



# DISCIPLES JOURNEY

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ROMANS 12:1-2

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# DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY INTERNSHIP

## Mission Immersion

### Romans 12:1-2 (NIV)

*“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

The journey of discipleship involves transformation and renewal as we follow Christ and seek His will. For the Disciple’s Journey Internship, here are three potential phases that reflect the journey of discipleship:

#### Phase 1: Listen & Learn

**Focus:** Spiritual growth, learning the foundations of faith, and hearing God’s call. *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.”*  
— Romans 10:17 (ESV)

This verse emphasizes the importance of listening to God’s word as the foundation for faith and spiritual growth.

#### Phase 2: Walk & Serve

**Focus:** Practical ministry experience, serving in communities, and deepening your walk with Christ. *“For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”* — Mark 10:45 (ESV)

This verse reflects the heart of Christ’s mission—to serve others—and encourages interns to follow His example in their walk.

#### Phase 3: Lead & Multiply

**Focus:** Leadership development, disciple-making, and multiplying the impact of your ministry. *“And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.”*  
— 2 Timothy 2:2 (ESV)

This verse highlights the importance of leadership in discipleship, passing on what has been learned to others to multiply the ministry’s impact.

Each phase represents a key stage in the intern’s journey of answering the call to discipleship.



**Welcome to the Disciple's Journey Internship at Within Reach Global! We're thrilled to have you on this transformative journey. We believe God has incredible plans for you, and we're here to help you step boldly into your missions calling. Inside this disciple's journey internship packet, you'll find all the information needed to start an amazing journey serving Jesus as his disciple while on the mission field.**

## LETTER FROM THE FOUNDER

**Thank you for considering joining the Disciple's Journey Internship program. This is truly an experience like no other!**

For over 20 years, Within Reach Global has been providing gospel access to unreached people groups in Asia. The life-changing impact of this work continues to bear fruit. Today, through our indigenous missionaries, the gospel is expanding into some of the most remote areas of the 10/40 Window. Their faithful obedience to Jesus' Great Commission could be your story as well. Will you join us in bringing the message of Jesus Christ to those who have never heard?

**You can play a crucial role in expanding God's kingdom across the earth, and that's why we invite you to join us in Chiang Mai, Thailand.**

The Disciple's Journey Internship is key to fostering a movement of new believers in Thailand. Each day will offer new opportunities—from sharing the good news with Buddhist monks at the historic 700-year-old Chedi Luang Temple to launching church planting programs in local Thai villages. But that's just the beginning. You'll engage in campus outreach, meet college students, disciple them over coffee, and share the love of Christ with both Thai and Chinese youth. You'll also participate in ministry efforts at the Fusion Center, strategically located near major universities. There may even be opportunities to visit nearby countries like Cambodia, Myanmar, or Laos, further expanding your missions experience.

Missions isn't just an activity—it's a condition of the heart. Through this internship, you will spend time seeking God's heart, discovering your unique gifts and calling, and immersing yourself in the adventure, culture, prayer, and redemptive mission of God.



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## WHY JOIN THE DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY INTERNSHIP?

**Deepen Your Faith:** Engage in intentional spiritual growth, learning to hear God's voice and strengthen your foundation in Christ as you step into a life of deeper discipleship.

**Hands-On Ministry Experience:** Serve on the front lines of missions, sharing the gospel with unreached people, and experience the transformative power of walking in obedience to Christ's calling.

**Develop as a Leader:** Receive mentoring and leadership training, equipping you to disciple others, lead with confidence, and multiply your impact in the Kingdom.

**Make a Global Impact:** Be part of God's mission to reach the nations by bringing the hope of Jesus to places where the gospel has rarely, if ever, been heard.

**Live Out the Great Commission:** Answer Jesus' call in Matthew 28:18-20 to make disciples of all nations, fulfilling your role in God's redemptive story and carrying the gospel to those who need it most.



