

PLACEMENT PROVIDER PROFILE: **CHURCH/ORGANISATION**

DATE: 26/02/2025

CHURCH/ORGANISATION/PLACEMENT NAME: **OMF** International

IS THIS THE FIRST TIME YOU ARE FILLING OUT ORGANISATION'S EMAIL ADDRESS **A PLACEMENT PROFILE?** No

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The **MAIN CONTACT** is the person whom we should regularly be in touch with about general placement inquiries. This is often the person who has initiated contact with us.

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Are you the Lead Pastor, CEO or equivalent? No

If not, please tell us their name. Currently Vacant

The more we know about your organisation and its needs, the more equipped we will be to make an appropriate student match for placement. Our students come from a variety of backgrounds and have different levels of experience but we always do our best to find the right fit. If you have multiple placement opportunities please outline them seperately within this form.

Please note, we cannot guarantee a placement student will be allocated to your organisation. If a student is allocated we will contact you with the details of placement.

DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH/ORGANISATION/PLACEMENT PROVIDER'S WORK

OMF International is a fellowship of Christians from many nations and church backgrounds, brought into being by God for His glory, to bring hope to East Asia's billions through sharing the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness for the advancement of His church. Our passion is to see indigenous communities of believers worshiping God in their heart language and bringing glory to Him by following Jesus wholeheartedly and reaching out in mission to their own people and beyond in the power of the Holy Spirit.

OMF International began as the China Inland Mission, founded in 1865 by Dr. J. Hudson Taylor. Through the CIM, by 1939 more than 200,000 Chinese and minority people had been baptised. Restrictions in China made it impossible to continue and the CIM withdrew its workers and moved to other parts of Asia in 1951, renaming itself as the Overseas Missionary Fellowship, now known as OMF International.

Today OMF International has more than 1350 workers from 37 different countries serving the church and least reached people in more than 17 countries across East Asia and amongst the East Asian diaspora around the world. Its mission is to share the Good News of Jesus in all its fullness to East Asia's peoples. OMF workers serve through church planting, community development, teaching, business, and more.

Our Vision. Through God's grace we aim to see an indigenous biblical church movement in each people group of East Asia, evangelizing their own people and reaching out in mission to other peoples.

Our Mission. We share the good news of Jesus Christ in all its fullness with East Asia's peoples to the glory of God.

DESCRIPTION OF POSSIBLE PLACEMENT ROLE(S) AND ANY PARTICULAR ATTRIBUTES SOUGHT IN A PLACEMENT STUDENT

OMF International has put together four different LST placement options to allow students to explore the possibility that God could be calling you to work cross-culturally in East Asia with OMF or alternatively learn from another culture in order to inform your future ministry in the UK. Please contact OMF's London Area Representative to find out more (uk.london@omfmail.com). For the full range of opportunities to serve with OMF search on our website at opportunities.omf.org

1. Reaching School Children in Thailand

This opportunity is focused on reaching communities in Thailand, through English teaching and football coaching in schools, playing matches against local teams* and other aspects of serving, depending on the team's skills and the community needs. We work in partnership with local pastors and churches, supporting their relationship building in schools and with local community leaders. You will be given hands-on experience in ministry, sharing friendship and faith with those you meet. Spend three weeks in Central Thailand as part of an International Team, sharing the Gospel and serving alongside Thai Christians. An initial week can also be spent supporting missionary families at the Thailand field conference. This placement provides a unique context for personal growth as disciples of Jesus and sharing your faith in the rural Thai context, whilst gaining insight into life and culture in Thailand and a greater understanding of the Buddhist worldview.

Location - Thailand Duration - One month, July

2. East Asians in the UK

This opportunity is focused on working in intercultural contexts with a focus on East Asians in the UK and Ireland.

It is suited to those who would like cross-cultural ministry experience while staying in the UK or who are thinking about cross-cultural ministry in future church ministry. Many East Asians now live, work and study in the UK. Some are here for a few years, such as students and business people, while others have relocated to the UK on a permanent basis. Being outside of their culture often exposes them to Christianity for the first time and also allows them more space to explore faith in Jesus without the societal pressures in East Asia. Come and be part of ministries that are trying to serve alongside and reach East Asians in the UK. We will provide training to help you understand intercultural church and mission in the UK and the worldview and culture of those of East Asia heritage.

Location - UK and Ireland, various locations including Belfast, Glasgow, Manchester and Dublin Duration - 2-4 weeks all year round

3. Theological Education

This opportunity is based at a Bible college in The Philippines. It may be suited to those who would like to explore theological teaching overseas or learn how students in another culture learn and develop theology

as it interacts with the culture and the issues in that society. There would be opportunities to coach/mentor students, particularly in writing assignments and helping them with their spoken English. Being in close contact with students will give opportunity to learn about the challenges facing Christian workers in The Philippines. There may opportunity to teach classes, under the supervision of the Bible College staff, if you have specialist knowledge in a subject or life experiences that are relevant to the courses being offered. While this opportunity may better suit mature students with life experience to draw from, younger students are still welcome to explore this option.

Location - The Philippines Duration - One month all year round

4. Student Outreach

This opportunity is focused on building relationships with students and campus staff in order to share the gospel through teaching English and extending friendships to many who are away from family and friends. The University is located in a city in South Thailand. There is a student population of about 11,000 undergraduate and graduate students. There are also about 2,000 staff. There are currently less than 0.2% Christians on campus. We partner with Thai churches to build a bridge between them and the campus. Most of the students and staff we meet on campus are very friendly and being far away from home, they are very open to friendships and are eager to develop relationships with foreigners. If you speak English and would love to be a friend to them, come and join us.

Location - Thailand Duration - One month all year round

LOCATION AND TRANSPORT OPTIONS:

Three locations are highlighted: The Philippines, Thailand and the United Kingdom. Flights to Asia add a significant costs to those options.

SUPERVISOR DETAILS (if different from main contact details)

NAME

ROLE

EMAIL

PHONE

What we plan to do with your information

From time to time, we will include relevant information about upcoming LST events and opportunities in our correspondence with our placement partners and more specifically, our supervisors. By ticking yes, you are confirming that you consent to LST contacting you by any of the usual channels (phone, email and post) for these reasons.

GDPR CONSENT

Yes

Thank you so much for taking the time to fill out this form.

The safety and welfare of our students is very important to us. For this reason, we would ask that all documentation be complete before the commencement of placement. Thank you so much for partnering

with us.

- Church/Organisation Profile
- Placement Provider Agreement
- Placement Organisation Insurance Form

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