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*Dedicated to building New Testament believers and church brotherhoods throughout the world for the Kingdom of God*

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# INTRODUCTION

The Institute for Global Opportunities began their first semester of training in April of 2007. Since the commencement fifteen years ago, IGo continues to strive to be a training ground where students experience Biblical teaching and training situated in the midst of an animistic, Buddhist culture. Chiang Mai, Thailand, has proven to be the right location for this work as IGo students are exposed to a nation which is deeply entrenched in idol worship, while at the same time having their hearts motivated with the overwhelming need of expanding the Kingdom of God. It is not only in Thailand, but also throughout the surrounding Southeast Asian countries where students travel, that the term “unreached people groups” becomes a stark reality.

At IGo, emphasis is placed on both responding to the call of the Great Commission and on the importance of maintaining a loyalty and commitment to their local church at home. IGo intends to recruit a new regiment of Kingdom soldiers each year who will allow the gospel to change their lives with a redemptive vision for the world. We long to “flood” Asia with the Gospel that is more than a theological adjustment on the record books of Heaven, but rather a life of illuminating holiness lived out in the dark corners of our world.

We do not exist to merely give American Anabaptist young people an opportunity to have a novel experience overseas. We are looking for youth and couples who diligently want to portray the Lord Jesus Christ to people groups who either have never known about Him, or have been given such a distorted picture as to be wholly ignorant of Who He really is. We anticipate training young people and couples who will count all things as loss for the excellency of sharing Christ with the nations. There is no more engaging activity to which we can give ourselves. As the song goes, “Give of your best to the Master, give of the strength of your youth, throw your soul’s fresh glowing ardor, into the battle for truth!”

Please prayerfully consider filling out the application in the centerfold of this catalog (or online at [www.igoasia.org](http://www.igoasia.org)) and joining others who are enlisting to spread the Gospel to the Buddhists, Muslims, and Hindus of Asia.

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

*It is our opinion that it would be highly beneficial for North American Christians to spend an extended period of time outside the American homeland and culture. We have large houses, electricity, good vehicles, super highways, and an abundance of food and clothing. It is difficult for us to relate to the family with four children who live in a one hundred fifty square foot house with a dirt floor and thatched roof; a family that has no running water and a limited food supply. By contrast, our North American lifestyle is abnormal in the world.*

*We believe that it is more beneficial to be training missionaries*

*overseas rather than in the affluent Western setting. IGo provides students with opportunities to travel and minister in Asia, with regular returns to the classroom for teaching and mentoring by instructors. The focus is not solely theoretical, but addresses everyday issues experienced by the student as they minister.*

*The goal of IGo is to provide foundational building blocks for life ministry in mission work. If you desire this kind of training, we invite you to prayerfully consider attending. In consultation with your parents and pastor, the IGo staff will help you work with this decision and calling. May God bless you as you follow His leading for your life.*

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

The purpose of IGo is to provide students with a cross-cultural setting in which mission work, Biblical teaching, and personal discipleship can take place simultaneously. Therefore, our goals are four-fold:

1. To nurture and equip missionaries with a theology and practice that brings a faith that works in love to build the church of Jesus Christ.
2. To plant and nurture churches in the uttermost parts of the world with this same theological perspective.
3. To send IGo faculty to Asian churches and conferences to instruct local leaders and students in the doctrines of Scripture as held and practiced by Anabaptism.
4. To provide Asian students and missionaries a setting in which to strengthen their doctrinal foundations and to develop their personal spiritual lives while living and interacting with other cultures.

## **STATEMENT OF DOCTRINE**

### **Inspiration of Scripture**

We believe the entire Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit; that it is inerrant in the original writings, authentic in all it touches, authoritative in its counsels; that it is the final authority for faith and practice for all people of all ages and is the standard by which all shall be judged.

### **Triune Godhead**

We believe in one God, who is omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, perfect, and eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

### **Creation**

We believe that God created the cosmos in six twenty-four hour days as recorded in the Genesis account and continues to sustain it in His presence.

### **Fall of Man**

We believe that mankind was created in the likeness and image of God and by disobedience brought depravity and death upon humanity; therefore they are unable to save themselves.

## **Jesus Christ & Salvation**

We believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God, that He was born of a virgin; that He is the perfect Lamb of God who died and shed His blood to make atonement for the sins of mankind; that He rose from the dead for our justification and sanctification, and that through repentance and faith we might be saved.

## **Person and Work of the Holy Spirit**

We believe in the deity and personality of the Holy Spirit; that He convicts of sin, effects the new birth, gives guidance in life, empowers for service, and enables perseverance in faith and holiness.

