

# THAILAND MISSION TRIP 2024 INFO PACKET

REACHING UNREACHED  
PEOPLE GROUPS  
IN THE 10/40 WINDOW  
WITH THE GOSPEL  
OF JESUS CHRIST

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We're so excited about your upcoming trip to Thailand! We believe God has great things in store and Within Reach Global is here to help you set up your short-term trip. Here's what you'll find in this Mission Trip Packet:

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We look forward to ministering together and giving gospel access to unreached people!



# Letter From the Founder

God is moving in powerful ways to reveal himself to people who have never heard of Jesus before! I'm so excited that you're joining his epic plan to redeem all nations.

After serving in China for 15 years, my wife, Lorna, and I moved to Thailand where we've led the Within Reach Global team for 10 years. Within Reach Global is a US-based non-profit Christian organization solely focused on reaching unreached people groups in the 10/40 Window with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more than two decades, we've seen over 100,000 evangelistic encounters and 75 churches planted in gospel dead zones like China, Myanmar, and Thailand, where there are no churches, Bibles, or missionaries and little opportunity to hear about the message of Jesus Christ. We're working to change that!

With a strong focus on raising up indigenous missionaries who take the good news to their own people, compassion ministries, evangelism, discipleship, and church planting are of utmost priority. We believe God's grace is meant for every nation, tribe, people, and language group, and Within Reach Global exists to extend this unearned privilege to people waiting for a witness of the gospel.

Short-term missions are vital to creating a movement of new believers here in Thailand. Each day brings new adventures, from sharing the good news with Buddhist monks at Chedi Luang Temple, built in the 14th century, talking over coffee with Chinese students at our English Corners, or an excursion trip to a local Thai village.

Come spend some time seeking the heart of God and discover your unique gifts and calling as you submerge yourself into cultures, communities, and God's heart for the unreached!

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# Application Process

- 1. Send Mission Trip Application:** The first step in joining us in reaching unreached people groups is applying for a short-term trip here in the Mission Trip Info Packet!
- 2. Await Trip Acceptance:** After you apply, we'll connect with you personally with details about your upcoming trip.
- 3. Receive Trip Planning Guide:** Once you're accepted, we'll send you our Trip Planning Guide which spells out all the information you'll need to get to the field and have a life-changing overseas experience.
- 4. Send Trip Deposit:** When you send the deposit, we'll secure your accommodations and start arranging ministry opportunities at our outreach locations in and around Chiang Mai, Thailand.
- 5. Purchase Plane Tickets:** We'll walk you through the steps to find the best route to Thailand at the lowest price possible.
- 6. Go On Trip:** Get ready for the trip of a lifetime! We tailor all our short-term trips for the highest impact possible, ensuring that the fruit remains long after you return home.
- 7. Stay Connected:** We know you want to see long-lasting fruit from your experience on the mission field. We'll help you explore opportunities to impact people for eternity right from your doorstep.

TEAM TRIP APPLICATION

INDIVIDUAL TRIP APPLICATION



# Why You Should Go

As a short-term missionary, **you'll be trailblazing among gospel-deprived people.** That means you will be on the frontier field, sharing the gospel with the most unreached people on earth. The reality is that **Thailand is only 0.77% Christian.** This classifies the country as a gospel dead zone. It's been nearly 200 years since the first Protestant missionaries arrived in Thailand in 1828, however, less than one percent of the people have ever heard the gospel of Jesus. You may be the vessel God uses to bring the good news to them for the very first time!

**3.2 billion of the 8 billion people on earth are unreached.** Remember, Jesus told us that “this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come” (Matthew 24:14). Sadly, one-third of the world still waits for an opportunity to hear the gospel message. We believe these souls are now within reach! We need more followers of Jesus who are passionate about extending his kingdom message to the unreached. Romans 10:13 says that “whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But the following verses hold us responsible as the messengers: “But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?”

In Matthew 28:18-20, Jesus commissioned every Christian into this service. As a short-term missionary, **you're going to be the mouthpiece of the gospel to those who need it most!**

You will not only be advancing the gospel, but this trip could also be one of the greatest events of your life! By taking the plunge, you'll be submerged into the depths of God that go deeper than anything you've ever experienced! **Your walk with the Lord will grow to new heights as you spend yourself reaching the most gospel-deprived people throughout Southeast Asia.**



# What You'll Gain From This Trip

Our short-term trips are open to churches and individuals who desire to make Jesus known among people who have never heard of him before.

If you're a pastor or church leader, you can expect your members who join this trip to extend a missionary passion in your city and ministry focus areas. Short-term mission trips supercharge people with a passion for the lost wherever they are. Sending a team from your church will grow an evangelistic zeal in your members during the trip and once they return home.

