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throughout the world for the Kingdom of God*

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## INTRODUCTION

Institute for Global Opportunities (IGo) launched its first semester in April 2007. Seventeen years later, IGo strives to remain a mission center where students experience biblical teaching and training while living in the heart of the 10/40 Window. Chiang Mai, Thailand, has proven to be the ideal location for this vision. Surrounded with the overwhelming needs of an animistic, Buddhist culture which is deeply entrenched in idol worship, our students are motivated to expand the Kingdom of God. The term “unreached people groups” becomes a stark reality as students travel in Thailand and throughout the surrounding countries in Southeast Asia.

At IGo, emphasis is placed on both responding to the call of the Great Commission and on the importance of maintaining loyalty and commitment to the local church at home. IGo seeks 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 have never known about Him or have been given such a distorted picture as to be wholly ignorant of Who He really is. We train young people and couples to count all things as loss for the excellency of sharing Christ with the nations—there is no activity more engaging to which we can give ourselves. We strive to stir the fervor portrayed in this song: “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” (Howard Grose, 1902).

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

## MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

We believe it is highly beneficial for North American Christians to spend an extended period outside the American homeland and culture. We have large houses, electricity, good vehicles, superhighways, and an abundance of food and clothing. It is difficult for us to relate to a family with four children who live in a 150 square foot house with a dirt floor and thatched roof, with 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 effective to train missionaries overseas than in the affluent Western setting. IGo provides students with opportunities to travel and minister in Asia, returning regularly to the classroom for teaching and mentoring by instructors. The focus is not solely theoretical, but addresses everyday issues experienced by students as they minister.

The goal of IGo is to provide the foundational building blocks for a life of mission service. If you desire this kind of training, we invite you to join IGo. In consultation with your parents and pastor, the IGo staff will help you process the calling for global missions. 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 that the entire Bible is inspired by the Holy Spirit; that it is inerrant in the original writings, authentic in all it touches, and authoritative in its counsels; that it is the final authority for faith and practice for all people of all ages; and that it 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 Who 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, and a disciplined people who are obedient to the Word of God. Christ commissioned the Church 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 and 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. 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 is in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Chiang Mai is the largest city in northern Thailand and is well suited as a launching point for mission workers in Asia with its international airport and superhighways.

## 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.

<i>Instructor</i>	<i>Terms</i>
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Kiat Luksanasakulchai	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Phil & Jolene Siegrist	1, 4
Timothy Stoltzfus	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Duane Weber	1, 2, 3
Michael Yoder	2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Val Yoder	4, 5, 6
Guest Teachers	1, 3, 5, 6

*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 Directors in America who provide oversight 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, missiology, and theological studies along with immediate involvement on the mission field and evangelism in a cross-cultural setting. The courses are designed to strengthen the doctrinal foundation of both potential and currently-active mission personnel. The Institute offers two four-month semesters each calendar year. Each semester alternates periods of classroom study, travel in Asia, and ministry to nationals. All classes are conducted on a junior college level of instruction and are taken by all enrolled students, depending on the year of attendance.

Note: The student will be responsible to purchase and take all required textbooks along to Thailand.



## COURSES OFFERED

### Bible

#### *Acts of the Apostles*

*Michael Yoder*

This class presents a chronological and geographical survey of the church's beginnings and the issues involved in church formation and growth. Special attention is directed to the pattern given for missions by the early church.

#### *Ephesians*

*Steve Byers*

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.



*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 the covenants that God gave to mankind.

*Life of Christ*

*Michael Yoder*

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*

*Steve Byers*

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

## Missions

*Asian Cultural Studies*

*Kiat Luksanasakulchai*

Asian cultural norms can be learned both in class and in the field. Learning how people of other cultures 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*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

The unveiling of God's glory to the nations is the ultimate goal of mission work. This course traces the missionary heart of God from Genesis to Revelation and provides the biblical foundation for Christian missiology.

*Church Planting*

*Allen Roth*

Theories and models of church planting are 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*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

The missionary must appreciate diverse cultures and seek to understand them for the purpose of presenting the Gospel more effectively. He must understand the importance of contextualizing the Gospel and of building cultural bridges. Understanding ethnocentricity, culture shock, and other cultural aspects prepares him to adapt quickly to other cultures.

