

INSIDE LOOK

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FULFILLING THE MISSION

It's hard to believe that a year ago I moved to Tulsa. I get asked a lot of questions about why and what I do so I'm excited to fill you in on what's been going on!

PARTNERING IN BUSINESS

This has been one of the most daring yet amazing things I've ever stepped into. God has been so faithful, and now one of my dreams is becoming a reality.

LIVING THE DREAM

What exactly is *the* dream and how do we live it now? The most important part is that we aren't living it alone. None of this has been possible without you!

MAKING A MOVE

Global Ventures | IT Specialist

When you follow God the journey is seldom dull. Since I've been in Tulsa I have been volunteering at almost full time capacity at Global Ventures. I take care of anything and everything tech, from hardware to software and then some. The things I do are usually behind the scenes but I take care of the tools that keep the daily details running so that the overall vision is being accomplished in the most effective ways. Being able to provide this support has been an honor. On top of the IT role, I'm also heading out this month on my 2nd GV trip, this time to Ireland. During trips we combine things like sharing the gospel in schools, markets, parks, and evening crusade events with service projects like water filter outreaches. There is so much effort that goes into prepping for an overseas trip of this caliber, but it is all worth it when you get to see people say "yes" to Jesus and the mighty miracles that follow!

WP TULSA

A NEW VENTURE

WP Tulsa | Web Expert

Something I get asked a lot is "If you're a full time volunteer how do you pay your bills?" My initial answer is that the Lord is so faithful and He always works it out. Almost a year ago Jeffrey Cannon, a good friend of

mine, approached me about helping him with his up and coming online

website business. Since then we have become partners and I have launched my own branch of the business called WP Tulsa. We maintain, fix, and design websites. WP stands for WordPress and then Tulsa of course makes it local. The idea is that local businesses can have an on-call local web expert to help with any of their website needs. We have had good success with this startup so far, however most of our customers are from the Waco area where Jeffrey and his family live. I'm believing for our business to continue to grow and expand. We've been learning so much about business ownership and management. This is something I always wanted to do but never thought I could, and the beauty of it is that I'm free to live the life I want. I'm excited to see where this new venture takes us!

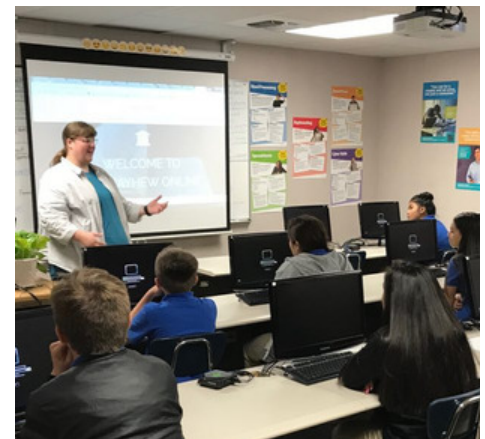
NO REGRETS

Living life to the fullest

When I get to a new season in life I take a step back and ask myself "Am I still living the dream?" Is where I am now a place that I used to dream about for myself? It might not be the end goal but there are hundreds of little dreams that get accomplished along the way if we let them. If the answer is yes, then I'll enjoy the season and keep dreaming of new things. If no, then I have to figure out what happened and make a course correction. Nothing is ever lost forever.

It's safe to say that being at Global Ventures, running a business, reaching the lost, traveling the world, being a sister, a daughter, and a friend are all still in line with living the dream. But I wouldn't be anywhere near here with out all of you who have believed in me, inspired me, encouraged me, and sometimes even pushed me when I wouldn't do it myself. So many of you have made a difference in my life, allowing me to make a difference for others. Thank you for taking this journey with me.

- Brandi



Teaching Jr. High students about careers in technology.

AT A GLANCE

Exciting things are afoot

IRELAND	March 24th - April 2nd	Funded
CHINA	June 7th - 24th	\$2,445
NEPAL	November 8th - 18th	\$3,185

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