



Dear MTS Partners,

Everywhere I go I see and hear of new initiatives in gospel ministry. Christ's servants are praying and working very hard to make Him known. With all opportunities presented through church meetings, courses on Christianity, preaching in the CBD's, literature, missions, the internet and much more, there is absolutely no excuse for not introducing our friends and family to Christ. These are great days for evangelism. The Spirit of God is at work powerfully, driving us out of our comfort zone and beyond the traditional structures of the church. The advance of the gospel is irresistible. Yet, the world resists. The ideological wars are fierce. If we are not being persecuted by the sword then we certainly are by the pen.

These are great days for MTS. Our trainers and apprentices are in the heat of the battle. I am more convinced than ever of the value of learning ministry out in the streets, in homes, in the market place. As you read this newsletter, pray fervently for these servants that they will be consumed by the desire to glorify Christ. Pray for their purity their perseverance their creativity and their confidence in Christ.

Gratefully,

Colin Marshall
National Director

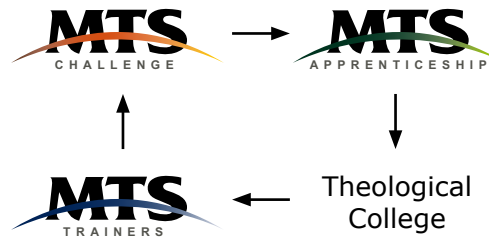
Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27

Welcome to our June Newsletter. We firstly would like to start by thanking our Partners for all their support and generosity over the last few years and to welcome those of you who have never received a MTS newsletter. We pray that it might be informative and give you an insight into what we do here at MTS and that you might be encouraged that many workers are being raised up to go out and share the gospel amongst the nations.

The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

The Ministry Training Strategy (MTS) has a clear vision to see 10,000 Bible teachers raised up who will preach the gospel of Christ, pastor God's people and equip them for service. Under God, MTS seeks to play a key part in making this vision a reality by leading a gospel driven coaching movement. The strategy hangs together on a series of elements as illustrated below:



Challenge conferences 'challenge' people to consider full-time gospel ministry. A unique feature of Challenge is that each person meets up with an experienced minister who coaches them through an interview process. This encourages them to seriously consider future goals and to think about small and big decisions they need to be making now. We expect somewhere in the region of 1500 people to attend the Challenge Conferences this year throughout Australia.

Other Challenge Conferences that are happening across Australia this year are in Armidale, Adelaide in South Australia, Hobart in Tasmania, Melbourne in Victoria and Perth in Western Australia.

MTS Apprenticeship, is a two year hands on training program for people considering full-time gospel ministry. The training is conducted by experienced trainers in churches or ministries and includes the mentorship of an experienced pastor. The two year program is based on prayer, bible study and practical ministry. This year approximately 210 apprentices will be trained in our two-year program in approximately 100 various churches and denominations in a range of evangelistic ministries.

Theological College is something that around 90% (Men) and 50% (Women) of MTS Apprentices go on to do, having completed their two year Apprenticeship. The Apprenticeship really gives people a practical opportunity to think through their future and what place ministry will take, whether it is full or part-time.

The Art of Ministry Training is an intensive training course that takes trainers through all aspects of establishing a ministry training strategy, training, coaching and how to set up and run an Apprenticeship. Trainers gain access to a wide range of online resources, training days and conferences that can all be used when training Apprentices. Participants include pastors and interested Christians from various denominations both from Australia and overseas.

And he dies for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselvesbut for him who dies for them and was raised again.

2 Corinthians 5:15



Where did you complete your MTS training? I trained under Dominic Steele, (and God) at Christians in the Media in Annandale

What did you learn most from your time as an MTS apprentice? It is hard to compact two huge years into a paragraph. I think, though, that the practical side of MTS was extremely beneficial to my growth in Christ and my training in ministry. One of my roles was to minister amongst the students at Macquarie university. Through my two years of MTS I saw that ministry was by far the most important and appropriate vocation I could follow. I saw the students in whose lives I was involved growing in their relationships with the Lord Jesus, and emboldened to make his great name known amongst those they were studying and perhaps later working with in the Media industry. This was immensely encouraging - to look back and to see where I was and where they were at the beginning of my apprenticeship, and then how much God had worked and was still working at the end.

