



Randy & Charlotte Seals



Glenn & Phyllis Hatcher



Jeff & Pam Jones



Meg Crossman

2008 Graduation

On May 30th, the *IGO Institute for World Ministry* passed another milestone, winding up its 15th class. The school joined with our sister agency, *Globe International*, and their *Institute for Global Ministry* at a joint graduation service held at *Bay Community Church*, in Daphne, AL. This year's graduation speaker was *Meg Crossman*, the author of "*Pathways*," one of our main textbooks for missionary and cross cultural training.

This is the second year that *Globe* and *IGO* have joined forces to equip another generation of World Changers. Under the direction of *Randy Seals*, *IGO's* school has become a model for training those who desire to complete the great commission, and help local churches develop greater global awareness, and needs around the world.

Under the leadership of *Glenn and Phyllis Hatcher*, *Globe's* school has flourished and is producing a new generation of missionaries, and encourage local churches into greater endeavors, living out the great commission. Glenn has also been a great asset as a teacher in both schools.

For the first time, *IGO* is operating another school away from our headquarters location in

Semmes. *IGO* Missionaries, *Jeff and Pam Jones* are running the *Midwest Institute for World Ministry* in Plainwell, Michigan. The first Graduation of this school was on June 3.

All three schools share the same teachers and curriculum. Classes were held on Tuesday nights in Pensacola and on Thursday nights in Mobile. Each class was recorded and many were sent to the school in Michigan, where students attended on Monday nights enjoying a mixture of live teaching and video classes.

If running three schools is not enough, now anyone (*even you*) can enroll through our new *correspondence program*. We have already started sending out the first courses on DVD to students who could not reach one of our established schools earlier this year. Now we can train individuals and encourage local churches no matter where they are. Plans are in the works to bring the school on line (on the internet) in order for students to be able to log in, download the coursework, and see or hear the lectures.

If you would like to know more about attending any of our schools, or if you would like to enroll in the correspondence school, contact; Randy Seals at the *IGO* office at 251-645-2117, or e-mail him at rseals@igoministries.org.



Wishin' I was Fishin' ...

Back in my college days (*somewhere in the late 1970's*) I had a friend who was about 35 years older than me. John was retired and had spent most of his life working as a welder. Somewhere along the way, he became an avid fisherman.

I loved spending time with him and his wife, Ruth. It was like having parents and friends all rolled into one great package. I could tell many tales of our time together and the rich fellowship we enjoyed, but for the sake of space - I want to focus on fishing with John.

John was passionate about fishing. He organized his whole life around being out on the water by the time the sun was up, and having all the right tools within arms reach. He knew when, where and how to fish. He could tell you how deep to fish, what bait to use, and just how to jiggle the lure to make it look really tasty to those poor bass. I learned a lot about fishing from John.

As I have grown older, my time for fishing seems to have just dried up. My responsibilities, lack of free time, other interests have just taken me away from it. I still think about it, and I still relish those wonderful memories of hanging out with John and Ruth. But instead of fishing, these days I tend to be more focused on the people around me.

What I learned from John about fishing has now come to life in my relationships and ministry. When you are fishing, you have to use bait that the fish will be attracted to. If you use something that frightens the fish, or something that they are not drawn to, you just will go home with a wet fishing line and nothing else.

The same is true in connecting with those you want to reach. If you use "bait" that frightens them, or pushes them away, you will not reach them.

For some time, I have been drawn to give myself to a group of young men that I have gotten to know through our local church, through our ministry fellowship and through our mission school. All of these guys are sharp learners, lovers of God and headed toward some great task in God's kingdom in their diverse futures.

New Frontiers...

Imagine traveling deep into the Amazon River basin, into the furthest reaches of the rain forests of Peru. Then imagine that you come across a group of tribal people, living in grass and stick huts, that have never had a missionary, or a presentation of the gospel, and it is your job to bring it to them. Sounds like something out of the history books doesn't it?

In February of this year, **Lance and Brenda Hobby**, from Lucedale, Mississippi, had the chance to be a part of a small missionary group that did just that. They were able to bring the gospel message into several villages in Peru and plant churches among people that had never heard the gospel.

Lance and Brenda graduated from the *IGO Institute for World Ministry* in 2007, and are no strangers to these "on the edge" trips. For years, they have been doing short term trips all over central America and into the West Indies. They are currently in the process of becoming full time IGO missionaries.



Lance & Brenda Hobby



Travis & Sue Barfield
in Northern Siberia

In early 2007, IGO missionaries **Travis and Sue Barfield** had the same experience of planting a church among the **Reindeer People of northern Siberia**. The people of this region had heard that there were missionaries, but had never actually met one.

Several years ago, **John and Yesi DuBose** helped to plant a church deep in the jungles of Honduras, high up on the tallest mountain in the country among a group of people that had never been reached before as well.

There are people today who believe that there are not many people left that have never heard the Gospel, however we know that there are still thousands of people groups that have never heard. Without reservation, I know that the task of taking the Gospel to all people is still before us.

Your continued partnership helps us to get quality missionaries into these places, and beyond.

As I have spent time with them, down inside I keep praying over them, I intentionally use tools (bait) that will attract them into a deeper relationship with God and with those around them. I do whatever I can to encourage them, I listen to them and more than anything else, I just try to be there for them. All of them are half my age... More than anything else, they fuel me. I get so much strength from spending time with these guys. They are brutally honest, passionate about God and are seeking to find their place in the Kingdom of God.

Like my friend John organized his life around fishing, I have begun to organize my whole life on reaching and building up these guys. I find myself out in their world as much as in my own. More and more, my life becomes less about what I have and what I can get, and more about

my family, and the incredible people that God has placed around me.

