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Hopeful Perseverance

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
— 2 Corinthians 12:9 (ESV)

Our graduates’ stories remind us that even though they have achieved an important milestone in their journey, they now face their next ministerial challenges. Some are on the mission field; others are pastoring or planting churches in their home countries.

In 2021 we were once again left amazed at God’s gracious care. He provided exactly the resources we needed to cov-

er our costs (see the report on the next page). Now we prepare ourselves to face the challenge of wisely and faithfully executing an even larger budget for 2022. We trust in God’s providence to meet our needs!

In moments like this, we remember that in spite of all the love, delight and effort poured into the IRTC’s ministry, it is His work. He is the one who determines how we will be sustained and how many people we will be able to bless by teaching reformed theology in 2022. He knows all of the challenges which lie ahead. Our job is to heed his call, whether this means praying, serving, or contributing.

David Portela (VP Student Affairs) — Phnom Penh, Cambodia

Graduate: César Miranda dos Santos, M.C.S.

My experience with the IRTC was very rewarding and edifying. The courses on offer distinguish themselves for their high academic level, their biblical, reformed confessionality, and their foundation sound doctrine. Under the careful supervision of our knowledgeable instructors, we were able to develop a robust theological worldview. The distance learning system provides each student with the freedom and versatility they need to apply themselves to their studies (while still maintaining a full-time involvement in their work or ministries).

The IRTC has grown together with the practice of distance learning in Brazil and around the world. I have been able to clearly see a significant improvement in quality and professionalism, both in services provided to the students and in teaching tools and methods. I remember fondly the opportunities I had to learn from the late Pastor Paulo Anglada, my teacher in so many courses and a powerful instrument in God’s hands in directing my master’s thesis, which eventually became a book.

My goal for the future, Lord willing, is to continue to deepen my knowledge of solid doctrine, so that I can be better pre-

pared to serve in the Kingdom. I plan on continuing to contribute to the IRTC and to produce materials (bible studies and books) that will be useful to Christ’s Church.

I praise God for using the IRTC in my life and in the lives of so many other students, in Brazil and around the world. I praise Him also for the generosity with which so many individuals and

churches have contributed, enabling the College to do its important work. I am certain that God’s name has been glorified by the fruits of this marvelous labor — Soli Deo Gloria!

César Miranda dos Santos—Belo Horizonte, MG, Brazil



Graduate: Gabriel Brasiliense Alguim Junior, B.C.S.

I had a great experience as a student at the IRTC. I learned a lot from my instructors, who helped me to grow in knowledge of theology and pastoral practice. Among the many precious memories I take with me is the valuable advice I received from Rev. Breno, about exegesis and preaching, along with the many interesting classes under Rev. Ralph, who helped me to improve my skills in oratory.

I was fortunate to be able to study theology at the IRTC through distance learning, because the other options available to me would have required me to move away from my city, and would have taken me away from the missionary work I was already involved in. As I learned biblical truths from my instructors at the IRTC, I was able to put them into practice right away and to teach them to new disciples of Christ and to His Church.

Now that I have finished my bachelor's degree in Christian Studies, my next goal is to get a master's degree. I also hope to get involved in theological education for workers who are on the mission field. To possible future students and to those who are thinking about getting involved as IRTC supporters, I would like you to know that the College is high-quality, that its instructors are pious and caring, and that they know the Word of God deeply. I recommend that presbyteries look to the IRTC to help in preparing those who aspire to the pastoral ministry, since some of them, like me, are already working as evangelists and helping to plant a church. With the help of a local mentor, the candidate to the ministry can practice what he is learning in



class. Praise the Lord for all those involved in the IRTC, allowing it to continue to make quality teaching accessible to so many!

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