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*learning &
ministry*
TOGETHER



COVID, Cancellation, & *Christ* by Duane Weber

We live in a world where the normality of life has been significantly interrupted by a word called “COVID.” It does not matter whether you are in North America or Southeast Asia; people all around the globe are feeling the effects of this so-called pandemic. For the 2019/20 second semester IGo students, time at IGo came to a screeching halt through an announcement on March 20 that the semester was ending immediately. Six weeks sooner than anticipated, twenty-four students found themselves leaving the building they had called home for the past few months.

No matter how they hit us and regardless of the situation, interruptions to our anticipated plan are often received as unwelcome. It is in these times that it is necessary for us to let Christ readjust the lenses of our viewpoint.

Recently while travelling with fourteen IGo

alumni on our Gospel Team tour, I had my viewpoint once again readjusted through hearing their testimonies shared at each program. I was reminded how God has used IGo as a tool to shape and mold the hearts and visions of the students. Experiences were shared about walking into a Hindu temple and seeing ritualistic services performed as dead bodies were cremated. The darkness and hopelessness of that setting left an unexplainable ache in our students as they processed the meaninglessness of life outside of Christ. Others shared the impact of the teaching they received in the IGo classroom as they studied the topic of the sovereignty of God and how that translated into their personal life story. Ministry nights took students out of their comfort zones and strengthened them in the area of personal evangelism. Mentoring groups provided

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opportunities for processing their life stories while also giving them a chance to speak into each other's lives. In addition, the impact of ministry trips to areas of the world where the Gospel has likely never yet been taken, were all aspects of the testimonies I heard which readjusted my cloudy vision. **Even though our past semester was cut short, God had worked in mighty ways in the hearts of the students in shaping their worldview of His global kingdom.**

It is with confidence in God who worked this past semester that we move into a new semester year in the face of many unknowns. God is still on the throne even though it has been necessary

to adjust our plans for first semester 2020/21. International travel has many complications, but God is able to move and work beyond what we can even think or imagine. COVID may have created many changes in our world, but one thing that it did not change is the harvest field. It is still ripe and ready to harvest! The Lord of the Harvest reigns supremely even in the midst of a pandemic, and here at IGo we trust His leadership as we take one step at a time. We covet your prayers that the Lord would continue to send laborers into the harvest as IGo continues to train students through classroom teaching and on-field experience.



Lanus & Aganetha Dueck
Josiah, JeKeera, Janika, Jamar, Jada

Farewell to the Dueck Family

The Dueck family has lived in Chiang Mai since 2013. It brings us much sadness to see them leave Thailand. However, we also bless them as we know God is calling them to work in another harvest field. Thank you, Lanus and Aganetha, for your investment in the Thai people and the ministries of IGo. Your commitment to the Lord and His work here has been an encouragement to all of us. Your desire to lead your family well through the challenges and joys of cross-cultural living has inspired us. God bless you as you continue in the work that He has called you to in Mexico.

Four Components of IGo

Second Semester | January 4 – April 23, 2021

Term 4 (Jan 4 - 22)

- Ephesians
Duane Weber
- World Religions
Tim Stoltzfus
- TESOL
Phil Siegrist
- Discovering Our God I
Val Yoder

Ministry Trip 4 (Jan 25 - Feb 5)

Term 5 (Feb 8 - 26)

- Acts
Duane Weber
- Discovering Our God II
Val Yoder
- Tent-Making Missions
Deaniel Yoder
- Kingdom Theology
Tim Stauffer

Ministry Trip 5 (March 1 - 12)

Term 6 (March 15 - April 2)

- Local Church Evangelism
Duane Weber
- Biblical Theology of Missions
Tim Stoltzfus
- I Corinthians
Deaniel Yoder
- Christian Family
Val Yoder

Ministry Trip 6 (April 5 - 16)

Debriefing Week (April 19 - 23)

classroom

ministry trips

Each term, students participate in a ten-day ministry trip either in Thailand or in a neighboring Asian country. The ministry trips can vary in nature but are designed to enhance a global vision in the hearts of the students as they relate cross-culturally and are exposed to unreached people groups and the spiritual needs of the world. Mission concepts are not only taught in the classroom; ministry trips provide hands-on opportunities to practically apply classroom knowledge.



mentoring



The mentoring program involves interaction with a mentoring team as well as completion of individual assignments designed to take the student into a deeper, clearer, more radiant relationship with Jesus Christ. The program provides personal solitude time as well as group sharing. Mentoring groups meet once a week for prayer and accountability for personally-developed goals. Each term, a mentoring day is held which includes group sharing and recreation.

ministry nights

Two evenings each week, IGo students participate in a local ministry. These ministry nights, in addition to ministry trips, provide opportunities for students to live out the Great Commission in a practical way. Ministry night options include street evangelism, teaching English classes, helping at a Thai preschool, monk ministry, and other local efforts of building relationships and spreading the gospel.



Farewell to Jared Martin

Jared Martin moved to Thailand in 2015 to serve as the men's dean at IGo. We have been extremely blessed for the five years he has served in this position and the impact he has had in the lives of the students. His passion for evangelism, scheduling of activities, helping with maintenance, and consistent smile will be missed around IGo. Thankfully he is not leaving Thailand, but is transferring across town to serve with the INVEST team. We bless him as he continues to serve the Thai people, and we bless his vision for seeing others come into the kingdom.



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OUR MISSION

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.

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