IDC "GOING" – International Missions Residency
**This document is created as a general guideline for those sent Internationally out of IDC*

Goal of IDC GOING: *Send out faithful missionaries all over the world to live out Imago Dei's PEACE Plan Globally.* (It is hope that we will send out teams just for basic care, but also believe it is the biblical model)

Practical Goals:

1. Equip IDC Covenant Members for International Missions Work (Missiology, Worldview, Contextualization, etc)
2. Develop International Church Planting Teams from the GOING participants
3. Send some of our IDC GOING participants to join our other missionaries already on the field

12 month Plan: It is our desire that we will have known the missionaries we send out for at least a year and they will have completed the following phases while being Covenant Members of IDC

- **Phase One:** Become a Covenant and active Member of IDC
- **Phase Two:** Attend IDC Equip Classes (9-11am on Saturday Mornings once a month)
- **Phase Three:** Attend IDC's monthly International GOING program (6-8pm on Sunday Nights once a month)
    - **Note:** This could potentially include Seminary Credit as a practicum class
- **Phase Four:** Become involved in some sort of Intentional missionary activity among Internationals here locally or with another IDC partner
- **Phase Five:** At some point spend at least a month to 6 weeks in an International Context (i.e. a summer trip) – **Note:** *We see this as a step of love by the church to shepherd potential missionary candidates because of the attrition rate for those that have never spent significant time outside of the states*
- **Phase Six:** Skype a few times a semester with an international missionary
    - **Note:** Another option would be to catch missionaries that are stateside and meet with them. In particular men should be seeking out men on the field, and women seeking out women to talk through issues on the field.
    - **Note:** The ideal connection would be with the team you are hoping to join on the field
- **Phase Seven:** Begin Developing a Prayer/Support Team from IDC (similar to the Haugh's with the Cardona's)
- **Phase Eight:** Be assessed by the IDC Elders and then commissioned by the church body
    - The Assessment will ask questions of the candidates life and doctrine
    - **Note:** During this time the Missionary Candidate will meet regularly with GG leader to talk through Spiritual Development and the continuing process of getting ready to go overseas

***Note:** *These Phases will overlap – it is the desire of the Elders that we see some activity in each of these during the 12 to 18 month process*

Expectations during the 12 months:

- Covenant member for at least 12 months, preferably 18 months
- Attend Equip and IDC Going Sunday Nights
- Meet Monthly with GG leader to discuss the process and for spiritual development
- Be active in missionary activity locally and among internationals here in the USA
- Skype monthly with other international missionaries
- Complete the IDC International Missionary Assessment
- Be commissioned by IDC and her Elders

A Question to Consider: If the Elders told you "no" or "you are not ready," will you be willing to submit?

Going Content:

- **Tentative Topics to Cover:**
    - Portions of Acts
    - Gospel Story/Biblical Theology - gospel in all the Scriptures
    - Hermeneutics/Inductive Bible Study Training
    - Missiology (Newbigin, Allen, etc)
    - Worldview and Culture (Resources: Transforming Worldviews by Hebert) and cross culture communication
    - Contextualization (Resources: "Putting Contextualization in its Place")
    - Evangelism (If there is a book specific to their religion (i.e. Witnessing to Muslims); Questioning Evangelism (good for a focus on learning how to ask good questions);
    - Church Planting (7 Commands, 4 Fields)
    - Prayer (Practically - teach prayer walking)
    - Spiritual Warfare (Resources: Rankin's book)
    - Mercy Ministry (Resources: *When Helping Hurts*)
    - Ecclesiology - Imago DNA that can be transferrable and basic (Resources: Hammett's *Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches* and *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*)
        - Importance of the Church
        - Importance of Community
        - Belonging: Covenant Membership
        - Importance of a Sending Church (Antioch)
        - Plurality
        - Congregational Responsibility
        - Believers Baptism on the field (Distinctive)
        - Lord's Supper
        - Elements of Corporate Worship that do not change (Gospel Central)
        - Teaming well with others - so cooperation and teaming well with IDC (using IDC mission Teams)
        - Pastoral Ministry (Shepherd Leader, for Apostolic leadership, instilling this in others)
    - Marriage and Family (A couple suggested ways to address this: Topic in you reading a book with another couple with a respected marriage
    - Conflict Resolution (The Peacemaker)
    - Paper on basic demographics, history, culture, etc of people group/country

<u>Tentative Semester One Schedule with Equip and Going:</u>

- **August Going:** Orientation and Importance of the Sending Church – In addition, compile a list of questions to cover over the course of the semester
- **September Equip:** What is the church? (When do we know we have plated a church?)
- **September Going:** The Why and What of Going to the Nations! (Resources: Piper *Let the Nations Be* and Roland Allen *Missionary Methods: St Paul's or Ours?*)
- **October Equip:** Biblical Theology/Gospel – Synchronic/Diachronic
- **October Going:** Contextualization – The gospel in another Culture (Resources: *Foreign to Familiar* and Hiebert: *Anthropological Insights for Missionaries* chapters 1-4, 9-11)
- **November Equip:** Hermeneutics – How to Study the Bible
- **November Going:** T for T (Resource: Trellis and the Vine and Allen ch. 8)
- **December Equip:** Ordinances
- **December Going:** Ordinances Overseas, Semester Conclusion – Q & A Time (Allen ch. 9)