



Friends,

Does anyone else enjoy watery reflections? I especially love calm waters and the reflection cast on them. As followers of Jesus, we are meant to be a reflection of His life to the world. He is the exact representation of the Father and there is no way we can possibly reflect a perfect rendition like Jesus does. But we are meant to follow Jesus with our whole heart, let our motives and intentions be molding into Christ-likeness, and resemble Jesus to to world. We are an imperfect reflection for sure, but we are meant to humbly follow Christ with the intent, even in our weakness, to represent Jesus as best we can. When we do that we give people a more complete picture of the character of God. These past months He has given us opportunities to speak of His perfect character and transformative power.



International Briefing // Virtual

Every August we have our annual Briefing in Chicago for all interns and teams serving abroad for 1-2 years. Of course like all large meetings this year, ours was cancelled which led us to help plan for a conference of 200+ over Zoom!

I (Tricia) had the incredible opportunity to co-emcee the briefing. I wanted to say, “no”, as I was nervous there would be some technical issue or our kids would argue in the background! But as in praying, I thought about what an awesome chance this would be to encourage and set direction for our interns. Nich also led a rich time talking through cultural and race dynamics within missions abroad - it was fun to plan that and use our past experiences to teach.

What impressed me was just how faithful our interns are. Many of them just 22-23 years old, straight out of college, chose to do missions before COVID-19 came. Currently, many of them are now serving abroad - some in cities they never heard of and also many are still in the States serving at local universities, partnering with churches and engaging with digital strategies to share the Gospel abroad. I am amazed at how many are still deciding to say, “yes”, committed to reflecting God’s image domestically, internationally and virtually despite the present and future uncertainties.

Davis // CA

For our family, our most recent faith step that we’re saying, “yes” to each day, is our somewhat recent decision to move from Southern California to Tricia’s mom’s home in Davis. Our apartment of 3 years has been such a sweet home, however, we were feeling a bit squished in our 2 bedroom apartment and realized we needed some space while our kids continue to distance learn. This season of schooling and working online allows us to be with family, physically stretch-out and have time to ask God for a clearer picture of our future location. As we unpack and continue to settle in, we would love your prayers!



Reflecting Jesus in Central Asia: Emma, Eleaya, Ver, Matt & Anthony

Praising God for you always, *NICH & Tricia*