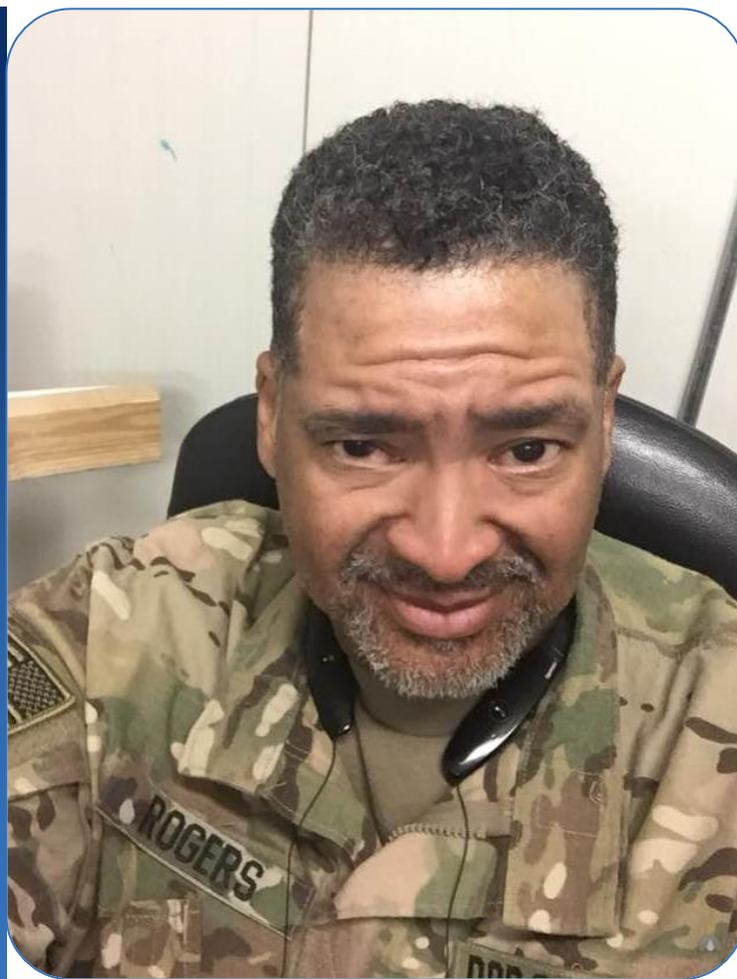


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ASLAN YOUTH MINISTRIES

SUCCESS STORIES

Still changing the world
. . . one child at a time!



Richard is one of the most accomplished students Aslan has ever had participate in our programs. As with so many of our young people, however things did not come easy for Richard. Although he was raised by a supportive and loving mother, not having his dad in his life resulted in Richard growing up with a lot of anger. He tried to hide this with his great sense of humor, but his anger issues led to numerous behavioral problems.

Richard was a star on Aslan's basketball team during our glory years when we were good enough to beat a lot of New Jersey high school teams. When I benched him in the middle of one particular game, he walked across the court, slammed a steel chair on the gym floor and stormed out the back door. It took a long time and a lot of encouragement for Richard to learn to channel his emotions in positive directions.

After graduating from high school, Aslan arranged a tryout for Richard with the South West Texas State University basketball team. He was redshirted as a freshman, but he wasn't self-disciplined enough to stay with the team. It was when he joined the Army that he started doing

better. Richard became a med-tech and eventually an all-armed-services Martial Arts expert. While serving our country, he completed his bachelor's and master's degrees and his PhD!

Richard recently called me from his current special assignment in Afghanistan where he literally came straight out of the bunkers from being shelled by the Taliban to make the call! He always thanks me for the impact Aslan has had in his life, but I turn around and thank *him* for being one of my heroes. We founded Aslan so that young people like Richard could have the opportunity to achieve the kind of success he's achieved. It is such a privilege to be a part of Richard's life and the lives of so many other children. Richard will retire from the Army after completing 40 years service to our country. He's the CEO of his own company so there are many more accomplishments to come.

Aslan is different from others who just touch the mind and body but not the spirit. This is why what we do is so important and why your support is critically needed to help us reach thousands more *Richards* in the future!



Two Very Special Young Women !



Sophia Amorski (above) is an engineering student at Hofstra and made her first of 7 trips to Haiti with Aslan when she was 13. Tara McCarthy (above right) is a second year nursing student at James Madison and has come to Haiti with Aslan three times. These young women's crowning achievement, however, was the 6-week internship that they just completed for us in Haiti during June and July!

Sophia loves children and teaching English – an extremely valuable skill for all of our Haitian students! Over her six weeks there, she helped several of our students achieve a very high level of English competency.

Tara's passion is to minister to the medical needs of the poorest of the poor in Haiti. While working in Aslan's clinic, she identified several severely malnourished children who we referred to the *Hope For Haiti* malnutrition clinic. She and her mother, Allyn, also laid the groundwork for a mobile medical clinic that will minister hut-to-hut to our families out in the "bush."

Sophia and Tara are amazing young ladies who braved the extreme conditions of Haiti during the hottest part of the year. Their time there will form the basis of a 10 to 12-week internship program that we will start in the near future!



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