## WHAT YOU'LL LEARN

**As a Disciple's Journey intern, you'll be on the front lines of gospel work while also discovering and developing God's unique calling on your life. Through mentorship, hands-on ministry, and targeted learning experiences, you'll be equipped to serve effectively and grow in your faith. Here's what you can expect:**

### **Ministry Essentials**

Intensive training on the core principles of impactful Christian ministry. Learn the power of effective prayer and fasting—both personally and in ministry settings. Be led by the Holy Spirit in your personal walk and ministry work. Develop the ability to hear God's voice, discerning His direction for your life and ministry.

### **Thai Language & Cultural Engagement**

Learn how to properly pronounce Thai. Learn effective greetings, questions, and sayings. Learn how to create sentences. Learn cultural norms and how to interact with Thai people

### **Worldview & Cultural Training**

Explore the beliefs, rituals, and histories of Buddhism, Islam, Hinduism, and other worldviews prevalent in Thailand. Learn how to bridge the gospel with these diverse belief systems and approach conversations with sensitivity and biblical truth. Equip yourself with tools to share your faith in ways that resonate with different cultural contexts.

### **Men's and Women's Discipleship**

Dive into key issues and topics through practical coaching and mentoring sessions. Grow in your identity in Christ, learning about accountability, mentorship, and living in an authentic community with like-minded believers.

### **Possible Exciting Program Events**

**In-Country Excursions:** Explore other regions of Thailand as you partner with like-minded ministries, experiencing firsthand the impact of your efforts. **Cross-Border Excursions:** Embark on life-changing trips to neighboring countries, gaining a broader perspective on global missions. **Retreats:** Join powerful retreats designed to foster personal and team growth, refreshing your spirit as you continue your journey.

This internship could be one of the most transformative experiences of your life! By saying yes to discipleship, you'll not only deepen your walk with the Lord but also immerse yourself in His mission, reaching those who have never heard the gospel and growing in your calling to make disciples.

## HOW YOU'LL GROW

As a Disciple's Journey intern, you will experience profound growth in your relationship with the Lord as you serve in day-to-day ministry. This comprehensive program combines hands-on experience, personal development, and spiritual mentoring, creating an environment where you'll be stretched and transformed. You'll live alongside other interns who share your passion for pursuing God's calling, creating a community that is rich in faith, encouragement, and commitment. This environment fosters deep connections, transparency, and accountability as you grow together in a godly community. It won't always be easy, but this life-changing journey will push you beyond your comfort zone and challenge you to fully embrace who God has called you to be.

### Here's what you can expect to gain as a Disciple's Journey intern:

**Deeper Relationship with Jesus:** Through intentional spiritual growth and hands-on ministry, your walk with Christ will deepen like never before.

**Honing Your Ability to Hear God's Voice:** You'll learn to discern God's direction for your life and ministry with clarity and confidence.

**Strengthened Prayer Life:** Your prayer life will become more vibrant and powerful as you experience the presence of the Holy Spirit in new ways.

**Growth in Sharing the Gospel:** You'll develop the skills and boldness to share the good news effectively, regardless of the cultural context.

**Ignited Passion for the Unreached:** As you serve among unreached and unengaged people groups, your heart will burn with a passion to see them encounter Jesus.

**Expanded Understanding of World Missions:** You'll gain a global perspective, understanding how God is moving in different parts of the world and how you can be part of it.

***We have a rich history of hosting teams and leading internships that ignite a passion for reaching the unreached. Now, it's your turn to catch that fire!***

*But that's not where the story ends. As a Disciple's Journey intern, you'll create a lasting impact in the lives of the people you encounter. We're committed to linking our interns and staff to the larger ministry goal of raising up locally-led church planting movements across Southeast Asia. The ultimate outcome of all our efforts is to see worship arise to the one true God in places that are still waiting for a gospel witness.*

# DISCIPLES JOURNEY INTERNSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

## 1. Submit Internship Application

The first step to joining the Disciple's Journey Internship is to apply using the button below.

## 2. Complete Three Recommendations

At the end of the online application, you'll find a link to submit three recommendations.

