



PASTORING & MENTORING THE STUDENTS AND STAFF AT IGO

First of all, I would like to say that I love my job, if you call it a job. Pastoring the student's and staff of IGo requires a shepherd's heart. Listed below is a brief overview of my responsibilities.

Students: The responsibility for pastoring the students is actually spread out among several people. Although I am the pastor, the deans take the majority of the responsibility for the young people. They live with the stu-

dents 24/7 and oversee their activities. Students often confide in their teachers and share with them as well. Val Yoder and Rick Rhodes also speak into their lives in line with their administrative responsibilities. So it is really a team effort here at IGo.

The mentoring program is one of my most impacting contributions to the student body. Every student is in a mentoring group. I form the groups with input from the others on the administrative team, line up mentors for each group, and then give leadership to the mentors and operation of the program. This program is so valu-

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able in the lives of the students. One goal is for the student to see the fingerprints of God in all of their life, through both the good and bad circumstances. We also guide students through life values, giftings, and purpose. If a student completes all the studies and has various mission experiences, but carries a lot of baggage from unresolved issues, their ministry will suffer greatly.

Staff: Because the staff is comprised of both young and older individuals, including those with leadership roles at IGO, my responsibility takes on a bit of a different role in different cases. Also, most of the staff work under the director of the particular ministry they are involved in. Serving is one of my primary ways of pastoring the IGO personnel. Serving builds relationships and sets an example for all. My role is making sure that no one gets missed, which sometimes includes talking with them personally and/or discussing the situation with the ministry leader. Interestingly, some of the staff are my authority, so I want to encourage them and help make them successful.

Other: Trends, attitudes, and influences that affect the spiritual life of the school and congregation are topics we discuss and deal with as an Administration team.

I am responsible for the scheduling of all that happens at IGO Christian Fellowship. My preaching responsibilities vary, depending on the availability of the guest teachers/preachers. I schedule moderators, song leaders, Sunday School teachers, and other church-related roles. I also am the treasurer of the church and oversee the disbursement of finances. I greatly enjoy having periodic Bible studies with a few Thai youth.

My responsibility includes teaching two classes throughout the academic year. My wife, Joyce, is an intricate part of my pastoring. She organizes ladies' meetings twice a month and the scheduling of meals for families that have sickness or a new baby. She often takes guest teacher's wives to shop or visit places of interest around Chiang Mai. She also places a slip of paper with a verse or inspiring thought along with a small gift at each student's desk most Mondays of a term.

Pastoring is a wonderful ministry.

~Lee Mummau

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TESTIMONY'S FROM STUDENTS

Stretching & Inspirational

I would have to say that “stretching” is the buzzword for my semester at IGo. :) There has been so much that I’ve experienced it is hard to put it all into words! Listening to passionate, inspirational teachers and having class discussion was something I had looked forward to, and I was not disappointed. It was a highlight! I was put on the street evangelism team for ministry nights. Preaching on the sidewalks was not something I was used to, but taking that leap of faith out of my comfort zone has been very rewarding!

I have always enjoyed traveling, so when I came I was excited about the mission trips, but presumed it wouldn’t be a whole lot new for me. I was wrong; the trips I went on were fantastic - they made me recognize how small my worldview is and how many needs are out there that we do not hear about!

There has been an incredible amount I have learned through this time but some of the biggest things that have happened in my life have been in addition to the classes and trips; it has been where God spoke to me and pointed out areas in my life that needed attention, and how He showed Himself strong in so many areas. Praise God! - Justin Hoover

Truth Changed my Life

Jer. 17:7 “But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him.”

The last couple of years God has taken me on a journey of knowing who I am in Him. For many years I prayed that God would change my personality. When I was at IGo in 2010 God showed me that He created me the way I am for a purpose. In one of our classes this semester God revealed to me that I was getting my acceptance from the approval of others. God told me that my confidence needs to come from Him and Him alone. It doesn’t matter what others think about me. This truth has changed my life. I’m so thankful God brought me to IGo and taught me many valuable life lessons.

-Juanita Zook

A Guest Teacher’s Perspective

My experience at IGO has been most blessed. Relating to dedicated students in a classroom setting such as IGO has been a real blessing and spiritually enriching time for me.

My wife and I also cherish the one on one conversation we had with students, staff, and missionaries. It was a joy to sense the spirit in young people desiring to make a difference in God’s Kingdom building wherever God will chose them to serve Him.

It was very good to see how God is using the various ministries at IGO aimed at reaching the lost and encouraging the native saints in various Asian countries.

I appreciated the way IGO studies and student ministries is set up. It enhances dedication, discipline and preparation to go and make disciples of all nations.

Another blessing was to see how Dru and Lisl Lattin (missionaries from our church in Wisconsin) have made Thailand their home and are being used by God there.

Blest by God, LaMar E. Troyer



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A Transformed Heart

Classes... tests... relationships... trips... teachers... mentors... hands-on ministry opportunities... all these aspects of IGo life have taught me new truths and brought me to a closer connection with my Creator. God took me on a journey of deeper brokenness before Him and solidified the truth that a soft heart is so much easier for Him to mold into His image. One of my goals for this semester had been to leave with a more transformed heart that beats for what God's heart beats for and breaks when God's heart breaks. For that to happen,

God had to first cleanse me of selfishness and purify the impurities. My personal challenge became: Am I willing to allow every part of my life to remain consistently on the altar? Will I say yes to God even when the contract is blank? Will I let Him be Lord and trust His heart continually? I praise God for giving me this opportunity to spend in intense studying and growth.

- Lou Ann Martin



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