



The Life of Riley

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New Beginnings

When you first decide to sell all you have and begin again, everything inside you screams “No!”. Every item you’ve acquired over the years takes on a new level of importance; each one pleading with you as to its value. It is a battle.

But as those things disappear to new owners through garage sales, and your burden becomes lighter, you realize you have been listening to the wrong voices and God has a plan to free you to real life. You see material things aren’t the source of abundant life.

We arrived in Kona at the University of the Nations on Thursday night, April 30th. We walked into the house we rented and doubted again, as we were greeted by

walls and floors. “What have we done?” rang through Tara’s and my head. We begged God to lead us to the right people and furnishings.

Through prayer and much time on Craig’s List, at garage sales, and at Kmart and Costco we now have 4 beds, 2 sofas, a loveseat, a chair, and a dining room table with 4 chairs, all for well under \$1500, and mattresses are ridiculously expensive here. We also were given a complete kitchen outfitting by a local model and her husband who had bought a fully furnished home. There are still a few things we would like to get but we have managed to furnish a lot of our place for much less than what we brought in through our moving sales. Praise God!!

We now feel as though we wish we hadn’t even saved and shipped the few items that we did. They’ve still not arrived and we are quite happy managing the few things we have.

We also were able to get all the kids new bicycles!! They loved it!

What other needs do we have? We mostly hope to see you here learning more about missions and enjoying relationship. We still want to get a few things for a guest bedroom, another larger table and some outdoor furnishings/grill, for entertaining. But we’re here to help as many people go to all Nations as possible! And we can’t wait to be on outreach as well!

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Happy Mother’s Day

What is God’s purpose for you?

“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

Romans 8:28-29

God’s purpose is for you to be more like Jesus in every way. Is that what your life is about?

Tara’s Thoughts



I am sitting here in the eating area of the U of N just before dinner. We were just introduced to a couple hundred staff members at the staff meeting an hour ago.

During the meeting, Regan came to find me and said “Mom, can I do hip hop class like Emily?” I had to laugh as that was not what I was expecting

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This Ain't Your Momma's Church Camp

Here is a "church camp" your teenager will never forget. Two weeks of radical, blow-your-mind, straight-from-the-heart-of-God teaching, worship and outreach live you've never experienced all happens from July 5 to July 19 at University of the Nations in Kona.

Infusion offers a place for teens to meet with God in a personal way. It is a time for your world to grow bigger and your questions to sur-

face in an environment where growth and discipleship can really happen. ([Video here.](#))

The teachings include knowing God, surrender, hearing God's voice, purity, identity, how to study his Word, biblical worldview, evangelism and how to share the Message and so much more. Some of our activities include worship, small group discussions, one-on-one discipleship and



outreaches in the island.

The cost for the camp is only \$620 for 2 weeks, which includes tuition, room and board and a lot of fun. Find a plane ticket and a friend and come to the island!

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to hear from my 5-year old.

I can look around and see people from 10 different countries just as I sit here. I feel strangely at home instead of out of place.

I took the kids to swim lessons today at the city pool and tryouts for a film tonight on campus. We just jumped right into things (We have been here 12 days.) Since we have

been gone the past 3 summers, Regan has not had the opportunity to have swim lessons. I met 3 special needs people at the pool. I look forward to seeing them tomorrow.

I am not thinking so much of the things I have left behind, but I am near giddy about hearing what all God is doing around the world. I am thrilled to be a part of His plan and can't wait to see how he will use us here and around the world. We met with several people here on campus today that would like for us to join their efforts and the things they are doing for Him. We have many things to pray through.

I hope to make it to the beach tomorrow on my 37th birthday! I love sitting by the ocean and feeling the nearness of God through the power of the crashing waves. It is in those

times God and I just sit together, and I know He loves me and I tell Him the same. It is also when he brings your names to my mind and I pray for you and am thankful for how God has used you to bless our family and the lives we touch.



