

A Reaching & Teaching Long-Term Worker (LTW) is a disciple of Jesus Christ sent out by a local, baptistic, gospel-faithful church, affirmed by RTIM to cross geographic, cultural, and/or linguistic barriers as part of a missionary team focused on making disciples, establishing churches, and training leaders.

Southeast Asia Team Description

Vision:

In this country, the predominant ethnic group remains one of the largest unreached people groups in Southeast Asia, yet many missions organizations continue to target minority groups in rural areas rather than the growing cities in the region. Though there are some well-established local churches in the city, they tend to struggle and lack healthy models of church life and discipleship. Sadly, many English-language churches set a negative example by modeling lowest common denominator Christianity – often with no formal membership, low commitment, little-defined doctrine and a sense that the local church is peripheral to the Christian life and to God’s plan for missions.

Our team’s goal is to see a healthy congregation serving as a model of how a healthy biblical church can be an engine for gospel ministry, in any language. We’d love to demonstrate that a vibrant local church is at the very center of God’s disciple-making strategy everywhere. And beyond the normal and glorious work of evangelism and discipling believers, a healthy local church can be an amazing engine for imparting a vision of biblical health, training and equipping local leaders to take the Gospel throughout the country and Southeast Asia.

Current Team:

One family with 3 children and one single female in her 30s. They have been serving together in the same city since early 2014. In addition, there are about six other like-minded expat families who partner with them and other local believers.

Description of Role:

Our team is looking for mature believers who desire to move to Southeast Asia to support the health of a local, English-language international church, and engage



in evangelism and discipleship in our city. The exact role is flexible to suit the skills, interests, and experience of the Long-Term Worker. Roles could include pastor, assistant pastor, pastoral assistant, professional (IT, business, etc.). Exact job descriptions will be determined with each applicant. Some responsibilities outside the church will likely be necessary in order to obtain a long-term visa.

Responsibilities of Role:

A Reaching & Teaching Long-Term Worker has ample freedom within the mission, values, and supervision of Reaching & Teaching to engage in ministry that reflects the biblical Great Commission priorities listed in our definition.

Every Long-Term Worker must be an active member of a gospel faithful, credo-baptist local church in his or her place of service. If there is not such a church within a reasonable geographic proximity, the missionary should work, whether directly or indirectly (e.g. if a woman on the field) to establish such a church.

The Reaching & Teaching LTW will be involved in any or all of the following ministries:

Evangelism

A LTW is an evangelist at heart who actively seeks opportunities to share the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ cross-culturally. Regular evangelistic ministry should be aimed at the establishing and building of healthy local churches. Responsibilities include:

- Meeting regularly with unbelievers to share the gospel and develop relationships
- Participating in evangelistic Bible Studies with other members from the church

Discipleship

The Bible teaches that new converts are to be baptized and folded into the membership of a local church, where they will be taught to obey all that Christ has commanded his followers. Discipleship involves cultivating relationships focused on sanctification, helping others grow spiritual maturity so that they are increasingly conformed to the image of Jesus Christ.

Local Church Teaching

A LTW should take advantage of the opportunities to teach in the context of his/her local church (Sunday School program, Sunday night services, discipleship groups, etc.). The missionary may also organize periodic extended periods of theological education within the context of the local church, and at the discretion of local church leadership.

Qualifications:

Required:

- Ministers in a way that is consistent with RTIM core values, vision, and mission
- Maintains a growing, maturing walk with God
- Exhibits a genuine love for people
- Is currently serving in their local church and pursuing intentional discipleship relationships
- Exemplifies humble, loving, servant leadership. Men must be elder-qualified.
- If married, keeps a careful watch over himself and his family
- Is self-motivated, disciplined, and responsible in his personal life
- Humbly works as part of the RTIM ministry team and is willing to submit to those in authority
- Is willing to learn and operate in another language
- Minimum commitment of 3 years

Preferred:

- Desire to live and minister in a growing Asian city
- Professional experience (will be helpful in obtaining a long-term visa)