

A new adventure of residing in Tacoma...

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## Journeys from around the world Tacoma Edition

I am a **world traveler**. I am an **artist**. I am an **adventurer**. I am a **peace seeker**.  
I am a **lover**. I am a **daughter** with a call to go-

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit"

Matthew 28:19

As I am preparing to graduate with an outreach education degree from Pacific Lutheran University in May I have been eagerly keeping my eyes open for future possibilities. I have had work opportunities- in Tacoma, in other states, overseas- however, none of these seemed to be the right fit. I am passionate about training and sending young adults into the mission field of their home and global communities and figured that this would be a passion that would have to be put aside as I paid off my college loans. I also love teaching children through the arts and thus began looking for jobs that might enable me to do such. I had hope that something was going to come up and I knew that the Lord had a very specific place for me to work post-graduation. I am excited to announce that over the past month these places have aligned themselves in my life. I now will be working with Youth Missions International and Urban Grace Church- both of which are based in downtown Tacoma.



With Youth Missions International I am working as the college specialist. The primary role of my position is to travel and network with different colleges, young adult communities, and conferences throughout the United States in order to recruit young adults for missions. Youth Mission International aims to empower youth and young adults to share the gospel in their global communities.

YMI offers unique mission opportunities



As the Children's Director at Urban Grace I am coming in to a program where the volunteers and teachers had been pouring time into organizing lessons, crafts, snacks, and games each week. I am blessed to get to work with the previous volunteers and teachers as we work to create a structure for the children- with consistent routines, transitions, and consequences for behavior. I will be developing a curriculum for the Sunday School program and organizing teachers and volunteers as we begin to split Sunday School from one large class into two classes- PreK and Kindergarten in one and 1st through 5th grade in the other.

and internships to young adults (ages 18-26) designed to deepen their relationship with Christ, help translate their degrees/career paths into practical ministry experience, give exposure to other cultural worldviews, and help students learn how to integrate their faith with real-world issues.

Our program is more than a mission trip. It is a real-world experience of coming alongside missionaries and local pastors to build capacity while learning valuable lessons. We challenge students to not just GO but to learn, return and respond to what God is doing. Our young adult programs range from 2 weeks to 2 years and require training and debriefing.

See more: [www.ymimissions.org](http://www.ymimissions.org)

At Urban Grace we seek to be a space of radical and honest hospitality in downtown Tacoma that welcomes all people. We hope to be the open table that Jesus set for all God's children and offer a nurturing fellowship where it's safe to wrestle and explore as well as acknowledge the simultaneous joy and pain, blessing and loss of this life. We're grateful to lean into the truth that we can be "perfectly imperfect" and still be loved, chosen and accepted. At Urban Grace we want to provide our community with a faith home where we can build diverse and deep relationships and experience shared spiritual practices such as worship services and studies, small groups and prayer, in order to gain greater connection to God and each other.

See more: [www.urbangracetacoma.org](http://www.urbangracetacoma.org)



I am excited for these next steps in my journey. As I continue life in Tacoma and work with YMI and Urban Grace I look forward to all that I will learn as God guides me in the calling He has given me to follow Him and to love Him- representing Him in all I do and with all people.

As I take the step into these new positions I need to call upon you and ask for support- financially and in prayer. My position with YMI is a fundraising position and so I would like to ask you to pray about whether there is a amount that the Lord would ask you to give in order to partner with me in recruiting, training, and sending young adults into the mission field.

**To donate online:** [Youth Missions International Giving Form](#); enter the amount you would like to donate next to staff; specify whether you would like to make a one-time or monthly donation; and enter my name in the comment box.

If you would like to donate via check or cash, are interested in what I am doing, have further questions, or would just like to catch up, please write to me at [daughterofgrace27@gmail.com](mailto:daughterofgrace27@gmail.com)

*"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery." Galatians 5:1*



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