

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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A letter from Stephen Fraser, Interim President of ITeams USA:

Dear Ministry Partner,

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Last month, Dr. David Schroeder wrote to you about the fact that he was leaving ITeams USA to become President of a Christian college in NJ - and announced me as Interim President. This month, I'd like to introduce myself and update you about some developments at ITeams USA.

By way of personal background, I spent the first ten years of my life living on the edge of the Navajo reservation outside of Flagstaff, AZ. My grandparents served as Plymouth Brethren missionaries to the Native Americans in that part of the Southwest (Navajo, Hopi, Zuni, Pima, primarily) while my father was serving/teaching at the University of Northern Arizona.

My childhood seemed like every other kid's childhood; it didn't occur to me until my family later moved to suburban New Jersey that it was unusual to grow up "on the mission field"! I met my wife Elizabeth as a teenager at a large Christian & Missionary Alliance church in central NJ, where we eventually were married (some 25 years ago).

Ten years ago, Elizabeth and I moved from New Jersey to the Chicago area with our 3 children. Elizabeth works as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist and I, in addition to my role at ITeams USA, serve as President and CEO of a national logistics company (think warehouses, trucks, rail operations, etc.). I joined the Board of Directors of ITeams USA a few years ago, was asked to assume the responsibilities of Board Chair around the middle of 2006, and became Interim President in late July of 2007.

I am honored to augment the outstanding, existing leadership team at ITeams USA. During this time the Board has appointed a Presidential Search Committee, comprised of a cross section of Board members, missionaries, Elgin Ministry Center staff, and other ministry leaders, who are beginning the prayerful work of seeking the Lord's direction in finding the person He is raising up to lead ITeams USA for its next period of growth. Everyone who is part of ITeams USA truly covets your prayers as we work to do our best to preserve, strengthen, and expand the exciting ministry of this organization!

We hope you will join us as we pray that God will grant us the wisdom and discernment we need in searching for the next President of ITeams USA, and in making daily decisions that extend the Kingdom of God and bring salvation and hope to the lost and unreached.

Serving Together,



Stephen H. Fraser
Board Chairman & Interim President, ITeams USA



Stephen Fraser

You can learn more about who's who at the ITeams USA Elgin Ministry Center by visiting iteams.org/about/itusa_staff.

ACCESS TRAINING - FALL 2007

Below: Missionaries-in-Training at the Elgin Ministry Center (EMC), Fall 2007.



Workers in this group will go to join ministry teams in Ecuador, Bolivia, Austria, Costa Rica, Mexico, and Minneapolis, MN. To learn more about ITeams USA's missionary training program visit iteams.org/go

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

Minneapolis, MN | Refugee Ministry

Several opportunities are available to serve refugees throughout the Twin Cities:

- » **Soul Care-Givers** - Listen to refugees' stories and provide emotional and prayer counseling
- » **ESL Tutors** - Tutor refugees one-on-one in English, literacy, or the US citizenship process
- » **Carpenters/Handymen** - Work on preparing a suitable space for a refugee ministry center in Minneapolis

For more opportunities to GO, visit iteams.org/go or call 800.323.0428

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

A gift to ITeams USA's General Fund helps provide resources to create and support new and innovative ministries that reach communities around the world with the love and hope of Jesus Christ.

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WHAT IS THE MEANING?

Here is a wonderful story from an ITeams worker among Muslims:

I was amazed at Naji's hunger for justice and truth. It was different than what I have seen in my other friends. After a rather long conversation about the need for sacrifice and blood for forgiveness, Naji asked me for the Injil (the Arabic New Testament). I presented him with a copy of Luke and one of Genesis.

He began to pour over the book of Genesis while two other men who were with us read aloud from the book of Luke. It was amazing to see them reading and discussing the Truth with each other. The discussion was going so well that I just sat and listened as they uncovered pieces of Truth.

The next week, I found Naji sharing with other Arabs the stories that he had been reading! He was expressing his amazement at Jesus' wisdom and then shared the parable of the lost sheep. As he finished, he said to the other men, "What is the meaning? I do not understand, but it must be wise."

They turned to me and I explained that Jesus does not want to lose any of His people and that he seeks after the lost until he finds them. Will you pray with us for these lost sheep, that they would be found?

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