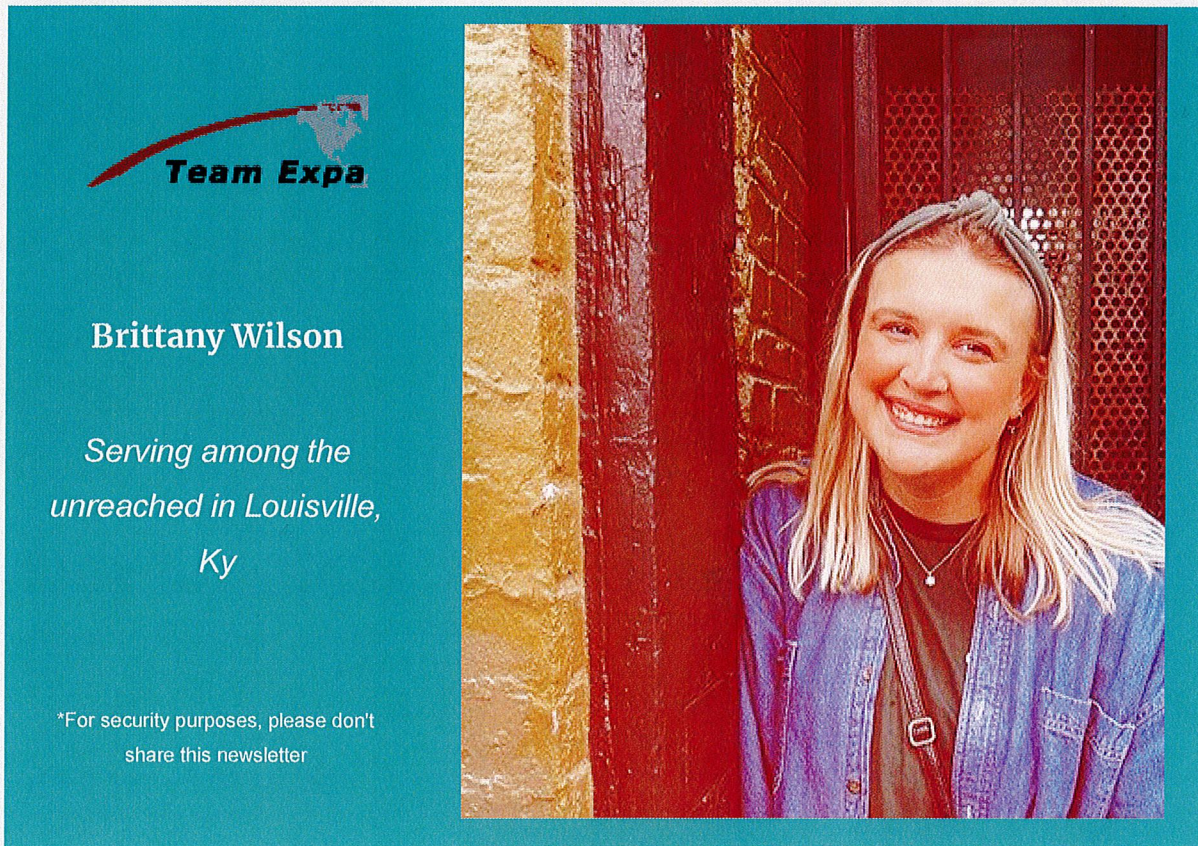


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Team Expa

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The banner features a teal background. On the left is the 'Team Expa' logo, which includes a stylized map of the United States with a red swoosh above it. To the right of the logo is a photograph of a young woman with long blonde hair, wearing a blue denim jacket over a dark top, smiling warmly. The photo is set against a background of a red brick wall and a wooden door with a decorative lattice pattern.

February Update

Hello everyone! I am excited to share what I have been up to since my last update. February was a great month, filled with exciting travel and connections. As we begin to enter into the spring season, things are picking up for our Questers, Pathways Interns, and Go-C students.

At the beginning of February, my teammate and I traveled alongside our president, Doug Lucas. We headed to California, where one of our church partners is located.

The Go-C students have begun fundraising for our trip to Taiwan this summer. It's been encouraging to work alongside them and our full-time missionaries who are serving in Taiwan. We are officially 3 months away from flying out!

At the end of February, we had 5 Questers finish the Launch training with Team Expansion. They have now entered into a season of partnership development while they finish the rest of their required training. I will be walking alongside them as they prepare to head to the field.