## **The Church**

We believe that the Church is the body of Christ, a brotherhood of the redeemed, a disciplined people, obedient to the Word of God; that Christ commissioned her to go into all the world to make disciples of all people and minister to human need.

## **Person and Work of Satan**

We believe that Satan is the personal enemy of God, that he appears as an angel of light to deceive men, and that he directs the unseen forces in promoting evil.

## **New Testament Ordinances**

We believe that the following ordinances are to be practiced by Christians today. Baptism is to be administered upon confession of faith. Communion is to be observed as a memorial of Christ's death. Foot washing is to be ministered to one another in the spirit of servanthood. Christian women should be veiled. The anointing of oil is to be administered to the sick who call for it for healing. Marriage is to be the union of one man and one woman for life. The holy kiss is to be practiced as a symbol of brotherhood love.

## **Relationship to Government**

We believe that the state is ordained of God to maintain order in society; that it is the Christian's duty to honor, pay taxes, and pray for those who rule. As Christ's disciples we are to refrain from all carnal force and violence in human relationships, showing love and compassion to our enemies.

## **Return of Christ**

We believe in the literal return of Christ to receive the righteous unto Himself; and that He will judge the world in righteousness, and bring to fulfillment and restitution all things unto God.

## **Final Consummation**

We believe in a place of eternal glory and bliss that God has prepared for the righteous; and a place of eternal punishment for the devil, his angels, and the unrighteous.

## LOCATION



The IGo headquarters are located in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Chiang Mai is the largest city in the northern part of the country and its international airport and super highways make it a well-suited launching point for mission workers in Asia.

## INSTRUCTORS

IGo instructors are committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in the practical application of the teaching of the New Testament in their personal and public life. They deem the Scriptures inerrant, infallible, and dynamic for contemporary living in all cultural settings.

### Faculty

Kiat Luksanasakulchai  
Phil Siegrist  
Tim Stoltzfus  
Duane Weber  
Michael Yoder  
Val Yoder  
Guest Teachers

### Terms

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*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.  
Matthew 28:19*

## ORGANIZATION

IGo has a board of men in America who provide direction and accountability for the Institute. For further information about IGo, consult any of the following men.

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# CURRICULUM

IGO offers courses of study which integrate Bible, missions, and theological studies along with immediate involvement on a mission field and evangelism in a cross-cultural setting. The courses are designed to strengthen the doctrinal foundation of both potential and current mission personnel while they are actively involved in the harvest field. The Institute currently offers two four-month programs per calendar year which alternate periods of classroom study, travel in Asia, and ministry to nationals. All classes are conducted on a junior college level of instruction and will be taken by all students dependent on the year of attendance.

Note: The student will be responsible to purchase and bring all required textbooks.

## COURSES OFFERED

### *Bible Department*

#### **Acts of the Apostles**

- **Michael Yoder**

This class will involve a chronological and geographic survey of the Church's beginnings and the issues involved in church formulation and growth. The pattern given for missions by the Early Church will be studied.

#### **Ephesians**

- **Michael Yoder**

Our individual and corporate identity as believers is a major part of the book of Ephesians. From personal salvation we become incorporated into the family of God. Therefore this class will strive to strengthen our interpersonal relationships in the family and church.

#### **Galatians/Hebrews**

- **Javan Bender**

These two books are blended together in this course to reveal the contrasting and complementing roles of the Old and New Testaments. From this understanding, we can develop a biblical faith that produces good works.

#### **Genesis**

- **Carl Heatwole**

Genesis, the book of beginnings, records the origins of the material world, humanity, sin, the Hebrew nation, and redemption. These are foundational for understanding the rest of the Bible. Genesis also describes to us the covenants that God gave to mankind.

#### **Life of Christ**

- **Joshua Wagler**

This chronological development of the synoptic gospels creates the doctrinal foundation for Kingdom Living. We study the divine Example as our model for missionary development.

## **Writings of John**

- TBA

John sets forth a Christian worldview as he emphasizes the themes of the Holy Spirit, servanthood, love, unity, and Christian confidence.

## **I Corinthians**

- Duane Weber

Paul instructs the church in how to handle disorder, discipline, and doctrine. The book is a practical guide to applying Kingdom ethics in brotherhood relationships. The topics covered are communion, gifting, the veiling, lawsuits, the resurrection, love, discipline, and women's roles.

# *Missions Department*

## **Asian Cultural Studies**

- Kiat Luksanasakulchai

Asian cultural norms can be learned both in class and in the field. Learning why and how Asian people think and act is critical to reaching them for Christ. Glorifying the name of the Lord may involve cultural adjustments while remaining obedient to Scripture.

