

Mason's Story:

Leading with Faith and Trust in God's Promises

For Mason McIntyre, saying "yes" to God's call has been a journey filled with challenges, miracles, and faith. **As the Executive Director of 2nd Mile Missions, Mason carries the weight of leading an organization headquartered in Indiana but serving hundreds of children and families in the Dominican Republic.**

It's not an easy task, but Mason is quick to point out that he doesn't do it alone. "God remains faithful and has always kept His promises," he says, reflecting on the countless ways God has moved since he stepped into this role three and a half years ago.



Mason's connection to 2nd Mile Missions began almost a decade ago, during his time as the Athletic Director at Triton Jr./Sr. High School. While organizing an event to celebrate 50 years of Triton football, **he reached out to former coach Rod Wildman, who shared about the work he and his wife, Nancy, were doing with 2nd Mile Missions.** Mason felt inspired.

A year later, when Mason had an idea to donate used sports equipment, he reached out to Rod again. This time, Rod invited him to visit the Dominican Republic to see the work firsthand. **Mason went—and that first trip in 2014 changed everything. "The rest is history," he shares.** Over the years, Mason took several more trips, served on the Board of Directors, and eventually became the Chairman of the Board before stepping into his current role as Executive Director.

Leading a cross-cultural organization comes with unique challenges. "The biggest challenge is leading across the ocean," Mason admits. Thankfully, **a strong leadership team in the Dominican Republic helps bridge the distance, but the complexities of managing from afar remain.** And then there's Mason's self-described "bad Spanish," which he jokes might be his second-biggest hurdle.

Yet, the rewards far outweigh the challenges. **Mason loves building strong teams and creating systems that ensure 2nd Mile Missions operates effectively and sustainably.** But his greatest joy is watching someone on the team realize their full potential. "That's when I know we're making a real difference—not just for the students we serve, but for everyone involved in this mission."

Since stepping into his role, **Mason has seen God's hand in action countless times.** When he first said yes, Rod told him he'd witness miracles. At the time, Mason didn't fully grasp what that meant, but now, he does. **"God is always in action," he says. "I continue to be amazed at how He puts the pieces of this beautiful puzzle together."**

For Mason, **leading 2nd Mile Missions isn't just about strategy and logistics; it's about faith.** Faith that God will provide. Faith that the right people will step in at the right time. Faith that every decision made with prayer and intention will further the mission of transforming lives through education and the gospel.

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When you support 2nd Mile Missions, you're not just giving to a cause—you're stepping into a story where faith leads, miracles happen, and God is glorified. **Mason invites you to join this journey, knowing that every decision, every gift, and every act of obedience plays a vital role in the lives of those 2nd Mile Missions serves.** Together, we can keep building, keep trusting, and keep watching God's promises unfold.
