



April trip

I visited East Java for the month of April this year. My main tasks for WU were to attend a writing seminar and to visit as many people in East Java as possible. I had not visited East Java for a long time due to the COVID pandemic.

I also visited Dr. Respati Adjipurwo, who is a member of our East Java regional committee and was widowed some time ago. Congratulations on his recent remarriage.

Current students

This MA and education cohorts are still doing their theses. Each student had to found an urgent need in their own ministry, create a project to address it, run and evaluate it, and write it as a thesis. The original plan was to graduate later this year, but we'll see ...

WU currently has one PhD student, still learning to write research articles.

If there's a trend with many of our students, it's that being an expert on the topic is not so difficult. The hard part is getting it into writing; it seems that they didn't expect writing and editing to be such hard work.

The next generation

We hope to start a new MA cohort in August 2023. Like our related organizations, it's time to prepare for generational change. Some of our personnel are approaching retirement, and most of our current students are no longer younger. The next step is to recruit people in all categories in the 25-45 age group.

A new catalog

Each year, WU publishes a new catalog explaining courses and regulations for prospective and current students. I recently revised the catalog, especially checking for compliance with accreditation requirements. Some improvements are some small and a few are major, although

few affect what we actually do at present. This has included revising the Master of Education program and suspending the Bachelor and Master of Teaching.

The new versions of the Master of Arts and Master of Education will enable students to earn both a WU qualification and an accredited ACAS qualification.

ACAS compensation

WU's forerunner institution, the Australian Centre for Advanced Studies (ACAS), is currently applying for compensation because of the Australian government's "defective administration" during re-accreditation. I also have a separate personal application, and together the amount is substantial. While we have no guarantees that we will get the amount in the applications, ACAS has already won the Tribunal case and the evidence in our favor is very strong. If funds come through, it will be a financial boost and will help relaunch activities.

Another doctorate

I recently completed a Doctor of Ministry with Veritas College International of San Antonio, Texas. The dissertation was a program evaluation of the MA program at WU.

A new textbook

Exegesis of Scripture proved to be quite difficult for our students. Part of the solution is a new textbook. Despite hundreds of books already published, writing something and owning copyright on it prevents some problems. We can give it to students for free, so we avoid buying books then charging students for them. We can improve it or translate it at any time without needing permission from someone else. Admittedly, the first version is quite plain without illustrations, but we can change that later. If you want an emailed copy, just ask.

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