



Student Sponsorship Program





INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY (ITS) MISSION

**Our mission is to equip and train
in the Reformed tradition
teachers, community leaders, and pastors
who transform local communities into
vibrant places of worship,
mission, and justice.**

Vision

of International Theological Seminary (ITS)

ITS is a global training organization founded to equip local, established leaders from developing countries to change the world. ITS produces graduates who return to their countries as indigenous missionaries. They transform their communities by sharing the Gospel and leading vital, holistic ministries that include: schools for disadvantaged children, vocational training centers for women, and self-sustaining businesses to empower struggling communities.

ITS invites proven community leaders, teachers, and pastors from developing nations to the United States for specialized theological and missional training. The impact and breadth of our graduates' ministries upon return to their home communities is the story of God's love stretching forth to every nation.

ITS graduates represent over 30 countries around the world including: Indonesia, India, Nepal, Thailand, Korea, China, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, El Salvador, and many other countries throughout Africa, Asia and Latin America. ITS students come from a diversity of backgrounds and bring rich experiences in Christian ministry and spiritual wisdom.



Trained local leaders serving their own people bring an inherent credibility and unparalleled impact. ITS students have lived, walked and served as leaders in their countries and are intimately acquainted with the culture, language, challenges and opportunities of the communities they serve. Their deep passion to share the Good News of Jesus Christ is expressed in compassionate, creative, and culturally-relevant ministries.

Global Impact

Outstanding ITS faculty provide theological education integrated with leadership skills grounded in cross-cultural ministry. With the theological education and formation received at ITS, our graduates are then uniquely qualified to serve in their home countries with exceptional leadership and innovative ministries. God has used ITS graduates in extraordinary ministries around the world for over 35 years since its founding in 1982. Here, meet three faithful and dynamic world changers:

BISHOP BARNABAS MTOKAMBALI

Tanzanian Pastor and Archbishop of Tanzania Assemblies of God Fellowship, received his MDiv from ITS in 1994 and ThM in 2002. Barnabas planted over 400 churches in an effort to blanket Tanzania with local ministries. Most churches have orphanages on site to care for the thousands of children orphaned by the devastating AIDS epidemic. As part

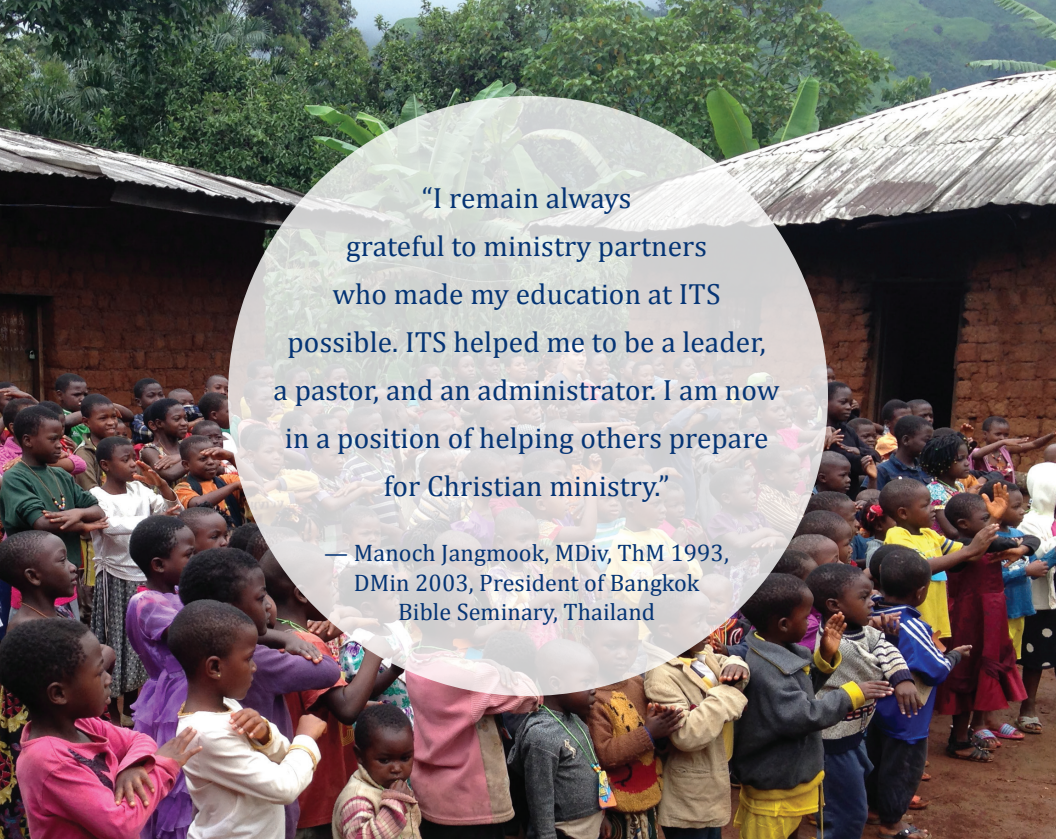


of a strategic plan for the Decade of the Harvest, he has overseen church planting growth to increase to 8000 churches throughout the country. Having established 32 church planting schools, he is committed to raising a generation of theologically trained pastors for Tanzania. An anointed leader with a contagious joy, Barnabas was recently elected as the President of African Assemblies of God Alliance. The reach of his ministry is nothing short of miraculous.