## **Biblical Theology of Missions**

- Tim Stoltzfus

The unveiling of God's glory to the nations is the ultimate goal of mission work. This course will trace the missionary heart of God from Genesis to Revelation.

## **Church Planting**

- Kevin Groff

Theories and models of church planting will be discussed in this course. Planting and cultivating disciplined brotherhoods, particularly those unique to Anabaptism, will challenge us to remain both biblical and evangelistic.

## **Cultural Anthropology**

- Tim Stoltzfus

The missionary must understand components that make up culture. He must then discern which one enhances or hinders the spread of the Gospel. Ethnocentricity is a stumbling block all missionaries must avoid for effective evangelism.

## **History of Missions**

- Tim Stoltzfus

The past gives much insight for the future. This course will review the lives and effectiveness of movements and missionaries who have gone before us. We will look at the historic Anabaptist view of missions compared to our contemporary one.

## **Local Church Evangelism**

- Michael Yoder

Before going into all the world, we must be available at home. Developing vision and strategies for outreach, ministry in urban settings, and cooperation with local church leadership are major components of this class.



**Missiology** - **Michael Yoder**

Every missionary develops a theological and philosophical model for their mission work. From this they formulate processes of contextualization to avoid syncretism. Therefore, a biblical methodology is essential.

**World Religions** - **Tim Stoltzfus**

This class will contrast the beliefs and practices of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, and tribal religions with those of Christianity. Insights will be given in how to minister to the adherents of these religions.

*Personal Development Department*

**Christian Family** - **Val Yoder**

God places us in families to learn the most foundational concepts of creation. From infancy to marriage our family and parents prepare us for Kingdom work. Engaging in Christian ministry with a life partner involves Biblical principles for marital priorities, intimacy, child training, and finances.

**Language Acquisition** - **Guest Teacher**

The training and practicums of this class will give the student introductory ability to reduce the sounds of a language to writing. Following this, we will then develop the ability to reproduce those sounds coherently.

**Principles of Teaching** - **Duane Weber**

This course will involve training and practicums which assist the developing teacher to prepare lesson plans and manage the classroom. Effective tools for interacting with students will be presented.

**Public Speaking** - **Duane Weber**

An effective speaker needs to choose and develop one basic theme in his presentation. When this theme is given with clarity, passion, and creativity, it becomes a dynamic way to share the gospel. Practicums will be used in this course.

**Team Dynamics** - **Michael Yoder**

The crux of mission work often falls back to interpersonal relationships. Missionaries must learn to resolve conflict and function as a team.

**Tent-Making Missions** - **Stephen Burkholder**

A tentmaker is a dedicated, spiritually mature Christian individual who views work in light of the Great Commission and as an opportunity to serve the kingdom of God. Work is a vital aspect of Christian witness because it provides substantial means of developing relationships, credibility, and contexts for ministry.

**TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) - Phil Siegrist**

This class will be a foundational tool for evangelism in many countries. Each IGo student will receive an introduction to teaching English as a second language. During the student's second semester, they may mentor new students to become more proficient in their teaching skills.



## *Theology Department*

### **Christian Evidences**

- Michael Yoder

Positive arguments for Christianity become effective when working with an honest seeker. The deity of Christ, resurrection, fulfilled prophecies, archaeological discoveries, and changed lives of believers all combine as dynamic evidence of the uniqueness and veracity of Christianity.

### **Church and Her Foes**

- Val Yoder

The local church is God's anointed spiritual family for every believer. Truth and love become the ingredients for the development of dynamic church relationships between leadership and membership.

### **Discovering our God I - Theology Proper**

- Val Yoder

This is the foundation for all doctrinal study. To know God rightly is paramount to spiritual growth. Discovering who He is can be the most exciting discovery of our lifetime.

### **Discovering our God II - Bibliology/Christology**

- Val Yoder

This study delves into the validity of the Scriptures as the Word of God and refutes the critics' accusations in the face of contemporary liberal theology and pagan religions. We also study how God became intimate with man through His Son, Jesus.

### **Growth in Christ I**

- Duane Weber

Salvation includes not only the atoning work of Christ in the life of the believer, but also the submission to His Lordship. This course will discuss the implications of what is meant to make Jesus Lord of one's life and the fruit that results from total surrender and obedience.

### **Growth in Christ II**

- Duane Weber

Spiritual disciplines are vital for the ongoing transformation in the life of the believer. This course will discuss the nature, purpose, blessing, and application of Biblical, spiritual disciplines in an individual's life.