Take a Look



1. This was from our trip to California. We hosted an event at Shepherd Church that educated people on unreached people groups and opportunities with Team Expansion to reach those with the Gospel. We spent some time in prayer over the unreached and for more workers to be sent out.
2. Morgan and I were able to spend some time with Gloria, one of our full-time workers. Gloria did a Quest in Ghana and has now transitioned to full-time in North Africa.
3. This was our February call with the Go-C students. Our Taiwan team that we will be joining this summer shared more about the culture and even taught us some of the language.
4. I had the opportunity to lead my church community group this month. We walked through the Great Commission and the urgency to share the Gospel with others. We took time to walk through Three Circles and Creation to Judgement, tools used to share the Gospel. It was a beautiful time of fruitful conversation and it was encouraging to hear stories the following week of those who used Three Circles with friends.

Pray with Mobilization

Within mobilization, we have many different opportunities that we mobilize and recruit for. Our desire and goal as a team is to raise up new workers to be sent out into the harvest to reach the unreached with the Gospel. Here are some specific ways you can pray alongside our team!

Pathways: Pathways is our summer internship program, led by my teammate Morgan. Once our interns are accepted, they spend January-May involved in online coaching, training, and support raising. The kick-off to the internship starts here in Louisville, Kentucky for a week of pre-field orientation. The interns then fly out to their desired field placement, working alongside our full-time missionaries for 2 months. Following those 8 weeks, the interns return for a week of debriefing. Currently, we

have 8 interns who are preparing for their internship this summer. Our fields for the summer of 2024 are Taiwan, Tanzania, Japan, and Dearborn, Michigan. **Pray with us for these interns, and their preparation, and that God will use them in their location (both on the field and at home).**

Quest: Quest is our apprenticeship program designed for people to serve on the field, anywhere from 6 months to 2 years. This is the program that I oversee for our team. Quest pairs those with experienced missionaries on the field who train and guide them to become cross-cultural disciple-makers. They complete the same training as those preparing to go full-time. As of right now, 100 percent of those who have just completed a Quest are now full-time or preparing to serve full-time on the field. Currently, we have 6 people who are in the application and training process to serve as a Quester. **Pray for those who have begun fundraising and are preparing to go to the field.**

Go-C: Go-C is a newer program that we have started here at Team Expansion, that came from a partnership with Pepperdine University. Every summer Pepperdine University puts on a Christian youth leadership camp called CrossWays. From this camp, junior and senior high school students have the opportunity to apply for a short-term mission trip to experience cross-cultural missions. Team Expansion was the chosen organization to organize and host the short-term trip.

The desire is for these students to get a small taste of cross-cultural missions through the ministry of our full-time workers. This summer, we have 8 students who will be going to Taiwan, with me as their coach. Since acceptance, we have had monthly Zoom calls with the leaders at Pepperdine, myself, and our missionaries in Taiwan. As the coach for 2023, it was amazing to see the student's eyes and hearts open up to how He is working on the other side of the world. **Pray with us for the students and the teams serving in Taiwan.**

These are just a few ways you can pray alongside the mobilization team. While both of these internship programs are great opportunities, our ultimate prayer is that more and more believers will be obedient in making disciples among all nations, wherever the Lord places them.

"And He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Luke 10:2)

Pray with me

Pray with me for the apprentices who have begun fundraising.

Pray with me for our team in Taiwan as they prepare for interns and Go-C students.

Pray with me for wisdom and discernment in coaching Questers and Go-C students.

Pray with me for more laborers to be sent out into the harvest.

Pray with me for the unreached and that they have an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

Praise with me

Praise God for the fruit we have seen in mobilization.

Praise God for my church community.

Praise God for our workers on the field and the fruit that the Lord is providing.

Praise God for the people who are joining as interns and full-time.

Praise God for the believers among the unreached.

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A Note From Team Expansion's President

This past week, a national partner visited us from Central Asia. In describing the kind of leader he liked best, he instantly used the phrase, "muddy boots." At first, I thought my ears were clogged up. What could this mean? But within moments, I realized he was implying that he preferred leaders who had been down in the trenches with the troops. He felt they were harder-working, more humble, and more apt to show grace when times were tough. They had felt the challenge of sloshing through rainstorms. They knew that the best kind of rest was the kind that followed hard work. The more we thought about it, the more we wished that all our leaders were the type with muddy boots. We work hard to make sure your favorite Team Expansion missionary has "muddy boots." Please pray with us that God will raise up workers with muddy boots for the harvest. Thank you!

Doug Lucas



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