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# Messenger Spring/Summer 2024

# **Innovative Global Expansion**

ISI's Ministry Plan efforts continue to grow as we move forward in expanding our tents with the Lord's blessing!

# Making an Impact on the Nations!

### **ISI Impact Videos**

**Check out our Impact videos based on true testimonies from actual ISI students through the years! (Scan QR code below.)** 

### **Plant Japan**

 ISI has a dedicated team in Japan to help plant churches in 60 key locations and establish connections within the Christian community there.

#### **Global Expansion**

• We're building partnerships worldwide, especially in countries with increased Returnees. Student collaboration with ISI continues post-graduation!

### **World Changers**

• Christian international students learn how to stand firm in their faith within their spheres of influence.

### **NGO GO Entrepreneurship**

This initiative helps entrepreneurial students start new NGOs and network with donors to launch their ideas!

### **World Changers Conference**

Here are comments from students who attended the most recent WC Conference which received overwhelmingly positive feedback:

- "Putting God first in everything or being obedient to what God tells you and unlimited ways in which God can use/speak to you and also be of impact in your areas of influence. I want to be more intentional in my walk of faith and be the salt and light in whichever place God puts me." -Student from Kenya
- "I'm going to change my entrepreneurial plan to another one focusing on extending God's kingdom instead of my wallet."

   Student from Dominican Republic
- "The most important thing that I learned from World Changers is 'to be used by God with my gifts where the Gospel is not welcome.' We have a mission we have [been] commissioned for."

-Student from Paraguay

## **ISI Impact Videos**





# Watch the series!

- Marta's Story
- God Knew
- Click of a Button
- Go and Do Likewise

# **Message from President Seng Tan**

It's an exciting time for ISI! Just as God promised in Isaiah 54:2. He is expanding our "tent" through extending our reach within America and beyond, while lengthening our "tent cords" and strengthening its "stakes" through systematic discipling, equipping, and care of our students, staff, and volunteers. But with growth comes a host of challenges, including failing to keep our eyes on what truly matters.

The Bible refers to another tent-the Tent of Meeting-where Moses and his leaders would meet with God during their wilderness trek. Exodus 33:7 describes the location of this tent of God's Presence as pitched some distance away from the Israelite camp, outside of it. However, by the time we get to Numbers 2, the Israelites had moved the tent to the center of their camp; when they marched, the tent sat in the middle of their order of battle (v. 17).

As ISI steps into God's destiny and calling, may we do so with Christ always and forever as our center! Thank you for being a part of this ministry. We are grateful for you and the ways God uses you to bless ISI's outreach!

Together in Christ.

Dr. Seng Tan President/CEO

### Join Us in Prayer

• ISI's Ministry Plan: Please pray as we dive further into implementation of projects to "expand our tents" and follow the Lord's leading.

• National Conference 2024: Pray for our team as we gather in San Diego in June. Over 300 team members are expected to attend our largest conference yet!

• School Year End: Please lift up students as the semester comes to a close. Pray for students returning home and those staying during the summer months.

### Virtuous Donor Portal

Through Virtuous, you can access all of your giving

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history and manage recurring gifts online! This system allows donors to easily make updates to information and give online. For help accessing Virtuous Giving, contact our Donor Services team by calling 800-474-8628 or emailing at give@internationalstudents.org!



### Join ISI's 24/7 Prayer Times

The ministry focuses on dedicated prayer and we'd love for you to join us! Keep up with ISI's 24/7 prayer weeks during the year, or get connected with a local ministry to prayerwalk a campus!

### **Outreach Milestones**

#### Academic Year 2024:

- 25.259 students introduced
- 14,087 relationships cultivated
- 328 estimated decisions
- 2,999 students discipled
- 686 reproducing their faith nationally and globally
- 1.594 church partners
- **12.990** volunteers

Results from July 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

#### **Tejas Spring Break 2024:**

- 209 students attended
- 99 see Jesus as the path to hope and peace
- 50 requested to learn more about Jesus

### New Team Members

Logan New Brunswick, NJ lessica Frisco, TX

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Adrianna Albuquerque, NM

Ingrid Golden, CO

South Hadley, MA

Hannah

Bethanv

Nicole

Tekoa, ŴA

Andrew Santa Barbara, CA

Marsha

Trent

Salva

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David

Boise, ID

Yonkers, NY

Bel Aire, KS

Winters, CA

Linda Fort Worth, TX

Kathy Newark, CA

Sufnat Fort Worth, TX

West Lafayette, IN

Elizabeth Moscow, ID

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Ioshua

Arroyo Grande, CA

Susan Scottsdale, AZ

Gary & Sue Somerset, NJ

Wood Ridge, NJ

Manheim, PA

Emily Edison, NJ

> Won **Clarence Center, NY**

John & Carol Middletown, PA Barnegat, NJ Shola Scottsdale, AZ

Kiersten Pullman, WA

Vicki Princeton, TX