

2027 GUIDEBOOK

MESA INTERN SUMMER

📍 SOUTHERN THAILAND





Letter from the Director

Hi! Thanks for your interest in Mesa Global's cultural immersion summer internship. An unforgettable eight weeks of hands-on excitement await you in Southern Thailand.

Before Thailand, I regularly trekked throughout the foothills of the majestic Himalayas. At massively high altitudes, loaded with all our gear on our backs, it was easy to focus on my own mental and physical toughness. However, the skills and encouragement of others and camaraderie built through shared experiences was an amazing lesson in true strength through community.

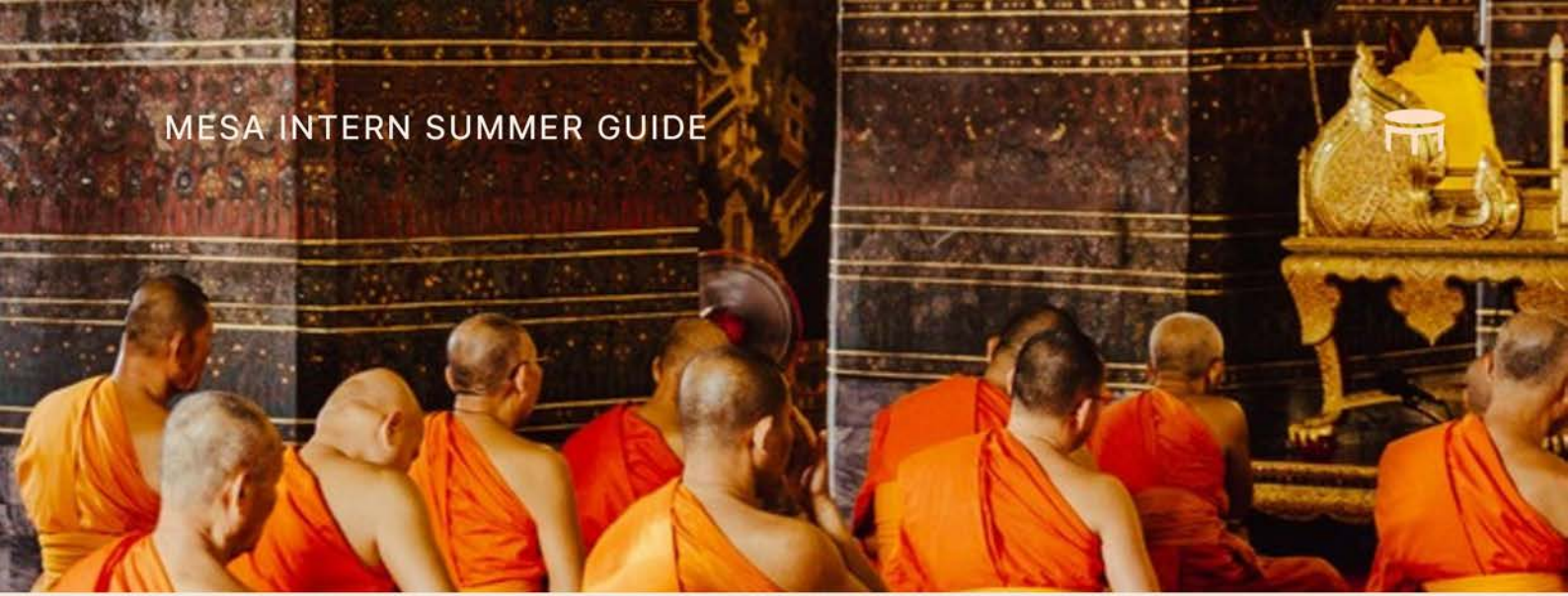
As we seek God's will for our life, powerful experiences with like-minded people can be a valuable tool in discovering vision clarity and life purpose. It's in these experiential communities that we can grow our deep-rooted friendship with Jesus.

We are praying for you and look forward to serving with you soon in Southern Thailand!

Jay

Southern Thailand Team Lead





LET'S JUMP IN

Looking to spend a summer using your skills to serve cross-culturally?

As a Mesa Intern, you'll experience cross-cultural immersion in a small, coastal surf town in Southern Thailand. We're looking for friendly, go-getters ready to tackle language and cultural barriers while developing meaningful connections with at-risk youth and their families in marginalized coastal communities.

Your days will be filled with purpose—supporting children and teens academically, organizing sports and outreach activities, teaching English, and nurturing essential life skills. Interns share the Gospel through daily life and small group settings, living out faith in real, tangible ways.

