



## IGO VISION

The purpose of IGo is to provide students with a cross-cultural setting in which mission work, Biblical teaching and personal discipleship can take place simultaneously.

We believe that it is more beneficial to be training missionaries overseas rather than in the affluent Western setting. IGo provides students with opportunities to travel and minister in Asia, with regular returns to the classroom for teaching and mentoring by instructors. The focus is not solely theoretical; instead it addresses the everyday issues a student experiences in ministry.

---

## THIS ISSUE:

- Following the Footsteps of Jesus into an Unknown Future
- Cross-Cultural Leadership Seminar
- Student Testimonies

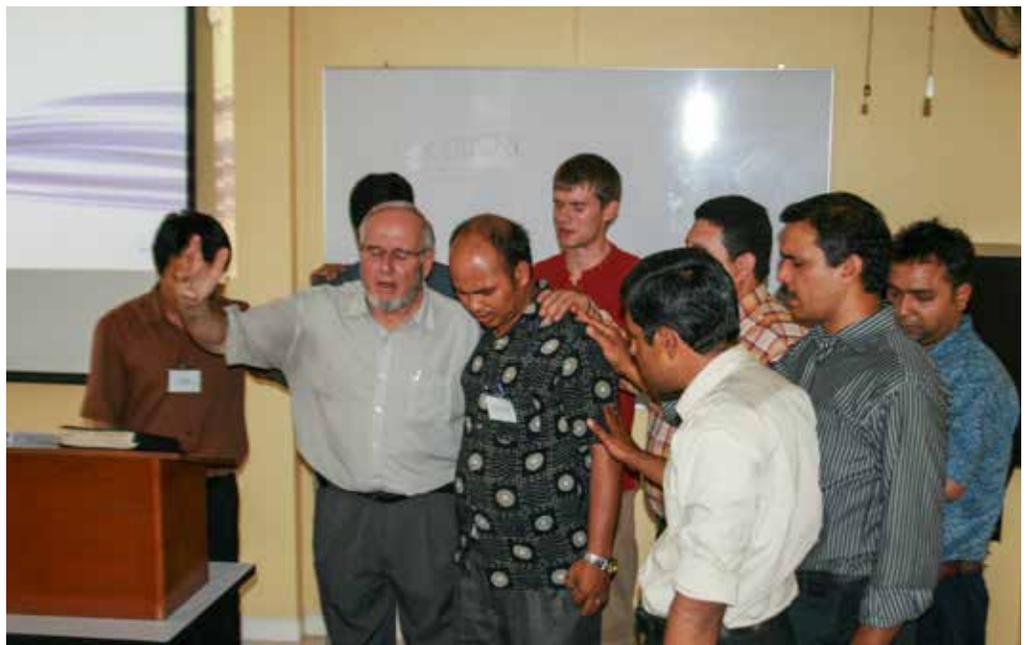
## FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS INTO AN UNKNOWN FUTURE

One of the biggest questions facing the true Jesus-follower is often, “How can I know God’s will for my life?” As His student, or disciple, there are times we wish to know God’s will in a specific situation, but we don’t seem to know exactly what it is. “God, if you will just show me your will, I will follow You in obedience.” This is a result of a loyal heart toward God, and a part of following Jesus’ footsteps.

Jesus had the same desire, to do His Father’s will. John 4:34 says, “My food (my source of strength) is to do the will of Him who sent me, and to accomplish His work.” Jesus was diligent in seeking the will of His Father and was a perfect example of faithfulness in following God’s revealed will.

As a young child, I remember the satisfaction of my father’s approval after completing a task or an assignment. This was fulfilling and empowering! So why would I not naturally want to follow his instructions? Unfortunately, I remember all too frequently not fulfilling my dad’s instructions because I felt my own aspirations and insights were superior to his. And the end result was drastically different. As a follower of Jesus, the fulfillment of doing His will bears an even greater impact on not

*Continued on Page 2*



**Prayer Time during Asian Bible School**



### **Team Building Activities during Asian Bible School**

only our lives, but on countless others.

When Jesus came into your life and said, “Come, follow me,” how did that affect you? How did it change you?

One of my greatest joys as a pastor is walking with men and women who are intentionally following Christ and are willing to follow Him with abandon. I have had this experience previously in my home community, and now for the past three years have journeyed with committed young men and women who are sold out to follow the footsteps of Jesus. This desire and commitment to do the will of God is inspiring to me!

A wonderful part of serving at IGo is the privilege to learn to know many more of God’s family each year. These come to IGo out of a desire and commitment to follow Christ in obedience, seeking God’s will for their specific calling and place of service. I have been greatly challenged by their lives, and it’s exciting to see how God has led them further into His will, giving clearer definition and direction for their lives.

Most of you reading this fully desire to know God’s will. There have been various times in my life that I found myself asking God for direction, thinking that I would be willing to do whatever He asks of me, but there was no clear answer.

What if we don’t clearly know His will? What do we do when we sense a calling and an urgency to serve in a greater way or in a different area of the harvest, but we don’t have clarity to move ahead?

God tells us in His word to, “Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened unto you. Call upon Me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things that I haven’t revealed before now. If anyone lacks wisdom, let him ask of God who gives it liberally.” Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit will guide us, convict us, teach us, and comfort us.

