



GO, GIVE, AND PRAY

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Dear CERT Family,

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8 (NIV)

THE INSTRUCTIONS OF JESUS TO HIS FOLLOWERS ARE CLEAR ... WE ARE TO "GO".

We are to get outside the walls of our church buildings. We are to "go" into our community, our state, our country, and to the very "ends of the earth" to help build His kingdom on earth.

Going out into our own community, state, even the USA on behalf of Jesus isn't too hard; but to "the ends of the earth?" That is a different story. How can the average Christian obey that part of the Great Commission? That's where the ministry of CERT International comes in.

For over forty years CERT has been making it possible for Christians of all ages and backgrounds to go on short-term missions to remote locations around the world.

Although most of our work revolves around free medical and dental clinics, our teams are not just for healthcare professionals. We also need pastors and laypeople.

Historically, the single greatest source of advertising is by word-of-mouth. An endorsement from prior team members and friends of CERT is the greatest advertisement. New team members come to us primarily because they heard great things about CERT from someone else.

So this month I want to ask all of you, our dear and faithful friends, to help us promote our upcoming mission trips for 2015. But first, let me share with you what some prior team members have said about their experiences on a CERT mission trip:

"We have always wanted to do international missions together, as a couple. Finally in 2013 we went with CERT to the Andes Mountains in Peru. The trip itself was life changing, and it became clear to us that we serve Christ better together. We are now committed to be on-mission with Christ as a couple for life!"

Mark and Regina Randolph, Paramedic and ER Nurse



"As a nursing student fresh out of my first semester of nursing school, getting to go on this incredible medical mission trip with CERT was an amazing experience I will never forget. I learned so much! I look forward to going back again."

Brooke Foster, Nursing student

"It has always been a great joy to serve with CERT. This was my fourth trip with them and it seems as if each one just gets better."

Dr. Esther Cheung, DDS



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"Although I am not a healthcare professional, I went on my mission trip willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed. I helped in the pharmacy, I served as a dental assistant, I assisted the doctors, carried supplies, made lunch, took pictures, ushered people through the clinics, and much more. It was a great experience and I look forward to doing it again."

Jim Cox, Layperson



"We recently went on a medical mission to Peru with CERT. My wife had gone on the trip the year before and we decided to take the older kids (Matthew and Sean). We felt it important they see the world and how others live outside of the USA. They are good kids, but like all kids can grow up with a sense of entitlement here in the United States. The trip also served to put our Faith into action by serving others in the mission field. I have served in the military as a physician and Lisa as an RN as a flight nurse and trauma nurse. It was our privilege to serve alongside people of similar cloth to those in need of Jesus and healthcare. Our boys were able to work as part of the team and see others faith in action. We also made friendships that will last our lifetime and beyond."

Tom and Lisa Sprinkle, MD and ER Nurse

We get feedback like that from team members on every CERT mission team. We could fill many pages with similar stories. Enclosed, you will find a copy of our **2015 mission trip calendar**. I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider if perhaps the Lord is calling you to join us on one of these missions. **PLEASE SHARE THIS CALENDER WITH OTHERS.**

If you would like to receive more promotional literature about CERT which you could share with your friends and relatives, just let us know and we will be happy to send you some.

However, as important as the "goers" are, the fact is ... "goers" can't go if "senders" don't send.

Most of you reading this probably will not be able to actually "go" next year, but you can help send others. None of this could happen without the faithful financial and prayer support of the senders like you.

By all means, please pray about your going. And then share the opportunities with friends and family.

Also, please give generously and pray passionately so the goers can continue to **GO**. If you can't go, then please **GIVE**. And by all means, please be sure to **PRAY**.

God Bless,

Jim

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Vice-President of Operations

P.S. Thanks-Giving is next month. May I encourage you to give a generous gift today as an expression of your gratitude for our Lord's manifold blessings?