Life here often revolves around the ocean. Learn to surf alongside local youth, connect with the local surf community, or work toward your SCUBA certification. It's not just recreation—it's another way to build friendships, experience life in Southern Thailand, and become part of the community.



INTERNSHIP DETAILS

What to Expect

Explore program deadlines, what to expect in your 8 weeks, and where you'll be located if you join the summer internship.

Summer Details

June 7 - Aug 2, 2027

Cost: \$2,700 + airfare

Application Deadline

Apply by Feb. 1, 2027

Fundraising Deadline

Funds in full by May 1, 2027



Experience **cross-cultural immersion** in a Southeast Asian country



Participate in **Thai language classes** to connect with the culture and engage in ministry at a heart-level



Serve in locally-led ministries to learn how to use your skills and gifts to glorify God



Be equipped through **cross-cultural training** and spiritual formation



Have weekly **rhythms with a team** of young adults and seasoned leaders





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Week in the life

Every week on the field is different! But here are some rhythms to expect each week of your summer internship.

- **Worship at a local church**
1 day per week
 - **Sabbath**
1 day per week
 - **Serve under locally-led ministries**
5 days per week
 - **Language learning**
2-3 times per week
 - **Cultural training and spiritual formation**
1 time per week
- 📖 See day in the life posts from our interns by heading to our “Interns” story highlight on [Instagram](#)





FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Living & Weekly Rhythms



What will the church placement be like?

You will be placed within a local church that best fits the ministry you're involved in. You may be attending this church with other interns or by yourself.



Where will I live?

Housing will most likely be in a dorm or hostel with other interns.



How do you decide which ministry I'll be placed at?

We will keep your role, gifts, and preference in mind combined with the current needs of our ministry partners as we place you in the best ministry fit.



What do program costs cover?

The program cost covers all your living expenses during your time in Thailand. This includes food, lodging, public transportation within the city, and regional transportation as needed. Airfare to and from Thailand is in addition to the program cost.

Language Learning



How will I learn Thai?

All interns will take individual or small-group Thai classes approximately 2-3 times per week. You will have plenty of opportunities to practice your language in your neighborhood and in your partner ministries.

