

Leon Doane Young Alumnus – Scott Englund

Originally from Oroville, Calif., Scott Englund transferred to NNU in 1993 when lifelong friend and NNU alum Jason Rhoads invited him to be his dorm roommate. Scott was preparing to propose to the love of his life, Teri (Guinn), and the Treasure Valley seemed like a good place to settle down and raise a family. It also did not hurt that there were many opportunities for adventurous outdoor entertainment, as Scott is an avid outdoorsman.



Scott graduated with a BA in finance in 1996. After graduation, he remained in the Treasure Valley and continued to be in a position to support the University through his job in the insurance industry. He joined the Alumni Board during this time and came back to NNU to finish his MBA.

In 2007, Scott teamed up with a group of Christian motocross riders to ride in the Baja 1000—a 1,300-mile motorcycle race in Mexico. It was during this time that he really began to open up his heart to the possibility of missions. “I felt some tugging to change my life to focus more on giving than on taking.” It was soon after that an opportunity arose for Scott and Teri to work with Extreme Nazarene Ministries to direct a large church planting and volunteer outreach project in Peru. They took on and completed their part in the challenging two-year project, and were ready for more.

“When the project finished, we felt like God was not done with us. He changed our direction. My passion is business. I love it. I believe God has gifted me in this area, so I want to use this gift to build and support His Kingdom.”

Again, God opened doors and the right opportunity soon came along. Scott and Teri became the proud owners of the Meeting Place Cafe, a small restaurant that caters to tourists and volunteers in Cusco, Peru. In November 2010, Scott and Teri also added two more businesses—the Meeting Place Guest House and Language Institute. One hundred percent of the profits from the three businesses go directly to support local projects that are in need of additional financial and volunteer support. The Englunds are faith-based missionaries and are supported by contributions from family and friends, allowing them to give all of their earnings from the businesses to local projects.

The Meeting Place is also closely affiliated with a small church that offers an English-speaking service for tourists, volunteers and missionaries who desire to worship in their own language. Scott sees supporting this church as one of the most important parts of his ministry. “We are a light in an extremely dark city. God has opened up the doors to a great place to minister, and we plan to stay here until God moves us elsewhere.”

Scott plans to look for more business opportunities in the tourism industry in Cusco, to support more ministry projects. He is currently in the development stages of the next venture—a high-end motocross tour company.

Scott and Teri are aided in ministry by their two daughters: Kayle (11) and Emma (8). They have also made it possible for NNU students to travel to Cusco for short- or long-term volunteer service. Currently, six young men who recently graduated from NNU are staying in the guesthouse for six months while attending language school and volunteering.