### **Kingdom Theology**

- Duane Weber

Defining a biblical view of the kingdom of God helps the student to contrast it with the Christendom model or magisterial Christianity. This course develops the ethics of coheirs in pilgrimage. We discuss the biblical model of economics and sacrificial, suffering love.

## *Mentor/Discipleship Practicum*



MDP involves intensive interaction with a mentoring team as well as specific experiences designed to take the student into a deeper, clearer, more radiant relationship with Jesus Christ. The MDP provides both solitude and group sharing. It is a walk with God alone, and a walking together, giving and receiving in a small group setting. It is designed to help the student identify areas of growth, and to give direction to stimulate growth by seeing the “fingerprints” of God in the experiences of life, both pleasant and painful.

The objectives of the MDP are fourfold:

1. To establish the student as a child of God.

**Basis** – Col. 1:23 *If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.*

2. To “build up” the student so that the student becomes actively thankful to God in all their life experiences.

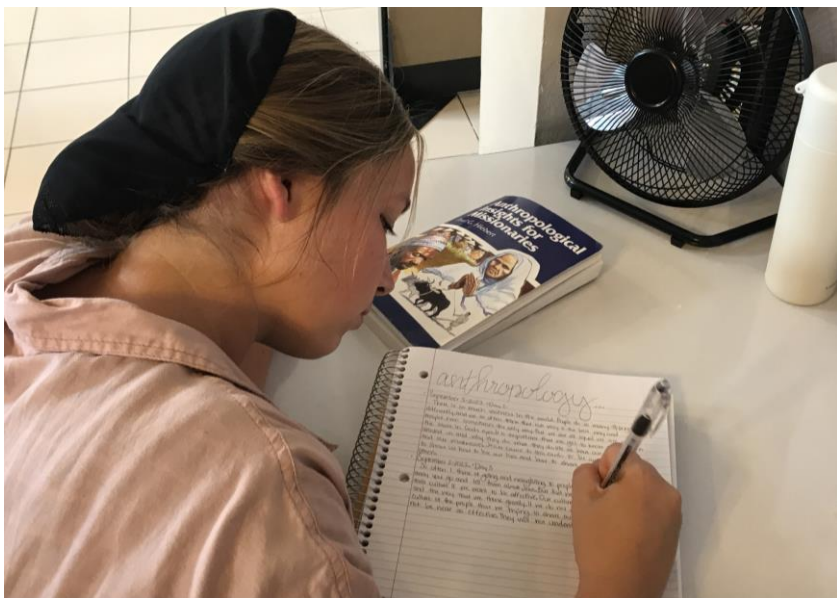
**Basis** – Col. 2:6-7 *As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*

3. To provide an environment where the student matures into a person of character and integrity, with spiritual discernment and personal resolve in their response to evil.

**Basis** – Heb. 5:14 *But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.*

4. To assist in equipping the student to not only reproduce the life of Christ in others, but to be able to properly mentor and disciple new believers into a faith that continues to reproduce.

**Basis** – 2 Tim. 2:2 *And the things that thou hast heard...the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.*



# **FIRST SEMESTER**

August 29 – December 16, 2022

<b>Term 1</b>	<b>August 29 – September 16</b>	
Class A	Growth in Christ I – Duane Weber	
Class B	Genesis – Carl Heatwole	
Class C	Cultural Anthropology – Tim Stoltzfus	
Class D	TESOL – Phil Siegrist	
<b>Ministry 1</b>	<b>September 19 – 30</b>	Ministry experience in Asia
<b>Term 2</b>	<b>October 3 – 21</b>	
Class A	Principles of Teaching – Duane Weber	
Class B	Team Dynamics – Michael Yoder	
Class C	Galatians/Hebrews – Javan Bender	
Class D	Biblical Theology of Missions – Tim Stoltzfus	
<b>Ministry 2</b>	<b>October 24 – November 4</b>	Ministry experience in Asia
<b>Term 3</b>	<b>November 7 – 25</b>	
Class A	Growth in Christ II – Duane Weber	
Class B	Christian Evidences – Michael Yoder	
Class C	Life of Christ – Josh Wagler	
Class D	Church Planting – Kevin Groff	
<b>Ministry 3</b>	<b>November 28 – December 9</b>	Ministry experience in Asia
<b>Wrap-Up</b>	<b>December 12 – 16</b>	
	Debriefing / Mentoring / Preparation to return home	
<b>Break / Ministry</b>	<b>December 19 – 30, 2022</b>	