We can't wait to be more a part of this exciting campus, where thousands of people from all over the world learn how to share God's love in missions work worldwide. People may think it odd that we are here, but God uses this beautiful place to attract thousands into missions to go to the unreached.





What Summer Looks Like for the Rileys

We are being given the responsibility of helping to ensure that all training programs and family issues over the summer go smoothly at the U of N. What this means is we will see that the two discipleship training schools, School of Biblical Studies, English as a Second Language school, Principles of Redeeming Cultures school, Early Childhood Education school, Teaching English as a Second Language school, School of Intercession and Spiritual Warfare, [Call2All](#), Korean Pastors Seminar, Korean Couples Seminar, Leadership Training Seminar, three science and technology seminars, Mapping seminar, Orality seminar, Infusion Youth Camp, World Changers Youth Camp, and Conference Training Seminar all happen seamlessly.

The Kona Campus currently houses up to 450+ staff and students. Throughout the summer,

We equip others to multiply as many as possible who will go with us into the Nations to share the love of Jesus because without Him they can't cross the Grand Canyon gap to the Father

with the shorter seminars we see many people coming and going. The details of making sure everyone is in the right rooms, has transportation, etc., takes much planning and effort. We also want to make sure that those who are coming with families land well and are able to function as families during their time at the U of N. Meanwhile we will also be learning everything we need to know about this YWAM base to be able to set up our ministry to succeed.

Please pray that all the summer programs will be fully staffed. Please also pray for God to lead more students to come.

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Above - Plaza of Nations at the University of the Nations
Below - Andrew West, marine biologist, teaching sustainable agriculture for mission work



Did you know?

- Almost half of the world's population (3 billion people) lives on less than two dollars a day. www.worldbank.org
- 840 million people in the world don't have enough to eat. www.wfp.org
- 10 million children die every year from easily preventable diseases. www.unicef.org
- Nearly 41% of the world's population is considered unreached, *i.e.*, having less than 2% evangelical Christians
- Every day approximately 66,000 people in unreached people groups die without knowing Jesus. That's one person dying every 1.3 seconds
- If you took the ratio of Christian workers to total population that exists in North Africa and applied it to Canada and the U.S., then Canada and the U.S. would only have 7 churches total. There's more than 7 churches in my hometown of 2000 people (Prairie Grove, Arkansas).
- "Declare His glory among the Nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." Psalm 96:3
- "I will also make you a light unto the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." Isaiah 49:6

Featured Prayer Requests

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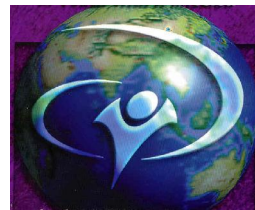
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**Happy birthday to Tara!!!
May 13th**

- Please pray for our friend, Lisa Taylor, who plans to come from England to the U of N for one month to assist in the World Changers Youth Camp. She will be working with dozens of kids ages 11-15 from Japan, Korea, and China, teaching them about Jesus and the English language
- Pray that God will show us what training program and outreach to participate in from September to March. We have been approached by different areas to help lead discipleship training schools and outreaches
- Pray for the U of N DTS that currently is on outreach in Afghanistan
- Pray for more people to hear God's call to go into the Nations
- Pray for the offer on our house to go smoothly, get under contract and close!!!



The U of N has specific needs with regard to early childhood education. The U of N Preschool, which serves campus and community kids from 3 through Kindergarten, needs new playground equipment and carpet desperately. The existing wooden playground is 25 years old.

Anna Ware, the preschool director, is raising \$40,000 in funds for this purpose. Many of you have a heart for education, and Regan will be attending there next year. Most importantly, the preschool is a huge mission into Kona as it is known as the best preschool and unashamedly teaches Kingdom principles and the gospel of Christ to kids from the island.

Additionally, the U of N preschool needs two lead teachers for the fall semester. If you know anyone who has a bachelor's degree and some early childhood experience who would enjoy a new life experience in an amazing Christian environment, please let us know. Below is one of the classrooms.