Safety & Healthcare

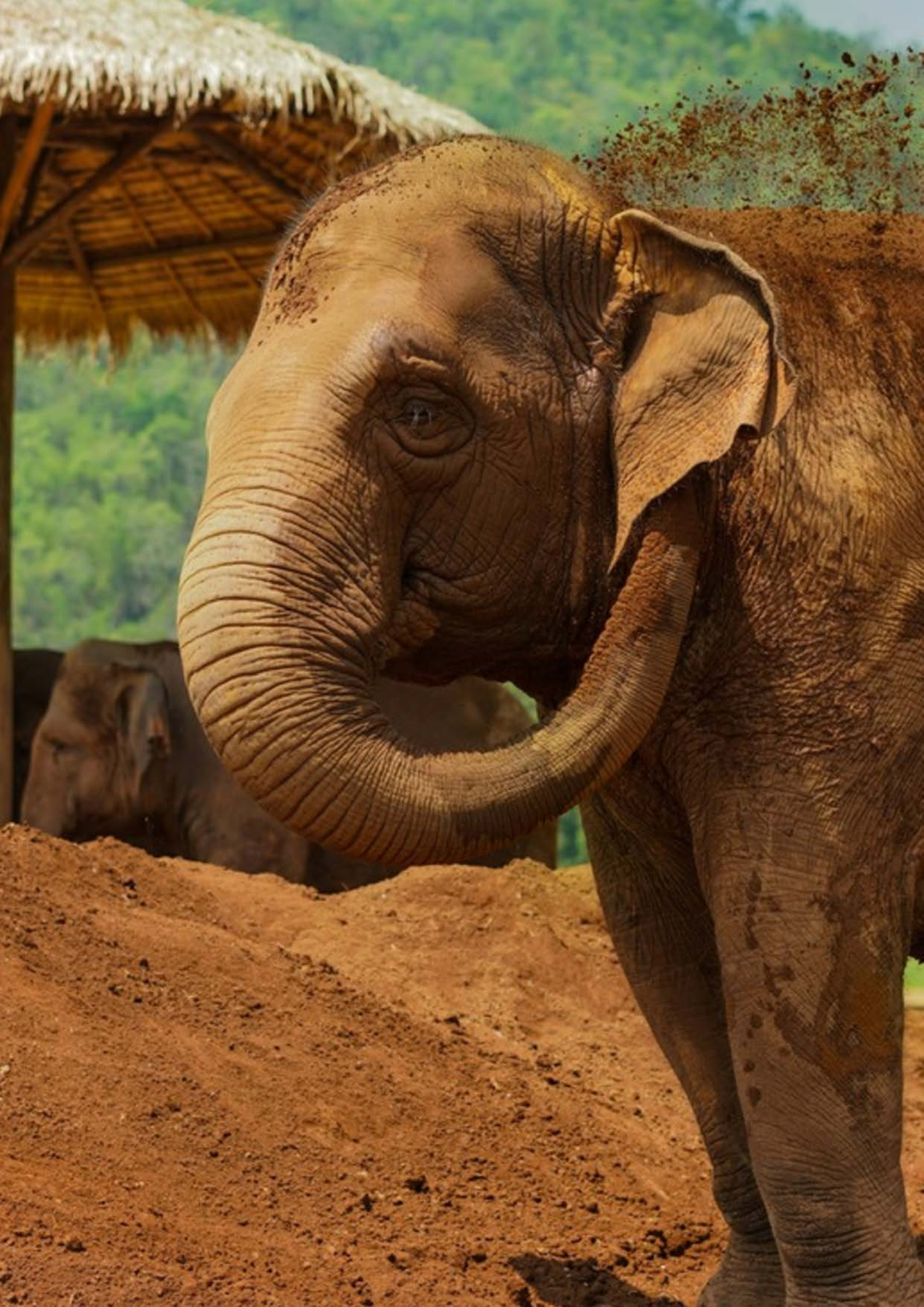


Is Thailand safe?

Overall, Thailand is very safe. During your orientation, we will give you tips on how to live safely and confidently here.

Even in rural Thailand, small clinics and hospitals are readily available. In addition, top-level, international hospitals are only 1.5 hours away in Phuket should you need care.







Quiz

Is a Summer Missions Program For Me?

Let's see if you check some boxes:

- ☐ I'm available for 8 weeks this summer
- ☐ I'm a follower of Jesus and wanting to grow spiritually
- ☐ I'm adaptable and teachable
- ☐ I want to serve in a cross-cultural environment
- ☐ I'm willing to raise funds for this role

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TESTIMONIALS

Hear from our Thailand Alumni



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"This summer I learned that God does not just want our yes, He wants our surrendered heart that is willing to do what comes after that yes. In getting the opportunity to serve in so many different capacities this summer in Thailand, from kid's ministry, pickleball ministry, outreach, teaching English and so much more, I have learned that **ministry isn't just about the work we do for Christ but instead about the work we do with Christ.**

I experienced the never ending compassion of God through the team I was surrounded by, the people groups we worked with, the friends I made along the way and every ministry I got to be a part of. Above all else I am leaving Thailand with a deeper understanding of God's redemptive power to heal and restore anyone and everyone."



KENNA F.
2024 INTERN

"This summer, **God reminded me of his love for a place that at first felt so far from God.** I soon saw that He was there the entire time, inviting us into His ultimate work as we went to bar outreach, kids ministry in the slum districts, our base churches, and more. I learned of the day-to-day faithfulness and patience of work on the field, remembering that it is Christ who has shown his day-to-day faithfulness and patience in love to us first."



NEXT STEPS

Get Connected

Ready to explore serving and training in missions for a summer in Thailand? We'd love to chat with you!

Step 01: APPLY

Submit a **Mesa Intern Application** for a summer of service. Then, our mobilization team will reach out with next steps!



HAVE A QUESTION? ASK OUR DIRECTOR OF MOBILIZATION & ONBOARDING, JENNIFER, AT JMCINNIS@MESAGLOBAL.CO

Step 02: FOLLOW US

Don't miss a beat & follow us on social media to keep up to date with news, stories from the field, tips for serving cross-culturally, and more!

A person wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt, blue pants, and a red woven hat is sitting in a small wooden boat on a river. They are using a long wooden pole to collect various pieces of trash, including plastic bottles and bags, from the water. The boat is filled with the collected debris. In the background, there are several buildings. On the left, a large white building with a traditional Thai-style roof featuring golden, ornate decorations. To its right, a smaller building with a red-tiled roof. Below these, there are several smaller, more modest houses with corrugated metal roofs. One of these houses has a red satellite dish mounted on its roof. The water in the river is dark and reflects the surrounding buildings and the person in the boat. The overall scene suggests a cleanup or waste collection activity in a river in Thailand.

***WE HOPE TO SEE
YOU IN SOUTHERN
THAILAND!***