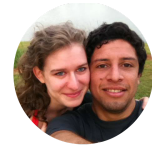


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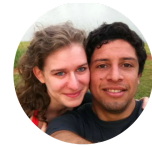
The school has started and time is flying! It took one & a half years of preparation but our students are here, the training has begun, and we're already 5 weeks into the school. Praise the Lord! For the past several months we have been repeatedly been attacked by the enemy in every way imaginable and he has not let up. Our entire school (five full-time students from China, Italy, Holland, Australia, & Canada and three staff members) has encountered severe health/physical problems, false accusations and personal attacks, unexpected financial struggles, and a LOT of stress and sleeplessness. Still, God is getting us through and helping us to grow with each hurdle, while confirming that we are all where we are supposed to be. I am so encouraged to see what amazing things God is going to bring out of this school!

Matias and I have two exciting updates to share with you as well. In March some good friends of ours premiered a documentary they made at the 'World without Orphans' conference in Thailand. It is a gripping and heart-wrenching piece of film that follows three children from different parts of the world (one living on the streets, one in a group home, and one in a foster family.) Over the next few months they are taking it on tour in North America and Europe, and they could be coming to Kansas in September! <http://lostkites.com/>

I have already suggested they add Topeka to their tour; you can request a viewing at the church, school, (or even organize a larger event for the community) through their website. I truly hope you all have the opportunity to see this movie. It will open your eyes and change your life. Many of you don't know this but Matias and I have a great desire to adopt at some point in our lives. We don't know if it will be in one year or ten years, but this movie has brought intentionality to our desire that we never had before.



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Also happening this September is Youth With A Mission's international gathering, "YWAM Together". Every year it's in a different country with a different missions focus but this year it is being hosted in none other than our very own Kansas City! It will be centered on how we as Christians should be interacting with all seven spheres of society (Media, Business, Education, Government, Religion, Family, & Celebration). As writers wanting to reach out to the secular audience, we feel strongly that we need to go to this conference as representatives of our school. (We also love that it would give us the opportunity to visit all of our friends and family). We need to have the registration fee by the end of May in addition to all the other funds to make the trip possible but we know God can do it. Even more exciting is that the second day of the conference (Sept. 5th/Labor day) is free and open to anyone who would like to attend, YWAMers and non-YWAMers alike! If you'd like to get a taste for what this organization is about or how you can be using your specific gifts in mission work I encourage you to go. For more information you can check out <http://ywamkc2016.org/> and <http://www.ywam.org/blog/2016/01/19/loren-cunninghams-invitation-to-kansas-city/>



To end, please be praying about these possibilities. We are overwhelmed with all the things God is doing in the U.S. and we are so excited to share them with you! I do confess I was intending to send this out much earlier but in the next one I promise to share more about the ministry and how God is still taking care of our everyday lives. (e.g. just for fun Matias prayed for pizza last week because we don't get to treat ourselves very often. Well, we've had pizza at least once a day for the past 4 days now and it just proves that God cares about the little things and He also has a sense of humor). So with this I will sign off, it seems my time off from school slips away so quickly. We send all our love to our spiritual family in Kansas and thank God for your constant prayers & support.

*Mahalo and God Bless,
Matias & Samantha*