

Glimpses of INSIGHT

from INSIGHT Alumni

INSIGHT is a one-year, college-level academic program of the U.S. Center for World Mission that prepares future World Christian leaders through intensive study of God's purposes in the world throughout history. Here's what some of our alumni have to say about how INSIGHT changed their lives!



Valerie

INSIGHT Student '08-'09

"INSIGHT changed my life! I not only feel that I have a better understanding of the task that remains in missions, but also a better understanding of who I am in Christ and how that affects the way in which I live. I also find that I have a new passion

within me to mobilize others for the cause of bringing unreached people groups to Jesus. Before

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so that we may be one step closer to seeing His Kingdom come in every nation."

I head to the field, I will be working with my church's mission board as well as getting everyone I can to be involved with *Perspectives*. Within the next few years, I am looking to begin working in community development and church-planting somewhere in the Muslim world. I plan to implement the knowledge I gained in INSIGHT to get to the root of human problems



Eric

INSIGHT Student '06-'07

"After four years in the Army I decided to go to school. I started that path at a community college, then transferred to a Christian university, but what I was learning had no connectivity. I spent my senior year of college in INSIGHT, and it changed my whole

outlook on education. I have since completed a Masters degree at Fuller Seminary, and INSIGHT remains the best year of education I have ever had. Their approach through the Socratic discussion model and their material integration is just remarkable. Unlike the way of traditional education, INSIGHT brings it all together, a trip down the timeline of history from start to present, helping to shape a better vision of the future. In essence you are your own teacher, interacting with the daily curriculum and then coming together with classmates in a structured format to discuss the key elements. INSIGHT gave me a way to organize all the information I learned from other schools (that was jumbled together) by clearly connecting the dots. More importantly, it allowed me to see the continuous move of God throughout history. INSIGHT is a high level of education, the best around in my opinion, challenging, rewarding and cheap!"

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Katie
INSIGHT Student '08-'09

"I really didn't know what I was getting into when I applied for INSIGHT. I didn't know what I wanted to do or where I fit in. I hardly knew who I was. INSIGHT changed everything from how I live my life to how I treat people. It challenged how I think about things. One

year of my life devoted to history, worldview, the Bible, world religions, and most importantly, how God wants us to be part of His plan for the world, INSIGHT changed my perspective on life. Suddenly the blinders were taken off and I realized things I didn't even know existed. Looking back, I see how I've matured spiritually and intellectually. I've been taught to think and speak for my beliefs and fallen in love with Jesus, realizing how He wants me to be actively serving Him by bringing more people into His Kingdom. After INSIGHT I became an intern at a church where I got to teach my newfound revelations to high school students and it was such a blessing! I am planning on becoming a missionary and am so thankful that INSIGHT helped me realize who I am and who I should be. If you love God and want to grow into a devoted and knowledgeable follower, I highly recommend INSIGHT! After all, you will never know what you could become unless you try."



Andrew
INSIGHT Student '03-'04

"The INSIGHT program was a year that helped shape and form my worldview. Areas where I was lacking, such as theology and missiology, were strengthened. My understanding of history and how God was working throughout the world

was enriched through the INSIGHT program, as I studied the history of the world in context with

philosophy, anthropology and theology. I have INSIGHT to thank for my current interpretation of Scripture and God's Kingdom, that all peoples in the earth might come to know Jesus."



Bethany
INSIGHT Student '04-'05

"Before going to INSIGHT I was already aware of the diverse perspectives on history, philosophy, and theology. Growing up in several different countries, I had the opportunity to learn different cultures' unique viewpoints on history and religion, so I knew

that there was more to the history of the world than you pick up in most American textbooks, but my understanding of God's involvement in history was very disjointed and fragmented. INSIGHT was very instrumental in my realization that the story of what God has been doing in the world since the beginning unites many of these varied histories and philosophies into one great God-story. This epiphany was both exciting and freeing. I felt as if I had been given permission to study and learn as much as I could in order to find all of the places in history, religion and philosophy where God has left His indelible fingerprints. After graduating from INSIGHT, I went on to study film and television at Biola University as well as the Great Books with the Torrey Honors Institute and came to understand that the story of God's redemption of humanity through the Word, Jesus Christ, is embedded in the very structure of most of the great myths and legends from world literature. How exciting to see that God has had a plan since before time to bring all people back to Himself and the lengths to which He will go to make mankind aware of His love for them! I look forward to eventually sharing the incredible story of God's loving relationship with humanity as exhibited through history with others using the media of the written word and cinema screen. For the time being, I am living in a Middle Eastern country listening to the stories of Muslims and finding God's fingerprints in their stories as well." f