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## *Does Jesus Really Mean* What He Says

by Brianna Martin, current IGo student

One of the most dangerous mindsets of the Christian is that of living to please self. The life of self is empty and lacks purpose. “Whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Matthew 10:39). What exactly does Jesus mean when He asks us to “lose our life”? He also says, “Those who want to be my disciples must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Matthew 16:24). It is safe to say that all of us want to be His disciples. However, we may quake at the thought of actually denying ourselves, scared to think what the “cross” we are to carry might look like.

Would Christ ask me to do things that I never saw myself doing? Would He want me to carry a burden for the unreached and possibly go to them? Does Jesus really mean what He says when He asks for the entirety of my life? Can He be trusted with all the details? The answer to all these questions is

YES. And, along with obedience to the call of Christ come unspeakable riches! How sad to think that we are so close to missing the fulfilled life of the Christian who has given everything to Jesus.

My experience at IGo has been a rich, fulfilling season. It has been a time of surrendering, deepening my love for the Word of God, living a disciplined life, learning to do relationships well, and opening my heart to God’s people all over the world. I have been given the opportunity to worship with Christians in different countries and I am amazed that God longs for the praise of ALL people. No culture’s praise is enough to fully express the worship of which God is worthy. Looking forward, I want to be intentional about knowing Who I am serving. It is easy to think life is all about me, and in doing so, to completely miss His abundant life.

# Transitions at IGo

## ***In Appreciation***

In December 2022, Duane transitioned out of the administrator role after serving in that position for five years. We are grateful for Duane and Suzette's years of faithful service and godly leadership at IGo. They have significantly invested in the lives of the young people and couples that attended IGo, and we know that their influence will have eternal fruit. Duane's heart for the unreached peoples of the earth was evident and inspired others.

Duane has transitioned into a new role as the public relations director for IGo. He shares about the work of IGo at churches, schools, Bible schools, and other organizations. If you would like to schedule a presentation or learn more about the work of IGo, you may contact Duane at [duanethmh@gmail.com](mailto:duanethmh@gmail.com). We are grateful that Duane will also continue teaching at IGo, serving as a guest teacher each year for first semester (August through December).

## ***New Administrator***

Several times in the past fifteen years, IGo has talked with Tim and Linda Stoltzfus about assisting on the field in Thailand. Tim's response was always one of interest, but the timing was not right until May 2021 when their family moved to Chiang Mai and Tim became the pastor of IGo Christian Fellowship. Tim has graciously and willingly shifted from that role to fulfill the responsibility of IGo administrator. He has replaced Duane Weber, who has become our public relations director. Tim's background as a missionary, pastor, teacher, and business leader are wonderful but secondary to his commitment to the Lord and to mission training. We welcome the Stoltzfus family into their new role at IGo.



Duane & Suzette Weber



Timothy & Linda Stoltzfus,  
Julianna, Christiana, Josiah,  
Adelaide, and Asher



## ***IGo Board 2023*** *(Left to Right)*

Val Yoder, Merle Burkholder, Carl Heatwole,  
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The IGo board faithfully serves our staff on the field by providing guidance and direction as well as visiting them on a regular basis.



# Ministry Trip Pictures



## Second Semester 2022-2023

**Left to Right:** Dallas Helmuth, Rivaldo (Givi) Castillo, Leslie Hoover, Jasney Nolt, Shea Amstutz, Travis Nolt, Cayla Dueck, Kara Weaver, Jevon Stoltzfus, Krista Eshleman, Lucy Hurst, Brianna Martin, Cameron Shank, Erica Eshleman, Monica Byler, Karl Martin, Yousaf Gharu, Sylvia (Syl) Yoder, Nathaniel Kauffman, Katriel (Katie) Knicely, Deanna Miller, Kendalyn (Kenny) & Sylvia Yoder, Shawn Glick, Valerie Eberly, Matthew Hochstedler  
Not Pictured: Mariah Troyer



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