# SECOND SEMESTER

January 2 – April 21, 2023

## **Term 4**                      **January 2 – 20**

- Class A                      Discovering Our God I – Val Yoder  
*Missiology – Michael Yoder*
- Class B                      Ephesians – Michael Yoder  
*John – TBA*
- Class C                      History of Missions – Tim Stoltzfus  
*Public Speaking – Duane Weber*
- Class D                      TESOL – Phil Siegrist  
*Church and Her Foes – Val Yoder*

**Ministry 4**                      **January 23 – February 3**                      Ministry experience in Asia

## **Term 5**                      **February 6 – 24**

- Class A                      Discovering Our God II – Val Yoder
- Class B                      Acts – Michael Yoder
- Class C                      Tent-Making Missions – Stephen Burkholder
- Class D                      Kingdom Theology – Duane Weber

**Ministry 5**                      **February 27 – March 10**                      Ministry experience in Asia

## **Term 6**                      **March 13 – 31**

- Class A                      Christian Family – Val Yoder
- Class B                      I Corinthians – Duane Weber
- Class C                      Local Church Evangelism – Michael Yoder
- Class D                      World Religions – Tim Stoltzfus

**Ministry 6**                      **April 3 – 14**                      Ministry experience in Asia

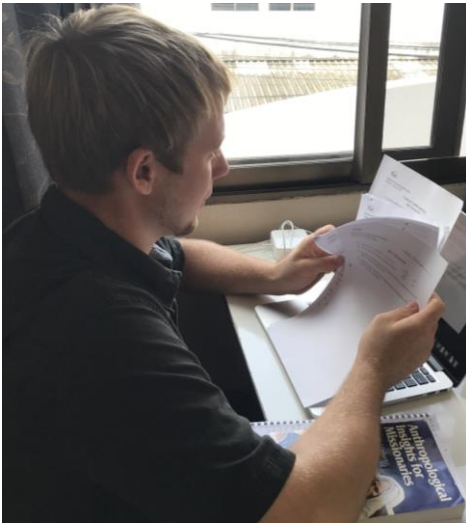
## **Wrap-Up**                      **April 17 – 21**

Debriefing / Mentoring / Preparation to return home

Classes for first-year students                      *Classes for second-year students*

## *Second-Year Program*

After a student has completed two semesters at IGo, they may enter the second-year program that involves attending classes the first term of that semester. Then, instead of going on the ministry trips and attending classes the rest of the semester, they are placed in an internship with a ministry that is compatible with the calling the student is sensing from the Lord. The locating and placement of the student would be determined by the student, the IGo director of that field of ministry, and the IGo administration. The IGo mentor of the student would be in regular contact with the student while they are involved in their internship. The student would return to IGo for the final wrap-up week of the semester before returning home or to their area of ministry for the next semester.





## **DAILY SCHEDULE**

7:00	Breakfast
7:30	Class A
8:35	Chapel
9:20	Study Period
10:15	Class B
11:15	Break
11:25	Class C
12:30	Lunch
1:15	Class D
2:20	Thai Cultural Class (Tues & Thurs)
5:30	Supper
6:30	Ministry – Monday & Friday Recreation – Tuesday & Thursday Open Evening – Wednesday
9:30	Dorm Time
10:30	Lights Out

Sunday morning worship takes place at IGo Christian Fellowship with staff, students, and other missionaries from the area.

Saturdays are open for ministry, study, sight-seeing, and shopping.

## **CREDITS**

IGo students have fourteen daily sessions in four different classes per three-week term. Each class session is one hour in length and the students are given out-of-class assignments that are designed to take another hour to complete. For the average student this would amount to 120 minutes to study per class per day. Extended to fourteen days, the student puts in approximately 1680 minutes per class. Credit hours can be transferred to other schools depending on the criteria of the academic institutions. IGo currently has no graduate programs.

# ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

IGo is specifically designed for students who are interested in serving the Lord Jesus Christ in mission work that highlights the radical gospel of the Kingdom as demonstrated by the early church and Anabaptist movement of the reformation period. All courses are conducted on a junior college level.

To accomplish this goal there are certain minimal standards for student entrance.

- 1) A desire to lay down one's life in discipleship and ministry for Christ
- 2) A willingness to cooperate with all standards and procedures of IGo
- 3) A minimum of twenty (20) years of age

IGo welcomes students of any race, nationality, and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to the students attending IGo. The personal standards required of the students are listed later in this booklet.

Any questions may be directed to:

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## ACTIVITIES

**CHAPEL** is a special time of worship, teaching, and singing. Mondays are dedicated to singing, Wednesdays to prayer, Tuesdays and Thursdays involve a chapel speaker, and Fridays are led by the student council.

**CHURCH SERVICES** are attended with the IGo faculty, staff, and students each Sunday at IGo Christian Fellowship unless otherwise scheduled.

