

*"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31*



## Spring Has Sprung!

The last few days have brought warmer temperatures, which has me thinking that maybe... just maybe... spring has arrived for 2019! With the arrival of spring comes the arrival of busy season in the office. There is a lot to look forward to in the next few months! See below for just a few of the ongoing projects and upcoming adventures.



## Cyclone Idai

Many of you have probably seen on the news that last week Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique. Its powerful winds and heavy rainfall caused devastation throughout the country and moved on to destroy parts of Zimbabwe and Malawi.

Sources say that this destructive storm is regarded as one of the worst tropical cyclones on record to affect Africa and the Southern Hemisphere as a whole. To date, the storm has affected more than 2.6 million people and recorded deaths of more than 500 people with hundreds more missing.

GAIN Canada has decided to partner with GAIN USA in the provision of water filters near the Zimbabwe and Mozambique border. The filters remove bacteria and protozoa to create safe drinking water, meeting the immediate needs of families and communities.

I am helping to manage this project, as the situation continues to unfold. Our goal is to provide 1,000 water filters to families who have been affected by the cyclone. If you are interested in more information, or interested in partnering with us in this disaster relief, [click here](#).

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## Upcoming Travels and Events

There are several upcoming trips and events that I am busy preparing for!

First, I have been asked to be part of the training team in Latvia for the next Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) training. I will be teaching a few sessions, as well as playing a large role in the practical exercises. I participated in the DART training back in 2017, and it was one of the most impactful experiences I have had at GAIN. I am looking forward to leading new volunteers through this experience!

Right after returning from Latvia, GAIN is hosting a series of Paraguay fundraising events in British Columbia and Manitoba with our Paraguayan partner, Judah Mooney. Right now I am in the midst of putting together all of these details, which I will share with you at a later date.

Finally, I also will be leading a team to Paraguay in June. I always enjoy leading participants through new experiences and seeing how God works in their life! For this trip, I am particularly excited as my mom plans to be part of it! There are a few spots left on the trip. If you are interesting in joining, click [here](#).



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## Dordt University Engineering Advisory Board

This past week, I also had the privilege of travelling to Iowa and participating in the Dordt Engineering Advisory Board. It was a great learning experience for me, and I love seeing the professors and alumni's passion for Christian engineering and Christian education. I look forward to being part of this board for the next five years, and seeing how God will continue to use Dordt University.

It was also great to reconnect with some friends in Iowa (top photo in newsletter), and to visit Falls Park (above) during the unusually high water levels.

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## Praise/Prayer Requests

Please pray for those of us who are preparing to be part of the teaching team and for the participants at the upcoming DART training.

Pray for the Paraguay fundraising events that will take place in May, as we begin putting together all of the details.

Pray for the planning and recruiting for the Paraguay LIFE team in June.

Pray for the situation in Mozambique, Malawi, and Zimbabwe, and for God's light to shine through amidst the devastation.

As always, I would love to hear what you are up to in this spring season! Send me a quick note if you have time :)

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