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# 2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



#### What's next in 2021?

This year has presented us with uncharted times, but our mission remains the same, and it's never been more urgent! Our model of sending two year Goers is more relevant than ever with the world's physical needs growing in this pandemic, and an openness and opportunity for the gospel that coincides with the fragility of life that now is impossible to ignore.

2021 will be a year of experimenting with new ways of connecting with and mobilizing students and a year of starting new and deep partnerships with a few key collegiate ministries and campuses. We as a GoCorps staff team are so thankful for each of you, and we are more ready than ever to pray, listen, step out in faith, and do everything we can to mobilize this generation, lifting their eyes to the harvest and equipping them to be sent!



TOP: Because of COVID, GoWeek 2020 was a virtual event, so the class of 2020 team picture is fitting of our times! BOTTOM: Our staff team showing off our 'quarantine hobbies' for a video we made for our Goers in March.

## GoCorps helps Christians find their place in God's global work

#### 2020 IMPACT REPORT

The best way to really get a feel for what Goers do on a daily basis—and the impact of their Goer experience—is to get first-hand feedback from their team leaders. Each Goer is placed with a long-term team, and their team leader is the one that oversees their placement, including their training, language learning, mentoring, track of service work and ministry.

Each year, GoCorps team leaders submit a report of the impact, experiences and stories of the Goers that are serving with them. Here are some of the 2020 Team Leader Reports from 25 teams in 19 countries:

#### WHY DO TEAM LEADERS WANT GOERS?

The top three reasons reported:

- Gain more teammates to sow seed more broadly/reach new people for the gospel/discipleship
- Recruit long term workers by starting with a two-year commitment
- 3. Receive people with a specific skill set for specific projects



**95% of team leaders** reported that they desire to maintain or increase the number of Goers on their team in the future!

#### **HOW ARE GOERS CONTRIBUTING?**

Leaders report that Goers are impacting their team and ministry by:

- Leading a Family Tea House ministry
- Pastoring an Arabic church plant
- · Managing a ministry center
- · Leading people to faith
- Engaging in ongoing discipleship
- Development work among the poor
- Networking amongst refugee communities
- Nursing women and children through the health crisis
- Creating discipleship content

- Developing engaging and effective curriculum
- Mentoring university students
- · Serving in a therapy center
- Writing music with lost artists
- Researching sustainable agriculture
- Expanding our reach into previously unreached areas
- Sharing the truth boldly and courageously
- Showing what love looks like in action

#### A Goer Story: Baseball in Italy

"\$20 says you can't hit a homerun."

Aaron, a 2019 Goer who had recently arrived in Italy to play and coach baseball through a sports track placement, took the challenge. It was his first practice with this club baseball team, and it felt good to be on the field

He watched the first pitch go by as he tried to get a read on the baseball. The second pitch he yanked foul deep down the third baseline. The third pitch will go down in Messina Swordfish history as Aaron sent it over the left field fence.

The 20 other guys at practice that night were in awe. They've grown up playing an American sport in a faraway country, seeing these kinds of feats only on TV. But there was something else they had never seen before.

Aaron was a 24-year-old athlete; young, strong, good-looking, and successful. But he wasn't interested in going clubbing and picking up girls. It blew their minds more than a towering homerun. Aaron's testimony has sparked gospel conversations with several of his Italian teammates and even a young Muslim.



Aaron (on R) enjoying some after-practice pizza with his teammates