



My wife and I enjoyed a relaxing evening together – supper at the Nutmeg restaurant, then a walk along the harbor to an ice cream shop for dessert. As we were returning to our vehicle, a man approached me from behind and asked me for money to buy food for his family. I explained to him that I don't make it a habit to give out money, but I would buy him the food he needed. He refused, saying, "Just give me money and I will buy the food myself". I kindly refused and continued walking with my wife. The man bugged me a little more, than disappeared – to my relief.

GODLY BEGGARS

A few moments later, the beggar man reappeared and again asked me for money to buy food for his family. I gave him the same answer that I had the previous time and continued walking. He begged for a little, than disappeared again. When this happened the third time, I noticed that his disappearing always happened when we were meeting someone else on the sidewalk. Then it dawned on me; this guy doesn't want anyone else to know that he is begging from me.

The beggar followed us all the way back to our van, between disappearing acts when we were meeting other people. After I got in our van, the beggar made a final plea for money and I gave him my same answer, "I'll give you food, but not money". Then the unbelievable happened; a janitor, from a nearby store, charged our persistent beggar and clobbered him over the head with

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IGO FACULTY & STAFF

The faculty and staff of IGo are the ones primarily responsible for the training and oversight of the IGo students. Each of the faculty also oversee designated ministry programs which are listed throughout this newsletter. In the coming year a new position of member care for the staff in ministry will become reality. We are grateful to the Lord that most of the personnel involved in these ministries are IGo alumni of past years.



Val & Barb Yoder
Administrator, Instructor
Delight, Sharilee and Shanna



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Ladies' Dean

FELLOWSHIP FACILITATORS

English-teaching and language study are current focuses for our Fellowship Facilitators. An exciting recent development has been the commencement of Sunday morning services in the Thai language in a building next door that coincide with the IGo Christian Fellowship services. Mentoring and discipleship for numerous Thai friends also continues to be a focus for the team.



Dru & Lisl Lattin
Indigenous Fellowship Facilitator
Jubilant and Havilah



Duff & Kathy Browne
Indigenous Fellowship Facilitator
Sarah

ENGLISH CENTRE

Recently the English Centre staff have recessed from teaching at the Centre and are investing more time in studying the Thai language. This recess is providing concentrated time for the team to develop a revised structure for the IEC with the potential for more impact and specific focus in the lives of their students.



Arlin & Kayla Beachy
IGo English Centre Director, Instructor
Isaiah and Emma



Kimberly Eshleman
IGo English Centre Teacher



Mairi Bergen
IGo English Centre Teacher

RANSOM MINISTRIES

The Ransom Ministries team continues to reach out to the women in the red-light district of Chiang Mai. The radiance, purity and love of these staff ladies creates a dynamic invitation for those trapped in slavery. Ransom Ministries is currently leasing a two-room building that is set up as a center to reach out to these women, but in the near future would like to move to another location in order to expand their program and offer alternative occupational skills training.



Deaniel & Katrina Yoder
Ransom Ministries Director, Ministry Trip Coordinator
Caden & Jazer, Hosanna & Mone (Foster Daughters)



Heidi Gingerich
Ransom Ministries Personal Worker



Rosa King
Ransom Ministries Personal Worker



Melanie Beachy
Ransom Ministries Personal Worker

MACEDONIAN TEACHING MINISTRY

MTM is actively working to equip native pastors throughout Asia to reach their own cultures and people, since we believe the most effective way to reach unreached people with the gospel is to disciple native Christians and mobilize them to reach their own unreached people for Jesus Christ. The opportunities are more than double the ones we can facilitate.



Raymond & Naomi Burkholder
MTM Director, Instructor/Weekend Cook
Jana

VICTORY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

The students and teachers at VCS are enjoying another school year. This small school was primarily established for the children of IGo staff families but has been able to minister to other missionary families as well.



Titus & Evie Hershberger
Victory Christian School Teachers



Karen Yoder
Victory Christian School Teacher

GODLY BEGGARS CONT.

a broom handle! My wife and I sat there stunned, with dropped jaws. We could not believe what we were seeing. The janitor, with his broom-beating antics, literally ran the beggar off!

The events of that evening cemented a fact in my mind; beggars are not wanted in this country. Then again, I'm not sure that there are any countries where beggars are wanted. Begging is a low-down, degrading means of providing for one's needs. The words "godly" and "beggar" are rarely seen together. The two just do not co-exist. Yet there is a time when we, as Christians, are to be beggars.

In Luke 10:2, when Jesus was sending out the seventy, He told them to pray for more laborers for the spiritual harvest. In this verse, the Greek word for pray means to beg. So what Jesus says, is, "Beg God for more laborers for the harvest". That's godly begging; begging that God would send forth more laborers into the harvest. Note who is to do the begging; the laborers.

I do not believe that I need to build a case that all believers are called to be laborers in God's Kingdom, since Scripture is quite clear on this. But the case that needs to be highlighted is the lack of laborers in God's kingdom and the way in which we are to go about meeting this need. We are to beg for laborers. The key ingredient in this begging is twofold: how we beg, and who we beg.

How do we beg? –as laborers. We, as the seventy, are to be laborers ourselves. We are to be laboring to bring in a spiritual harvest. This laboring is to be done right where God has us. There is not a special group of people that God has called to be laborers in His harvest. All believers everywhere are to be laborers. Whether it is "hometown USA" or "jungle village Myanmar," we are to be laborers

for God's Kingdom.

To whom do we beg? – to the Lord of the harvest. This begging isn't done through twisting the arms of potential workers or preaching a message that sends our church on a guilt trip because of the lack of laborers in the spiritual harvest. This begging is to be done to the Lord of the harvest. We are to be on our knees begging with God for spiritual laborers. I believe we should be persistent beggars, like the man who followed me that night. We need to persistently beg God to send forth laborers. This is something that we have been commanded to beg for from God, which gives us the confidence to be persistent in our begging.

Brothers and Sisters, lift up your eyes and see the fields all around you that are white unto harvest. Then, as you labor in the harvest field where God has called you, beg the Lord of harvest for laborers. Let's be Godly beggars!

-Rick Rhodes

IGO YOUTH RALLY

Jan 25, 2013 - 7:30 PM

Terre Hill Mennonite High School
1416 Union Grove Road Terre Hill, PA 17581

IGo students will share their experiences in Asia.
Matt Musser will share the vision for the Nepali orphanage.

Everyone is welcome.

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“Sympathy is no substitute for Action.” - David Livingstone