*History of Missions*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

The past gives much insight for the future. This course will review the lives and effectiveness of historical movements and missionaries. We will look at the early 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*

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

*Muslim Evangelism*

*Michael Yoder*

This course helps students understand the culture, beliefs, and history of Islam in order to share Christ within the Muslim context. The emphasis is on practical ways to befriend Muslims at home and abroad, and to give students what they need to introduce Muslims to Jesus.

*World Religions*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

This class contrasts the beliefs and practices of Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, and the New Age Movement with those of Christianity. Additionally, insights are given for how to minister to the adherents of these religions.



## Personal Development

### *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*

*TBA*

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

### *Principles of Teaching*

*Duane Weber*

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

### *Public Speaking*

*TBA*

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 are 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.

### *Tentmaking Missions*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

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

### *TESOL Fundamentals I & II*

*Phil & Jolene Siegrist*

This class provides foundational tools for evangelism in many countries. Each IGO student will receive an introduction to the fundamentals of TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages). During the student's second semester, they will receive further practical instruction regarding English teaching and storytelling.

# Theology

## *Christian Apologetics*

*Timothy Stoltzfus*

This class is an introductory Christian apologetics course. Students study origins, the existence of God, logical arguments for the Christian worldview, the Resurrection, the problem of suffering and evil, the reliability of the Bible, the coherence of Christianity compared to other religions, and common objections to Christianity. Students deepen personal faith in God, identify and settle areas of personal doubt, and learn where to find and how to use resources for defending the Christian faith.

## *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*

Knowing God 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, the Lord Jesus Christ.

## *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 discusses 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 ongoing transformation in the life of the believer. This course discusses the nature, purpose, blessing, and application of biblical, spiritual disciplines in an individual's life.

## *Kingdom Theology*

*TBA*

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.



## MENTORING AND DISCIPLESHIP PRACTICUM

IGo's Mentoring and 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 alone with God, and a walking together, giving and receiving in a small group setting. The MDP is designed to help the student identify areas of growth and to give direction for spiritual 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 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 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 26 – December 13, 2024

*First Term* | August 26 – September 13

Class A Genesis – Carl Heatwole

Class B Growth in Christ I – Duane Weber

Class C Cultural Anthropology – Tim Stoltzfus

Class D TESOL – Phil & Jolene Siegrist

*Ministry Trip I* | September 18 – 28 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Second Term* | September 30 – October 18

Class A I Corinthians – Steve Byers

Class B Growth in Christ II – Duane Weber

Class C Biblical Theology of Missions – Timothy Stoltzfus

Class D Team Dynamics – Michael Yoder

*Ministry Trip II* | October 23 – November 2 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Third Term* | November 4 – 22

Class A Church Planting – Allen Roth

Class B Muslim Evangelism – Michael Yoder

Class C Christian Apologetics – Timothy Stoltzfus

Class D Principles of Teaching – Duane Weber

*Ministry Trip III* | November 27 – December 7 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Wrap-Up* | December 9 – 13

Debriefing / Mentoring / Preparation to return home

*Break / Ministry* | December 16 – 27



## SECOND SEMESTER

December 30, 2024 – April 18, 2025

*Fourth Term* | December 30, 2024 – January 17, 2025

Class A Discovering Our God I – Val Yoder

Missiology\* – Michael Yoder

Class B World Religions – Timothy Stoltzfus

John\* – TBA

Class C Life of Christ – Michael Yoder

Public Speaking\* – TBA

Class D TESOL – Phil & Jolene Siegrist

Church and Her Foes\* – Val Yoder

*Ministry IV* | January 22 – February 1 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Fifth Term* | February 3 – 21

Class A Acts – Michael Yoder

Class B Discovering Our God II – Val Yoder

Class C Kingdom Theology – TBA

Class D History of Missions – Timothy Stoltzfus

*Ministry V* | February 26 – March 8 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Sixth Term* | March 10 – 28

Class A Ephesians – Steve Byers

Class B Local Church Evangelism – Michael Yoder

Class C Tentmaking Missions – Timothy Stoltzfus

Class D Christian Family – Val Yoder

*Ministry VI* | April 2 – 12 (Ministry experience in Asia)

*Wrap-Up* | April 14 – 18

Debriefing / Mentoring / Preparation to return home



## SECOND-YEAR PROGRAM

After students have 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 is determined by the student and the IGo administration. The IGo mentor of the student stays in regular contact with the student throughout the internship. Students returns 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 AM Breakfast  
7:30 AM Period I: Class A  
8:35 AM Chapel  
9:20 AM Study Period  
10:15 AM Period II: Class B  
11:15 AM Break  
11:25 AM Period III: Class C  
12:30 PM Lunch  
1:15 PM Period IV: Class D  
2:20 PM Thai Cultural Class (Tuesday)  
Thai Language Class (Thursday)  
5:30 PM Supper  
6:30 PM Ministry – Monday & Friday  
Recreation – Tuesday & Thursday  
Open Evening – Wednesday  
9:30 PM Dorm Time  
10:30 PM Lights Out

Saturdays are open for ministry, study, and personal time.

