

IDC “GOING” – International Missions Residency

General Overview

Goal of IDC GOING

Send out faithful missionaries all over the world to live out Imago Dei's PEACE Plan Globally. IDC Going seeks to equip IDC Covenant Members for international missions work, develop international church planting teams, and send some members to join our missionaries already on the field. It is our hope that we will send out teams of workers, not only because it allows us to effectively care for more members who are serving overseas, but also because we believe it is the biblical model. **Any member desiring IDC to be their sending church is expected to complete this training.**

3 Rails for Equipping

IDC Going is a threefold, year-long (2 semesters) training process that includes: classroom instruction, ministry/evangelism amongst Internationals in the RDU area, and developing an advocacy team that will support the missionary while they are on the field. Once participants have completed this training, they will complete an IDC International Missionary Assessment with the elders. When the time arrives, they will 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?

1. Classroom Instruction

IDC Going meets on the *third Sunday* of each month from **9:00-10:15am** at the IDC building. Childcare is provided during these meetings.

In addition to classroom time, Going participants should be in regular communication with their Growth Group leader to discuss the sending process and assess spiritual development and preparation.

IDC GOING General Meeting Schedule

First Semester:

- September: *Let the Nations Be Glad*- John Piper
- October: *Foreign to Familiar*- Sarah Lanier
- November: *Spiritual Warfare and Missions*- Jerry Rankin and Ed Stetzer (subject to change)
- December: *When Helping Hurts*- Brian Fikkert and Steve Corbett
 - Advocacy Team Leader joins this meeting

Second Semester:

- January – *Biblical Foundations for Baptist Churches* (Parts 1 – 3) – John Hammett
- February – *Biblical Foundations* (Parts 4 – 5) – John Hammett
- March – *Trellis and the Vine* – Colin Marshall and Tony Payne
- April – *Eat This Book* – Eugene Peterson
 - Advocacy Team Leader will participate in at least one of these meetings.

Preparing for Meetings

- Come with discussion points regarding that week's reading
- Come with Questions around the proposed topics
- Come with updates on current international ministry (see #2)
- Last meeting of 1st semester/2nd semester: bring primary Advocate to sit in/participate (see #3)

2. Ministry and Evangelism among Internationals while in RDU

All Going participants should be actively involved in ministry and evangelism in preparation for their time overseas. There are many opportunities for work among international people groups in the area. Going participants can determine the best course of action, either through starting a new initiative with guidance and partnership through IDC, or by joining already existing work. Participants should come to Going prepared to update the group on this work.

In addition, Going participants should be Skyping with and/or talking with stateside missionaries. In particular men should be seeking out men on the field, and women seeking out women to talk through issues on the field (church planting, culture, marriage, daily life, etc). Ideally, these missionaries will be current members serving on the field, the team Going participants hope to join, or missionaries from the region to which the Going participant is headed.

3. Developing Advocacy Team

Advocacy Teams are the most tangible expression of our church's commitment to support our missionaries who are serving in cross-cultural environments. The team is centered around one team leader and can be made up of 4-8 individuals who provide on-going care and support. This includes communicating with, praying for, and staying connected to their missionary on a regular basis. They serve as a primary link between the church as a whole and the missionary.

From the start, Going participants should be prayerfully considering who they will ask to be on their Advocacy Team and have at least 2-3 people in place by the end of the first semester. The team leader will be invited to the last meeting of the 1st semester and will be asked to attend at least one meeting during the 2nd semester.

It is important that an Advocacy Team be developed in the early stages of the sending process so the team will know what to expect and how to prepare to support their missionary after he/she is deployed. IDC will provide support for these teams so they will know how to be effective Advocates for members serving overseas.

Other Suggested Resources

- *Missionary Methods*- Roland Allen
- *9 Marks of a Healthy Church*- Mark Dever
- *Transforming Worldviews*- Paul Hiebert
- *Questioning Evangelism*- Randy Newman
 - And other Evangelism resources tied to specific contexts
- *The Peacemaker*- Ken Sande
- "Putting Contextualization in its Place"- 9Marks article