



MA group

The cohort of MA students are now working on projects for their final theses. Although they are all gifted ministers as well as good thinkers and speakers, their writing skills vary greatly. I'm glad that Yuri is my assistant instructor. Topics include:

- Developing a new online evangelism platform
- Planting a new church
- Developing a gift-based church ministry
- Training Sunday School teachers
- Training church elders in preaching.

Missions researcher

I am also coaching one of the Indonesian team in a PhD. He is already quite capable in most of the requirements, as he has held an academic position for many years as well as being head of an indigenous mission. His interest is in missions in Indonesia, and I am confident that he will do well.

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Ibu Orpah, wife of one of our East Java committee members. She had been very unwell and on kidney dialysis, when she unexpectedly caught COVID.

Health issues

One of our students had just recovered from a hospital visit, when, several days ago, another had a heart attack. News of recovery is good.

Accreditation progress

I have recently done more preparation for accreditation. One of these tasks was to revise our compliance statement. Another was to put together a Board Handbook to guide the board on governance standards. We are currently revising the draft so that it will be a useful document.

Flying trip

I recently had a flying one-week trip to San Antonio, Texas, to attend meetings to upgrade the accreditation status of Veritas College International (VCI). for which I am a senior faculty member.

The VCI and accreditation teams all stayed in the same hotel, so we got to know each other better than if we had only sat in accreditation meetings. I found them a little intimidating at first, but the tone was friendly and positive.

Doctor of Ministry

I'm at the final stage of competing a Doctor of Ministry; the dissertation was an evaluation of WU's MA program.

Research ethics

Under US law, any organization that oversees research with human subjects must have a research ethics committee. The legal requirements can be complex and difficult unless a research proposal is exempt. I've recently been analyzing the requirements so that our students can meet the conditions for exempt status.

On improving the quality of education

I also have a group of Indonesian school leaders taking a graduate qualification in education, and Marta Adi, one of our Board members, is my assistant. The students are currently planning projects for their final theses on improving the quality of an aspect of education in their schools.

Finally

The Christmas season has started. Wishing you special blessings as we remember His birth.

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