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



## CREDITS

In each three-week term, IGo students have a total of fourteen sessions in four different classes. Each class session is one hour in length. For each classroom hour, students are given an additional one hour of out-of-class assignments. For the average student, this workload totals 120 minutes (2 hours) per class each day. During the fourteen-day term, the student workload is approximately 1,680 minutes (28 hours) 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 entrance standards for students:

- 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 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 Friday evening at 9:00 PM and give students opportunity for input and sharing as a gender group. All students are required to attend.

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

MINISTRY NIGHTS are conducted two evenings per week involving the student with a local ministry to Thai people.

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 prohibiting health reasons.



SATURDAY EVENING COMMITTEE is chosen from the student body and comprised 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 IGO's missions educational experience, students are unable to host visitors during the semester.



## STUDENT SERVICES

**DORMITORIES.** Housing facilities are provided for 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.** Students 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.** Meals are provided for students in the cafeteria. Most meals will be Asian in cuisine.

**LAUNDRY.** Students can do laundry in their dorm or take it to a neighboring laundromat. Laundry costs are approximately \$8-10.00/week.

## SOCIAL LIFE

Social life is integral to Christian living. It is one of the most valuable aspects of a student's experience at IGo. Our goal is to promote godly relationships between brothers and sisters in the family of Christ. 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, socializing, 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 followed in order to provide an atmosphere necessary to attain these goals.

Students are to be in their respective dorms by 9:30 PM Monday through Thursday. Dorm time on Friday evenings will be 11:00 PM 10:30 PM on Saturdays, and 10:00 PM on Sunday nights. Lights are to be turned off 30 minutes 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 adhere to these guidelines during their time at IGo, 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 is not permitted on campus.

Students should expect to use public transportation while in Asia. In the event 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 they also affirm 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 follow the standards that their home church requires, 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 predominantly covered with a solid, unlaced veil (including the trim) 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 SUPPORT

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





## HEALTH ISSUES

### 1. Know Your Own Health

Make sure you are healthy before traveling. 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, always have a form of identification (a card, bracelet, or tag) with you indicating your allergy or condition. If you need to take a lot of medication, make sure your doctor gives you a statement explaining that the medicines are necessary for your health. Your doctor 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 at a reasonable cost.

### 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 that you 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. 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
Total One Semester .....	\$4,200.00
Total Two Semesters .....	\$7,900.00

(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

Institute for Global Opportunities offers two types of scholarships as outlined below. Applicants must fill out a scholarship application and have full approval by their pastors and parents to request the scholarship.

### A. Partial Scholarship (amount determined by Finance Committee/IGo Administration)

1. Applicant must have spent two years of voluntary service within the previous eighteen months with a conservative Anabaptist ministry or show financial difficulty regarding attendance.
2. This scholarship provides up to, but does not exceed, \$1,500.00 per semester for tuition.

### B. Full Scholarship (covers room & board, tuition, and half of ministry trip expenses)

1. This scholarship provides \$2,500.00 per semester for tuition, room & board, and half of ministry trip expenses.
2. Applicant must commit to a minimum of two years of voluntary service with a conservative Anabaptist, cross-cultural ministry\* within eighteen months after attendance at IGo.
3. If the cross-cultural involvement is terminated before the required two-year commitment is completed, the applicant may be required to repay the scholarship fund a percentage based on the percent of time left unfulfilled at the mission with a minimum of \$1,000.00 repayment.

\* Definition of cross-cultural ministry: A ministry working with a specific people group in a foreign country or at a location where frequent returning to the home community is not possible.

## STUDENT PLEDGE

*The following pledge is a personal commitment required in order to attend 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 adhere to and promote the rules and standards set forth in this Course Catalog and my home church.

I agree that if I do not observe these rules, I will accept correction by the Administration of IGo.

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

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

