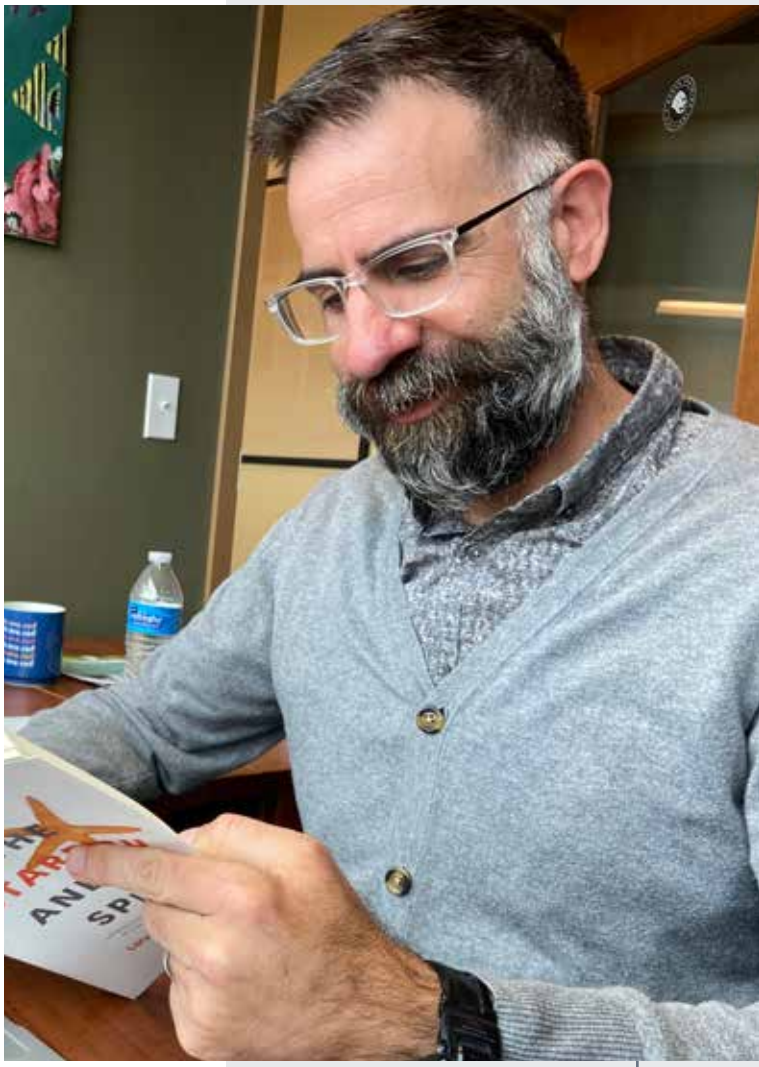


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A LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR



What a year it has been at RTI. Covid has caused our team, faculty, and students to adapt. Numerous students quickly found new practicum opportunities and our faculty adjusted to Zoom and hybrid classes. Higher education was one of the fortunate sectors that was able to stay open for much of Covid and we took advantage of that with our small class sizes.

This year we will be graduating eight more students to join our list of alumni ministering in the nations and neighborhoods. Our seniors have served in numerous settings including Salem for Refugees, The Way Church, Kosovo, and one has even served with us at RTI. This is an exceptional group of graduates that are ready to be released, *field ready and debt free*.

Our alumni continue to minister in a variety of settings. You will have the opportunity to read about Carlos, class of 2018, who is the area director of Young Life in Albany. You will also meet Stacy who has served as a pastor with C2 ministries at Salem Alliance and hear how God has called her to further studies.

This fall RTI will also launch a new campus! RTI Foothills is set to welcome their first cohort outside of Sacramento, CA. We are excited that the RTI dream is expanding. This however is only possible because of the generosity of our supporters. Thank you mentors for giving your time and wisdom, donors and corporate sponsors for believing in the vision and giving your financial resources, and faculty for adding teaching to your busy ministry loads. Thank you, your investment is creating a movement of God's peace unfolding both here in the neighborhoods and in the nations.

Blessings,
Rob Bashioum

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ISAAC BARR

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: The Lord has been preparing my heart to disciple others through the faithful and practical teaching of God's Word. I want the Lord to use me to help connect the minds and hearts of His people.

FAVORITE SONG: "Coming Home" by Leon Bridges.