## 3. Interview

Once we receive your application and recommendations, a Within Reach Global staff member will schedule a Zoom interview with you.

## 4. Receive Internship Acceptance Packet

If accepted, you'll receive an Internship Acceptance Packet with all the details about your adventure in Thailand.

## 5. Submit Deposit

A \$500 deposit is required immediately upon acceptance to secure your spot in the internship. Instructions for submitting the deposit are included in the Acceptance Packet.

## 6. Begin Fundraising

We're committed to helping you reach your fundraising goals. The Acceptance Packet will provide all the necessary details and guidance to get started.

## 7. Go to Thailand!

Ready for the trip of a lifetime? The Acceptance Packet contains even more details, and our staff will be available to answer your questions and support you throughout your journey.

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## DATES & COST

<b>Term 1: April - June</b> .....	<b>\$6,200</b>
<b>Term 2: June - August</b> .....	<b>\$6,200</b>
<b>Term 3: August - October</b> .....	<b>\$6,200</b>

**(Term dates are flexible and subject to change. We are willing to work around individual schedules and needs to a certain extent.)**

The cost of this program covers **housing and utilities, food, local transportation, international flight**, and all **program costs**. It does not cover personal monthly expenses, books, laptop, or start- up expenses. You will need to fundraise an additional estimated amount of **\$940** to cover personal items, international insurance, visa fees, program books, and personal spending.

**You are required to pay 100% of the program cost prior to the start of the program, according to the deadlines listed below.** All donations are non-refundable under 501(c)(3) non-profit law. Failure to meet these deadlines may jeopardize your acceptance into the program.

Once accepted into the internship, you will receive an **Acceptance Packet** with more details, including fundraising tips and guidelines. You will also have access to experienced full-time missionaries who have successfully fundraised for many years and can offer support and advice.

### FINANCIAL DEADLINES

#### **Term 1: \$6,200**

**Deadline 1:** (Due Jan 15) \$500 Deposit - Applied toward 2nd deadline **Deadline 2:** (Due Feb 15) \$3,100 (50% minus deposit) **Deadline 3:** (Due March 15) \$3,100 (100%)

#### **Term 2: \$6,200**

**Deadline 1:** (Due Mar 15) \$500 Deposit - Applied toward 2nd deadline **Deadline 2:** (Due April 15) \$3,100 (50% minus deposit) **Deadline 3:** (Due May 15) \$3,100 (100%)

#### **Term 3: \$6,200**

**Deadline 1:** (Due May 15) \$500 Deposit - Applied toward 2nd deadline **Deadline 2:** (Due June 15) \$3,100 (50% minus deposit) **Deadline 3:** (Due July 15) \$3,100 (100%)

# MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Every trip is intentionally crafted with two goals in mind: advancing God's Kingdom among the unreached and providing participants with a life-changing experience as they witness God's power at work in and through them. Ultimately, we aim to shift a perspective to that of a missionary and understand the gospel blessing we all possess as followers of Christ.

Your days will begin with personal prayer, devotions, and breakfast, followed by team time to equip and prepare you for the day's ministry activities. Each day will be packed with new adventures, which may include:

- **Sharing the Gospel Cross-Culturally:** Engage with Thai villagers, sharing the good news in their own cultural context.
- **Alpha Courses & Discipleship:** Participate in Alpha Courses and ongoing discipleship programs at the Fusion Center, helping others grow in their faith.
- **Campus Ministry:** Connect with Thai students and other international students at local universities, sharing the love of Christ.