What are you doing now? I am currently studying at Moore Theological College, enrolled in a Bachelor of Theology. I am also working as a student minister at Springwood Winmalee Anglican Church.

How do you think doing MTS has equipped you for Bible College and full time ministry? MTS showed me that my dream of full-time ministry was attainable. More than this, I saw the power of God to work through his gospel and his consistent answering of prayer, through people I was ministering to coming into relationship with himself. It was also an amazing opportunity to get into the front line and actually practically face what full-time ministry is all about. The leadership team in which I was involved was an amazing testimony and I learned an astonishing amount of how to love others as Christ loves us. (continued pg 3)

Financial Needs

The National ministry of MTS relies substantially on the generosity of our Christian friends, and our appreciation and thanks goes to all those who support us prayerfully and financially. So far in 2006 we have received nearly \$54,119 in donations from our partners. We still need to raise \$85,881 to meet our expenses. This money is raised through individual donations of MTS Partners. If you are interested in supporting MTS in its vision of raising up the next generation of gospel ministers then please fill in the form below and mail it to our office or call on (02) 9238 0271, you can also download a donation form from our website <http://www.mts.com.au/partner/finance.htm>

We are asking God to provide 1000 MTS Partners who will give \$100 per year (less than a cup of coffee per week!) toward this growing ministry. Perhaps you will be able to give even more. We bring this need before you, praying that God will stir the hearts of His people to give generously for the training of these young servants of Christ who are laying down their lives for the gospel.

Where will the money go?

- The money MTS receives from the generous donations of our Partners go to employ our Network Coordinators who are themselves ministers employed a day a week by MTS to support and coordinate the local ministers in the training of their Apprentices.
- Developing training materials for Apprentices and Ministers.
- Promote & grow the work of MTS
- Office staff

Please join with us as partners in this ministry. Remember it is a double investment. More people are hearing the gospel now through the preaching of hundreds of apprentices. And they are being prepared for a lifetime of making Christ known.

"Will you give up a cup of coffee a week to raise up Bible teachers?"

Target for Partners Donations 2006 = \$165,000

Who's Who @ MTS

Col Marshall is the National Director of MTS. He works at developing the training networks through the Network coordinators and developing training materials. Col has loved Cricket since he could walk. Col is part of St Thomas' North Sydney.

Hans Norved is the MTS Business Manager. That means the buck stops at his desk. Hans is responsible for organising the efforts of the team so the gospel training work of MTS keeps going and keeps growing. Hans is part of Cross Culture Bible Church at St David's Arncliffe.

Nikki Millard manages the organisation of Events and Registrations for all of the MTS Training Days and Challenge Conferences. She loves the colour green and earrings. Nikki is part of St Paul's Carlingford.

Sarah Cheng coordinates the financial administration and reporting

for MTS. Sarah is a partner and part time MTS apprentice at Asian Bible Church, St Andrew's Cathedral. She loves chrysanthemum tea and cats.

Nicki Powell is new to the staff team and is involved with administration, helping with the finances, she is involved with the fundraising project and Partner newsletter. Nicki attends Christians in the Media, she loves cows and coffee.

Simone Sietsma is the Training and Development Manager of MTS and works to develop the Training and Development strategy, together with the resource development and the support of Trainers and Apprentices throughout MTS.

Duncan Maitland manages the IT systems that keep the MTS office running and develops online web services to assist the MTS network. He studies at UNSW is a part of Christ Church St Ives.

(continued from pg 2) What do you see yourself doing after Bible College? The years I spent at Christians in the Media were to see whether full-time ministry was for me. Once I had decided this, Bible College was the next step. Right now, as assignments and Greek loom, 'after Bible College' is far from my mind. I have three years to see where God wants me, and I have faith he will use me as he sees fit.

What can we be praying for you about? As I mentioned, assignments and Greek loom. It would be great if you could pray for my studies. I would also appreciate prayer for my ministry at Springwood as my responsibilities increase, and relationships grow. Please thank God for his faithfulness, guidance and provision as I grow in knowledge of him and relationship with his Son.

