Fall-Winter 2021

Messenger

International Students Inc.®

Sharing Christ's Love With International Students

ISI's Ministry Plan: 2021-2025

Expanding Our Tents

We believe the Lord is calling ISI to "expand our tents" (Isaiah 54:2-3) both in the U.S. and around the world through strategic expansion to reach international students more effectively online and in-person knowing that nothing is too difficult for Him (Jeremiah 32:27). Together we will seek the Lord and join Him in exponentially growing the number of people in relationship with Him (Zechariah 2:1-5), trusting in Him to provide the direction, means and protection for His glory!

Plan Priorities

We will accomplish God's plan for our ministry plan with His enablement through these priorities.

Prayer

Dependence and submission to the Lord in all we do by seeking Him in prayer and fasting for His plan!

Churches

Serving together with the local church to reach every international student with a team of dedicated and well-trained volunteers who are committed to seeing the Body of Christ thrive.

Communities

As we share Christ's love with students through friendship and hospitality, we will focus on building communities of hope and mercy that welcome and lead students to redemption in Jesus.

Innovation

Prioritize creativity and innovation at all levels of ministry to develop reproducible and scalable models for global student outreach.

Collaboration

Working with like-minded partners and ministries at every level of ministry in the U.S. and abroad to see international students discipled for His service.

Returnee Impact

Maximizing the Great Commission impact of our returnees through premier returnee follow-up and networking opportunities.

Global Reach

Ministry expansion to new global locations through partnerships and catalytic leadership with a heart for reaching students where they are.

Equipping & Mentoring

Effective, relevant training, leadership development and exceptional resources made available to every student and team member.

Message from President Seng Tan

The cat's out of the bag: COVID did a number on international student ministry in the United States. Over the 2020-2021 school year, we saw a precipitous decline in the numbers of international students in this country due to the pandemic, the federal government's tightening of travel restrictions, and a growing trend of students choosing educational options in countries other than the United States.

Overall international student enrollment in US colleges and universities was almost 18% lower than the previous year, whereas the number of new international students fell by a whopping 72% compared to the previous year. While this remains a cause for concern, ISI is still in the thick of ministry!

Around the country, our field teams welcomed the 2021-2022 school year with thousands of airport pickups, loads of furniture giveaways, trips to national parks, backyard hangouts, game and movie nights, and Bible studies both on and off campus. The opportunity to reconnect with students has brought joy unspeakable to us all, starved as we have been for so long of in-person contact with students!

As the LORD promises in Malachi 4:2, **"But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and frolic like calves from the stall."*** Locked down for so long from the pandemic, we now experience the Son of Righteousness' healing rays; we've been released from our "stalls" and we're frolicking like calves and raising endless Hallelujahs to King Jesus!

Thank you for the vital role you play in our ministry efforts. We are truly grateful for your partnership in Kingdom work!

Together in Christ,

Seng

Dr. Seng Tan
President/CEO

*Verse from the New American Standard Bible.

World Changers Conference

The World Changers Conference brought **45** students from **27** countries together, with ISI team members, for a focused time of spiritual growth and mentorship to be a discipling leader. These believing students have action plans for their campuses and to return to their countries and minister through their professions with intentional strategies to share Jesus with their nations!

Virtuous Giving

Our team has recently transitioned to *Virtuous*, a new donor software to better serve our missionary staff and donors! This upgraded system allows donors to access their giving history and to easily make changes to online giving. For access, please email **give@internationalstudents.org** for a login invitation!

Welcome New Team Members

Stephan Frisco, TX	**Rajan** Charlottesville, PA	**Bob & Carrie** Princeton, NJ
Mollie Beaumont, TX	**Saron** State College, PA	**Jude & Anto** State College, PA
Jean Plano, TX	**Frank** Wentzville, MO	**Lisa** Home Office

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Prayer Points

- **Ministry Plan & Initiatives:** Join us in praying as we implement the strategies of ISI's Ministry Plan and continue to expand our initiatives in order to fully equip our team and reach international students! ISI desires to faithfully complete the ministry which God has assigned us (Colossians 4:17).
- **Holiday Outreach:** Please pray for our team members nationwide as they share Christ and His love with students throughout the holiday season!
- **Calendar Year End:** Pray for us as we ask the Lord to meet our budgetary needs for Calendar Year End by December 31, 2021.

Resource Upgrades

Our team is working on upgrading some of ISI's current books and resources, while we develop new M28 Global Discipleship videos and training guides. Stay tuned for upcoming materials!

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