

# REACH

## TRAINING INSTITUTE

2022 – 2023





# LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Friends of RTI,

We are so grateful you have chosen to learn more about and support Reach Training Institute. RTI remains committed to its original vision to see students follow their call to ministry, graduating with an accredited bachelor's degree debt-free and field-ready. Current students are serving in Christian ministry in the locally and worldwide. We are confident that the hands-on practicum training our students receive in ministry exposes them to different opportunities, allowing them to explore their individual gifts and skills in vocational ministry.

RTI courses are taught by local pastors and other professionals who combine their love of teaching with practical experience in ministry. Professors are committed to deep scriptural and theological understanding as well as practical ministry topics.

RTI is a college within The Christian & Missionary Alliance. Students demonstrate growing proficiency in biblical and theological topics and at the end of their sophomore year, sit for pastoral licensing with the C&MA. After graduation, students are invited to sit for ordination or consecration with The Alliance.

This June, our sixth cohort will graduate! After earning their degrees, some will return to their hometowns for ministry while others will launch into ministry



overseas as full-time international workers. Would you pray for them, and all our students, as they balance classes, practicums, work schedules, and homework? Would you pray our seniors would listen to God's voice as He leads them into their next best step? Would you pray for wisdom for RTI professors and leaders as we continue to build community and walk alongside students in their studies?

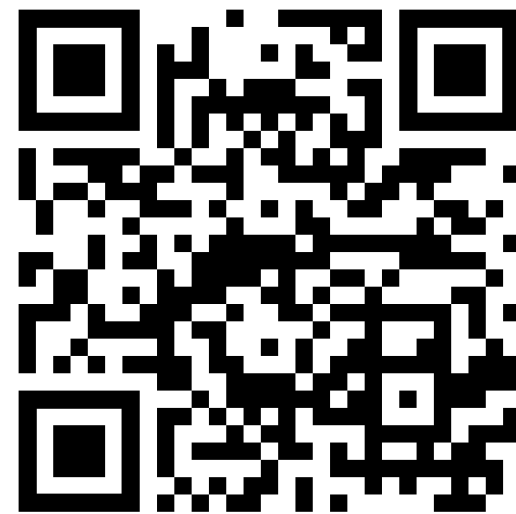
Thank you for your interest and commitment to Reach Training Institute. Whether you are a prospective student, a proud alum, a financial donor, a parent, a friend, or a community member, we appreciate your support. RTI exists because of the prayers of God's people and the generosity of people like you. We could not do what we do without you.

Blessings, Linda Myers  
*Executive Director, Reach Training Institute*

# DONATIONS

The debt-free vision of RTI is accomplished in large part through the generosity of the Salem Alliance Church family. Thank you for your commitment to invest in students who will advance the kingdom of God in the nations and neighborhoods.

If you would like to be a part of this mission, please consider financially supporting RTI.



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### ALONDRA ARROYO

**HOMETOWN:** Independence, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I have always had a passion for mental health and wellness. The Lord revealed I can serve Him through that.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Optimus Prime.



### MADDIE ASHCRAFT

**HOMETOWN:** Puyallup, WA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global & Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I'm excited to obediently pursue God's calling on my life to the nations. I desire to work in unreached places to share the Gospel with Muslims.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My sisters, their courage inspires me.



### EMILY BOATWRIGHT

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I am called to partner with Christ in his Kingdom work in the neighborhoods. My heart is to build up the Church, support the family unit, and help others find and follow Jesus.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My little sister, Annie.



### ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

**HOMETOWN:** Tampa, FL  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God keeps revealing to me that my calling isn't a specific location, but a willingness to follow Him. I want to share with others about His love and how He sees us.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Dr. Tony Evans.



### KATHERINE CUMMINGS

**HOMETOWN:** Mission Viejo, CA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** As it stands now, I hear God calling me into Chaplaincy. I feel drawn towards a life of helping the elderly, ill, disabled, and dying begin and/or grow in their relationship with Jesus.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My mom.



### EMILY DAVISON

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global & Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** The Lord has revealed to me that I am called to bring healing and freedom to those around me. My spirit comes alive when I am able to pray, advocate, and help the oppressed.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My momma.



### JOSIAH DEDERA

**HOMETOWN:** Jefferson, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has called me to reach youth with the Gospel and encourage them to grow in their relationship with God.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Jesus!



### BENJAMIN DITTMAN

**HOMETOWN:** Albany, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has called me to mentor and pour into youth. I want to help them realize who God is and what their identity is in Christ.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Vanya (Ivan Moiseyev).



### KAITLYN DONALDSON

**HOMETOWN:** Keizer, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has called me to shepherd those in my spheres of influence. I don't feel called to a specific ministry, but God is currently leading me to minister to the nations in our neighborhoods.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My big sister.



### WINTER FALTYSKI

**HOMETOWN:** Rapid City, SD  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2026  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has called me to create spaces to invite interaction between the Holy Spirit and God's people.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My dad.



### NATE FRIESEN

**HOMETOWN:** Redding, CA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** To clearly explain the good news to those who have not yet heard it.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** The Salem Alliance Sunday Parking Team.