SARAH MAIGARI

Sarah received her DMin from ITS in 2016. She is the founder of Divine Women Merchant Ship. This ministry in Northern Nigeria empowers women facing poverty and illiteracy by teaching them practical, vocational skills, such as sewing, baking, making jewelry, and farming. With Sarah's extraordinary vision and entrepreneurial strategies, the ministry is expanding to remote villages with over 40 training centers for women throughout a region where violent, religious and political conflicts keep communities unstable. While studying at ITS, ministry partners in the US have come alongside Sarah to support her goal of building a self-sustaining ministry.



"I remain always grateful to ministry partners who made my education at ITS possible. ITS helped me to be a leader, a pastor, and an administrator. I am now in a position of helping others prepare for Christian ministry."

— Manoch Jangmook, MDiv, ThM 1993, DMin 2003, President of Bangkok Bible Seminary, Thailand

PHILIP FONJOH

ITS graduate, Philip studied in the ThM program. A gifted and respected pastor and community advocate, Philip came to receive advanced theological education to better serve the Baptist church in Cameroon. Philip's passion has been in community development. He says, "The love of Christ must be expressed both in words and in deeds." Philip established an outreach organization, Spring of Hope, which takes a holistic approach and addresses issues that lead to poverty.

Today Spring of Hope is equipping widows with marketable skills and providing education for orphans. Empowering those who are the most vulnerable builds stronger communities and helps ensure that every person lives with dignity and has the opportunity to flourish and live out their God-given potential.

Student Sponsorship Program

ITS students coming from developing nations have very limited ability to pay the annual educational cost of \$15,000. We have established the Student Sponsorship Program to provide scholarship support to these worthy and dedicated students. These funds also enable us to hire and retain exceptional faculty.

Thanks to many generous individuals and churches, this fund has enabled hundreds of students to respond to the call of the Holy Spirit on their lives. Investing in the education of emerging leaders is a faith commitment with invaluable returns.

While foreign missionaries have carried out important work in the history of international Christian missions, the power of native, pastoral leadership and contextual ministries emerging from within local communities surpasses the traditional model of overseas missions. Providing educational opportunities to empower native leadership is an effective, efficient, and sustainable ministry model. The ministry model of ITS is, in many ways, not only a new paradigm in missions, but also a very cost-effective model.





Join Us

We invite you to join us as a Student Sponsor by making a commitment to provide scholarship support to ITS students. You will be in the company of faithful individuals, families, churches, and organizations who experience the joy of supporting a seminary student and becoming active partners in sharing the Good News in every nation.

There are a variety of ways to invest in ITS students and the eternal impact that ITS graduates are having around the world on the mission field.

MISSION INVESTOR

Make an annual commitment of \$30,000 to sponsor the annual educational cost for two students. Gifts may be paid quarterly (\$7,500 per quarter) or made monthly (\$2,500 per month) over the course of the year.

MISSION MOVER

Make an annual commitment of \$15,000 to sponsor the annual educational cost for one student. Gifts may be paid in one payment or made monthly (\$1,250 per month) over the course of the year.

MISSION FUNDER

Make an annual commitment of \$7,500 to fund 50 percent of the annual educational cost for one student. Gifts may be paid in one payment or made monthly (\$625 per month) over the course of the year.

MISSION SUSTAINER

Make an annual commitment of \$5,000 to fund one third of the annual educational cost for one student. Gifts may be paid in one payment or made monthly (\$417 per month) over the course of the year.

MISSION SUPPORTER

Make an annual commitment of \$3,000 to help cover the annual housing cost for one student. Gifts may be paid in one payment or made monthly (\$250 per month) over the course of the year.



Other Ways to Support Students

Your gift can be designated to these specific funds:

MEDICAL BENEVOLENCE FUND

Make an annual commitment of \$1,000 to provide medical benevolence funding. As many of our students cannot afford to pay for medical insurance, your gift provides medical and dental care assistance to students as needed, and as funding is available. Gifts may be paid in full or made monthly (\$84 per month) over the course of the year.

COMMUNITY MEAL FUND

Make an annual contribution of \$600 to help sponsor student community lunches while on campus. Your gift enables many meals around the community table for students and seminary guests. Gifts may be paid in full or made monthly (\$50 per month) over the course of the year.

STUDENT TRANSPORTATION FUND

Make an annual contribution of \$600 to help cover students' transportation for grocery shopping, food bank visits, and international airfare to travel home for urgent circumstances.



Your thoughtful giving
towards student sponsorship
will produce immeasurable returns
in countless people who come to
embrace God's redemptive love and
experience abundant life in Christ.

Your generosity truly advances
God's kingdom on earth.



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