SCOTT CALENTINE

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: Over the past year, I have gained insight into the value of church planting. I have joined the Simple Church Collective in the greater Seattle area. I am not sure if I will plant a church of my own down the road, but I look forward to my role in that mission.

FAVORITE SONG: "Make it Home" by Tobe Nwigwe.



DAKOTA SHAW

HOMETOWN: Aumsville, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: When I was 18, the Lord began stirring a call to international work in my heart after my first missions trip to Haiti, and my time in YWAM.

FAVORITE SONG: "Your Love is Better" by Will Reagan.



GRANT SHAW

HOMETOWN: Portland, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: The only thing I have consistently been excited about in my life is spreading the Kingdom of God. I love seeing people grapple with truth for the very first time and understand the implications of the work of Christ.

FAVORITE SONG: "Level" by The Raconteurs.



SAMUEL WIEBER

HOMETOWN: La Pine, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: The more I have come to know God, the more I want others to experience relationship with Him. I desire to use my gifts of teaching, communication, leadership and evangelism in leading a church someday.

FAVORITE SONG: "Nothing Else" by Cody Carne.



SAMSON DUMANOVSKY

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: God is calling me to witness to the unreached, specifically those that are overseas.

FAVORITE SONG: "Voice that Stills the Raging Seas" by Rivers & Robots.



MORGAN DUNN

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: I recognized that my heart is broken for lost people when I was in middle school. Ever since then, God has continued to invite me to partner with him in the work He's doing to pursue their hearts.

FAVORITE SONG: "Spirit and Soul" by Will Reagan.



LANA GIDENKO

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: God has placed within me a love for Scripture. He has been calling me to teach it to others to help deepen their walk with Him.

FAVORITE SONG: "Madness" by Citizens.

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DEVON ALLEN

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I have experienced the life changing love, grace and goodness of God. All I want to do with my life is to help give others the opportunity to know their heavenly Father!

FAVORITE SONG: "Who Am I" by NEEDTOBREATHE.



GABRIELA PLATT

HOMETOWN: Vineland, NJ

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: I feel called to tell others about God's goodness in Jesus, the same God who saved me. I feel this call in my cross-cultural friendships, but I'm open to wherever God will take me.

FAVORITE SONG: "Atlas: Son" by Sleeping At Last.

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PAIGE WALKER

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

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.

FAVORITE SONG: "Springtime" by Chris Renzema.



KALEB GUGGER

HOMETOWN: Orofino, ID

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I received my call to ministry as I became more and more involved in the youth and worship ministry at my church back in Idaho. God has been faithful to bring me this far, and I am excited to see where He will continue to lead me.

FAVORITE SONG: "Control" by Tenth Avenue North.



MATTHEW NIMMO

HOMETOWN: Albany, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I feel God has given me a call on my life to reach high school students who don't know Christ. I feel called now to the community of Albany but also feel a strong pull to go over to Japan one day.

FAVORITE SONG: "The Hype" by Twenty One Pilots.



ALY PAVLOVA

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: When I first started RTI, I was sure that I wanted to stay in the neighborhoods and serve somewhere locally. But the more I get to serve in the church, the more I feel as though God is calling me to the nations.

FAVORITE SONG: Anything from Abba's Greatest Hits Album.



MACIE RUBLE

HOMETOWN: Keizer, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: God first called me to overseas missions in the 7th grade. I continue to pursue this call by following God and loving His people wherever and whatever He calls me to.

FAVORITE SONG: "Hakuna Matata" from the Original Lion King.



CARLY HARTENSTEIN

HOMETOWN: St. Paul, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Global & Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: To cultivate love, hope, and community in dark corners of the world. Advancing the Kingdom of God and destroying the works of the devil.

FAVORITE SONG: "Farther Along" by Josh Garrels.



HARRIS MARTIN

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: Through RTI God has been teaching me that ministry is so much more versatile than in just a church setting. I am excited to share the Lord wherever God takes me.

FAVORITE FOOD: "The Heart and The Tongue" by Chance the Rapper.



DAVID MITCHELL

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: A few years ago I pursued missions and ministry as a change in my vocation. Since then, I have been working in the community while RTI is preparing me to be a better minister of reconciliation in everyday life.

FAVORITE FOOD: "Pastels" by The Brook & The Bluff.



