

# PartnerNews



## MTS NEEDS YOU!

It's recruitment time and as a reader of MTS PartnerNews you are a person of special interest!

MTS is venturing forward with an ambitious growth project – Multiply 500. The aim is to see 500 apprentices training in 2016, and we want you to partner with us in reaching the Multiply 500 goal.

**MTS needs apprentices:** If you are in a Church and are interested in learning the Gospel Ministry trade, or know of someone who is, please get it touch with MTS. A Gospel apprenticeship is a proven way to grow in faith and ministry.

**MTS needs trainers:** Our apprentices need role models and mentors to guide them through. Whether you are a past MTS Apprentice or not, please think about becoming an MTS Trainer.

**MTS needs Training Centres (Churches/Ministries):** If you are interested in seeing Gospel growth in your ministry, "MTS Multiply 500" will appeal to you because now, more so than ever, MTS Apprentices have become affordable.

**MTS needs donors:** people with a heart to see the gospel proclaimed faithfully, and the will to prepare tomorrow's leaders for a lifetime of Gospel ministry.

**MTS needs YOU!**





# Recruitment Drive!

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**500**



## On the Road Again with Multiply 500

MTS National Director Ben Pfahlert is a man on the move. Ben is currently travelling around the country and visiting church groups to promote the "MTS Multiply 500" project.

"Since we introduced the MTS Scholarship Scheme at the beginning of 2014, the cost of taking on a Gospel

Apprentice has been significantly reduced," says Ben. "So now is the time to get out and about and spread the good news!"

"The challenge is to get training centres (churches/ministries) to trial the idea of taking on an apprentice. Because we know that in most cases

the practice will continue on because of the positive effect on the apprentice and the ministry."

If you are interested in attending a Multiply 500 information event, log on to **mts.com.au**

## The MTS Recruiters Kit: A Toolbox for Running a Local MTS Info Night



Not sure how to recruit apprentices in your neck of the woods? Why not use the tools contained in 'MTS Recruiters Kit' to run an MTS Info Night at your church/ministry? The Kit contains several downloads: a suggested run sheet for the night, a slideshow, an editable invitation, an advertising plan, a video to show on the night & even a publicity plan complete with suggested 'Facebook' and 'Twitter' ads. The free kit is available at [www.mts.com.au/login/pg/mts-recruiters-kit](http://www.mts.com.au/login/pg/mts-recruiters-kit).

# The MTS Gospel Growth Plan

The number of MTS Apprentices in Christian ministries across Australia currently sits at around 250. This level of engagement has been relatively stable over the last 5 years.

As a rule, training centres (churches/ministries) that engage MTS Apprentices find them to be a valuable team member and continue to hold the positions open. Conversely, those who don't take on apprentices claim that their main reason for not doing so has been the cost.

This is a situation that has now been addressed through the introduction of the MTS Scholarship. Traditionally, apprentices were classed as employees, and in order

to comply with legislation they needed to be paid accordingly.

From now on, the scholarship scheme is able to re-classify the MTS Apprentice as a student, who benefits from MTS' tax-deductible education fund and is able to apply for other Government benefits such as Austudy and living-away-from-home allowance.

The net effect is a reduced cost barrier and more opportunity for gospel growth. Add to this our stimulus package – and see that cost is no longer a real hurdle to a church or ministry appointing an apprentice.

## The MTS Stimulus Incentive

The incentive scheme both seeks to generate and offer support to ministries as they consider taking on an apprentice. As Multiply 500 moves forward, each state will be set up with its own stimulus fund. Christians across Australia give tax deductible funds to train ministry apprentices in their state. The funds raised will then be distributed in \$4,000 packages to apprentices on the new MTS scholarship system.

Funding for a church/ministry breaks down to be:  
\$4,000 from the state Multiply 500 Stimulus Fund  
+ \$4,000 from the Church + \$12,000 self funded = \$20,000. With the addition of Austudy, each apprentice will receive a scholarship of \$23,000 p.a.

If you are running a ministry and interested in taking on an apprentice, the MTS Stimulus Incentive could kick-start an MTS gospel growth plan in your ministry.

Alternatively, by contributing to this initiative – “MTS Multiply 500” – you will enable MTS to mount a national campaign to seek out new candidates and placements to multiply it's gospel impact.

“MTS Multiply 500” is a national campaign with a regional emphasis, so that a local ministry that sees the need for an apprentice can be linked up to a local support group.

The stimulus package will have the effect of attracting more people and getting new training centres (churches/ministries) to take that first step in the journey to take on and train up an MTS Apprentice.

## MTS OS: *Chile*

MTS's ministry has a wide reach both in Australia and overseas. In March 2014 Ben Pfahlert was invited to participate in 'Vocacion'. With the translation assistance from Cesar Guzman, (a Moore College Graduate) Ben spoke at this MTS information event for local pastors and potential apprentices in Chile.

Over 70 people attended and together they shared in Bible teaching, prayer and worship. They also learned about what to expect from being involved in an MTS Apprenticeship, and following the event, 9 of them are considering taking on the challenge. Praise be to God!



*Photo – left to right:  
Ben Pfahlert – MTS Director, Maximiliano Diaz – Chile's first past apprentice who has finished college and is now training an apprentice! Nicolas Fuentes – Chilean Pastor, Rebecca Lipkowitz – Conference Director for Fundacion Generacion Chile (ex-US Citizen, now long term in Chile)*



# TAX APPEAL MTS Multiply 500



## Contribute to Gospel Growth

This nation and our world needs men and women to take up the baton of full time gospel ministry. This is a long term and strategically critical task.

MTS is about identifying and training those future leaders through the ministry apprenticeship and through the equipping of a nationwide network of trainers.

MTS is a biblically faithful and Christ-centred organisation with a clear focus on its mission.

Through your support of "MTS Multiply 500" you are investing in the raising up of future Christian leaders and kingdom growth activity.

Please consider your support of this campaign as part of your plans to support gospel ministry. Our target is \$94,000.

**Go online to [www.mts.com.au/donate-to-project/d/2705833](http://www.mts.com.au/donate-to-project/d/2705833) and make your tax deductible donation before June 30th!**

## "MTS Sunday" 27th of July

MTS Sunday is an opportunity for churches to invest in raising harvest workers. Please partner with us in raising the profile of apprenticeships. Keep an eye on our website for more information.

## Other Key Events to Look Forward to...

- **SPUR NSW, 12-14th September.** Over a weekend at Katoomba Christian Convention, Simon Flinders will speak on fearing God, not man
- **Apprentice graduation, 13th November.** Join us at the MTS Head Office to celebrate God's work in training apprentices



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MTS is proud to be a major sponsor for this year's Oxygen conference and is encouraging our readers to register and participate.

MTS will be using the conference as a platform to encourage and challenge churches and other Christian workplaces to take on gospel apprentices.

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