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Short Term Assistant (STA) Program

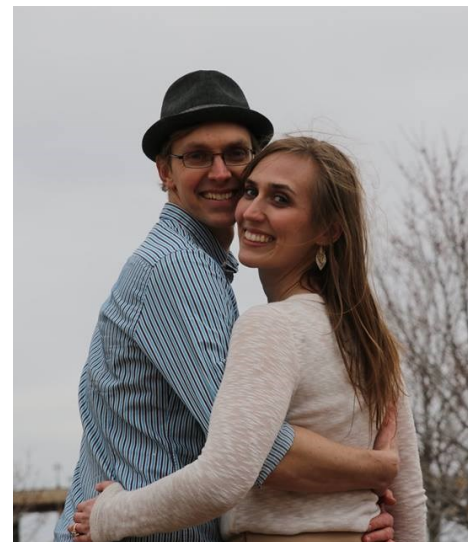
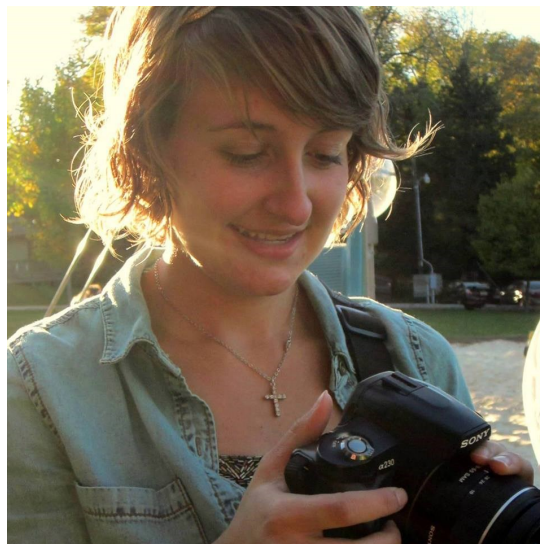
AFLC Journey Missions

Journey Missions is a department of AFLC World Missions focused on the increasing and ongoing demand for more short term ministry opportunities internationally. Journey Missions primarily focuses on offering mission trips and the short term assistant (STA) program.

In 2013 the World Missions committee brought before the AFLC Annual conference the desire for a department dedicated to short term missions, and in 2014 Jon Nelson was brought on as the first department head and continues to build and evolve this ministry.

The Short Term Assistant (STA) program is a ministry opportunity for those looking for a longer term, in depth look at missions. The time frame for an STA to serve ranges from 3 months up to 3 years, with the option to extend their time of service either as an STA or as a full time missionary. Some of our current AFLC Missionaries served as an STA prior to joining the field full time:

- Paraguay—Matthew Abel
- Uganda—Brent and Emily Raan, Micah Berger, Michael Rokenbrodt
- Tanzania—Andrew Olson



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Journey Missions has also seen many who served as STAs continue on in ministry as a vocation:

- Ben Jore—AFLC Pastor
- Nathan Olson—AFLC Pastor, AFLC Schools Teacher
- Jon Nelson—AFLC Journey Missions
- Jon and Hannah Langness— AFLC Pastor
- Jim and Cindy Lilly—Missionaries (DMM)
- Lacey Wenning—Missionary (Kazakhstan)
- Jared Nash—Missionary Teacher (Thailand)
- Ethan Kucera— AFLC Youth Pastor
- Abby Smith—AFLC Children's Director
- Anja Ferkinghoff—Missionary (Undisclosed Location)
- Israel Flores—Pastor, Mexico Lutheran Church

Many STAs who have gone through Journey Missions continue to serve in their congregations and families while holding a full time vocational position. We have been blessed hearing how previous STAs lead in their congregations while being teachers, farmers, moms, law enforcement officers, and students. We are thankful for they have chosen to spend time serving internationally and for the many ways the Lord chooses to bless those who are faithful to go “for such a time as this.” Would you consider giving a \$3,000 scholarship to cover an STA’s three months in the field?



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