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Special Edition
ITEAMS USA

A letter from Scott Olson, the new President of ITeams USA:

Dear Friends,

I love reading history and learning from those who have gone before us. I also enjoy traveling to historical sites and standing in the exact spots where significant events have happened. To see things from the vantage point of some of history's greatest leaders is a tremendous joy. As a young boy growing up in western New York, I never imagined that I would one day have the opportunity to become a part of the amazing history of International Teams (ITeams). As the new President and CEO of ITeams USA, I am truly humbled and honored to be able to walk in the footsteps of our founder Kevin Dyer and share the dream he had nearly 50 years ago. I am also excited to be able to build upon the work of previous presidents: Marc Dyer, Stephen Freed, and David Schroeder, godly leaders who shared their talents for the cause of Christ around the world. It is a privilege to be connected to those who have gone before me and to embark on this new chapter of my life alongside new friends that make up the global ITeams family.



Rev. Scott R. Olson

God has brought me on a breathtaking journey from music to missions, with several stops in between. My first ministry assignment began over 25 years ago. As a young, newly married Christian musician, I packed up my saxophone and my family and toured the United States to share my music and my faith in churches across the country. I then enjoyed a nine-year adventure as a youth and young adult pastor in New Brunswick, Canada and Warsaw, Indiana. During my days in New Brunswick, I felt a growing interest in missions that quickly became a consuming passion. This passion brought me to an Indianapolis-based mission organization, Global Partners, in 1995. I served within this international ministry for nearly 13 years, ultimately in the role of Director of Operations. Before leaving Global Partners, I started The Focused Group LLC, a consulting practice committed to helping individuals, teams, and organizations realize their leadership and team potential. I thank God for these experiences and the faithful mentors that have shaped my life and prepared me for the future.

As we look ahead to our journey together, I am thrilled that we can participate in God's plan to see people from every tribe, tongue, and nation gathered around the throne worshipping the Lamb (Rev. 7:9). As we consider what it will take to get there, will you join me in helping ITeams reach its potential at this pivotal time in history? Imagine what would happen if more people...

- Embraced the Biblical mandate to make disciples of all nations
- Accepted personal responsibility for the fulfillment of that Biblical mandate
- Took strategic action toward fulfilling our God-appointed roles as senders or "sent ones"

We'd be one step closer to Revelation 7:9, that's what would happen!

Your friend,

Scott Olson

AT THE 2008 ITEAMS INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP FORUM (ILF),

200 LEADERS CAME TOGETHER TO REFLECT ON THE COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCE OF SERVING IN 62 COUNTRIES AS PART OF THE GLOBAL ITEAMS FAMILY.

ONE RENEWING EVENT

On May 1-6, 2008, a diverse, passionate group of ITeams ministry leaders from all corners of the globe gathered in Manila for the 13th annual International Leadership Forum (ILF). There they reaffirmed the vision for our global organization: to mobilize international teams to build transforming communities.



ITeams Philippines welcomed leaders from six continents to Manila for the 2008 ITeams ILF.

This year's ILF centered on the topic of rest. Teaching by Dr. Melba Maggay and Pastor Joey Bonifacio encouraged ITeams leaders to take time to rest, reflect, and enjoy the fruits of their ministries. The event provided an opportunity for 200 ITeams team leaders, national organization leaders, and regional ministry leaders to join together for training, equipping, prayer, fellowship, worship, and visits to ministry sites in urban Manila.

The 2008 ILF also marked the commissioning of three new leaders: Leonard Labouschagne for the ITeams East African region, Janice Collins for ITeams Australia, and Scott Olson for ITeams USA.

Filipino worship leaders Rommel and Susan Guevara created a rich musical soundtrack to the conference. The title of their song "We Believe" aptly expresses why ITeams serves globally, deeply, and collectively.

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OPPORTUNITIES TO GO [URGENT NEEDS]

COUNSELOR COORDINATOR FOR TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN (Soroti, Uganda) - We are urgently seeking a long-term individual to train and mentor local leaders in spiritual counseling for severely traumatized children that were abducted and forced to serve as hard-laborers, soldiers and slaves.

TEAM CONTROLLER (Quito, Ecuador) - A long-term individual is urgently needed to serve in the role of primary accountant on the Youth World team in Quito.

BUILDING MANAGER (Athens, Greece) - A temporary building manager is urgently sought to serve with the Athens refugee ministry team.

For more opportunities to GO, visit iteams.org/go

OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE

MINISTRY OF ITEAMS USA

A gift to the ministry of ITeams USA will provide resources to train, equip, and support future leaders within our worldwide ministry through one-on-one mentoring, small gatherings, and conferences such as the International Leadership Forum.

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