



A MINISTRY OF



INTERNATIONAL  
MESSENGERS





# what we **BELIEVE**

**WE BELIEVE** the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writing, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life.

**WE BELIEVE** in One God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing in three persons. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, having precisely the same nature and worthy of equal worship and obedience.

**WE BELIEVE** that Jesus Christ is true God and true man. Having been conceived of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary, He lived a sinless life and died on the cross as a substitutional sacrifice for our sins. He arose bodily from the dead, and ascended into heaven, where He continues His High Priestly ministry at the right hand of the throne of God.

**WE BELIEVE** that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct and empower the believer for godly living and service.

**WE BELIEVE** that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin through Adam and is therefore totally depraved, and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained.

**WE BELIEVE** that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only those who receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit, and thus become children of God.

**WE BELIEVE** that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation.

**WE BELIEVE** that the true Church is composed of all who through personal faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together as the body of Christ of which He is the Head.

**WE BELIEVE** in the personal and pre-millennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer. We believe the destiny for the believer is to be present with the Lord and for the unbeliever is to be separated from the presence of the Lord in everlasting punishment.

**WE BELIEVE** the great evangelistic and missionary commission given by Jesus Christ to the disciples and to the continuing church is that of making Christ known throughout the world by word and example and bringing to maturity those who believe in Him through instruction from the Word.



# mountainside ministry training **DISTINCTIVES**

**Training is four months.** We greatly value the opportunity for students and staff to begin to really get to know one another, and these relationships are continued once on the field. Also, this longer training gives the students space to grow spiritually and work through issues they have in their lives before going on the field.

**Each student meets weekly with a staff member** to connect and pray for one another.

**Students live together at the MMT building.** This is great practice for living and serving with other missionaries on the field.

**Students attend classes daily,** with a new subject each week. Teachers are biblically sound practitioners who come from all over the United States, making a training week at MMT part of their personal ministry.

**Students are asked to choose and get involved with a church** in the local community. In addition, they are to find a weekly service/ministry in which to participate.

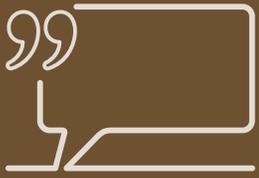
**Class sizes are intimate** (usually 6-8 students, plus children and teens), simulating the practice of serving amongst team members on the field. Often, life-long relationships are formed at MMT.



**Students must be at least the age of a high school graduate,** but there is no age ceiling.

**We believe anyone with a vibrant love for Jesus Christ can be effective** in cross-cultural ministry through God's grace. Subsequently, we often have student couples who don't believe in the word "retirement."

**Students have personal freedom and responsibility before God for ministry direction.** We believe missionaries thrive and accomplish more when they feel the responsibility to hear from God what He has gifted and impassioned them to do.



what's being said

# ABOUT MMT?

## FORMER STUDENTS

*"MMT has made an imprint on our family through the staff, volunteers and the community."*  
Joshua & Whitney (Uganda), parents of three kids

*"Our first few months in our new country were a whirlwind and I would say to myself, 'We prepared for this at MMT—God knew we would face this.'"*  
Pamela (Hungary)

*"We experienced a great awakening of our faith, much spiritual growth, and were encouraged to live with an eternal perspective."*  
Landon & Nicole (USA), parents of four teens

*"MMT will forever be a place of friendship and a place of total dependence on God."*  
Megan (Uganda)

*"I have a deeper, more treasured understanding of the Gospel."*  
Vlad (Ukraine)

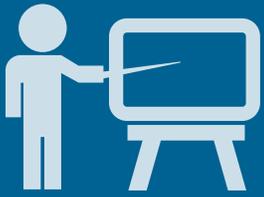
## MMT TEACHERS

*"In a concentrated format students receive biblical and ministry training that holistically serves to prepare them for effective Christian ministry."*  
Rick Weinert - Oak Hills Christian College, Bemidji, MN

*"MMT brings a perspective that one may not receive in other, shorter training classes or seminars. Students have to learn to live together and adjust to different personalities and habits....if they cannot in training, they won't be able to on the field."*  
Will Fellows - Frontier School of the Bible, LaGrange, WY

*"One of the amazing things about MMT is its diverse student population...people fresh from college to folks spending their retirement serving Jesus on the field!"*  
Deborah Sharp - International Messengers, Clear Lake, IA





# the classes AT MMT

## **PARTNER RAISING**

The class will first look at how to think about partner raising, focusing on the Biblical basis and how God funded His kingdom work in Scripture, and also focuses on myths and wrong attitudes that hinder partner raising.

## **CROSS-CULTURAL ADAPTATION**

In this class students will work through basic principles for cross-cultural adaptation, ministry longevity, and surviving the trials students will face. Other topics include serving while single, the family, becoming third-culture and raising MKs (missionary kids). There will also be one day dedicated to examining personal security issues.

## **GRACE**

As a mission, International Messengers desires to create a culture of grace for our staff and for all we come in contact with. During this course, students will explore the depths of God's grace together.

## **EVANGELISM**

This class approaches evangelism as a believer's lifestyle, covering the three important elements in Romans 10: the message, the message bearer, and the hearer. Students will learn creative methods for sharing the Gospel and will spend time in afternoons and/or evenings building relationships, praying with and for people, and sharing their faith in the Libby community.

## **PERSEVERANCE**

"Our goal in caring for you as missionaries is not to use you to accomplish, but to resource and keep you encouraged so you have the chance to even flourish, as you are serving and suffering with the Lord Jesus." Students will look at 13 areas critical to keeping a disciple's heart as one perseveres.



## **DISCIPLESHIP**

This course is designed to equip students with the vision, skills and motivation to begin a life-long practice of growing in their own Christian life and discipling others using the scriptures and their own lives as teaching tools.

## **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

Students will establish a Biblical perspective of the supernatural (origin and methodology of the enemy), learn Biblical strategies for dealing with warfare issues - especially focusing on the everyday practical aspect of Christian living (temptation to sin and application of Ephesians 6:10-18), and consider major door openers for the activity of the enemy.

## **SPIRITUAL LIFE**

This class challenges students to grapple biblically with subjects of the faith that aren't always dealt with, such as, suffering, confession, forgiveness, prayer and fasting.

## **TOOLS FOR BIBLE STUDY**

Students will become better observers and interpreters of God's Word. A number of tools will be introduced in the process and group discussion, interaction and exercises will be used.

## **PREACHING AND TEACHING**

Students will be introduced to basic concepts of communicating God's Word. Particular attention will be paid to preaching, including choosing a text or topic, message preparation and presentation. There will also be instruction on teaching, in contrast to preaching, and to the value of dialogue in the teaching process.

## **INTERPERSONAL SKILLS**

Students will learn to identify the heart issues at the core of conflict and will learn to resolve conflict in a Biblical way that glorifies God, serves others and contributes to their growth in becoming more Christ-like.

## **MISSIONS IN SCRIPTURE**

A survey of the Biblical basis for missions: mandate, call, motives, and preparation of missionaries. Students will also look at current methods, needs, history and significant dates.





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