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## Indonesia *Trip Lessons* by Lani Fahnestock

One of the biggest things I was impressed with from my first ministry trip was the power of prayer, and my privilege and responsibility to tap into that power. There was a lot of darkness in the area where we stayed, and it reminded me that I serve the King of Light. That area and those people need all the prayers they can get! In addition, I purpose to be one more voice praying for that region and those people. I am a believer that everyone should be a missionary in some form or another, but it was interesting to visit with missionaries who had left home, family, and all that was familiar to them, to share the Lord in another land. Satan is at work in their area just as he is in ours, though he is working in different ways. It was easy to see how workers there could get discouraged, lonely, have relational problems with each other, or...the list

could go on and on. I was challenged to pray for them specifically in those areas, and encourage them by letting them know of my prayers.

Another lesson I learned was the blessing of working with believers from different backgrounds. It can be a challenge, but I believe the blessing outweighs the challenge. We are a global church, so it is good practice to start working together now. There are not many other believers in that area, and certainly not many outsiders, so the few believers that are there need to band together. There are differences, yes. However, one begins to realize that we are fighting in the same battle on the same side against a common enemy. It was refreshing to see this happen instead of believers focusing on their differences and allowing Satan to distract them from what is truly important.

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## IGo Faculty & Staff

The faculty and staff of IGo give direction to the teaching and ministries of the IGo students. We are blessed with men and women who serve in these capacities with diligence and a passion to advance the Kingdom of Christ.

## Administrative Council

The administrative council is made up of Duane Weber, Dean-iel Yoder, Lanus Dueck, and Clifton Troyer, who oversee the IGo programs.

## INVEST (IGo Network of Volunteer Educators Serving Thailand)



### Team English For Life (EFL)

This INVEST team currently serves at a government high school, two government elementary schools, as well as Christian English clubs where they can teach the Bible. It is their goal to help the Thai church in its outreach efforts by providing staff to teach English and build relationships in targeted locations. They build relationships at school and invite Thai students to come learn about Jesus at their Saturday “White Elephant Club.”



### Team Wisdom Tree Home (WTH)

This INVEST team serves as caregivers and English teachers for the Wisdom Tree Home, which is a Christ-centered, bilingual daycare/preschool located in Chiang Mai. Wisdom Tree Home is an outreach of the local Thai church. Their mission is to consistently train, teach, and nurture children from a Christian worldview and build relationships with the parents or guardians.



## Macedonian Teaching Ministry (MTM)

MTM is actively working to equip native church leaders throughout Asia and beyond to reach their own cultures and unreached people for Jesus Christ. Raymond & Naomi Burkholder and Merle & Judy Flory together conduct eight to ten MTM leadership training conferences each year and three to five three-week Bible schools in India and Myanmar, thereby reaching the unreached by equipping and mobilizing native Christians and pastors. For more information about MTM, visit <https://mtm-global.org/>.



## EQUIP (Educate. Qualify. Unite. Inspire. Prepare.)

EQUIP is a partnership ministry between the stateside EQUIP Committee and IGo. Stephen Burkholder and Clinton Weaver oversee fifteen orphan homes in Asia. They visit the children’s homes and provide accountability and encouragement. EQUIP is currently partnering with fourteen pastors for the care of 137 children.



## Victory Christian School (VCS)

This small school offers a Christian-based education for students up to twelfth grade. VCS was founded with the purpose of serving the IGo staff families. However, that vision has been broadened to include several other missionary families who are serving in Chiang Mai. This year there are five different countries being represented by the fourteen students.

Left: EQUIP Team with Children’s Home

Right: Josh Slabaugh Teaching English



### 2019 First Semester Students

Standing (L to R): Anya Miller, Sarah Helmuth, Marcus Willey, Byron Miller, Carla Beiler

Sitting (L to R): Grant & Corissa Miller with Kai, Lani Fahnestock



## Encouragement *to GO!* by Carl Heatwole

After being asked several times to go to the Institute for Global Opportunities (IGo) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and feeling somewhat guilty that it had not previously worked out, Brother Duane and I were able to shift some courses and schedules. This made it possible for me to spend the month of September 2019 as a guest teacher for the first term of first semester.

Various things concerned my wife and me when we were parents of upper teenage children several years ago. We were very certain from our own experience that voluntary service and a mission experience in another culture, and likely another country, should be one of their goals before they became involved in a vocation and debt that is often associated with many young adult choices. There are many unreached tribes and people groups just like ourselves that God deeply cares about and for whom Christ died. However, it is often difficult if not impossible for young people to go into service or attend the Institute in Chiang Mai for training and exposure to missions if they are servicing debt from nonessential lifestyle choices. It can really hinder their ability to be open to serve or take advantage of the many opportunities in missions and a life of service while they are young.

Most parents are concerned that the places of

service and training are a safe environment for their children to grow and develop into the likeness and image of Christ, and if you are not concerned...you should be! Faith and practice, doctrine, and loyal obedience to Scripture do matter. Good doctrine is so important; it determines how we think and view the issues of life. It is so crucial because if we do not think correctly we will not live correctly. What we believe will determine our conduct toward God, other believers, and lost people.

My month at IGo confirmed in my heart and mind that it is a "safe" place to send our young people for study and spiritual growth. It represents a healthy cross section of serious followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, many of which happen to be identified as conservative Anabaptists. Yes, there will always be certain risks in transitioning our faith and biblical values to the next generation. However, we must also remember the warnings Jesus gave about the dangers of complacency, and the pursuit of wealth and chasing the American/Canadian dream.

Young North Americans have so many options; not only for career and education, but for Bible schools and voluntary service choices. I really encourage parents and mature students to consider IGo as a place to gather some of the many tools needed for Christian service and growing the church in our time.



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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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**Left:** Student with Carl Heatwole

**Right:** Lani Fahnestock

