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# Continuing the Task We've Been Given

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As this year comes to a close, we look back over all that we have to be thankful for. We are grateful for the opportunities the Lord has given us to serve His people around the world by training them to meet needs as a door opener to share the Gospel. We are also thankful for all of you, our extended ITEC Team, who are so faithful in praying for us and supporting us financially.

As we look back over 2019, one of the things that stands out is our rebranding with a new logo that more clearly states who we are. We loved the old logo, but we often found ourselves explaining how we are not a mission aviation company before we talked about who we truly are. While our mission has stayed the same, the goal was to simplify and clarify why we exist. ITEC is a team focused on DEVELOPING tools and curriculum that can be used to TRAIN mature Christ-followers around the world to reach their own people with the Gospel by meeting physical needs, and EQUIPPING others to do the same.

Many people know ITEC as a team that develops unique tools like a portable dental chair, or as a group that trains Christ-followers in rural areas around the world. However, our goal is not to just expand our team. As we finish this year and move into 2020, we desire to increase our efforts to equip other individuals, churches, and organizations both in the United States and around the world with this vision.

If our goal as believers is to reach the three billion (3,000,000,000) people on this planet that have never heard the name of Jesus, then we must focus on partnering with, equipping, and empowering God's people around the world. My Dad calls it 'interdependency' in the Missions Dilemma study series. We want to support mission-minded individuals who would consider training as a part of their mission efforts.

Through your faithful prayers and support and God's guidance, we have seen many Christ-followers trained around the world. Those trained continue to have opportunities to use their skills, opening doors to share their faith in places previously resistant to the Gospel! We look forward to sharing the stories of the ongoing impact with you in the coming year.

One of the ways we want to bring you into these stories is through a new podcast that we are launching in January. We will be hosting people from multiple organizations, working all around the world, sharing how they have been trained or train Christ-followers with tools to show the love of Christ. We desire to see this vision become a movement of God's people, for His glory!



Students inspect a motorcycle in Western Africa this year.

As we look to the year ahead, things are not slowing down.

Our engineering team is repurposing part of their workspace to dedicate a larger area to design and development. Our training schedule is filling up quickly, and we are diligently working to launch our farm training with upcoming trips planned in Africa in January, February, and March. We also continue to have frequent opportunities to share the ITEC vision to groups both large and small at mission conferences and churches.

We are thankful for the team that the Lord has brought together to accomplish this work and for your faithfulness in being a part of our extended team through prayer and support. We look forward to the new opportunities that await in 2020 and sharing with you how God is working along the way.

## Upcoming Trips

Please join us in praying for these trips.

- East Africa - Jan 2020  
I-FARM
- Western Africa- Feb 2020  
I-FARM, I-FIX
- East Africa- Feb 2020  
I-DENT, I-FIX
- Europe - Feb 2020  
Conference
- Western Africa- March 2020  
I-FARM
- East Africa - May 2020  
I-DENT
- Southeast Asia - June 2020  
I-FIX, I-MED & Physical Therapy

### PLANNING STAGE

- Southern Asia - Spring 2020  
I-MED
- Europe- October 2020  
Trauma Counseling, I-FILM

## Coming Soon: Mission Minded Podcast

A recent study by Barna confirms a concerning trend among churchgoers: More than 75% of the surveyed group either had no knowledge of the Great Commission or couldn't recall its exact meaning. While this trend is frightening, we as an organization prefer not to dwell on the negative in favor of asking what God might be asking us to do in light of this information.

Through the course of this year, some of our staff have read a book called *When Everything is Missions*. The book highlights important differences between the word 'missions' and 'mission'. Just like Steve Saint's challenges to the paradigm of short-term mission trips, this book challenges the audience to understand the difference between the two terms so the Gospel, by God's leading, might go forth where it has not yet gone. This short book illustrates some factors of why many churchgoers don't know about Christ's commission.

As you have read in the article on the front of our newsletter, we are working on increasing our focus on the 'Equip' side of ITEC. We desire to partner with churches and organizations in North America to work collectively towards accomplishing the task Scripture calls us to. One way we want to start this dialogue is with a new podcast that will start in early January.

The podcast is called *Mission Minded* and will feature stories from missionaries, church leaders, pastors, ITEC trainers, trainees, and more! These stories will inspire and challenge us all to think holistically about God's call for us to reach both our neighbors and the nations.

We would love to have you join the conversation with us in early January. Visit <http://bit.ly/itecupdates> or scan the code above to subscribe to ITEC emails to learn more.

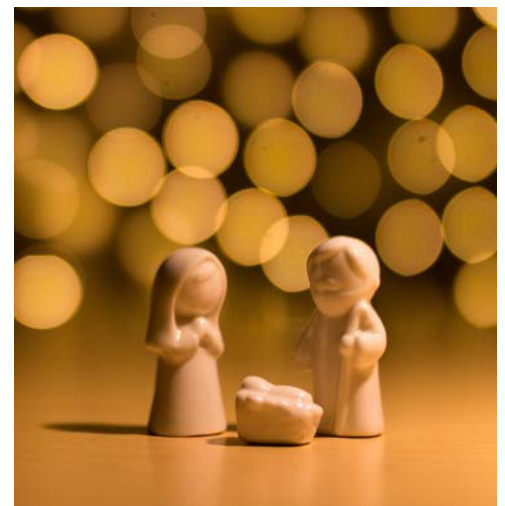


## A Season of Thanks

Another 12 months have come and gone. We are so thankful that you have joined with ITEC in your faithful prayers and financial support as we have worked, traveled, and trained to equip and empower the church both here and abroad.

Many of you are familiar with #GivingTuesday, a day when non-profit organizations fundraise after the craziness of Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While the spirit of #GivingTuesday is noble, we feel like it has become 'Asking Tuesday.' For the past three years, ITEC has sent out an email on #GivingTuesday to give thanks for our faithful prayer and financial supporters. At the end of the year, this gratitude for what God has done in and through your faithful support is what propels us into a new year. While we rarely ask you directly to financially contribute to ITEC, God always provides what our organization needs in His perfect timing.

Thanks for being a part of the extended ITEC team in 2019. We look forward to seeing what God does in and through you in 2020. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at ITEC!



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