- **Outreach in Northern Thailand's Markets:** Meet and minister to people in the bustling markets, bringing the gospel to their everyday lives.
- **Temple Outreach:** Explore ancient temples and ruins while proclaiming the good news of Jesus to those who have never heard it.
- **Prayer & the 10/40 Window:** Learn more about strategic prayer for unreached regions at our House of Prayer, with a focus on the 10/40 Window.
- **Understanding Unreached People Groups (UPGs and UUPGs):** Gain insights into the spiritual needs of unreached and unengaged people groups, and learn how you can make a difference.
- **Discovering Your Role in the Great Commission:** Explore how God is calling you to participate in His global mission and grow in your gifts and talents.
- **Hearing God's Voice in Missions:** Deepen your understanding of the Holy Spirit's guidance as you navigate your calling in missions.
- **Local Church Ministry:** Support and minister to local churches and believers, encouraging them in their faith journey.
- **Discipleship & Evangelism:** Learn to make disciples and multiply your impact as you grow in your ability to share the gospel effectively.



## CHIANG MAI, THAILAND DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY INTERNSHIP

During the Disciple's Journey Internship, you will be based in Chiang Mai, the largest city in Northern Thailand, renowned for its rich cultural heritage and global significance in the missions community. Known as the "elephant capital of the world", Chiang Mai is a vibrant city surrounded by lush mountains, ancient temples, and a fusion of both traditional Thai culture and modern conveniences.



Chiang Mai is home to nearly 3,000 missionaries from all over the world, making it a key hub for missionary training, strategy development, and outreach efforts aimed at the unreached people groups within the 10/40 Window. This region, spanning across Asia and North Africa, is home to billions of people who have never heard the gospel. From Chiang Mai, you can reach 50% of the world's population within a three-hour flight, making it a strategic launching pad for cross-cultural missions throughout Southeast Asia and beyond.



Although Thailand enjoys constitutionally protected religious freedom—the only country within the 10/40 Window with such protections—nearly 90% of its people have never heard the gospel message. Despite its openness to religion, Thailand remains the most unreached nation in Southeast Asia.

This presents a unique and urgent opportunity for gospel outreach, and the Disciples Journey Internship places you right in the heart of this mission field.

As part of the Disciple's Journey Internship, you will be working in one of the world's most dynamic mission fields. You'll have the chance to partner with local ministries, engage with the Fusion Center located near major universities, and participate in outreach to both Thai and Chinese students. Whether it's sharing the gospel with Buddhist monks at the 700-year-old Chedi Luang Temple, building relationships with locals in surrounding villages, or even traveling to nearby countries like Cambodia, Myanmar, or Laos, your internship will be filled with life-changing opportunities to reach the unreached.

Beyond ministry work, Chiang Mai is also a global destination, attracting visitors and tourists from across the world. This international influx provides a unique opportunity to build relationships and share the gospel not only with locals but also with people from all walks of life.

In Chiang Mai, you'll experience a deep immersion into Thai culture, daily adventures in missions work, and a profound opportunity to grow spiritually. This city, with its rich history and central role in global missions, is the perfect place to begin your journey of discovering your unique gifts and calling while making an eternal impact through the Disciple's Journey Internship.



## GENERAL MORAL STANDARDS

As a Disciple's Journey intern at Within Reach Global, you will be expected to adhere to the following standards, which are designed to ensure safety, uphold biblical morality, promote ministry effectiveness, and respect cultural sensitivity.

*As followers of Christ, we strive 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 within the body of Christ, we aim 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 against cynicism and judgmental attitudes.

### **General Conduct**

The following behaviors are not permitted: Profanity, fighting, or theft; pornography or explicit content in any form (including movies, comics, or novels); use or possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, or tobacco; fireworks, gambling (including lotteries), or criminal activities; any actions or behaviors that compromise your Christian witness or the integrity of the ministry

### **Music**

You may listen to secular music privately during your free time, provided it aligns with a Christian worldview. However, secular music is not permitted during ministry activities, while driving ministry vehicles, or during any Within Reach Global initiative. If you choose to listen to secular music, please use headphones and keep it private.

### **Hair & Appearance**

We ask that you avoid tight or revealing clothing. While tourists may wear this type of clothing in Asia, it is often frowned upon by locals. Please also refrain from wearing shirts with secular logos (bands, alcohol, etc.), as this can send a confusing message in ministry settings. Hairstyles and clothing styles of almost any type are acceptable, as long as they do not distract from the mission.