If you find yourself in a place in life where you are surrendered to God and willing, but uncertain, about His will; keep asking, seeking, and trusting. Before we left America, I was given a word from the Lord through a brother that has been a resource I have turned to many times since. A simple, but profound scripture that I have known since childhood is Psalm 119:105, “Your word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.” God always gives us the light we need; sometimes it’s a lamp, giving only enough light for the next step. Then there are times the Lord gives us a brighter light: one that illuminates the path well ahead of us.

What happens when we follow Jesus’ footsteps in faith and trust? During the last three years I have interacted with young people who were asking God the questions, “Where do I serve?” and “When do I go?” I have seen God answering these questions for them. For some, His footsteps have led them to return to their home church and community with new vision and intent. Some were led to develop or assist local ministry and evangelism in their cities, communities, or trailer parks. Some returned to serve in Thailand with ministries that were born out of a burden God laid on former alumni’s hearts. Some have been called to other countries: Greece, Haiti, Nepal, Zambia, Myanmar, Cambodia, and Iraq. God has called several to spend time in special training for medical care, for Bible translation, and for outreach to specific people groups.

Follow His footsteps faithfully, even into an unknown future. If they lead to IGo, we will be delighted to journey with you! Wherever this finds you in your walk with God, I bless you with the words of Jesus, “Lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

-May all who come behind us find us faithful,  
Gaylord Barkman



### **IGo Asian Bible School**

*Students came from Japan, Pakistan, Myanmar, Nepal, Thailand, Egypt, and India.*



### **Team Building Activities during Asian Bible School**

## **CROSS-CULTURAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR**

*(Previously known as the IGo Minister's Semester)*

March 13-31, 2017

The purpose of IGo's Cross-Cultural Leadership Seminar is to equip church leaders and lay members with tools for fulfilling the Great Commission in taking the gospel to both their home communities and the foreign mission field. This seminar will run simultaneously with IGo's Asian Bible School to provide fellowship and interaction with Asian believers.

March 13-24	Classes
March 25-30	Ministry Trip
March 31	Wrap Up

**Total Cost:** \$1,000 per single and \$1,800 per couple (not including flight to Thailand)

### **Classes Offered:**

The Shaping of a Disciple - Duane Weber  
The Ministry of the Holy Spirit - Raymond Burkholder  
Cultural Anthropology - Rick Rhodes

Please contact our secretary at [igoasia@hotmail.com](mailto:igoasia@hotmail.com) if you wish to receive a brochure and application by mail. You may also find this information at [www.igoasia.org](http://www.igoasia.org).

## **CONTACT INFORMATION**

Send correspondence and make checks payable to:

***Institute for Global Opportunities***

PO Box 116, Ephrata, PA 17522

Canadian donations should be sent to and be made payable to:

***Institute for Global Opportunities Canada***

PO Box 34, Sioux Narrows, ON P0X 1N0

***Institute for Global Opportunities***

Val Yoder, Administrator

Phone: 807.737.2238

E-mail: [igoasia@hotmail.com](mailto:igoasia@hotmail.com)

Website: [www.igoasia.org](http://www.igoasia.org)

Please visit our website [www.igoasia.org](http://www.igoasia.org) for information about the IGo Ministries (including ADAM, EFL, Thai Church Planting, EQUIP Nepal, VCS). Visit [www.rayburkholder.com](http://www.rayburkholder.com) for more information about Macedonian Teaching Ministry (MTM), and [www.ransom-ministries.com](http://www.ransom-ministries.com) for more information about Ransom Ministries.

# STUDENT TESTIMONIES

“A life changed. A life renewed. Jesus is Lord of my life. IGo has changed many aspects of my life in the four months that I have been here. Many of the classes showed me just how much I have yet to learn. I was glad for the opportunity to sit and learn, but even more grateful for the opportunity to go out from here and show the world the love of Christ, starting first in my home community and then to wherever God leads me. It was exhilarating to be a part of a class of students that felt the same way. Let God lead our lives.” JF

“Was IGo worth it? Only if I learned something; even then it’s worthless, unless I apply what I learned to my life. From that comes a weight of responsibility. I became almost overwhelmed by the responsibility that I have. I am now accountable to God for what He taught me. I have the choice of disobedience, half-hearted obedience, or total surrender to God’s will. I came to IGo not really knowing what God’s will is. I knew that it’s not His will that even one soul would perish. But what is God doing in this world? Through the classes, mainly the “Biblical Theology of Missions” class, my eyes were opened to what God’s will is and what He was trying to accomplish in the past and is trying to do today.” DZ



Institute for Global Opportunities  
PO Box 116, Ephrata, PA 17522

Non Profit Org  
US Postage  
PAID  
Erie, PA  
Permit # 227

## I WITNESS NEWS INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL OPPORTUNITIES



### ***IGO First Semester 2016***

**Back Row (L to R):** Lindsey Yoder, Kenyon Weber, Riley Weaver, Wyatt Sensenig, Bradon Nolt, Brocklyn Sensenig, Bradlyn Wadel, Skyler Coblentz, Jesse & Margaret Slabaugh, Kelly Weaver

**Front Row (L to R):**

Wendell Hochstedler (kneeling), Ashley Gehman, RaVonne Rhodes, Destiny Good, Krista Miller, Kimberly Good, Ashley Yoder, Jenise Ropp, Katharina Stoltzfus, Joshua Slabaugh (kneeling)