Overseas News

Ireland

Two of Ireland's first MTS Apprentices Andrew Gill and Geoff Harper are due to finish their two years training with trainers Anthony Petterson and John Samuel at Grosvenor Road Baptist Church in August this year. Both Andrew and Geoff are planning on going to Theological College.

Andrew says this about his time as an MTS Apprenticeship:

"I have really enjoyed my time at MTS. There have been many challenges as I've had to do things for the first time and things that I would not normally choose to do. It is great to look back over the two years and see how God has used these experiences to change me into someone more like his Son and I look forward to this continuing as I serve God here in Ireland."

Geoff has been challenged in adjusting to a (relatively speaking) unscheduled work timetable, learning to balance both family and ministry and trying to enthuse/motivate people. He has enjoyed being able to work full-time for the church, ("definitely the best thing I have ever done"), seeing people grow and being challenged to think through their faith, opportunities to teach and share the gospel, working with an excellent team and being stretched in his own faith and understanding of the Bible.

Let's thank God for the many gospel workers he is raising up not only here in Australia but also across the world. Please pray for Andrew and Geoff as they make decisions about when and where to do their theological training after they finish MTS. Also pray for Mark Morrell, another MTS Apprentice

at Grosvenor Road Baptist Church who finishes his Apprenticeship next year.

South Africa



David West at Melville Union Church in Johannesburg, South Africa has written to us very excited about his four MTS (MAP Ministry Apprenticeship Program as its known in South Africa) Apprentices, Ignace Badibanga, Jan Hendrik Laas, Nadeem Adonis and Moses Sabela. They joined MAP this year and David said "they are very excited about knowing Christ and making him known". Each of them are involved in various ministries including bible studies with student's at Rands Africaans University, student ministries at the University of Johannesburg, children's ministry, evangelism and youth work. All of the Apprentices are also attending Johannesburg Bible College.

Ignace Badibanga says about starting an Apprenticeship "I must admit that I don't feel a special calling or have had a vision of some sort. The only thing I know is that I can not think of anything else I would rather do than ministry"

How exciting!

Please thank God for these Apprentices and pray for them as they seek to share the gospel and serve our Lord.

David Jones



...is our Network Coordinator in Tasmania, he reports on how MTS began and how under God it is growing:

"We have been running the MTS Challenge conference in Tasmania for the past five years, under various names. This year we expect around 150 candidates and our key speakers are John Woodhouse, Principal of Moore College and Peter Woodcock, who works with the Co-Mission Initiative in London. Currently there are five training centre's in Tasmania and eight Apprentices.

We have a number of couples training at SMBC and Moore, with a strong intention to return. We are very limited in financial resources, and there are few ready made ministry situations, but plenty of opportunities. Please pray with us that the Lord will open the doors for our exiles to return.

We would like to see every population centre taken for the gospel. We are aiming for two networks in Tasmania; one centered in Hobart the other in Launceston."

Sam Green

...is a trainer in Hobart, he tells us a little bit about how he found out about MTS and how he is now involved. Samuel is married to Anne-Petra and together they have five children Jordan, Bethany, Sarah, Nathan and Rebecca

When and how did you first hear about MTS? I heard about MTS through attending the Club 5 conference each year.

How are you now involved with MTS? Now I am a trainer for MTS at the UTAS with AFES. I have been doing this for the last 8 years.

Did you do an Apprentice with MTS? I did MTS at the UNSW from 1994-95

Who are your current MTS Apprentices? My current MTS trainee is Joe Towns. He is a local graduate.

What can we be praying for you? Pray for funding as I have lots of people who want to do MTS and not enough money.



What did you do before doing MTS?

I worked in commercial radio and TV as a news reporter and produced an Afternoon Show for the ABC...all in the western town of Dubbo!

What made you decide to do MTS?

It's something I've wanted to do since University. I greatly benefited from the ministry of Christians in the Media when I was at Uni and so I always wanted to go back and work for them. The plan was to work for at least three years before doing this because I really think that it's important to have had some experience working in the media before I talk to people who are in it! I think that that is important for any type of ministry - having had a bit of life experience helps you to relate to people.