### KAILEY FRITTS

**HOMETOWN:** Keizer, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has put youth ministry on my heart over the years. While in Jordan, He revealed to me that my call is an ongoing act of obedience.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My parents.





### BELLA FRITZE

**HOMETOWN:** Anchorage, AL  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2026  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** The Holy Spirit inspired me to go to ministry school but hasn't told me why yet.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Winter Faltynski.



### PAIGE GREENE

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I have always been passionate about ministry and felt the call to serve God full time when I was in middle school.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My grandpa, watching how he loves the Lord so much.



### GREYSON HANOWELL

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2026  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to minister to youth and recovering people out in creation, teaching self sustainable skills and cultivating spiritual growth.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My mom and step dad.



### ERIN LANEY

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, NE  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global & Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** The Lord has instilled in me a passion for unreached people. My heart is to be a reflection of His love to those who have never heard or experienced it.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My parents.



### HOPE LINDSTROM

**HOMETOWN:** Longmont, CO  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I know my calling to be one of obedience. Wherever He leads me, I will follow.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My aunt.



### JARED LUND

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has revealed to me that I can serve youth in North Salem that have fallen victim to the system and have been overlooked. I want to provide a safe place of peace for those without one in the North community.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Greg Goodenough.



### EVAN MACKERELL

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has had a strong call on my life to do ministry. Through the good and the bad in my life, God has been transforming me for his glory.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Julian White.



### HARRIS MARTIN

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to minister to people alongside them. Meeting people where they are and presenting Christ to them in a way that is genuine and tangible.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Seth Ellis.



### KATLYN MARTIN

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to work overseas through a non-profit that helps me connect and have a more direct impact to the local community. My call is to be obedient to God and His will for me in His kingdom.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Female pastors and men who support those who are silenced.



### AIMEE MCGRATH

**HOMETOWN:** Brockton, MA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to helping kids/teens who have experienced trauma enter into the healing presence of Jesus and find hope. I want to share the message that God is near and He desires to be in close relationship with each of us!  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Corrie Ten Boom.



### DREW MILLER

**HOMETOWN:** Redding, CA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2026  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I was tired of running away from what God was calling me to do. One day, I surrendered my life to God's will.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Jason Statham.



### HOPE MUSHANEY

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2026  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I have a deep love in my heart for children. Orphanages in Latvia and Ukraine are filled with at-risk children who need Jesus. So it is by Holy Spirit's prompting that I have been called to the nations.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My mother, Bridgette.





### JACOB OYER

**HOMETOWN:** Rocksprings, TX  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** My call to ministry is to do life with youth. God has given me a heart for connecting youth to Him through His creation by taking them out on wilderness experiences.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Jon Foreman, lead singer of Switchfoot.



### JACOB SHUTE

**HOMETOWN:** Northfield, MA  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to learn more about God and to share that with others. There is opportunity for that everywhere in the world. Right now, God has me in RTI.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My grandpa.



### PATIENCE SINUR

**HOMETOWN:** Keizer, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** "A long obedience in the same direction."  
– Eugene Peterson  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My husband.



### MILA SKRIVAN

**HOMETOWN:** Omaha, NE  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2025  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** The Lord has called me to show others the love of Christ, and advocate for those that don't have a voice.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My mom, Cherie.



### JOSHUA SMITH

**HOMETOWN:** Monmouth, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** Holy Spirit has met me and told me clearly that I will plant a church. Even through challenges I've experienced with this call, Holy Spirit has continually reminded me that his call on my life is to plant churches.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Julian White.



### GREGORY WEST

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel called to share what wisdom God gives me with others, and to care for my brothers and sisters in Christ. I believe God will bring me to Portland at some point, though I am not sure as to what that will look like.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** The Apostle Paul.



### JULIAN WHITE

**HOMETOWN:** Fruita, CO  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Global and Cultural Studies  
**CLASS OF:** 2023  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** God has been calling me to pursue ministry overseas in a Christian minority country.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** Ken Rawlings, my mentor.



### DANIEL ZIELKE

**HOMETOWN:** Salem, OR  
**ANTICIPATED DEGREE:** Christian Ministries  
**CLASS OF:** 2024  
**CALL TO MINISTRY:** I feel that God is calling me to use my gifts and talents to encourage His people and boldly share the announcement of Jesus with those who need it.  
**WHO'S YOUR HERO?** My mom, Linda Zielke.

