

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

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EQUIPPING NEW MISSIONARIES

ONE LIFELONG JOURNEY

In June, 25 new ITeams missionaries arrived at the Elgin Ministry Center to begin their journey of preparation and training aimed at equipping them for missional service among communities throughout the world.

This "beginning" is a training process called ACCESS. ACCESS training focuses on values, mission, cross-cultural awareness, ministry skills, second language acquisition, and preparation for the specific locations missionaries will be going to.

Explains John Barcanic, ITeams Director of Equipping Ministries, "I believe the most important training we can give new missionaries is a clearer picture of who Jesus is and of who they are in Him. Missionaries will face a great number of challenges in their ministries – spiritual warfare, financial hardship, resistant people, complex governmental requirements, team conflict.

"Certainly there are skills that we want missionaries to develop and knowledge they will need to face these challenges," continues John, "but, none of these issues can be faced successfully without a deep knowledge of Christ and the certainty that He has created us for such a time as this."

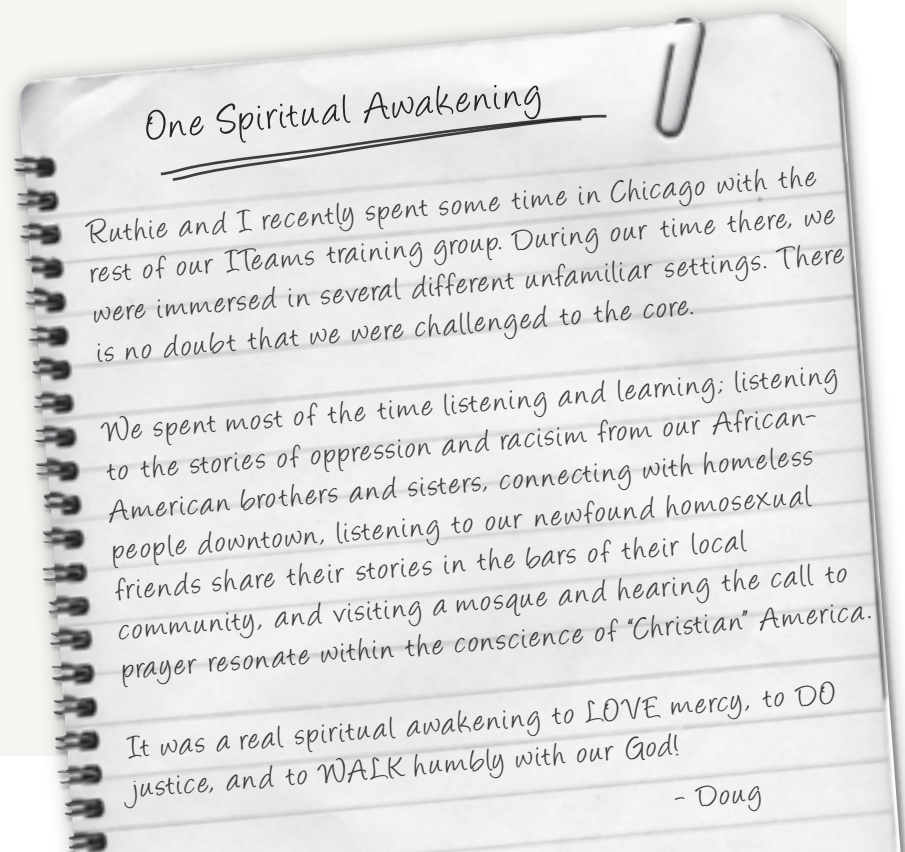
To find out more about ITeams' Missionary Training and Life-Long Learning Program visit www.iteams.org/go/preparation.



ITeams-USA staff prays for new missionaries during a celebratory gathering marking the completion of their training experience at the Elgin Ministry Center.

ITEAMS MISSIONARY PREPARATION AND TRAINING

- International Teams believes that each of our missionaries should engage in lifelong learning.
- Missionary training doesn't just happen in the US. ITeams national organizations in the Philippines, the UK, Canada, and Australia all participate in preparing missionaries who come from 39 different countries.
- LifeMap is a personal development plan that each ITeams missionary begins during ACCESS Training. It looks at various aspects of who God created us to be, key experiences in our journey this far, and the beginnings of a vision for the future.



One Spiritual Awakening

Ruthie and I recently spent some time in Chicago with the rest of our ITeams training group. During our time there, we were immersed in several different unfamiliar settings. There is no doubt that we were challenged to the core.

We spent most of the time listening and learning: listening to the stories of oppression and racism from our African-American brothers and sisters, connecting with homeless people downtown, listening to our newfound homosexual friends share their stories in the bars of their local community, and visiting a mosque and hearing the call to prayer resonate within the conscience of "Christian" America.

It was a real spiritual awakening to LOVE mercy, to DO justice, and to WALK humbly with our God!

- Doug

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ONE VALUABLE EXPERIENCE

This month marks another leg in the journey of Seth and Jeanie Prince. After completing ACCESS Training at the Elgin Ministry Center they will return to Minnesota to join the refugee ministry team based in Minneapolis.

Somalians, Hmong, and Ethiopians comprise some of the largest refugee populations in Minneapolis

We asked Seth to share with us a bit about their ACCESS Training experience... what they've learned so far that has helped prepare them for missional service:

One of the best experiences for us has been visiting a mosque in a Muslim area of Chicago. After speaking with a woman who converted to Islam from a nominal Christian background, and sitting through a Muslim prayer service, we are convinced that it is only by a powerful work of God's Spirit that people can be saved. We understand much more the need to pray diligently for those we have contact with and to be open and attentive to the direction of the Spirit of God.

ITeams Access training has been a tremendous blessing to us. The values, vision, and global ministry of ITeams reveal an open, passionate, and dedicated group of people who truly desire to see Christ's Kingdom grow in every part of the world. We have also appreciated the very personal sense of care given to us as individuals and as a family.

The wonderful facilities, the nurturing child care, and the classes that help us to better understand who God has made us to be, and how we can best serve Him have made it very clear that ITeams wants us to be nurtured and cared for, both here and on the field.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

YOUTH MINISTRY (Tredegar, Wales) - Bethel Baptist Church in Tredegar is in need of someone to lead their growing youth ministry. This is a great opportunity for someone with a passion for reaching out to teenagers... to teach them, disciple them, and live out the love of Christ among them.

SOUTHEAST ASIA

- **Southern Vietnam** - Join a team involved in a church-planting movement of stirring and equipping a young local church to grow and multiply.
- **Phnom Penh, Cambodia** - become a Study Center Leader for the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program. TEE leaders guide students as they study from their home communities - working through lessons in workbooks, engaging in ministry in their original contexts, and then gathering together in weekly discussion to process the week's lesson.

For more serving opportunities visit
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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

ITEAMS USA GENERAL FUND - A gift to the general fund at ITeams-USA helps provide resources to create new and innovative ministries such as those that help equip people for cross-cultural service.

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