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Russ & Jo's Digest



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No Go!



The trip I told you about last month has been canceled.

Word on the ground was that teacher safety might be at risk if we held the training conference. Thank you for praying, and know that we are taking this news as an answer to prayer. Our strategy is to have an ongoing program with teachers training other teachers after we leave, so any event that would keep teachers from volunteering would be a major setback.

Jo Anne is a bit relieved to have me home for the month of August, so all is good.



How Do We Measure Success?

A Word from the Executive Director

In ISP we rejoice over every changed life and every decision to make right moral choices and live a life of character. Our hope is that the most important decision made would be that they place their faith in Jesus Christ. We also pray and labor that the Lord would use them to start something that would reach, and change, multitudes.

Feedback From Teachers

This year we had the opportunity to survey several groups of teachers, including new teachers recently trained in the ISP curriculum as well as established leaders who have been working with ISP for years.

Of the teachers surveyed at least six months after the initial conferences:

- * 93.9% of the teachers indicated that they used the ISP curriculum to some degree. 54.6% used it regularly.
- * Over 70% of the teachers agreed that they observed positive changes in over half of their students' behavior since teaching the ISP materials.
- * At least 50% of the teachers indicated a strong desire to attend Bible study or become involved in teacher movement activities.

Of the teachers who are engaged as leaders with ISP:

- * Each educator uses the ISP curriculum with an average of 63.5 students per year and shares the materials with an average of 30 colleagues.
- * 80% of teachers surveyed desire being disciplined by another educator and over 90% expressed a desire to disciple other educators.

Summer Travels

To keep my airline miles from expiring, I bounced between Iowa and Colorado in the month of July. We celebrated my folks 60th wedding anniversary in early July and my 40th high school class reunion later that month.

In between those trips, Jo Anne and I attended our biennial staff training conference in Ft. Collins Colorado. Whew! It is nice to be home again.

*In Him,
Russ & Jo Anne*