



April, 2009

What an exciting month I have had! Packed into a few weeks were a number of interactions that exemplify the work that God has called and prepared me to do: the work that you are partnering with TEAM to make possible for His Kingdom. I'd like to sketch out just a few of them for you here.

The first week of March, I travelled to Norfolk Virginia for the Next Step conference, a gathering of training professionals from mission organizations, seminaries and churches, with a goal of enhancing pre-field orientation of missionaries. We joined with ACCESS, the Association of Christian Continuing Education Schools and Seminaries, to focus on the use of technology in providing high quality learning opportunities for our people around the world. This conference was very profitable for me and the work that we are doing at TEAM. I was able to learn a great deal from my colleagues, share some of the experience we have had at TEAM with our distance learning tools, and explore opportunities for future partnership.

Two weeks later, I travelled out to Portland, Oregon, where I helped do a "briefing" for a group of eight young people. They are heading to Asia next month for a short term ministry with a family from their church, The Well. The family is living on a plateau just north of the highest mountains in the world, among a minority population with no access to the gospel. We spent two days talking to the group about the culture, language, and religion of the people in that region. Our goal was to prepare them for effective ministry while they are there, and to help them develop a Kingdom mindset to consider longer term involvement in that kind of work.

Monday, a couple with their 2 young children left the U.S. to begin their work in a country in South Asia that is often in the news. Their goal is to make known the Prince of Peace to men and women of peace in a country ravaged by violence. Adam and Amy were at our most recent *phasefour* orientation in February. In addition to guiding them through the pre-field orientation they have done up to now, the Centre for Lifelong Learning will continue to provide resources for their language and culture acquisition in *phasefive* (in the country where they live). The Centre also provides secure technology tools for them to continue to interact with others in ministry, even while they may be isolated geographically and politically.

Wednesday, I spent an hour or so interviewing a couple who are on Home Assignment, debriefing them on how they have been able to implement their personal and professional growth plans during this past term of service. The neat thing is, Lois and I had the privilege of working with Andy and Ruth for several years when we were all serving on staff at Christiansen Academy. Now we continue as colleagues in very different parts of the world. Andy teaches Spanish and directs the choir at an MK school in Spain, and Ruth teaches English. Both are active in church ministry and outreach to their Spanish neighbors. Both are intentionally studying while on Home Assignment: Andy will be taking a high level language proficiency certification exam next month, and Ruth is auditing a Master's level course in post-modernity. While the Centre does not claim any credit for the hard work Andy and Ruth are doing, they do exemplify what we are trying to encourage and facilitate among all our missionary colleagues.

I continue to love my "job" at TEAM, and it is a joy to know that what we do in the Centre for Lifelong Learning is able to impact many people around the world: providing tools, and facilitating ongoing, intentional growth in effectiveness even while they are serving in their Ministry Area.

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## The Next Step Conference, Norfolk, VA



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