



MENTORING MISSION OVERVIEW



Training in sharing the Gospel through evangelism, community action and spiritual development for churches and people of all ages.

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INTRODUCTION

CWEST mentoring missions provide training in evangelism/community action and spiritual development for people of all ages and support churches to share the Gospel in their area.

CWEST works with local churches to establish a mission aimed at supporting evangelism in their neighbourhood, supplementing the church's capabilities with a visiting team who aspire to develop their talents, gifts and spirituality in an evangelistic setting.

Not only have mentoring missions helped churches reach out but they have proved to be significant points in the spiritual lives of delegates; for some they have been turning points that have led to them going on into full time ministry.

TRANSFORMING PEOPLE

CWEST'S mentoring missions are designed to train aspiring Christian communicators, artists and leaders of all ages (age 16yrs up). Generally lasting seven to ten days, the mission will include morning seminars on self-awareness, intimacy with God, discovering and developing gifts, the use of the Arts in communication, leadership and evangelism. We encourage relational and team building skills. The workshops are interactive and are led by highly skilled teachers and artists.

The mentoring week will normally include a retreat day in which the delegates receive teaching on intimacy with God punctuated by periods of reflection and prayer.

One of the priorities of a mentoring mission is to develop a healthy and integrated spirituality and tap into the potential of the delegates. Our experience has taught us that leaders often self-destruct if they have not achieved a mature relationship with God, self-awareness, emotional intelligence and social skills. The development of these is fundamental to our mentoring approach.

CWEST does not regard mission (evangelism and social action) as an appendix to the Church, but the primary vocation. We train delegates to engage creatively and perceptively with the contemporary world.

Our educational approach: no teaching without interaction and practice. Throughout a mentoring mission, teaching is accompanied by application.

A mentoring mission is an investment in the lives of future church leaders and communicators. The number allowed on a mentoring mission is deliberately small: a maximum of twenty people. This gives CWEST'S mentoring team the opportunity to relate individually to the delegates and listen, support, pray and advise.

Our experience has shown that Mentoring Missions often impact church members as significantly as the team, encouraging prayer and mission and unleashing personal gifts and leadership potential.

The training workshops are relevant to the entire age range spectrum and are as likely to change the life of a sixty year old as an adolescent.

A last word from a delegate:

"For the first time I began to understand myself and God and apply my Christianity to real life"

THE CHURCH PERSPECTIVE

MISSION EVENTS

The mission events are determined by the gifts and skills of the team – visiting team and church members. We adopt a mix and match approach, utilising the skills of both the team and participating church members. Events may include:

- Street Evangelism
- Youth Events
- Children's Clubs
- Visiting church neighbourhood with questionnaire.
- Street Drama
- Banquets
- Concerts
- Family Fun Day
- Barbecue
- Restaurant Events
- Pub Visits and Bible Studies

- Classic Car or Motorbike Events
- Angling Competition

CWEST staff members are available to speak at Sunday services. Our relationship to host churches is very flexible and we do our best to accommodate their needs. We can also arrange additional training and evangelistic programmes.

MISSION FOLLOW-UP

We recommend that an Alpha Course or the equivalent should be arranged to coincide with the mission's conclusion. There are generally a number of people that may not have become Christians, but are showing a vigorous interest in the Faith. These need to be incorporated in a pre-conversion course in order to answer their questions and introduce them to true discipleship. It is also advisable to arrange follow-up teaching and pastoral care for anyone who becomes a Christian through the mission.

MISSION BASE

The host church is responsible for providing a mission base in the mission area, normally their church. This is required to provide accommodation for the visiting team, a training centre and a centre for events.

CHURCH ORIENTATION

Church orientation for a Mentoring Mission involves three pre-mission visits:

1. Discuss the Mentoring Mission with church leadership and finalise mission dates.
2. Visit the mission locality for prayer and research and work out a rough programme with church leaders. Discuss the practical arrangements for the mission: accommodation, resources, promotional materials, event locations, catering, budget and follow-up. Speak in the church and envision the members for the mission.
3. Finalise all the practical arrangements for the mission and confirm the numbers of the team. The catering staff will be informed of any unusual dietary requirements of team members.

See also Appendix 1: Church Mission Planning Schedule and Essential Requirements

FINANCE

The funding of mission events is the responsibility of the host church.

Participating church members are also asked to contribute to meals and teaching materials. If they decide to register as full delegates and sleep at the church, they are required to pay the full amount.

CATERING

The host church is responsible for catering. The CWEST team will help with preparation, washing up and maintaining the tidiness of the base.

