Lanna Theological Center

Stories of Preparation and Calling

Every Ministry Begins With a Calling

Ministry rarely begins with a project. It begins with a person whose heart God is quietly preparing.

Long before a church is planted, a ministry is launched, or lives are impacted, God begins working in someone's life—giving them vision, stirring their heart, and teaching them to trust Him. They begin to see needs others overlook and feel unable to walk away from them. What others see as ordinary, they begin to see as a calling.

That is often how God's work begins.
Not with programs, but with people.
Not with visibility, but with preparation.

LTC sophomore **Prae** is one of those people.

Prae grew up in a Christian family and is the youngest and only daughter of four children. In her culture, the responsibility for funding her education fell to her older brother. He wanted something stable for her future—a career that would provide security. But God was doing something deeper.

In her senior year, Prae attended a youth camp that changed the direction of her life. She was challenged to put God at the center—not just of her beliefs, but of her future.

As she prayed, something became clear. God was calling her into ministry. There was just one problem—her brother did not agree. So Prae explored other career paths. She looked for something that would make sense, something that would satisfy both her family and this sense of God's calling.

But nothing seemed to fit.

She didn't know how to convince her brother—but she trusted that if this calling was from God, He would make a way. And He did. In time, her brother's heart changed, and he agreed to send her to Bible college.

At one point, she was offered funding to attend a school that taught in her ethnic language. There was only one condition: she would return home to serve in her village, where many others were already helping in the church.

But God was preparing Prae for a different path. She shared, *"I kept thinking about all the places that don't have anyone to teach or lead. I wanted to be free to follow God into new areas of need."*

When she learned that Lanna Theological Center teaches in the national language, preparing students to serve across regions, cultures, and communities, she knew that was the school for her.

Prae has already shown strong leadership potential. She has a winsome personality, a joyful spirit, and a gifted voice that draws others in. But more importantly, she has something that cannot be manufactured—vision.

A willingness to go where the need is greatest. A trust that God will lead.

One day, there may be a ministry project with her name attached to it—But today, the work is preparation.

Because every project begins with a leader. And every leader must first be formed.

Prae's story is a reminder that God often begins His work quietly—in the heart of someone willing to listen and obey.

Most people will never stand on a stage or lead a large ministry project. But every act of service in God's Kingdom begins the same way: someone notices a need, senses God leading, and chooses to take a step of faith.

Sometimes the greatest work God is doing is not the ministry others can see, but the preparation happening within us.

Perhaps God is also stirring something in your own heart. Maybe there is a need you keep noticing, a burden you cannot ignore, or an area where God is asking you to trust Him more deeply.

The question is not whether God is still calling people.

The question is whether we are willing to respond.

Would you join us at LTC and pray for all those whom God is leading into new ministry opportunities—that they would have the courage to respond in faith and the confidence to trust that God will provide what is needed for the journey ahead.

Scripture reminds us that we are "*created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand"* (Ephesians 2:10).

The God who prepares the work is also faithful to prepare the worker.

Let's encourage and support those whom God is raising up, remembering that many future ministries begin quietly with one person willing to say yes to His calling.