**DORM MEETINGS** are held each Monday evening at 9:00 and give the students opportunity for input and sharing as a gender group. All students are expected to attend.

**MENTORING GROUPS** meet periodically for group sharing and interaction on designated days throughout the semester. They also meet on Wednesday mornings during chapel and become a unit of prayer, support, and fellowship throughout the semester.

**MINISTRY EVENINGS** are conducted two evenings per week involving the student with a local ministry.

**MOTORCYCLES** may be used on special occasions as authorized by administration. Students holding a motorcycle endorsement from their home country may rent cycles for personal use before and after, but not during, a semester.

**RECREATION** will be relational rather than competitive in nature. Because of its value to health and vitality, students are encouraged to participate in recreation unless there are health reasons forbidding it.

**SATURDAY EVENING COMMITTEE** is chosen from the student body and made up of two men and two ladies who will be responsible to plan recreational activities each Saturday evening.

**STUDENT COUNCIL** is a student-selected group of two men and two ladies who represent the student voice to faculty and staff. They are also responsible to plan the student chapel for each Friday while on campus.

**VISITORS** are invited to interact with students before and after a semester. However, due to the intensity and scheduling demands of this missions educational experience, students are unable to host visitors during the semester.

## STUDENTS SERVICES

**DORMITORIES** Housing facilities are provided for the students. If it is necessary for a student to live off-campus, that student is expected to respect and submit to the school standards while attending IGo.

**OFF-CAMPUS** Any student leaving campus for any reason (hiking, shopping, ministry, etc.) must indicate their time of departure and expected time of return on the sign-out sheet.

**FOOD SERVICES** are provided for the meals of the students. Most meals will be Asian in cuisine. All students will need to cooperate in maintaining a pleasant atmosphere during the mealtime.

**LAUNDRY** can be done by the students in their dorm or taken to a neighboring laundromat. It will cost approximately \$8-10.00/week.

## SOCIAL LIFE

Social life is integral to Christian living. It is one of the most valuable aspects of an experience at IGo. Our goal is to promote godly relationships between brothers and sisters in the family of Christ, yet, due to cultural differences and the implications about Christianity, utmost integrity must be maintained in social interaction. The emotional bonds that form during courtship often prevent wholesome group interaction from developing and hinder concentrated Bible study and service. This bonding should be directed by the counsel of the parents of a single young person. Therefore, we ask that no courtship commence while attending IGo. We ask that diligent effort be put into participating in group activities. Courting couples will not be enrolled at IGo simultaneously. (See Visitors Policy)

## DORMITORY LIFE

Much of a student's experience at IGo will be spent meditating, studying, fellowshiping, and resting in the dormitory. For this reason each student will need to be respectful and considerate of the wishes, needs, and welfare of fellow students. The following schedule will be heeded in order to provide an atmosphere necessary to attain these goals.

Students are to be in their respective dorms by 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Dorm time on Friday evenings will be 11:00 p.m., 10:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 10:00 p.m. on Sunday nights. Lights are to be shut off a half hour after dorm time each night. Dormitories are to be quiet after lights out. Two late nights for extra study time are allowed Monday through Thursday.

Rooms are to be kept neat and orderly under the direction of the dean. Students will be assigned to cleaning duties throughout the term.

Musical instruments may be used at the discretion of the deans and administration. Commercially produced DVDs or videos must be pre-approved by the administration.

## GENERAL CONDUCT

It is our desire to minimize the tourist image while in Asia; therefore we ask that students use photographic equipment and other tourist paraphernalia discreetly. All students are subject to IGo standards upon their arrival in Chiang Mai. They need to be loyal to these guidelines during their time as a student, both on and off campus.

Our bodies are the temples of the Holy Spirit; therefore, indulgence in tobacco, alcoholic beverages, and drugs is forbidden. Our speech shall be profitable and edifying, avoiding all profanity or sensual joking. Attendance at commercial theaters, game rooms, professional sports, and spas is forbidden.

Students who damage property accidentally or otherwise need to report it to the administrator as soon as possible and will be liable for the costs of repair. Unsupervised use of fireworks and explosives are not permitted on the campus.

Students should expect to use public transportation while in Asia. In the case that students drive on the streets and roads of Thailand, they shall exercise Christian courtesy and obey the traffic laws to the best of their ability.

Electronic games (handheld or computer) are not to be used while attending IGo. Interaction with other students is preferable for social pastimes.



