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God at Work in Thailand by Duane Weber, IGo Administrator

The country of Thailand is home to an estimated population of 66.7 million people. It is estimated that of those 66.7 million people, only one percent would consider themselves to be Christians. Buddhism, which by some is considered more of a way of life than a religion, impacts Thai culture in many different ways. It is estimated that 95% of the Thai population are Buddhist. A common phrase that permeates the mindset of the people of Thailand is the mentality “to be born Thai is to be born Buddhist.” While Thailand has been tolerant of other religions and is not considered a closed country, the impact that Christian missions have had on the Thai people over the last 200 years has been minimal. Primarily, only since the 1970’s has the growth of Christianity begun to increase throughout Thailand. While the majority of Thai people are Buddhist in name, some mission strategists would suggest that many Thai

people are losing interest in the Buddhist way of life and the growth of Christianity will increase in the next decades.

No matter what the statistics may record of religions within Thailand, we at IGo continue to believe that a life for Jesus is changed one individual at a time. This current Institute year of 2021-2022 has allowed us to focus more directly on the country of Thailand. The current pandemic hindered international travel opportunities for our students outside of Thailand, and up until this point, all of our student ministry trips for both semesters have been conducted within Thailand. While this may be a disappointment for some who have not been able to see other areas of ministry within Southeast Asia, focusing on the needs within Thailand has also been a blessing. Our students

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have been able to travel to various settings, both rural and urban. They have been able to encourage the local church and the believers who are present in this predominantly Buddhist country. Teaching English has provided opportunities for IGo students to engage in relationships with Thai students and begin to bridge the language gap. Our students have visited several orphanages, played with children until most of their energy was spent, and came away realizing that they just possibly may have made a small difference in the life of a child.

We continue to anticipate and hope that travel will open up again in the future and it will become easier for us to send students to other countries for ministry trips, but we also know and believe that God has not wasted the semesters of 2021-2022 to

speak to the lives of the IGo students through the people of Thailand. We bless God that amidst all the chaos of the Covid pandemic, restrictions that have been in place, requirements of quarantine, and many other factors that could have prevented IGo from being able to run this past year, God has been faithful in allowing us to experience two rewarding semesters. We pray that through this “Thailand-focused year of ministry” God would use our students to spread His message throughout this country. Who knows, He may just be raising up a generation from this student body who will return to Thailand and continue a life of service within this country!

Please continue to pray for the people of Thailand.

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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; instead it addresses the everyday issues a student experiences in ministry.

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