If you're an individual joining our short-term mission trips, you'll grow deeper in your relationship with the Lord as you serve directly in the ministry of Within Reach Global on a day-to-day basis. You'll be part of a comprehensive discipleship program that gives you experience in one-on-one ministry as well as hands-on coaching and training. Each trip is specifically designed to maximize your opportunities to win people to Christ while experiencing Southeast Asia's diverse cultures.

Here are a number of things you'll gain from this trip:

- Your relationship with Jesus will grow
- You'll hone your ability to hear God's voice
- Your prayer life will deepen
- You'll grow in your ability to share the gospel
- You'll experience the presence of the Holy Spirit
- You'll grow in your understanding of world missions
- Your passion for unreached & unengaged people groups will ignite

You can expect to be radically changed by God for his purpose as you discover your unique calling to advance the gospel throughout the world! We have a long history of hosting teams from around the world and helping them catch the fire for reaching unreached people groups. Now it's your time!

But that's not the end of the story. Your short-term trip will create a long-term impact in the lives of people you come in contact with. We make sure to link our teams to our ministry goal of raising up locally-led church planting movements in Southeast Asia. The end result of all our ministry efforts is to see worship arise to the one true God in places that are still waiting for a gospel witness.



# Within Reach Global Trip Fee: \$1,200\*

## Dates & Cost

Within Reach Global trips are open to teams and individuals. If you are a church/organization team, we will coordinate with you to establish a schedule that works best for both parties and aligns with our ongoing outreach efforts in Thailand. If you are an individual, we can arrange for you to join a pre-scheduled group. There are no age limitations for these trips.

The Within Reach Global trip fee is \$1,200. This fee includes housing, food, local transportation, and ministry materials. This fee does not cover international airfare or personal expenses such as souvenirs or personal food purchases. Depending on where you are traveling from, you can expect to pay an additional \$1,000 - \$1,700 for flights from most Western countries. Our staff can aid your team with these details.

Within Reach Global Trip Fee:	\$1,200
Estimated Airfare Fee:	\$1,000 - \$1,700
<b>Estimated Total Trip Cost:</b>	<b>\$2,200 - \$2,900</b>

To get started, each team is required to fill out a team application for prior approval and to secure dates. After the team has been approved, each individual will be required to fill out an online team member registration form.

Within Reach Global will connect with you directly about trip requirements and establish deadlines for deposits and payments. Once all payments are made, the team will be given the green light to purchase their international flights. We highly recommend that this happens a minimum of two months prior to the trip. All payments are non-refundable donations under US-based 501(c)(3) non-profit law.

A detailed Planning Guide will be sent to you once you are accepted for the trip. This guide includes packing tips, ministry outlines, and tips for fundraising. We are here to make this experience enjoyable! Let us know how we can help you through the process of getting to the mission field!

**Note: A portion of each individual's trip cost directly supports a fully-trained Within Reach Global indigenous missionary for one month!**

### Visa Requirements

**Visas to Thailand are free upon arrival in Thailand for 30 days as a US citizen. If you are from another country, please inquire with our office for the specifics.**

**\*This price is based on 7-9 days in country.**



## Ministry Activities

Each trip is designed to do two things: advance God's kingdom among the unreached and create opportunities for the participants to have a life-altering experience while seeing God move in and through them.

Each day of your trip will start with a time of personal prayer and devotions, breakfast, and then team time. This will equip and prepare you for the day.

Each day will be full of new adventures waiting for you. Activities may include but are not limited to:

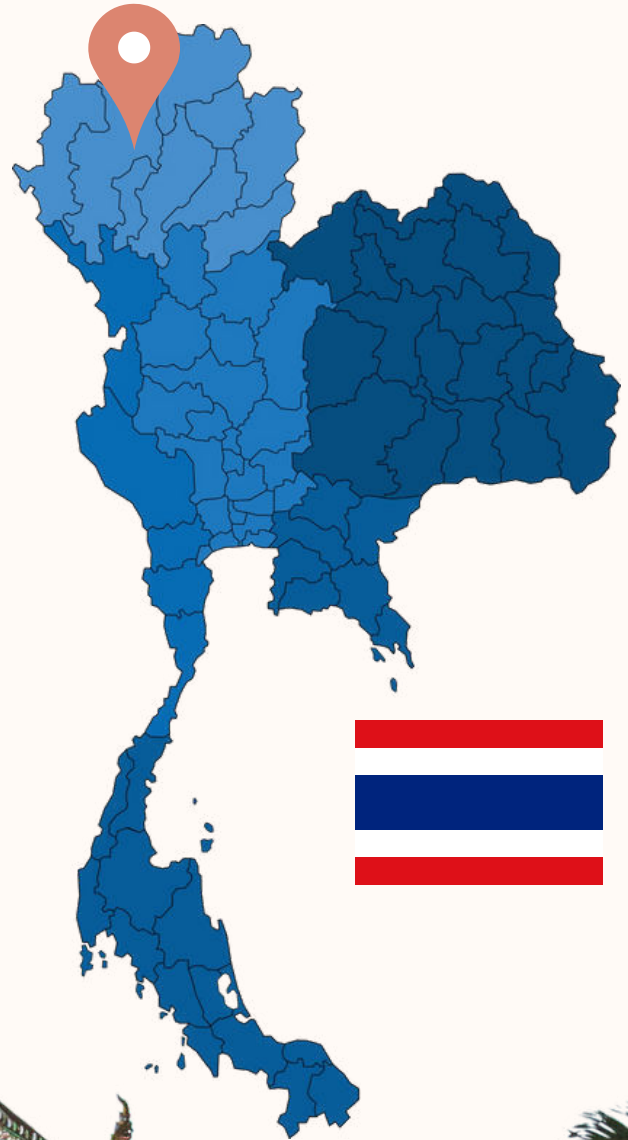
- Speaking with Buddhist monks at English Corners at a temple.
- Sharing the gospel with Chinese and other Asian foreigners at the university
- Sharing the gospel cross-culturally in a Thai village
- Meeting people in the vast markets of Northern Thailand
- Exploring ancient temples and ruins while proclaiming the good news
- Learning more about prayer and the 10/40 Window
- Learning about unreached and unengaged people groups (UPGs & UUPGs)
- Learning about your involvement in the Great Commission
- Exploring God's calling and giftings for your life
- Learning about the Holy Spirit and hearing his voice in missions
- Ministering to local churches and believers
- Participating in discipleship and evangelistic outreaches
- And many more!