## PERSONAL APPEARANCE

The Scriptures recognize that God looks on the heart but it also affirms that man does look at outward appearance. Appearance tells a community much about the person. As we attempt to reach Asia with the Gospel, we want our appearance to give the right message. Attire and conduct reveal much about one's character; therefore IGo students need to appear neat, clean, modest, simple, and appropriate.

Students are expected to facilitate any standard that their home churches require, even if IGo does not. All IGo students are to refrain from wearing sheer or sleeveless garments, tight or form-fitting clothes, and jewelry or other adornments.

### *Brethren*

Men are to keep their hair short, neat, and well-trimmed avoiding trendy fashions of the world such as highlighting, shaven heads, etc.

Men are to wear full-buttoned shirts and dress pants (no jeans) during class time and while in ministry. Buttoned pullover shirts may be used for recreation and informal periods of the day. Full length pants will be worn at all times.

### *Sisters*

Christian women are not to cut their hair. The hair is to be covered predominantly with a solid, unlaced veil which extends from above the ears to the bottom of the hair line. We ask that sisters arrive in Chiang Mai veiled in this manner.

Dresses are to be one-piece, modestly tailored, and of sufficient length to cover the knees at all times. Jumpers may be worn. Neck lines, sleeve length, and hem length shall be designed to avoid emphasizing or exhibiting the body's form. We ask that sleeves cover half of the upper arm, and that T-shirts are not worn as the top layer.

No jewelry-like décor on barrettes, clips, or headbands. No large hair decorations that would draw attention to the hair and distract from the significance of the veiling.

Makeup such as lipstick, colored nail polish, eye shadow, and other forms of adornment are not to be used.

### *Prayer*

A prayer support network will be a vital part of your training at IGo. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind a minimum of ten people who should make up your prayer team. Think about the friends you have made in school or church who walk with the Lord daily. Consider people in your church who

know God intimately and are committed to prayer. Ask these people individually to commit to pray for you for a determined amount of time each day or during a certain day each week. You may want to form several prayer teams that will meet together to pray for you, if not daily, then weekly. Ask your church family to pray corporately for you before and during your trip. Be sure to give them a specific list of prayer requests to help direct their prayers for you.

## ITEMS TO BRING ALONG

### ***Carry-on Bag:***

Airplane tickets/itinerary

Passport/visa—***DO NOT PACK YOUR PASSPORT IN YOUR CHECKED LUGGAGE***

Cash, credit or debit cards – Make sure your cards are good for use in Asia.

Name and phone number/contact information of IGo administrator

Bible (small travel type) and other reading material

Journal and/or small notebook

Camera

Extra eye glasses, especially if you wear contacts

Travel size toiletry items – shampoo, soap, cleansers, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb or brush, waterless hand sanitizer, prescription medications in the original containers

Laptop computer – Students should bring any software installation CDs that they have for their personal computers in case of malfunction. External hard drives for pictures and back-up files are generally more expensive in Asia, and should be purchased before arrival if desired.

One extra set of clothes, including underclothes – Your luggage may not arrive when you do. You will be grateful for an extra set of clean clothes to wear if you have to wait for your luggage to catch up with you.

### ***Checked Luggage:***

Photocopy of your passport and visa

Clothing – Remember to prepare for mostly warm temperatures, but if you are coming in January and February you may want to bring sweatshirts or coats.

Shoes – Make sure they are designed for walking.

Good large backpack – (optional) There are a few available at IGo to borrow.

Small backpack for day trips

Travel alarm clock (battery-powered only)

Towels and washcloths

Shaver – 220 v. or battery operated

Bedding – pillow/linens

Textbooks for classes

Sweater/windbreaker

**Underlined articles are inexpensive and can easily be purchased in Asia.**

## *Tips for Travel*

- Always carry your passport (unless your leader tells you otherwise)
- Keep your doors locked
- Put identification tags on all your bags
- Carry a card with phone numbers of your supervisor and other field staff
- Always have local currency
- Don't go out alone
- Don't put all your money in one place
- Don't flash wads of money
- Don't carry a lot of cash
- Don't promise anything you don't actually plan to do
- Don't carry a wallet in your back pocket
- Don't carry passport in your back pocket
- Don't wear a lot of money; your clothes speak volumes about status and wealth
- Don't exchange money on the street

## *Health Issues*

### **1. Know Your Own Health**

Make sure you are healthy before leaving for foreign lands. If you wear glasses or contacts, take an extra pair. If you are allergic to any drug or have a condition that might require emergency care, have some identification (a card, bracelet, or tag) with you at all times indicating your allergy or condition. If you are going to carry a lot of medication to the field, make sure your doctor gives you a statement explaining that the medicines are necessary for your health. He/she may record medications in the bright yellow International Certificate of Vaccination. Also, carry all prescription medication in the original packaging/container. Physical fitness is the first line of defense against illness and injuries, and will give you stamina for your assignment.

