho – 3 m
Caitlyn Lock	Rusty Riddick	Sierra Leone – 12 m
Claudia Robinson	Mike Long	Botswana – 3 m
Carlos Henao	Mike Long & Gary Abernathy	Botswana – 3 m
Jennifer Duarte	Richard Smoak	NS Tanzania – 2 m
Hannah Sanford	Richard Smoak	NS Tanzania – 2 m

ASI

Veronica Bonilla	Richard Lucas	Japan – 12 m
Michael Durand	David Doan	Japan – 12 m
Katie Miller	Prince Mathiasz & Patrick Miller	Sri Lanka/India – 3 m
Shelly-Anne Wilmot	Prince Mathiasz	NS Sri Lanka – 2 m

CAC

None

SAM

Julissa Carvajal	Ken Cooper	Brazil – 2 m
Andres Choconta	Jacob Palma	Uruguay – 9 m
Gus LaFosse	Jacob Palma	Uruguay – 3 m

EME

Andrew Mollett	Luke Havens	Latvia – 3 m
Olivia Qual	Luke Havens	Latvia – 3 m
Molly Trapani	Luke Havens	Latvia – 3 m
Andrea Roberts	Luke Havens	Latvia – 3 m
Aurora Gonzales	Dennis Uecker	Latvia – 3 m
Caleb Richey	Ray Nicholls	Poland – 3 m
Aaron Reynolds	Rick Robinson	Turkey – 3 m

PAC

Kara Inman	Robert Addington & Brandon Borders	New Zealand – 3 m
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Jubilee Orphanage to break new ground

The Jubilee Orphanage in Mairinque, Sao Paulo, Brazil is making waves. They have purchased property in Mairinque and have been raising funds to begin the main orphanage house soon on the grounds pictured below! Currently, it consists of two homes and two other buildings. There are two caretakers living on the property with their families. Even though it is still in the preliminary stages of construction of the main complex, the association has been a refuge for numerous families, youth, and children. Jubilee has provided food, clothing,

shelter, and more to individuals who had otherwise been given no hope. They also focus on giving much needed spiritual guidance and counseling. Jubilee states, "We are building a place where children and families can feel the love of God through our workers and mentors. Mothers seeking to have abortions will have an alternative for the child to grow up in a loving, consistent, and safe environment, and hurting families will receive spiritual guidance and counseling." These children are given a quality education as well as medical and dental care.



Main administrative building.

Note from an AlMer: Japan

I've always respected the pioneer missionaries whose vision for the Gospel pierced into the unknown places. I envision the Apostle Paul traveling around Roman Asia, presumably with pack mules, the provisions for his journeys, and the tools for his trade as a tent maker. He would journey to places that neither his transformative Gospel nor even his Jewish monotheistic heritage had touched.

Paul did what was needed to support himself financially. He used his craft, his education, and his zeal to extend the sacred boundaries of the Kingdom of God further into the lives he came into contact with.

Being here in Japan is a different experience and my almost isolated situation from the ecclesia (the church), has given me a sense of what it was like for our missionaries to land in a new country. They didn't speak the language, have the needs of church organizational structure to fill their time at first, and they didn't have the Internet as a distraction. They were physically and mentally present in the place of the Spirit's leading.

The missionary had a simple objective; proclaim the risen Christ. I have had different roles and responsibilities on various missions trips. I think as AlMers, most of us

assume that we are going to a work where the church structure itself has needs which we want to be a part of fulfilling. I knew Japan was going to be different and it has been.

I don't have any church responsibilities here. I did give a lecture via Skype to HBC, Scotland, but that was one hour and not very demanding. But even without official church duties, I feel fulfillment in my life here as I build relationships and be a light of the Gospel. I hope I never become so wrapped up in the church work that I lose connection with the mission of the church. Every time I've had some free time to walk my streets in the city of Isahaya, I've prayed, "God, Let me meet someone today and make a real connection." To my surprise, He has unexpectedly done everything He said He would.

I carry a burden for people everywhere and now have a special one for the Japanese through the connections I've made. I already know it is going to break my heart when my time here is done, but I'm also aware that while I'm here my work isn't.

Regards, Michael Durand



One conference, 100 new students

During the Southern Region conference in Japan, 3 were approved for ministerial license, and 10 new Bible schools were approved to open with a combined total of 100 new students! Brother Dobson ministered through the power of the Holy Ghost to the people of Japan during the conference. AIMER Tricia Ball said, "I truly believe things shifted and that this region of Japan will not be the same moving forward."



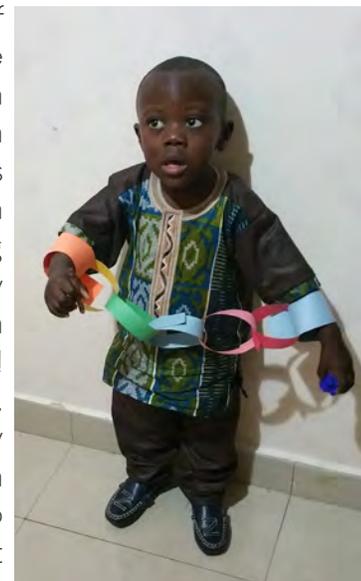
UPDATE: Sister Buckland is recovering well



Pacific Regional Director Becky Buckland recently underwent surgery to remove her Thyroid. She is recovering well! In other news, Brother Buckland has learned how to fix a Sister-Buckland-approved cup of coffee. Both are great and continued prayers are appreciated.

Senegal, West Africa is breaking records

At the end of February, the church in Senegal had a record attendance of 17... which they broke the next week! The church saw their first person get the Holy Ghost this month! She was then baptized the following Sunday. The Sunday school class has been steadily growing, too! Over the past month, Missionary Lyna Sully and AIMER Rebekah Thompson were able to minister to 16 different children!



Teach English on AIM

Did you know you can teach English on AIM? Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) can be a great tool for an AIMER in many ways. You can get connected to a previously unreached people group. You can potentially get paid for working abroad, or use it simply as an outreach tool free of charge. You can also use this tool at home as well as abroad! Some English teaching opportunities on the Go!Center right now include: Senegal, Paraguay, Uruguay, Nicaragua, and Japan.

Global Missions is hosting a TESOL Training Course this fall November 12-17. You can get your certification through this program with teaching by Apostolics who also have a burden for missions!

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