

# EXPLORE THAILAND MISSION TEAM

Thailand, October/November 2018

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Pack your saddlebags and join Gateway's Band of Bikers community as we explore cross-cultural missions in northern Thailand. We'll connect with and learn from a number of our Gateway Beyond workers, experience the culture, eat local food, meet people, share the love of Jesus and even discover valleys and mountains on motorbikes.

## MAKE IT YOUR MISSION TO GO

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### What is the purpose of the mission team?

We want to engage and inspire people in our motorcycle community about cross-cultural mission! This team plans to support and encourage the work of Gateway Beyond workers in northern Thailand who are involved in community development projects, and teaching and discipling local Christians. This team is being organised by members of Gateway's Band of Bikers motorbike community and will include an opportunity to get off the beaten track and ride through mountains, valleys and villages.

We are going with an attitude to learn and understand missions in action. We plan to visit urban areas, villages, churches and community development projects. You'll have the opportunity to provide some practical support and contribute to ministry activities such as outreach, bible studies and prayer walks.

### What countries/cities will be visited?

Thailand: Bangkok plus smaller cities and villages in northern Thailand.

### What are the approximate dates of the trip?

Dates are to be confirmed. We are planning end October/early November 2018 for 14 days total (including travel time).

### What local agencies, organisations and/or churches are the team visiting?

We plan to connect with several Gateway Beyond workers in urban and rural Thailand.

### What organisation is the trip endorsed by?

Gateway Baptist Church.

### What opportunities will team members have to share their giftings/passions/skills?

You don't need particular skills or gifts, just a heart to learn and a willingness to participate. Once the team is finalised we'll develop a program in conjunction with our Gateway Beyond workers to utilise the gifts and skills of team members.

Are you:

- Willing to come with an attitude of learning and prepared to step out of your comfort zone
- Willing to engage with local Thai people in ministry activities such as singing songs, playing games with children, telling Bible stories, and praying out loud
- Able to cope with the realities of life in a densely populated Asian country (pollution, bumpy roads, transport delays, changing itinerary, mechanical issues) and relationships with non-English speakers
- A team player and able to take instruction from team leaders and others

We will spend several days riding motorbikes, so team members must either have a motorbike licence or be happy to ride as a pillion passenger.

### Maximum number of team members:

15 people including team leaders

### Approximate financial commitment:

\$3,000—\$3,500 per person which includes flights, accommodation, food, transport, motorbike hire. (Insurance, vaccinations, visa and passport costs are extra.) If your application is successful a \$250 deposit will secure your place on the team.

### What date do applications close?

31 March 2018

### Time commitment for team preparation:

Approx. six team prep meetings (2-3 hrs) prior to departure. Plus other team building activities and a debrief meeting on return.

### Contact Team Leaders for more information and a Mission Team application form:

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