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FINANCIAL PARTNERS

ONE CHURCH'S COMMITMENT

ILLINOIS, USA - For nearly seven years, International Teams had a dream for a training center that could serve as a hub for a **mobilization movement of Latin Americans going into missions**. Six months ago, with the acquisition of the property and the first phase of building and renovations completed, International Teams welcomed the first pre-field training class to this Latin American Multiplication Center in Costa Rica!

Two years ago, as the dream was articulated and the final plans were drawn, the challenge of raising the necessary funds was also becoming more apparent. **Thankfully, God had orchestrated something wonderful that would involve the partnership of many.**

Several groups were interested in giving financially to the project, but none had yet taken the first step. But it was one church, in particular that got the ball rolling with an initial 5-year pledge. Little did they know that this commitment would cause an immense ripple effect of groups giving to the project.

5 Churches... 82 individuals... 2 Foundations... 4 Businesses...



The Latin American Multiplication Center in Costa Rica serves as a hub for a movement of Latin Americans going into missions.

INTERNATIONAL TEAMS

- We share a passionate commitment to obey Christ in His call to see the whole Good News transform whole lives and entire communities.
- God values one person. We value one person. Without limit. We will go to extraordinary measures to bring the present and future hope of God's Kingdom to each one.
- There are over 600 people throughout the world working with International Teams.
- We consist of 110 teams serving in 57 countries.
- IT missionaries come from 37 different countries.

ONE CHILD'S FAITH

After telling my six-year-old daughter, Laurelyn about IT's work to help raise funds for a missionary training center in Latin America, she looked at me with her bright eyes and asked if SHE could give ALL the money in her piggybank to help!

Of course I was delighted! However, I explained to her that she would not have any money left to buy other things she wanted. Still, she stood with a big smile and handed me a handful of dollar bills and change.

Laurelyn reminded me that it is not the amount of the gift - or size of the giver - but the size of the heart that pleases God and inspires others!

- Dave

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- SCOTT / IT MISSIONARY TO SPAIN



ONE MISSIONARY'S PERSPECTIVE

Scott and his family are missionaries in the university town of Santiago de Compostela, Spain. Recently, he shared with us what it's like to be on the receiving-end of financial support for their ministry.

IT: In what way(s) are your financial supporters part of your ministry in Spain?

Scott: They are a true family that is a big part of what we do here. They encourage us through letters, their regular prayers, and even through visiting us here in Spain. All of that is in addition to financial support.

IT: How has raising support been rewarding?

Scott: It's been so amazing to see the generosity of our friends, family, and church. It has opened our eyes to ways we can be more generous with *our* time and money too. Everyone needs the opportunity to give... including missionaries!

IT: What has God been teaching you through your interactions with donors and potential donors?

Scott: Another thing has been, again, the idea of generosity. It's great being able to see it up close and personal like this. It is inspiring to see what people's "X" amount of dollars a month can mean to a family like ours... it makes me want to be a giver as well!

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

• Undesignated Gifts

An undesignated gift for the ministry of International Teams will be used to provide necessary support services that maintain and grow long-term initiatives all over the world.

• ITUSA Mobilization Team

In order to enhance their ability to connect with individuals and churches, the Mobilization Team in Elgin, IL is working to reorganize and equip team members in their roles. A donation from you can help them purchase laptop computers (\$1500 each) to increase their mobility.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GO

- **The Urban Ministries Team in Fresno, CA** is in need of a Children's Director, Worship Team musicians, and a Youth Director.
- **Join IT Russia (Moscow)** in raising up and training national youth leaders and missionaries.
- **The team in Santiago de Compostela, Spain** is in need of someone to help manage the Café Terra Nova. The café serves as a vehicle for church planting; a hub for connecting relationally with the surrounding community.

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GO OR GIVE

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