### **2. Immunizations**

Doctors often recommend a long list of immunizations. Although in some extreme cases these may be good to have, most of them are not needed for your IGo training. However, it is a good idea to have your tetanus, diphtheria, and hepatitis vaccinations up to date. **You can get these immunizations in Thailand for reasonable costs.**

### **3. Common Sense and Health Basics**

**Food** – The safe and the unsafe foods vary from country to country, but here are some basic guidelines:

- Avoid peeled fruits or squeezed fruit juices from street vendors
- Avoid cream and custard-filled pastries
- Avoid salads, cold egg mixtures, anything mayonnaise-based
- Avoid cold or partially cooked or raw meats
- Avoid raw milk and milk products
- Avoid uncooked vegetables



Hot, thoroughly cooked foods are safe  
Thick-skinned fruits that you peel with your own clean hands are safe  
Sterilized/Pasteurized milk and milk products are safe  
Canned or bottled fruit juices are usually safe

**Drinking Water** – Do not take it for granted that the tap water in restaurants and hotels is pure. We recommend to never drink from these sources. Locally bottled water is usually safe and economical. Remember that if the water is not safe to drink, then the ice is not safe either. In hot and humid climates, four to five quarts of fluid may be lost through the skin and respiratory tract in a 24-hour period. Be sure to drink plenty of fluid to replace the loss.

#### **4. Active Medication**

**Sunburn** – The sun is much more intense near the equator and at high elevations, and you will definitely burn faster even if it is not hot or sunny. Wear sunscreen. Hats and long sleeves will not only help block the sun, but also help slow dehydration. If you do get sunburned, aloe vera relieves burn pain immediately. For severe burns, apply aloe vera and hydrocortisone cream or Solarcaine frequently.

**Athlete's Foot** – Treatment includes keeping areas dry with increased air ventilation. Washing and drying feet and applying fungicidal powder, along with wearing cotton socks and open-toed shoes will help. Creams and powders containing tolnaftate (in Tinactin) are the best treatment. The best prevention is wearing rubber thongs when walking on public bathroom floors and around swimming pools.

**Hepatitis A** – Get the immunization before you leave or upon your arrival. It is recommended for nearly everyone traveling internationally.

**Malaria** – There is no vaccination for malaria currently. However, there are several medications that help prevent malaria. These are inexpensive and easily available in Thailand. Use door and window screens or mosquito netting. Wear protective, loose clothing during evening hours. Chemical repellents containing DEET (check the recommended DEET level) applied to legs, arms, neck, and clothing at dusk and after dark will help.

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Application Fee	.....	\$300.00
Tuition	.....	\$1,000.00
Room & Board	.....	\$900.00
Ministry/Travel Expenses	.....	\$2,000.00
<b>Total One Semester</b>	.....	<b>\$4,200.00</b>
<b>Total Two Semesters</b>	.....	<b>\$7,900.00</b>

(If attending both semesters, the second semester is discounted to \$3,700.00.)

The application fee of \$300.00 is non-refundable but can be transferred to another semester if notice is given more than two months before commencement of classes. Full payment for the balance of one semester is due at the beginning of each semester. All payments shall be made in American currency. The student will be responsible to arrange their own transportation to and from Thailand, and may arrive four days prior to the starting date of the semester and should depart within three days after the semester ends. Transportation, personal sightseeing, visiting, and tourist attractions will be the student's expenses.

The Institute is not responsible for accidents, injury, or illness while the student is in attendance.

### *Scholarships*

Scholarship for a first semester student may be applied for by someone who has spent twelve months of voluntary service within the previous eighteen months with a conservative Anabaptist ministry. If you would like to apply for a scholarship, please note this in your application.

Someone who has attended one semester of IGo and is in need of financial assistance for the second semester should contact the IGo administrator to see what scholarship funds are available.

Scholarships will not exceed \$1,000.00 per applicant.



## STUDENT PLEDGE

*The following pledge is a personal commitment that each student is expected to make in regards to their attendance at IGo. This page is for each student to sign and date as a personal reminder of their willingness to comply with the expectations of IGo while enrolled as a student.*

I appreciate the opportunity to attend IGo as a student. It is my intention to have an experience of spiritual growth and to enhance the spiritual atmosphere of IGo by my personal conduct.

Therefore, I will do my best to abide by and promote the rules and standards set forth in this Course Catalog and my home church.

I understand that, should I become lax in observing these rules, I am open to discipline by the Administration of IGo.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_