What has been a highlight of doing MTS? Seeing the women I meet up with struggle to submit every part of their lives under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Seeing them wrestle with His word and make major changes to please Him. And working with awesome godly people, who care about you is amazing!

What have you found the most challenging? All the organising and administration that's involved; it's not my strong point. Working with kids has also been challenging, but great because I know I'm learning heaps.

When not doing MTS what do you do with your time? Hang out with my boyfriend and try and catch up with family and friends.

What verse from the bible encourages you daily to live and serve our Lord?
 "He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty"
 Psalm 91:1

What can we be praying for you as you continue MTS training? That I would continue to trust in God DAILY and learn to love others like Jesus... and on the practical side - that God would provide for my needs (still need a bit more support)...

Challenge Conferences 2006

If you are asking yourself any of these questions, then consider coming along to one of our Challenge Conferences!

- What will I do with the rest of my life?
- What gifts do I have for Christian ministry?
- Am I willing to give up my life for the preaching of the gospel?
- Should I consider training for full-time ministry?
- What ministry opportunities are available?
- Who can help me make these decisions?

Conference	Date	Location	Speakers
Armidale Northwest Mid-Year Conference, Christian Youth Convention and Challenge	Jun 28-30	Echidna Gully Centre	Bernard Gabbott
Tasmania Challenge	Aug 11-13	Camp Clayton	John Woodhouse, Peter Woodcock
Victoria MTS Challenge	Aug 25-27	Lady Northcote Recreation Camp, Bacchus Marsh	David Jones, Murray Capill
Western Australia CTV fm Conference	Sept 22-24	IHD (Jarrahdale)	John Chapman, Matthew Malcolm
South Australia	Sept 29 - Oct 2	Adare Conference Centre, Victor Harbour	Paul Harrington, Andrew Reid
Sydney Challenge North/West	Sept 22-24	Sydney - Merroo	Phillip Jensen, John Chapman, Archie Poulos
Sydney Challenge - Campuses/Asian/Cantonese & Sydney East	Sept 29- Oct 2	Sydney - Merroo	Phillip Jensen, John Chapman, Tom Tokura, Rob Smith
Sydney Challenge - South/West	Oct 13-15	Sydney - Stanwell Tops	Phillip Jensen, Archie Poulos, David Starling

To find out more or to register, go to www.mts.com.au
 For brochures email Nikki Millard (nmillard@mts.com.au) or call 02 9238 0271

Prayer Points

Pray for Sam Leary at Christians in the Media, that she would continue to trust in God DAILY and learn to love others like Jesus and also thank God for her prayer and financial supporters, that God would continue to provide more people to support her ministry.

Pray for Michael Hottinger at Moore Theological College for his studies, assignments and as Greek looms for his exams. Also pray for his ministry at Springwood as his responsibilities increase, and relationships grow. Thank God for his faithfulness, guidance and provision as Michael grows in knowledge of him and relationship with his Son.

Pray for the Challenge Conferences that are being held across Australia this year that many people might come and be challenged by God's word to go and tell the gospel in Australia and across the nations.

Pray for Col Marshall (and his family) as he continues his work as director of MTS, pray that God might give him wisdom and strength to manage and direct the MTS Program.

Pray for all those who are currently training as MTS Trainers and Apprentices.

Thank God for the country in which we live and the freedom we have to come together and hear the gospel and share it with others.

Thank God for all the financial support he has provided for MTS, and for all the people who generously give each year to see ministry workers trained and raised up for full-time ministry.

Pray that more people might become prayer and financial partners.

Pray for Apprentices Andrew Gill, Geoff Harper (and Mark Morrell) in Ireland who are finishing their Apprenticeship in August, pray for them as they make decisions about when and where they might do their Theological training.

Thank God for the blessings of the four men who have joined MAP in South Africa this year and for their excitement about knowing Christ and making him know.

Pray for David Jones in Tasmania as Network Coordinator, that the networks in Launceston and Hobart might become a reality.

Pray for Sam Green and the many people he knows who want to do MTS but do not have enough money, pray that God might provide ways for them to do an Apprenticeship.