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

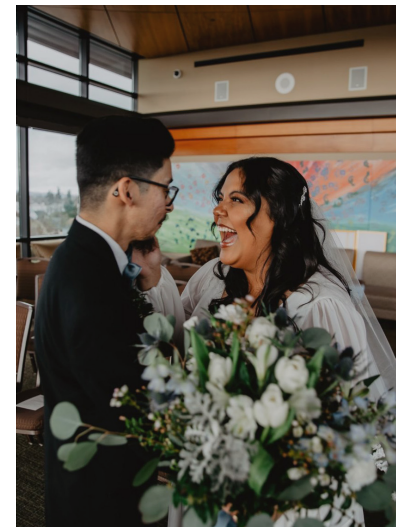
When I started at RTI, I knew God was calling me into ministry but had no idea what it would look like. I had been to two ministry schools before RTI and didn't feel like they were a good fit. The entire time I've been at RTI, I've felt a deep sense of belonging. My cohort has become some of my best friends. We've been there for each other through life's celebrations and disappointments. The staff and professors have affirmed, challenged, and empowered me in ways that have shaped me into becoming a healthier person and leader. They have also walked through some tough seasons with me, reminding me all along the way that I'm not alone. My practicums gave me the hands-on experiences I really needed to feel confident in the call God has on my life. Looking back now, I can see how God was preparing me for the role I get to play in ministry today. I am so honored to be the Pastor of GLO, our special needs ministry at Salem Alliance Church. As I graduate RTI, I feel so believed in, equipped, and excited for the journey ahead with Jesus.

*Aimee McGrath – Class of 2023.*





# WE LOVE OUR RTI FAMILY!





# LETTERS FROM ALUMNI

## EVAN FOWLER

*Class of 2017, currently serving as the Lead Pastor of Common Ground Church.*

My family first began attending Salem Alliance when I was three years old. I gave my life to Christ, got baptized, and was mentored and discipled into a young man, all at Salem Alliance. Listening to stories of international workers and seeing God work in the local church, I had a sense that this is what God wanted me to do. I was blessed with a church that put me in a position to hear God's call on my life, helped me discern that call, and even beyond that, a church that took God's call on my life as a personal responsibility. Then, through RTI, the call of God on my life was stewarded.



RTI equipped me theologically to teach people how to follow Jesus in an increasingly difficult climate and to pursue further graduate degrees. RTI equipped me practically with classes in *Preaching & Teaching*, *Peacemaking & Project Management*. One of the greatest things about RTI is the connection between classroom learning and practicums. Instead of storing away knowledge and hoping to recall it later on, I was able to take what I learned in class and apply it in ministry in real time. RTI also taught me to stick close to Christ, and that I must work from a place of deep intimacy with Him. They taught me how to let Christ work in and through me to ensure my ministry and my life is all about Jesus.

While ministry in the local church is complex and requires vast amounts of knowledge and specific skills, nothing done by the human brain or hands compares to the work of the Holy Spirit. At RTI, you don't just have professors to impart knowledge, you have pastors to guide you in faith. Still today, leaders from RTI continue to pray for me, reach out, and are an accessible resource.

Because of RTI, I now serve as the lead pastor of Common Ground Church, a C&MA church in Rapid City, South Dakota.

## MACIE RUBLE

*Class of 2022, currently serving as an international worker.*

God called me to work overseas when I was in the seventh grade at a Salem Alliance Church event. I knew that, in order to work overseas, I couldn't have any debt and I wanted to be as field ready as possible. College is expensive, and I knew that if I was to go to a regular, four-year college, I would accumulate debt and be pushed farther from God's call to the nations. I heard about RTI's program, and its goal for students to graduate debt-free and field ready. God was calling me to RTI.



It was clear that every course was designed to accomplish the goal of being field ready. Through various theology courses, I not only gained biblical knowledge, but my relationship with Jesus deepened. RTI challenged me not just to absorb the knowledge that was poured out in class but to go and share what I learned with people who don't know the truth of Jesus. The *Holy Spirit Empowered Ministry* and *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* courses pushed me to grow, learn what it means to be a healthy person, and invite others into the freedom that is found there.

I did my senior year practicum abroad in the Middle East. I was able to use all the information and knowledge that I gained in class and use it in practical, real-life scenarios. I was able to get field experience while still in school. RTI gave me the opportunities and experiences I needed to become an International Worker with the Christian & Missionary Alliance. I am currently in Southern France for a year of language study and will move to Senegal in West Africa for my full-time ministry. The knowledge and skills that I learned in RTI have equipped me to go and the relationships that were built through my cohort, teachers, and mentors have challenged me to grow. I can now say that I am on the field and debt-free, in major part because of RTI.



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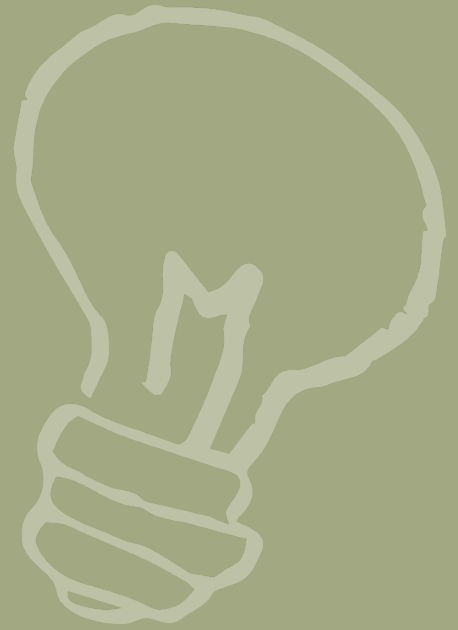
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