MEGAN SEWARD

HOMETOWN: Lewiston, ID

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: In the fifth grade, God gave me a love and passion for sharing Christ with the youth around me. God turned this love into a call at the C&MA National Youth Conference in Kansas City in 2016.

FAVORITE SONG: "Life's What You Make It" by Graham Colton.



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HOPE LINDSTROM

HOMETOWN: Longmont, CO

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I know my calling to be one of obedience. Wherever He leads me I will follow.

FAVORITE SONG: "Shake the Frost" by Tyler Childers.



MADDIE ASHCRAFT

HOMETOWN: Puyallup, WA

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: Our saving, gracious God has been drawing my heart towards missions for my entire life. I'm unsure as to where or to whom He'll lead me yet, but I desire to be a bridge for the Gospel to go the nations.

FAVORITE SONG: "Time" by The National Parks.



KAILEY FRITTS

HOMETOWN: Keizer, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: God has continued putting youth ministry on my heart over the years. While in Jordan, He kept revealing to me that my call is an ongoing act of obedience.

FAVORITE SONG: "Diamonds" by JohnnySwim.



ERIN LANEY

HOMETOWN: Omaha, NE

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: The Father has shown His faithfulness to me time and time again. I have felt Him guiding me toward international missions.

FAVORITE SONG: "Extraordinary Magic" by Ben Rector.



EMILY BOATWRIGHT

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I feel called to support and raise up women and children in our neighborhood. My aspiration is to work vocationally as a children's or youth pastor to love on and encourage the next generation with all the love God has instilled in me.

FAVORITE SONG: "Strawberry Fields Forever" by The Beatles.



ABIGAIL CAULDER

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: The more I know about God the less I seem to understand. I do not know my calling, except that I am called to follow Him.

FAVORITE SONG: "You Make Me Feel" by Easha.



ANDREW CHRISTENSEN

HOMETOWN: Tampa, FL

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

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 for us and how He sees His children.

FAVORITE SONG: "Bring it On Home To Me" by Sam Cooke.



JARED LUND

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: God has revealed to me from personal experience that I can serve the youth in North Salem that have fallen victim to the system and have been overlooked by many around them. I want to provide a safe place of peace for them.

FAVORITE SONG: "Martin & Gina" by Polo G.



EVAN MACKERELL

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

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.

FAVORITE SONG: "17" by Chris Renzema.



AIMEE MCGRATH

HOMETOWN: Brockton, MA

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: I feel called to help kids or teens who have experienced trauma enter into the healing presence of Jesus and find hope for their lives. I want to share the message that God desires to be in close relationship with all.

FAVORITE SONG: "Brothers" by Penny & Sparrow.



PATIENCE SINUR

HOMETOWN: Keizer, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: Calling is not standstill, but rather it is constant. I am discerning what calling means for me in regards to vocational ministry, but I have full confidence that God will be faithful to lead me in the right direction.

FAVORITE SONG: "Lost in Your Love" by Brandon Lake.



KATLYN UEECK

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: I believe God has placed a call on my heart to minister to teenagers and young adults. I feel a pull towards the nations, U.K. and Europe in general. I want to be a part of the revival in England and break through to the youth.

FAVORITE SONG: "The Girl From Ipanema" by Frank Sinatra.



JULIAN WHITE

HOMETOWN: Fruita, CO

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: God has been calling me to pursue ministry overseas in a Christian minority country.

FAVORITE SONG: "Binary Sunset" by John Williams.



JOSEPH ZYSK

HOMETOWN: Genesee, ID

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:

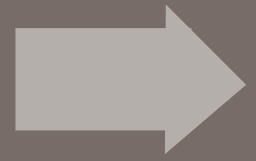
Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: This past year I have felt called to pioneering new ministries, and discipling new leaders in ministry at The Way church.

FAVORITE SONG: "Believer" by Rhett Walker.

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JOSIAH DEDERA

HOMETOWN: Jefferson, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: God had called me to reach youth with gospel and encourage them to grow in their relationship with God.

FAVORITE SONG: "Unlovable" by Worthwhile.



KAITLYN DONALDSON

HOMETOWN: Keizer, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Global and Cultural Studies

CALL TO MINISTRY: I feel called to the nations where there is a small chance to hear the gospel. I want to empower those who are stuck in shame and help them see that God loves them and has created them perfectly.

FAVORITE SONG: "On the Street Where You Live" by Dean Martin.