THE DELEGATES PERSPECTIVE

FINANCE

The cost varies mission by mission and Mentoring Mission delegates are required to pay 50% of the price at the time of booking and the final 50% thirty days before the mission.

A percentage of the price is given to the church for catering. If the church waives this fee, the money retained will support CWEST's future work.

In the event that a delegate cancels a full refund of the deposit is available up to 12 weeks before. After this costs will have been incurred and a 75% refund will be available up to 8 weeks before, 50% up to thirty days and no refund after thirty days before the mission.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is in churches; delegates must bring sleeping bags, pillows and mattresses. Team members unaccustomed to 'roughing it' can make their own arrangements for accommodation – the cost of this is the delegates responsibility as is transport to and from that accommodation.

To benefit from the mentoring and teaching, it is important for those accommodated outside the venue to fully participate in the programme. Punctuality and reliability are expected of all team members.

For CWEST team values, please visit <http://cwest-mission-media.org/index.php/downloads/>

CATERING

Delegates need to inform us of special dietary needs.

MATERIALS

All delegates must bring Bibles and writing materials. Musicians should bring their instruments

TRANSPORT.

Delegates must make their own transport arrangements to and from the mission venue. Travel is not included in the price.

Sunday to Sunday programme

SUNDAY: Arrival and meet team and church members. Orientation to the church and community.

A TYPICAL WEEK

The typical week as a combination of training and evangelism and includes both external team members and members of the host church's mission team. The details of the week are dependent upon the exact circumstances and goals for the particular mission. This section gives an indication of a typical week but, for any given week, the timetable and content may vary.

Daily Programme

A typical daily programme, Monday to Saturday is as set out below.

06:00:	Rise and Shine!
07:00:	Worship and Prayer
08:00:	Breakfast
09:00:	Worship
09:20:	Teaching
10:10:	Break

10:20:	Teaching
11:10:	Coffee
11:25:	Teaching
12:10:	Break
12:20:	Individual mentoring, coaching and counselling
13:10:	Lunch
14:10:	Afternoon Mission Programme
17:00:	Free time
18:00:	Evening Meal
19:00:	Mission events or preparation
21:30:	Hot Chocolate/refreshments

Typical Weekly Teaching Subjects

Topics of the Week (one session per day)

These are normally drawn from the following list dependent upon the group and mission theme.

- Evangelism

Plus a selection from:

- Apologetics
- Performance arts
- Cross-cultural church planting
- Building a multi-ethnic church
- The challenge of post-modernity
- Issues of our time

Topics of the Day (two sessions per day)

Topics of the day normally include the following spread across the week.

- Leadership
- Prayer
- Listening to God (includes a half-day retreat)
- Self-knowledge and gift development

Dependent upon the group and mission theme one or more of these topics may also be addressed:

- Enjoying God
- Building Christian Character
- Communication
- Using the gifts of the Spirit with discernment
- War on Three Fronts: The world, the flesh and the devil
- Living in the Word
- God and Suffering - What happens when the formula doesn't work?
- Doubt, Faith and Unbelief
- The Bible and science
- Pillars of Wisdom - considering contemporary Christian doctrine
- God and the workplace

Final Sunday

- Evangelistic service
- Review
- Leave for home

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APPENDIX 1: CHURCH MISSION PLANNING SCHEDULE AND ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS

FIRST VISIT: AT LEAST NINE MONTHS BEFORE THE MISSION

- Mission readiness assessment
- Mission Time and Duration
- Practical details of Mission
- Identification and availability of team accommodation and mission HQ where teaching can be given. This needs to be available for the mission period, 24/7.
- Determine funding requirements for the mission¹.
- Recruitment of visiting team
- Travel/accommodation expenses¹

SECOND VISIT: SIX MONTHS BEFORE THE MISSION

- Meet church leadership and members
- Research the town or city
- Plan the programme (research and planning must involve leaders and members).
- Plan the follow-up
- Publicity plan
- Travel/accommodation expenses¹

¹ CWEST is willing to discuss funding requirements

THIRD VISIT: TWO MONTHS BEFORE MISSION

- Prayer with church
- Confirming mission readiness and finalising details, e.g. menu, travel details, programme, publicity, events, etc.
- Team size and names of team members
- Travel/accommodation expenses¹

INDISPENSABLE MISSION REQUIREMENTS:

- The pastor/pastoral leadership should live in mission area.
- There must be a mission base for team accommodation and as a teaching and activity centre. This must be available throughout the mission period (24/7).
- There must be a local team who can provide catering, plan the events, and sustain evangelism and follow-up after the mission.
- Catering must be provided by the host church
- Funding must be available for planned events
- No other events should be planned for the mission period.
- Pastor and local team should be available to participate during the mission.