

Hi Friends ---

I've just had the most amazing, encouraging experience that I WISH you could have also --- but since life is busy and you've, no doubt, got a long "to do" list--- I'll try to be brief! My amazing experience happened as I sat at my computer a few minutes ago and started reading through the new, incoming students profiles! It has a picture with their names and then a list of questions as to where they're from, who their sending church is, how they learned about NTM --- what was their education, ministry experience and what is their future plans. WOW! I scrolled down through ?? Couples, some with children, some without, some with college degrees, others with Bible School degrees. Single guys and Single girls! But ALL of them with "future plans" of serving God somewhere around the world involved in church planting in one way or another! Some want to be translators, or linguists, several are pilots, others have technology skills and others desire to teach God's Word, disciple and teach in a foreign country! These are outstanding young people! You might say, the "cream of the crop". And our desire is to prepare them in the best way possible to accomplish this goal. The basic training here is a two year commitment! If they go on into linguistics or other specialized areas, then it could be another year or two. But this is not short term missions! We're training career missionaries --- as they are going into cross-cultural, many times multi-lingual situations! In many respects, this is the marine Corp training for missions.

And we're so honored to be a part of it and we know you are also! That's why we WISH you could see the awesome quality of young people that are being trained here at the Missionary Training Center in Missouri!!! THIS is your ministry also! Your prayers and financial support allow us to continue serving in this place. Paul and I have always counted it a blessing and privilege to represent YOU! Thank you for your partnership all these many years!!! Please pray for these young lives as they prepare for cross-cultural ministries around the world, and pray for the many staff that are pouring their lives into this group of students!!! The picture is of our beautiful, lakeside campus. Here are some statistics that you might find interesting.

MTC statistics

94 Missionary candidates
62 Student units
108 Staff (includes all depts.)
58 staff units
107 Total children
48 are school age
59 are pre-school age
16 others (renters, family,
retirees, volunteers,
missionaries)

That's a total of 325 Total people involved in Sharing the gospel! We trust that this will bless and encourage your hearts!

Your co-workers,
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