DTODD MICHIUO

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

CALL TO MINISTRY: Though I don't know what my calling is quite yet, what I do know is that I love to worship and love talking to and teaching kids about Jesus.

FAVORITE SONG: "No Longer Slaves" by Zach Williams.



JACOB SHUTE

HOMETOWN: Northfield, MA

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

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.

FAVORITE SONG: "After the World" by Disciple.



GREGORY WEST

HOMETOWN: Salem, OR

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Undecided

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.

FAVORITE SONG: "Love" by We Are Messengers.



DANIEL ZIELKE

HOMETOWN: Puyallup, WA

ANTICIPATED DEGREE:
Christian Ministries

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.

FAVORITE SONG: "Walk With Me Silent" by The Allies.

LETTERS FROM ALUMNI

STACY REMPEL

Class of 2019, Currently serving at Salem Alliance Church

A year into studying engineering, God placed a clear call on my life and I knew that RTI was where he was calling me. Choosing RTI was easy. It is a biblical-based education that gives many on-ramps to ministry during schooling and after graduation. Knowing that I would be able to graduate debt-free and field ready was amazing.

Going through the RTI courses, I received a firm theological foundation. We spent 2 years going through theology courses that prepared us for the Alliance Northwest licensing exam. The mock interviews helped me to articulate my beliefs and taught me communication skills. The courses also helped me discover how

God had gifted and created me. It was classes like Emotionally Healthy spirituality that helped uncover things and freed me to be who God created me to be. I learned that standing in the mystery of God can be one of the most life giving places. Being a part of a cohort was incredible. As our cohort went through the 4 years together, we taught one another different perspectives and were each other's greatest cheerleaders through it all.

I was placed in C2 (3rd-5th grade ministry at Salem Alliance Church) as a practicum and within a few weeks, I knew that this would be the place I would call home. That practicum turned into an internship that later became a full time position. It was here that I had the time and space to grow deep roots and develop as a minister as I served alongside Angy Thomas, the pastor, ministering to our C2 families.

Now, 2 years post-graduation, I am getting ready to dive into the new call God has placed on my heart. The last year was filled with uncertainty. Yet God has been faithful and is calling me to study Naturopathic medicine. It is because of the last 6 years that I am confident to step into this next stage of my career. I am excited to see how God will use my experience and RTI education as I pursue school and a career in medicine.



CARLOS MORALES OYER FERNANDEZ

Class of 2018, Currently serving on Albany YoungLife Staff

I originally chose RTI because of their vision to send ministers: "Field Ready and Debt Free". Growing up in a low income household, I knew I wanted to seek higher education, but the question growing up was always, "How am I going to pay for it?" Shortly after becoming a Christian, I knew I was called into ministry, but the typical costs of ministry school did not align with what God was calling me into. So, when I heard about RTI I knew it was a gift from God and confirmation of my calling into ministry. Through RTI I met my wife and we both graduated debt free. Being debt free meant as a family we could dream about what God was calling us to or will call us to without worrying about feeling the burden of student loans. We have been able to pray and give more generously knowing we do not have to worry about school debt. Being part of the second RTI Cohort, I know I have a group of people that I can reach out to if we ever needed something. I chose RTI for its mission statement but I love RTI because it gave me a group of people I love and care for.



As I think of RTI and what helped me in my current career, three major areas have impacted the way I do and lead ministry.

First is the Holy Spirit Empowered Ministry class where I learned the importance of the role the Holy Spirit plays in my life and in the life of others. I learned to lean in and listen to what God is doing and calling us to do as a mission. The Holy Spirit Empowered Ministry class gave me the tools and practical steps to lean into the Holy Spirit. Another course which has been crucial is Peacemaking in the Kingdom. I am a broken person redeemed by Jesus, which means I work alongside and minister to broken people as well. The class gave me the ability to lean into conflict or hard situations with the ability to ask God what He is wanting to do in the midst of this conflict. Furthermore, I lean into conflict or hard situations from a biblical perspective. Lastly, the most practical aspect of my RTI experience was practicums. I learned what I was and was not good at. I learned where God has gifted and where I can invite others in to create a solid team. I learned I flourish in certain spaces and learned not everyone is called to do everything.

RTI gave me these tools and so much more to help me live out the calling in my life of reaching students through the ministry of Young Life.

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