### **Movies**

R-rated movies are not permitted unless approved for a specific program activity (e.g., movie night). This includes watching movies on laptops, phones, or other personal devices.

### **Video Games**

Video games are not allowed during your internship. We encourage you to focus on seeking the Lord in community with your fellow interns.

### **Romantic Relationships**

To help you focus on God's calling during your time in Thailand, dating relationships are not permitted during your internship. This includes relationships with fellow interns, mission team members, staff, nationals, volunteers, ministry partners, or individuals back home.

### **LGBTQIA+ Lifestyles**

The promotion or practice of LGBTQIA+ lifestyles is not permitted. This includes promoting this lifestyle through conversation, clothing, accessories, or symbols.

### **Non-Discrimination**

Treat all individuals equally, with respect and without discrimination based on race, gender, age, or any other inherent characteristic.

*Failure to comply with these standards may result in removal from ministry activities or dismissal from the internship at the intern's expense. These guidelines are in place to protect the ministry that Within Reach Global has spent years building in Asia and to create an environment where people can hear from God and engage in quality ministry. All interns will be required to sign a commitment form agreeing to adhere to these rules, as well as to the Within Reach Global statement of faith available on our website.*



Thank you for considering applying to the **Disciple's Journey Internship** at **Within Reach Global**. Your interest in joining our mission fills us with immense gratitude and excitement as we anticipate the possibility of welcoming you to **Chiang Mai, Thailand**, where we are passionately committed to reaching the unreached with the love of Christ.

At **Within Reach Global**, we deeply believe that every step in your journey is orchestrated by God, leading you into deeper service and discipleship. As you prayerfully consider this opportunity, remember that the unique gifts, talents, and passions God has instilled in you have the potential to make a lasting, transformative impact in the lives of people here in Thailand—many of whom have never heard the name of Jesus. We understand the gravity of the decision before you. This internship is not just a temporary commitment or a chance to gain experience; it is a leap of faith into a greater purpose and calling. It's about aligning your heart with God's mission to reach the nations. Whether God leads you to join us or directs your path elsewhere, we are confident that this moment is a vital part of His beautiful and perfect plan for your life.

As you navigate this important decision, we encourage you to seek God's presence in every step. Listen closely to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and trust in His perfect timing. He has already gone before you, preparing the way and inviting you into something greater than you can imagine.

Your interest in applying reflects a heart that is ready to serve, a willingness to grow spiritually, and a desire to live out the **Great Commission**. These are qualities we value deeply, and we are excited about the possibility of walking alongside you as you discover new depths of God's calling and purpose for your life.

Through the **Disciple's Journey Internship**, you will be stretched in ways that will not only equip you for ministry but also deepen your relationship with God. You'll be immersed in Thai culture, engage with unreached communities, and experience the power of God's love in action. This is an opportunity to grow, learn, and contribute to a kingdom movement that is changing lives and eternities.

Once again, thank you for considering the **Disciple's Journey Internship**. We eagerly look forward to learning more about your story, your passions, and the unique way God is leading you. May this journey be filled with His peace, clarity, and abundant blessings, drawing you ever closer to His heart.



Josh and Erika Shively are the Directors of the Disciple's Journey Internship at Within Reach Global. They live in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where they are dedicated to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with the next generation. Along with their two children, Eliannah and Seth, they are committed to seeing lives transformed through discipleship and missions.

## JOIN THE DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY INTERNSHIP

We believe God is calling people like you from all corners of the world to join us in bringing the gospel to the unreached in Southeast Asia. It's no accident that this information has come your way. We invite you to prayerfully consider applying. This experience could be the most significant, life-changing step in your journey with Christ!

Ready to take the leap? Start your application process today by clicking the link below. Contact us through email or social media for a Zoom call with the Intern Directors.

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 info packet. Please consider applying today. This trip may literally be the most significant and life-changing event of your life! Start your application process today by visiting our website or by emailing Josh and Erika Shively.

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