To the Ends of the Earth

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A computer science professor uses robot car kits and group work to teach her students how to handle failure.

One agriculture major creates his own off-campus opportunity in Paraguay.

Dordt faculty, staff, and coaches design a cross-country course through the Dordt prairie.

The history faculty’s camaraderie, shared worldview, and deep investment in students help them live out Dordt’s Task and Framework.

What should the role of short-term mission trips be? Dordt staff reimagine AMOR, and alumni in missions suggest ways that short-term mission trips can help rather than hurt.

Dordt’s journalism program, headed by veteran journalist Lee Pitts, trains up a new generation for a world in need of good reporting.

Jim Schaap explains how Mitch Menning (‘96) has played his fair share of Dordt bingo over the years.

While serving as leader of the AMOR trip to Cambodia this winter, I was reminded of how powerful behaviors can be. Traveling the potholed dirt roads of rural Cambodia, I spoke with my team’s translator about why he converted from Buddhism to Christianity. Most of his family still practices Buddhism, and his faith makes him a bit of an outsider. He said he’d known about Christianity for years but only became interested in learning more when he met Christians who spoke truth and also sought to live it.

In a very small way, that’s what my AMOR team did in Cambodia: We tried to live out our faith through how we behaved. The way we acted mattered, even when it was just being open and asking questions; one World Renew volunteer told me that she hoped her children would turn out to be as brave and kind-hearted as the five Dordt students who went on the trip.

This issue features many people who live out their faith through their daily work. You’ll read about Dordt history faculty who bring life to history, a student who experienced agriculture in Paraguay, an occupational therapist who recently adopted a daughter, and more.

Whether in Sioux Center, Iowa, or in Siem Reap, Cambodia, our words and our daily actions are our witness “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8).