

Hi From Chennai

Belmont faculty visits IGM in Chennai!



Over the past several years, India Collective has developed a strong relationship with Belmont University. Belmont is a Christian-centered university that places strong emphasis on service, missions and holistic character formation. Given their missions focus and experience in India, we thought they might be interested in getting to know IGM. In 2024, the first Belmont faculty visited IGM and hearts were knit together!

In January, another team from Belmont traveled to India to visit Bangalore Baptist Hospital (BBH), one of their mission partners. While there, they also met with IGM leaders at the Guduvancheri campus. Solidifying the relationship that started in 2024, the faculty from their nursing and architecture schools shared their expertise with the staff and children.

Shelby Garner, Executive Director of Global Health Innovation Belmont, spoke with IGM staff on “Care of the Caregiver” and “Psychological First Aid”. Her colleague, Lisa Donahoo, Director of Global Engagement, spent time with the children and discussed “facilitating kindness”. Dr. Leena Lourduswamy, Principal, BBH Nursing Institute, spoke to the older girls about nursing as a career. Lastly, Dr. Fernando Lima, Department Chair, Architecture, toured the campus with a view towards potential renovation opportunities. This fall Belmont nursing and architecture students will work together on plans for redesign of some of IGM's buildings in their healthcare design studio.



Shelby's words on the visit summed it up well. "It was a packed day for the team, but so inspirational for all of us. The kids are so well cared for and IGM leadership and staff are doing a fantastic job!"



Thanks to Shelby, Lisa, Leena and Fernando. It truly does take a village! The IC is always looking to expand visibility and support for IGM, especially with organizations that can help take IGM to the next level. Shelby and her team are looking to do more with IGM in the future, so stay tuned!

With gratitude,

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