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missionary associates to asia pacific

Alex and Betsy are excited to announce that in July 2013 they will be leaving for Manila for one year to serve Asia Pacific as Missionary Associates through Assembly of God World Missions. Missionary Associates serve a 1-2 year term assisting established missionaries. Alex will be working at Asia Pacific Media Ministry with Bill Snider, producing media tools for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship. Betsy will be teaching at Faith Academy Manila, the largest missionary kid school in the world. Both Alex and Betsy will be stationed in Manila, but involved in ministry that impacts the region of Asia Pacific.

Betsy Lyons is a tenured teacher in Wheaton/Warrenville Community Unit School District 200, where she has spent nine years teaching 4th grade, 6th grade math and language arts, and 7th grade math, language arts, science, and social studies. She has also spent much of her time volunteering in various middle school ministry contexts including summer internships, leading small groups, teaching on Sundays and Wednesday nights, mentoring students and leaders, counseling at camps, and planning and running events.

Alex Lyons has spent the past 10 years in vocational media ministry, both as a staff member and as an independent contractor. He creates media that matters to ministries and organizations. Alex has traveled to Africa, South America, and Asia to train, equip, and produce content for the local church.

In 2009, responding to the call to "give a year and pray about a lifetime," Alex spent six weeks working alongside Asia Pacific Media Ministries, training college students in video production, providing creative consulting on various projects and producing promotional videos. After a successful trip, Alex and his wife Betsy felt called to serve a year in Asia Pacific and pray about a lifetime of missions.

Alex and Betsy have been married since 2011. Betsy grew up attending Calvary Church in Naperville, Illinois. Both Alex and Betsy are now involved at Wheaton Bible Church, where Alex is on staff as the Video Production Director.

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Dear Pastor,

We have been approved as Assemblies of God missionary associates to Asia Pacific! Both of us will be stationed in the Philippines, an archipelago consisting of 7,107 islands which make up the twelfth most populous country in the world. The country of the Philippines, traditionally Catholic, has many Islamic areas where more religious freedom is enjoyed than neighboring countries. This makes Manila a strategic location because from this city, we can impact the region of Asia Pacific.

The number of people groups in Asia Pacific exceeds 4,000. Many groups claim a Christian heritage but know little of Christ. A primary focus for the Asia Pacific region is taking the gospel to the still-unreached people groups that often live in hidden, remote places where animism and religious bondage are woven together.

Our vision is to:

- reach the unreached in Asia Pacific by contextualizing the timeless message of the gospel, using relevant story telling methods.
- train Asia Pacific's next generation to be and make disciples by applying a Christian worldview to academics and the arts.
- touch Asia Pacific missionaries and local churches by providing emotional and practical support to our co-laborers and their families.

I (Alex) will use my passion for video production and training while working with Bill Snider at Asia Pacific Media Ministries. I will be working on producing media tools for evangelism, church planting, and discipleship of believers; these tools will be available in various contexts to believers all across Asia Pacific. I will also have the opportunity to train staff and volunteers at many local churches to use equipment and to produce effective media for their communities.

I (Betsy) will teach at the largest missionary kid school in the world, Faith Academy. Faith is an international body serving 700 students representing over 20 countries and 50 major mission agencies. Parents of Faith students minister with impoverished families, as teachers at seminaries, as church planters, or Bible translators. Many students live a plane ride away from their parents for the opportunity to experience an exceptional education at Faith.

We would like to serve your church by:

- sharing what God is doing in our lives.
- inspiring your congregation to participate in your Global Missions efforts.
 - missions service, youth service, mid-week Bible study, children's church, home/cell groups, etc.
- creating web, graphic, or video elements.

If one of these opportunities is not available, perhaps we can have a cup of coffee, grab lunch, or simply meet in your office. We're excited that God has called both of us to missions and has provided great ministry fits for both of us in Asia Pacific, but we can't do this alone. We are looking for strategic partners who will prayerfully, relationally, and/or financially support what God is doing in Asia Pacific. We look forward to talking more with you and your church family. Thank you for your friendship!

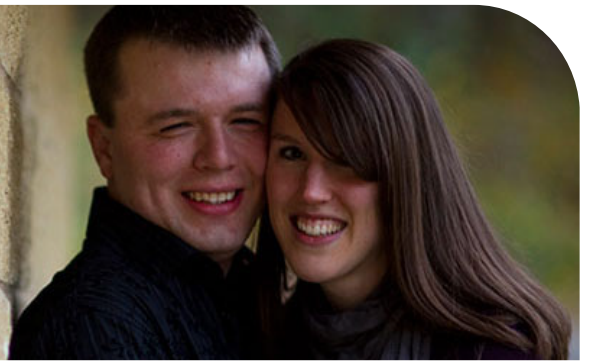
Your Missionary Associates,



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PRAYER LIST

We are looking for churches, businesses, organizations and individuals to support us.

- Pray God provides us with an amazing family/person to rent our townhome for the year we're away. Pray that our home is just what they need for that time period.
- Pray God provides us with friends, families, and organizations to partner in supporting us relationally.
- Pray for partners who will commit to financially support us monthly.
- Pray for partners who will bless us with one time donations to cover travel expenses, visas, and special media projects.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

Your one-time financial support will help launch us into the field.

Air Fare: \$900/each (one way)

We would love someone to support us by purchasing our plane tickets, either to the field, back home, or both.

Visas: \$2000

In order for us to live in the Philippines, we need to apply for visas.

Pre-Field Orientation: \$2000

In June, we will be traveling to Springfield, MO to participate in an orientation with other missionaries to become equipped and trained before we leave for the field.

Security Deposit: \$2000

In order to secure our lodging in the field, we need to pay for a deposit.

Special Media Projects: \$5000

Alex will have opportunities to travel within Asia Pacific for production shoots and to train local church members how to effectively use media to produce relevant content for their communities.

MONTHLY SUPPORT

Your monthly commitment to financial support will help keep us in the field.

We invite you to make a monthly commitment. Your support of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$150 or \$300 (or more) a month allows you to partner with us to impact Asia Pacific together.

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