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By Trevor Johnson



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**Happy May!**

Dear friends,

I hope you are well. It has been a busy few months since my last newsletter, when I shared about the residency situation in Spain that brought an unexpected shift in my plans and led me to serving at OMS Headquarters in Indiana.

In this letter, I share more about how I am doing, what I am learning, how I'm growing closer with Lord, and some potential next steps in the journey. I will also be traveling back to Glasgow and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon!

There is a lot to read here! Hope you enjoy :)

## **Finding direction at HQ**

At HQ, my main focus has been to serve wherever there is need and to learn as much as I can. I've been incredibly grateful for the opportunity to work alongside many veteran missionaries, to hear their stories, and receive mentorship from them in everyday conversations and interactions.

My first assignment was with the Human Resources department. I was in charge of a dusty filing cabinet from 20 years ago that had recently been discovered and I was asked to help scan, sort, and upload the contents.

Although this work was repetitive at times, it ended up being unexpectedly meaningful. I found encouragement in reading through the documents and seeing pieces of people's journeys and service over the years. It also helped me adjust to office life and gave me a natural rhythm for getting to know coworkers through simple, daily interactions.

Once that project was completed, I transitioned over to the Global Department, which oversees and supports all of OMS's fields around the world.

My first assignment with Global was to review and update our Embark Field Guide. Embark is OMS's internship program, which I personally participated in when I served in Hungary in 2021. As I worked through the guide, I noticed areas where it lacked clarity and structure, and I was given the freedom to revise it based on both my experience as an Embarker and my time hosting Embark interns in Spain.

What started as a brief review turned into a much larger project. I ended up expanding the guide from a short reference document into a more extensive overview and mentor training resource. In the process, I discovered a deep sense of passion for the Embark program.

I see Embark as much more than an internship. It's an opportunity for participants to better understand how God has uniquely designed them and how their unique skills, interests, and strengths align. Giving them a chance to practice ministry that's unique to them while being supported by our missionaries. Then being able to see how they can be used to do ministry in any context, whether it is in missions, a local church, or in a secular job. I see a better Embark program as a strategic pathway for fields to identify and raise up future missionaries by equipping them to host and develop interns well.

My supervisors have been very encouraged by the work, which has been both affirming and motivating for me. It has also caused me to reflect more seriously on a question I keep returning to, where is the Lord leading me? Could this be something that I am supposed to do more work with?

Some loose next steps for me is to test these materials in the field. After speaking with OMS leadership, we are considering sending me to Italy later this summer to learn from the field on how they handle Embark interns, and then what could a future role for me look like handling Embark.

## **Growing with the Lord**

Spiritually, this season has been both challenging and deeply refining. When I first returned to HQ, I was excited and hopeful. It felt like the beginning of

a new chapter, an opportunity for growth, fresh perspective, and new ways to serve. I was grateful that the Lord had opened a door for me to remain involved in ministry and continue learning during an unexpected change of plans.

At the same time, as the months went on, the reality of this season has often felt more complex than I expected. There have been moments where things felt overwhelming, uncertain, and difficult to understand. I have had to wrestle honestly with disappointment over how things ended in Spain, as well as the loss of structure, dreams, and expectations I once carried.

There have also been moments of questioning my usefulness and wondering whether I still have a meaningful place in ministry. At times, I have felt the weight of not knowing what comes next or whether I have the strength to begin again if the Lord opens another door to the field.

Yet even through those struggles, the Lord has continued to meet me with patience and faithfulness. He has been reminding me that my worth is not determined by a role, a title, a location, or visible success. My identity is not rooted in whether I am overseas or at headquarters, but in belonging to Christ. He has also been showing me that His work in our lives often continues most deeply in seasons that feel unclear.

One of my strongest desires during this time has been to remain close to the Lord and to challenge myself to walk more deeply with Him. That has not always come easily, but I have sensed Him drawing me back again and again to trust, surrender, and daily dependence.

I find myself always going back to the Psalms. Particularly Psalms 25 and 139. More than simply wanting answers, I want to know His ways, trust His timing, and follow wherever He leads. For him to challenge me in this time to become more like Him. While I still do not have every answer about what lies ahead, I am grateful that the Lord is using this season to deepen my walk with Him and shape me in ways I may not fully understand yet.

**“Show me the right path, O Lord; point out the road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you.” Psalms 25:4-5**

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. Point out anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life.” Psalms 139:23-24**

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## **Heading back to Montana Soon**

I'll be heading back to Glasgow **next week** and I am really looking forward to reconnecting with many of you in person. I'll be in town for a month and then I'm heading back to Indiana for our 125th anniversary celebration in June.

One of the greatest blessings in this journey has been the people the Lord has placed around me, and I would love to take intentional time while I'm home to catch up, share more about this season, and hear how life has been for you as well.

My hope is to make the most of my time back by meeting with as many of you as I can personally, whether over coffee, a meal, or simply spending time together. If you would like to connect while I'm in town, please feel free to send me a message so we can set up a time. I would truly love the chance to see you, thank you in person, and share more about what the Lord has been doing in this season.

If you would like to connect, please send a message to (406) 230-1186 or respond to this email.

## **Prayer Requests**

I would greatly appreciate your continued prayers as I walk through this season of both transition and discernment. Prayer is so powerful and the best way to support me.

Please be praying for:

- Clarity and wisdom for the future, particularly about next steps and where the Lord is wanting me
- A continued deep and steady walk with the Lord, that I would continue to remain in Him.
- For my current work at HQ, for the work with the Embark internship materials and may it produce fruit in our fields this summer.
- For physical needs, I've been having pain in my lower back for months and it's not going away. I'm trying to see the doctor but there's some trouble with health insurance.
- And for guidance and peace as I travel back to Montana and spend time with family and the church.

Thank you again for taking the time to read this. Thank you for your encouragement, prayers, and partnership. If there is any way I can be praying or supporting you, please reach out to me.

See you soon friends!

Many blessings,

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