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## YMI is...

a faith-based training organization empowering young people to continually live and share their faith in the global communities they serve.

## Why Mission Training?

YMI specializes in training and sending young people (junior high-college) on short term mission trips internationally and in the United States. We believe that meaningful short-term mission trips, when coupled with solid training and preparation, lay the groundwork for a person to begin seeing the entire world as a mission field. We want young people doing outreach for their whole lives, in their local communities and in other parts of the world.

## Our Vision

To create a global network of youth mission training organizations that will mobilize a generation to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## We will do this

By training people in other countries to replicate our ministry here, taking young people and training them to share the Gospel with people in other places around the world.

## YMI Gains ECFA Membership

### And why it matters to you.

After much hard work, we are pleased to announce that as of December 2nd, Youth Missions International is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability. This membership assures the public that YMI is a solid organization that holds itself to the highest standards of accountability with regard to financial stewardship. While we have always worked to ensure that every gift given to YMI is used properly - and with maximum impact - attaining ECFA membership requires much more. In our case, gaining this membership is the culmination of almost two years worth of work.

The ECFA takes very seriously those organizations it allows to become members. Each member must adhere to what they call "Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship". They are: doctrinal issues, governance, financial oversight, use of resources and compliance with laws, transparency, related-party transactions, and stewardship of charitable gifts. So, the standards go beyond principles

of accounting and the use of gifts.

Instead, the ECFA's standards also ensure that member organizations have the proper policies, structure and sound beliefs needed to be a Christian non-profit with integrity.

What does YMI's status as an ECFA member mean for you? For anyone currently involved with or giving to YMI, you can be assured that we can be trusted with your donation. When you give, you know that the gift is going to be used properly. If you are ever in the position of advising someone on where they may give, you can know that YMI is one they can trust with their donation. If you do not give financially, but are involved as a volunteer, you can know that you are volunteering with an organization that is constantly striving to hold itself to high standards.

As for Youth Missions International, this membership means many things. It does mean that we have done what we need to do as an organization to make sure as we grow we do it



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*

responsibly and with the utmost integrity. Going forward, it may mean more open doors for our ministry to expand its already increasing operations. Most importantly, it means that we are doing all we can to be good stewards of the resources God has given us as we continue to do the work of the ministry.

Finally, we want to say thank you to everyone who has helped make this ministry what it is today over the four-plus years. We would not be where we are today without any of you.

# YMI Team Leader Training

January 6-8



YMI Leader Training is an interactive and informative training for anyone desiring to strengthen their ability to lead youth in ministry. Ideally, after the training, you would lead a stateside or international YMI Team. The training is open to anyone interested in exploring this possibility.

Beginning Friday night at 6:30pm and ending after church on Sunday, the training weekend focuses on leadership development, cross-cultural ministry, team-building and ministry tools. At the end of training, you decide if leading a YMI Team is for you or not.

If you would like to attend the training, please go to our website: [ymimissions.org](http://ymimissions.org). Click "Join a Team" at the top of the page and the "Be a Team Leader in the right-hand menu. Fill out the application and mail it to YMI. Email [brian@ymimissions.org](mailto:brian@ymimissions.org) if you have any questions or would like more information about being a team leader.

We look forward to seeing you at Leader Training!

## Mission Teams and Training

What YMI will be up to Summer 2012

The Summer of 2012 will be YMI's busiest year of ministry yet. We are very excited about the growth of our programs. This next year we will be able to reach more people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ both state-side and international!

For our church program, we have four confirmed churches (the most we have ever had in one year and it is only December!) These churches are going to Costa Rica, Oregon, Northern Ireland, and Colorado. Two

of the churches have already completed our mission training.

Our YMI Teams have almost all completed their training. We are excited to be sending teams to seven different countries, the most YMI has sent to in our history. Teams will go to Jamaica, Indonesia, Costa Rica, Peru, Brazil, Philadelphia, and South Korea.

YMI's College Program offers opportunities for students to serve in the areas of medicine, sports, mu-



sic, teaching English, and church support. This year, several students are going to Northern Ireland and India during the spring, and we have students going to Brazil, Singapore, Malaysia, England, India, and Peru during the summer. We are still accepting application for the college program!

## Partner Missionaries Visit

From Northern Ireland, Perú, and Brazil

In a reversal, YMI spent October and November receiving missionaries from around the world.

First, in October, John and Jo Moxen visited from Northern Ireland. The Moxen's helped found a ministry called the Murlough House. YMI sent a High School YMI Team to work with the ministry in 2010 and a church team from Florida in 2011. The Moxen's had the opportunity to speak at Seattle Pacific University. John shared his testimony and ministry with students in two dorms on campus.

While the Moxen's were only with us for a few days, we enjoyed their visit and the strengthening of relationship between YMI and the Murlough house.

Shortly after they left, Julio and Rosario Serrano arrived from Peru. As the National Director of YMI Peru,



YMI Brasil National Director Juca Cerpe and his wife, Rosemary in Seattle, Washington. Julio was excited to see the headquarters of YMI US.

Julio shared about the work of YMI Peru one evening at Sunrise Baptist Church. The evening was inspirational as Julio shared the exciting work of YMI Peru. His vision is to plant evangelism centers in communities around the Amazon and mountainous regions of Peru. These centers will work to train young people in evangelism to reach their communities and the surrounding areas that may have never heard the Gospel. Right now, there is one training

center in the Amazon region called "Hope Mountain."

