

Funding the Call to Missions

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Less than 1% of missionaries leaving the United States are African-American. Our goal is to expose our students to a life on the mission field so that they see that as an opportunity for their life work after college.

In the past, we've sent 3-4 students a year on international missiontrips. This has happened organically as opportunities arise. This year, we decided to send eight stu-

dents and eight staff to Romania, Bolivia and Zimbabwe. The opportunities to serve were all "God at Work" stories; however, once we identified our destination, \$34,500 had to be raised.

Adding this need to our \$1,100,000 goal for fundraising for the year was daunting at best. In true Restoration Academy form, God provided. As churches discovered our need, they rearranged budgets to fund the trips. Individuals stepped up with sacrificial gifts. Personal



RA students and staff member Clint Cvacho stand under the Cristo de la Concordia in Bolivia.

friends who had never given to the school came forward to provide funding. We raised \$31,000 quickly, with little effort on our part.

The final trip of the summer was to Zimbabwe, and when departure day came, We were still \$3,500 short of our need. Checks had been cut and payments made, but our hearts were not at peace over the final amount. Two hours before we were to be at the airport, God provided \$3,500 exactly to cover the need. After praise, prayer and weeping at God's provision, we boarded the plane to Africa with knowledge that God was (and is) in every detail!