



### Meet Mang

by Will Hesterberg,  
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Do you know what your name means? Why did your parents choose that name? Our featured student, Mang, (or “Faithful” in his tribal language) was given that name because God had been faithful to his parents. His father dedicated Mang to the Lord, as a tithe, a tenth, because Mang was the tenth of their 12 children. Mang grew up in a Christian family and in the church, faithfully attending Sunday School classes.

Mang came to Christ in 1998 as he understood from his reading in Romans the implications of original sin. He realized that God had been seeking him from an early age. In 2001 he graduated from college and in 2003 received a masters degree in sociology. One of his college professors, a presbyterian elder, challenged his students to really serve God, which prompted Mang to return to his home community of Churachandpur, where ITEM teaches. There Mang served in field ministry until Khen Tombing, a leader in the Presbyterian Church of India, Reformed, encouraged Mang to get more training. Mang attended Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Dehra Dun, India, to get training and then returned in 2014 to Churachandpur to pastor.

This past August, while teaching Church History in Churachandpur, I asked Mang why he was attending the class since he already had some prior training. He replied, “Because we all forget so much and need to be reminded of God’s faithfulness

in the past through church history.” Mang was a great student, eagerly answering and asking questions, and carefully taking notes during class. Mang’s name surely describes Mang’s family, life choices, and pursuits. ITEM trains these kinds of Christian leaders all over the world with your support. Pray for Mang and others like him.

**Learning and  
Sharing the  
Gospel is  
Always Timely**



**by Rev. Adrian Das**

In early November I had the privilege to represent ITEM in Campina, Romania, where I taught about 18 students on Evangelism. This was my first trip to Romania, and I had a wonderful time as I was warmly welcomed by Pastor Ion Vasile and his family who served as my host family. Pastor Ion, with the help of his grown children, has developed a number of churches in and around Campina. Most of the students in the course came from these churches.

Sadly, a horrendous fire in a concert venue in Bucharest, which killed about 60 people, preceded my visit. This event led to protests in Bucharest and other cities and caused the mayor of Bucharest and the Prime Minister of Romania to resign. This sad event also showed the Romanian people the spiritual ineptness of the Romanian Orthodox Church. Providentially, these events caused those in the course to see the great need for spreading the Gospel and the need for the church to be well-equipped to do so.

Our course spanned everything from the theology of evangelism, the content of the Gospel, the very practical components of Gospel outlines and personal

testimonies, to the various styles of evangelism. The students were very receptive and asked wonderful questions, many of which related to the events of prior weeks. Andrei, Pastor Ion's eldest son, did a wonderful job translating both the written materials and the spoken lectures.

I enjoyed every part of my trip, from the gracious accommodations and warm fellowship in the Vasile home to the delicious food and wonderful joy of the Lord truly manifested in Christ's church in Romania.

**Meet**  
**Carlo Hansen,**  
**Our Newest**  
**Board Member**



Hello, my name is Carlo Hansen , and I am excited to be one of ITEM's newest board members. After growing up in Indianapolis, Indiana, and graduating from Purdue University, I worked in Ohio, served in the USAF and worked at Ralston Purina before retiring in 2002. I am a ruling elder at Concord Presbyterian Church in Waterloo, Illinois, and have taught for ITEM in Ukraine and Romania and have also traveled on mission trips over ten years to Belize where we have a close relationship with Ebenezer PC. I have enjoyed serving abroad where I have seen the Lord working in the hearts and lives of people who have totally different cultures and languages from us. Serving on the ITEM board seems a natural fit for me. I am married to my wonderful wife Margie and am blessed with three adult children and six grandchildren. I believe ITEM has an excellent approach to helping in the Great Commission, and I am excited to see where God will lead ITEM in the coming years.

**Looking for a Missions Conference?**

Are you thinking about a Missions Conference at your church, either for one day or several days or evenings? Not sure where to find a speaker?

Maybe ITEM can help with a speaker to open God's Word. Let's talk.

- Opportunities to Pray**
- 1. Praise for Warren and Jobje Lammers safe return from Tyumen, Russia, and for his work there.**
  - 2. Praise for Fritz Harms who taught Church History at BRTS, Riga, Latvia, in December.**
  - 3. Pray for John Lewis who will be teaching on Christian Ethics at KRBC, in Kiev, Ukraine, from January 25 -29.**
  - 4. Pray for Maurice Sikes who will be teaching on God and Man in Romania in January.**

**2015 In Review**

<b>Category</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Instructors Sent	13	28
# of Fields	7	8
General Fund Giving	\$152,148	**
# of Investors *	135	157
# of Churches Giving	32	43
# of Individuals Giving	101	114

\* This does not include churches or individuals who may contribute directly to instructors to enable them to get to the field.  
\*\* Remains to be determined.

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