Lastly, Juca and Rosemary Cerpe visited from Brazil. They were with us for the month of November. They had many opportunities to speak at churches and schools around the area. They kept the staff running around with all the people they needed to see! Juca shared about the work of YMI Brasil and his vision for sports ministry in reaching the youth of his country. The Cerpe's also experienced a US Thanksgiving with their host family, the Hunt's.

# Trip Recaps from 2011 (Part 2)

Summaries from some of our international YMI Team trips.

## Philippines



God opened up the door to run an outreach for a couple of rural churches in the villages outside of Manila.

Not only did God use this team to further the work of His kingdom, but the team itself was deeply impacted. Each team member was forced to take leadership positions throughout



the trip. They had to be ready at all times to give the gospel and their testimony. Last but not least, they were forced to depend upon God to overcome the heat and discomfort of the Manila summer. Please pray for the continuation of the ministry in the Philippines.

This last summer we had a team go to Manila, Philippines. The team was working with a missionary who focuses on helping churches reach children including those that are considered outcasts.

The team had the opportunity to help several churches and they went to a slum to do street ministry for the children living in those harsh conditions. This ministry helped expand outreach and it resulted in the missionary building bridges with the local community in brand new ways.

## YMI Team by Becky Keough

The Brazil team went first to Iptapeva City. There we ran three sports camps a day for three days. We got to build relationships with the church family and the kids that came each day. We also went to a church in Sao Paulo and run sports camps, again we got to work with a wonderful church family and help them to get some of the children from their neighborhood involved. At both churches we were able to show them

## College-Age Teams

This past summer, YMI sent four college students to minister with Juca Cerpe in Brazil. Three participants: Tim, Katie, and Bryan, focused on sports ministry. Tim was in Brazil for six weeks while Kaite and Bryan stayed for 3 weeks. They all ran sports clinics with soccer and basketball at churches which are continuing the sports ministry today. They had

## Brazil



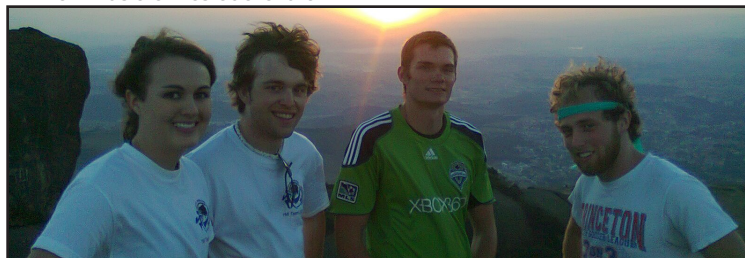
how to run sports camps that they are continuing to hold weekly. Another very cool thing on this trip is that we got to go back to a church that we worked with last year, Bom Jesus Perdoes, that is now doing several weekly sports ministries and has a

the opportunity to work with churches in multiple cities around Brazil.

This past summer, YMI sent our first music mission team member. Erik ran music clinics at a church in

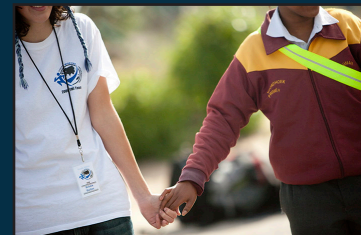
growing congregation. We also got to see four YMI college participants in action and the first ever YMI college music ministry. It was fun to see how much the kids loved learning how to play songs on the recorder and perform in church on Sunday.

Brazil. At the end of the clinic, the children were invited to church for a performance during service. The church loved the program and has continued the work with recorders.



## Get Involved!

### How to Volunteer



At YMI, we love our volunteers! We know that volunteers are the backbone of our organization. We have many varied opportunities for our volunteers. From helping run a sports camp outreach for a local church, to helping in the YMI Main Office, to getting to hear first-hand the experiences that teens had with God on their mission trips, we have a place for anyone to volunteer. We know that each of our volunteers are vital to fulfilling the vision that God has given us to empower young people to share their faith. In light of this, we have several steps that equip our volunteers to do their jobs in the most God-honoring way.

The first step to becoming a volunteer is to fill out and submit a volunteer application. This can be found on our website under the "Get Involved" section.

After submitting an application, volunteers then need to attend a YMI Volunteer Training. We offer these at least four times a year.

After attending a volunteer training, volunteers will be placed into the area(s) that they feel they feel called to serve in. YMI volunteers also have the option to sign up for a volunteer incentive program that rewards them for their dedicated service to this ministry.



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## Latest News/Upcoming Events

### • Leader Training: January 6-8, 6 pm, Sunrise Baptist Church

YMI has scheduled its next leader training. If you would like to attend, please download a leader application off the YMI website: [www.ymissions.org/page/leaders](http://www.ymissions.org/page/leaders), fill it out and mail it to YMI.

### • YMI Team Training, January 25-29, Sacramento, CA

The last High School YMI Team training of the year will be in Sacramento California. The team is training to go to South Korea. Get your application in soon if you would like to attend!

### • 2nd Annual YMI Banquet, March 10, 2011

Preparation for our 2nd Annual YMI Fundraising Banquet is underway! Don't miss out on this highly anticipated event.

### • YMI Launches Google+ Page

YMI is committed to being active and visible on social media networks. With this commitment in mind, we are excited to announce the launch of our Google+ brand page. This will help us gain visibility across maximum platforms.

### • Quarterly Board Meeting, January 14, 2011

Please be praying as our board meets to seek the will of God as the ministry grows and improves.

### • Weekly Prayer Update Online

If you would like to hear updates and prayer requests weekly from YMI, check out our blog at [ymialumni.blogspot.com](http://ymialumni.blogspot.com). There are updates given after staff/ board prayer each Thursday.