# Country Profile

## Chiang Mai, Thailand

You will be located in Chiang Mai, the largest city in Northern Thailand. Chiang Mai is known as the elephant capital of the world and is rich in unique cultures. It is home to nearly 3,000 missionaries from all over the world who are here for training, strategizing, counseling, and reaching out to the millions of unreached people in the 10/40 Window. From Chiang Mai, you can reach 50% of the world's population within a three-hour flight. Chiang Mai is also a major tourist destination for world travelers. Thailand is the only country in the 10/40 Window with religious freedom protected by the constitution yet still remains Southeast Asia's most unreached nation. Nearly 90% of Thailand's people have never once heard the gospel message. This makes it a strategic location to encounter the unreached people of Southeast Asia and give gospel access to those without Christ.



# General Moral Standards

While on a mission trip with Within Reach Global, you will be asked to adhere to the following standards. Each of these standards are rooted in safety, Biblical morality, ministry effectiveness, and/or cultural sensitivity.

As devoted followers of Christ, we seek to live by Philippians 4:8: “Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things.” As leaders in the body of Christ, we desire to live a life above reproach at all times (1 Timothy 3:2).

- **Attitude:** Maintain a respectful attitude toward all staff, interns, nationals, vendors, and the culture in general. Guard your heart from cynical and judgmental attitudes.
- **General:** The following things are not permissible: profanity, fighting, pornography, stealing, fireworks, use or possession of illicit drugs, alcohol, tobacco, commission of a misdemeanor or felony, gambling (including lottery or scratch-and-win tickets).
- **Secular Music:** In your free time, you may listen to secular music privately. If you choose to listen to secular music, make it a “private” matter using headphones. No secular music is permitted while in ministry, when driving in ministry vehicles, or during any Within Reach Global initiative. Secular music is permissible as long as it does not violate a Christian worldview.
- **Hair & Appearance:** We ask that you avoid tight or revealing clothing. Although many tourists wear this type of clothing in Asia, it is widely frowned upon by locals. Please do not wear secular printed shirts (bands, alcohol, etc.). These can give a very confused message when in ministry. Hair styles and clothing styles of almost any type are fine as long as it does not distract from ministry.
- **Movies:** R-rated movies and NC-17-rated movies may not be watched in any ministry housing unless for an approved program activity (example: movie night). This includes movies on laptops and phones.
- **Video Games:** We ask that you take a break from video games for the duration of this trip and spend this time with your team seeking the Lord.
- **Relationships:** A trip to Asia to seek the Lord and his calling on your life is a great opportunity for you and the other mission team members. In order to ensure that your time is free of distractions, we ask that there be no dating relationships during your trip. (This includes fellow missionaries, interns, staff, nationals, volunteers, ministry team members, or ministry partners.)

*Any violation of the above standards could result in being removed from ministry or being dismissed from the trip at the cost of the missionary. These guidelines are set to protect the ministry that Within Reach Global has spent years cultivating in Asia and to ensure an atmosphere of people hearing from God and experiencing quality ministry.*



# Join a Trip

We are praying that the Lord will lead people like you from all over the globe to join us in reaching the gospel-deprived people of Southeast Asia. It is no coincidence you received this information. Please consider applying today. This trip may literally be the most significant and life-changing event of your life!

Start your team or individual application process today.

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## The Great Commission

Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” — Matthew 28:18-20

