



Celebrating 15 Years of Faith, Excellence, and Achievement

Dear ISTL Family,

We are thrilled to share the incredible highlights from our recent celebration that combined our Graduation Ceremony, 15th Anniversary, and the historic Accreditation by ECTE. These milestones embody the journey of faith, dedication, and unwavering commitment that defines our beloved institution. Above all, we give all the glory to God for every achievement!

Welcome Academic Dean, Aad van der Maas

A warm welcome to our new Academic Dean, Aad van der Maas, who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to our school. We are excited about the fresh perspectives and insights he will bring to our academic programs.



23 Graduates Embark on a New Journey

Our Graduation Ceremony was a testament to the transformation our students undergo at ISTL. As 23 graduates embarked on their new journeys, they didn't walk alone. They brought their families, signifying the profound impact of our community.

Alumni Praying for Graduates

Our alumni, living proof of the lasting influence of ISTL, gathered to pray for our graduates. It was a moment of reflection on the impact our graduates would have on the world, a true embodiment of our Vision and Mission. During our celebration, Board member Mande Chapman shared an inspiring message. She reminded us that our service is not about our own strength but rather serving through God's power.

Testimonies that Inspire

We also had the privilege of hearing three students bravely share their testimonies, reminding us of the incredible journeys of faith that shape our ISTL community. Student transformation stories were also shared. One student shared how she entered as "great" but left as a humble servant of Christ, a testament to the transformative power of our program. Graduates and current students passionately encourage others to join ISTL. Their words reflect the rich experiences and the profound sense of purpose they've discovered here.



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Laughter, Tears of Joy, and a Delicious Cake

Our celebration was filled with laughter and tears of joy as we cut a delicious cake to mark our 15th Anniversary.

A Visitation from ECTE and Accreditation

We were honored to have Carmen Crouse, the Director of Accreditation from ECTE, join us during our celebration. Carmen shared valuable insights about the accreditation process, emphasizing the significance of ISTL being the first school in Albania to receive accreditation from ECTE.

Looking Ahead

As we reflect on these achievements, we are excited to announce our upcoming Student Conference, scheduled for November 2nd - 4th, 2023. It's an opportunity for students to delve into meaningful discussions, share innovative ideas, and explore new horizons.

Additionally, we are gearing up to start the new academic year on October 16, 2023. It's a fresh beginning filled with promise, and we look forward to welcoming new and returning students.

In addition, we invite you to consider supporting ISTL as God leads you. Your support helps us continue our mission to equip and develop future generations of Christian leaders and makes a significant impact on our ability to inspire and educate.



Continuing Our Vision and Mission

As we celebrate these achievements, let us remember our Vision: "That every church in Albania, region, and beyond will have effective leaders that will impact their churches, cultures, and communities for Christ." Our Mission: "To equip and develop future generations of Christian leaders through strategic innovative Bible education" remains at the heart of all we do.



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Spreading the Word

We invite you to continue spreading the word about ISTL and to invite others to join our mission of preparing Christian leaders to make a profound difference in the world.

Thank you, ISTL family, for being part of this remarkable journey. We will continue to inspire, educate, and serve through God's grace.

With gratitude and anticipation for what the future holds,

ISTL Albania Team

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