If there is one key phrase that I have learned that has opened these doors for me, it is "*authentic relationships*." These guys that I hang out with are more than just the people I minister to, or along side, they are more than just someone that I can inflict my ministry on, they are real friends. I think now I am beginning to understand what Jesus meant in John 15:15 when he said he no longer called his disciples "servants," but now he called them friends. Here is the good part - those "friends" went on to change the world....

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President of International
Gospel Outreach*



As I sat on the beach overlooking the South China Sea, I took stock of what I had just done. It's just me and my friend Jessie, who is more a brother than a friend to me now. We both ran the border with suitcases filled with Bibles to meet the need of the suffering underground church. I am in Vietnam and have brought over 300 Bibles into a country where it is illegal to do so. It is at this point that I realize how precious the word of God is. Without question I will do this again.

People ask me what the highlight of the trip was. I could tell them about the man that I met that was raised from the dead and now serves Jesus as pastor in one of the underground churches. I could tell the story of a sister and brother that watched as their father was buried alive as a lesson to their village not to follow Christ, or their mother who took the place of her husband as pastor and was hung.

I could tell you about the many different underground pastors I met that live under the constant threat of being persecuted for their faith. I could tell you the story of how God used a group of people to run a shop to win street kids to the Lord or the many testimonies of how God delivered people out of the hands of the Government. But I choose to talk about one conversation I had with a brother who pastors over 30 underground churches in Vietnam.

I asked him, "Aren't you worried that you will be shut down if the government finds out about you." With a smile he looks back at me and answers, "We are willing to pay the price." It is that statement that sticks in my head as the overwhelming reason I was brought to Vietnam. **Paying the price;** In America we talk about "paying our dues" as if when we are done with that we are then entitled to the remainder of our life in comfort.

In Vietnam, paying the price is a way of life. "We are honored to give all that we have to the God that gives all that we need," My contact told me. The statement brought me back to a conversation that I had with Bishop Eddy Brown, about the overwhelming theme of blessing in America. *We have preached so long on blessing that we have forgotten the price.* The Gospel has become what we can gain not what we can give.



Vietna

It cost something to follow Jesus and this trip has brought me back to that understanding. I thank God for all those that came before me and were willing to undergo hardship to promote the gospel. It has been their roads that I have followed and had the privilege of walking safely. But this trip leads me to an unsafe road that needs to be blazed. For me it is time to stop walking the roads blazed by other and begin to blaze roads for those yet to come. I will run Bibles over the borders of closed countries like China, Laos, Vietnam, Iran and even North Korea the rest of my life.

My contact warned me not to believe those in America that would tell me that Bibles are not needed in China and Vietnam. "Its propaganda. Often the government will take the Bibles printed here and burn them, they only print them to appease the American government, and the end result is that those Bibles never get into the hands of believers."

I was astonished. Just before I left I watched a program with a well known TV preacher declaring how he was printing Bibles in China and yet Christians from Vietnam are risking their lives to help other westerners run Bibles over the borders. To say the least printing Bibles in China gets you good headlines but the end result may not be what we are looking for. Why would these Christians put their lives on the line if it was not necessary?

I have learned so much on this trip. *Brotherhood, obedience, faithfulness, and diligence* I will never forget my trip to Vietnam and look forward to going back there in the future. The Lord is moving me in a new direction and I look forward to blazing new trails for the coming generations, but I will never forget those that have blazed the trail for me to get this far.



We all have jobs to do in the kingdom and I realize that mine is going down a new road. We will never conquer that which we will not confront. Here is to those heroes of the past and the heroes yet to come that will deliver the Gospel to untold reaches of the planet.

*Eric Burnett,
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Calling all Prayer Warriors

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Ephesians 6:12

Over the years, IGO has depended on our dear friends who pray for us, who communicate with us and are always there when we need someone to stand with us. Because of these special people, we believe IGO has grown, branched out into new fields and enjoyed the success that we have seen, simply because they have prayed with us and for us.

For a number of reasons, our army of intercessors has been dropping off. Some have gone on to be with the Lord, others have moved away, or have lost touch. As a result, we are in need of recruiting new prayer partners, and intercessors that will pray with us over the needs of the ministry, the missionaries and the world we are trying to reach.

Please take a moment to pray and ask the Holy Spirit if you are one of these important people that would join ranks with us in praying. If you are one of those, complete this information card, clip it out and mail it to us so that we can communicate with you as prayer issues arise. Your information will not be shared with others.

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FAITHFULNESS



Years ago, while Bertist and I were visiting a church, a man came to us and said that he lived by himself and had days he was very lonesome, but he got on a mailing list of a ministry he knew and he was not lonely anymore, Because he gets mail everyday now.

We assured him that if he got on our mailing list he would not get mail from us everyday. Maybe we should have said even as long as six months, that is how long it has been since we put out a newsletter. Not that we did not want to, but just couldn't seem to get to that place to do so. The challenges and demands have been many...but God has brought us through them all and we have walked in victory in spite of them.

If I have learned anything since 1960, when we first went into full time ministry; it is that God is faithful and we can trust Him completely. He is able to do so much more than we could ever imagine. Everyday as I walk into our offices, I am again reminded of how faithful He is and how much He cares. When I look at the map with pictures of all the missionaries He has added to this ministry, I again thank Him for His faithfulness.

We are all walking in excitement these days, waiting to see what God has in store for us. Daily I am reminded that He sees the big picture and that He does have plans for all of us. To those of you who are walking in hard places, I would like to encourage you to turn your eyes upon Jesus, to look full in His wonderful face, and allow all the things of this earth will grow dim, and trust Him completely.

Thank you again for your loving support of IGO ministries. Because of you we can continue to touch the nations. Many of you have been so faithful for years, and our hearts are humbled and blessed by your loving support. You are loved and appreciated much - *Anna Merle Rouse*

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