

Dearest Friends -

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“And you shall be my witnesses ...” Acts 1:8

For all of us at LAMA and La Montaña Christian Camps, this verse mirrors what our mission to youth in Latin America is all about: to love and declare the good news of Jesus Christ to the youth of Latin America. To accomplish this task, strong partnerships between the Costa Rican churches and North American Christians is vital. Beginning in June of this year, we will have the opportunity to demonstrate this once more! Let me share how your prayers are fueling this important aspect of our ministry!

First of all, we select outstanding young men and women, 18-25, to serve as Interns. This summer five young people will be spending seven weeks serving alongside our camp staff in various roles. We are thankful for their willingness to sacrifice a summer of opportunity for themselves in order to joyfully work with our campers and staff. Their role is vital in so many way and their ministry days will be long and full of activity. Please pray for Mo, Aubrey, Alicia, Courtney and Sierra, this year's intern team and for Ray Schwartz, our Awareness Director who will be leading this team once again. Pray also for Josue and Mari who will be aiding Ray and the interns as our Dean of Students.

Secondly, we will be hosting a number of youth ministries who are bringing their students to camp for eight-day ministry trips. This kind of partnership unites youth ministries in the US with us in Latin America. We have seen this partnership over the years build an exciting bond with our staff community, giving these students life-transforming discipleship opportunities. When a Christian teenager from the United States involves themselves in these kinds of trips, their life and viewpoint about their own faith is forever changed. Over the course of a week, they will participate in each of the key camp ministry departments so that by the end of the week, they will have had the opportunity to serve in every area of camp. For many, La Montaña will be their first missions experience. This year, we have groups coming to serve at camp from churches in California, Colorado, Missouri, Washington and Wisconsin. Pray for these students as they come to Costa Rica.

Thirdly, serving at camp is not just something for the young ... but for all of us! We recently posted on our website ([lama4youth.org](http://lama4youth.org)), under 'short term opportunities' a video recently made highlighting the work and ministry of the adults from Encounter Church, Ventura. (Scroll down through our webpage to find it). This multi-aged group came in February for a week of much needed refurbishment to several areas at camp. We want to invite you and your church to do the same, and we can show you how! Contact us for more information - you and your group can make a profound difference! If you don't have a group but you do have the availability, you can come alone as well!

Finally, and most importantly, are your prayers and faithful gifts. We believe prayer moves mountains and accomplish the supernatural! We invite you to continue to join us in prayer that many more youth in Latin America will be reached with the good news of Jesus Christ!

For The Youth of Latin America

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