



# Fully funded and it feels so good...

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by **Marah Kittelson** on June 26th

Welcome to the first monthly newsletter of my World Race! You are receiving this because you have supported me financially, in addition to reading my blog, praying for me, and offering encouragement through kind words and hugs. I have been so blessed by your faithfulness in your finances, and I am ecstatic to announce that I am FULLY FUNDED!! This is entirely thanks to you, and I could not be more humbled by your generosity.

My favorite quote about missions comes from John Piper: “Go, send, or disobey.” Whether you knew this when you gave or not, you are an integral part in the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20), “Go and make disciples of all nations...teaching them all that I (Jesus) have commanded you.” In responding to the command to send, you have helped me go - something I have felt called to do for a very long time. From the bottom of my heart, thank you.

Because you have played such an important role in getting me in the field, I want to thank you by sending you this special update once a month. This will include photos, ministry updates, cultural experiences, adventures, and prayer needs. It will be a more general overview of the month, so I hope you will continue to read my blogs as well!

Now for some business: because I am fully funded, you no longer have to donate to Adventures in Missions on my behalf. Below, I have included the phone number to call if you are a monthly donor and need to cancel a recurring donation. However, I would ask you to consider transferring your donation to another member of my squad, who would greatly benefit from your support as well. I've included a link to their blogs - even if you can't support them financially, please consider subscribing to their blog updates and supporting them through encouraging comments and prayer! On page two is my first update! Once again, thank you, and enjoy!!

- Marah

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## THIS MONTH'S TOP STORIES

### Technically Prepared

This month, the big news is Training Camp! I spent 10 days in Georgia camping, bucket showering, hiking, worshipping, sweating, learning, praying, eating, team-building, falling in love with the other 31 people on my squad, and so much more. Coming into camp, I was expecting a lot of ministry, culture, and field training. We got plenty of field training (especially the night we spent in the 'airport'), but in the first few days when we didn't jump into evangelism or talking about cultural practices, I was thrown off. However, what I did learn was so much more valuable. I learned about who I am in Christ, what the heart of a missionary looks like, how to communicate with others and give and receive feedback, how to study the Bible and share the gospel and live in community...all things that are way more important in the long run. The most impressive part of training camp was that they care more about month 12 of our 11 month trip. The point of training camp wasn't to prepare us for only the Race, but for life after. So I'm technically prepared for year one, and I cannot wait for year one to prepare me for all the rest.



### Team Kintsugi

Kintsugi is the Japanese art of breaking pottery and then fusing it back together using gold or silver. It gives beauty to brokenness in a purposeful way. When our team came together, we were a little shocked. Most of us expected to be on a co-ed team, and four of us had a not so good experience in team-building earlier that day. But we were honest and vulnerable with each other, and we have come to see that God will use this team to turn our brokenness into beauty - hence the name. I am so excited to do life with these five women in Central America and beyond. Here's a quick introduction, from left to right: Lakota: sweet, humble, and wise; Emma: daring, darling, and decisive; Jessica: faithful, kind, and pure; Sandy: bold, courageous, and willing; Jessie: strong, charismatic, and open. I love these women so much already, and cannot wait to share more with you about them in these next few months!



### Prayers, Please!

If you have a moment, please pray for these things for me specifically for the month of July: living in the present, gratitude, productive rest/sabbath, accomplishing everything before I launch, finding a two-man tent that doesn't leak, spiritual strength, safe travels to Italy, beginning my mission NOW, maintaining physical and spiritual health, and practicing discipline in my time with God.