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First Steps in a Lifetime of Ministry

Reflections from first year Apprentices



Katie Host

Katie Host is among the first cohort to undertake the MTS Scholarship Youthworks Traineeship. In this pathway, Katie's

week is split fifty-fifty between diploma-level study at Youthworks College and hands-on ministry training.

On the nature of theological study, Katie reflects, "It can be easy to begin approaching the Bible with a sterile, academic mindset. I'm thankful that college is committed to seeing us grow spiritually, not just intellectually."

Katie has a particular passion for ministering to children, and studying at Youthworks has already been complementary to her ministry among the kids at Trinity Chapel Macquarie.

"The subject 'Ministry Training Skills' at college has equipped me with a bunch of practical tips on leading children, as well as on leading the leaders of our kids programs."

As she trains for ministry through study and hands-on experience, Katie is glad for the godliness of others.

"I've learnt so much from the staff at college. They live out their faith so clearly in the way they conduct themselves and interact with us students."



Kyle Hosken

MTS apprenticeship training is a new foray for Arkhouse Church in St Kilda, with Kyle Hosken being the first

apprentice to train under the church's planter Dan Saunders.

The trainer-apprentice relationship that is so integral to the MTS model is already impacting Kyle's development as a gospel worker.

"Dan doesn't let me stay where I am. He pushes and stretches me through insightful feedback as he entrusts me with new responsibilities. Being good friends who are on mission for Jesus together makes for a great work environment."

Just a few months into his apprenticeship, Kyle reflects that the lesson he keeps learning from Dan is that ministry is about serving.

"I see him lead with a servant heart, both from the front through God's word, and on the ground. The two come together as a powerful testimony and example to which I really aspire."



Ash Cleworth

Ash Cleworth has begun an apprenticeship that sees her being trained for ministry in two different spheres.

As a graduate of the Year 13 program at Youthworks College, Ash has returned to take on a pastoral role with Year 13 at Youthworks. Half of her week is spent ministering to female Year 13 students as they are given their first taste of ministry training.

"I run two small groups (Chaplaincy groups) each week with 6-8 female students. It's such a joy to share life and bear one another's burdens. My chats with the girls can be tough at times, but it's a privilege to encourage and pray for them."

With Ash's husband Charles being a full-time apprentice at the newly launched Grace City Church in Sydney's Green Square, she also spends the remainder of her week being trained among the church plant's launch team.

"The beauty of starting a new church is cultivating a community and service that both creatively engages today's culture whilst remaining faithful to God's Word."

Sydney reaches out Beyond Ourselves



Beyond Ourselves is a joint initiative of the Anglican Church in Sydney and MTS



In 2015, MTS and the Sydney Anglican Diocese have established Beyond Ourselves, a partnership which will facilitate gospel proclamation in Sydney and beyond. This recruitment initiative aims to open up 50 new MTS apprenticeships in Sydney Anglican churches. As they learn the ropes under qualified Anglican trainers, these 50 additional apprentices will be equipped and mobilised to share Christ's love through gospel work around the world.

The Diocese, together with MTS, have set up the Sydney Anglican MTS Scholarship Start Up Fund, to which we are appealing for contributions. The fund will subsidise Sydney Anglican churches as they partake in training gospel workers through MTS apprenticeships. Donations to the Sydney Anglican MTS Start Up Fund will be tax-deductible, and will directly support an MTS apprentice in a ministry within the Sydney Diocese.

Glenn Davies

Archbishop of the Sydney Anglican Diocese



The vision of the Sydney Anglican Diocese is to see Christ honoured in every community.

Our first priority is reaching the lost in and beyond our diocese with the gospel of Christ, which has prompted the beginning of the Beyond Ourselves initiative.

We embrace new approaches, like Beyond Ourselves, that will enable the gospel to reach the many different peoples within our communities. As we plan for ministry into the future, we must seek out young men and women who have the right character, conviction and competency for gospel ministry and leadership.

The Ministry Training Strategy does just that, and if we are to further the gospel both in and beyond our diocese, we must move forward and train the next generation of gospel workers.

MTS Reaches Out Beyond Australia



MTS reaches out to Latin America with training and ministry encouragement

Ben Pfahlert

MTS National Director



MTS has begun an international gospel partnership with Generacion, a Chilean ministry training and church planting foundation. In May 2014, I had the privilege of visiting Santiago to meet with Chilean Christian leaders. Over the week, I was given the opportunity to train 26 pastors to train apprentices and to speak at the recruiting conference, Vocacion 14.

The great encouragement for me during this trip was seeing the 70 men and women who gathered, leave the conference expressing clear and passionate conviction from the Bible that they ought to seriously consider becoming or supporting a ministry apprentice.

In winter, I'll be heading back to South America, representing MTS Australia as we grow our partnership with ministry trainers in Chile, as well as Cuba this year. I'll return first to Santiago, and then head to Havana, Cuba. In both cities, Patricio Oyarzún and I will work together to train ministry trainers as we run "Passing the Baton Workshops".

In Chile and Cuba, the vision is to see gospel workers raised up nationwide. This isn't an outcome that we will chance upon, as so much of my time will be spent assisting gospel workers in their strategic planning for ministry recruitment.

As I revisit Chile, I look forward to again speaking at Vocacion, and to seeing the lives of Chilean disciples begin to take a different course, as they are convicted of the need to proclaim Christ with their whole heart and voice.

Patricio Oyarzún

Generacion Director

Vocacion 15 is fast approaching and after the success of last year's conference, we eagerly await how God will work in the delegates this year. After Vocacion 14, I remember the great blessing it was to realise how these men and women from five different denominations were won to concepts of ministry training that are as radical as 'two years full time' and 'spiritual parenting'.

As the ministry training movement continues to gain ground in Chile and other parts of South America, MTS Latin America looks forward to a growing partnership with MTS Australia. We look forward to a training more trainers and recruiting more apprentices over the coming years as the MTS movement grows in Chile, Cuba, and God-willing, other Latin American countries.

Generacion is now dreaming about how to make waves in other countries across our region with the Ministry Training Strategy. We look forward to continuing in partnership with MTS Australia and seeing God bless different churches across Latin America, as we encourage and highlight the value of ministry training.

We thank God for using the partnership between MTS and Generacion to give the gospel a push forward in the hearts of many in Chile. It is with deep gratitude that we thank Him and every supporter who made this partnership possible.



Support an MTS Apprentice *Online*

Did you know that it is now easier than ever to financially support an individual MTS apprentice? All scholarship apprentices now have an online donation page, simplifying the process of supporting apprentices on both a regular or one-off basis.

In addition, all contributions towards scholarship apprentices are tax deductible. Now, every time you financially support a scholarship apprentice, your generosity goes even further.

Visit mts.com.au/donate-to-apprentice to read apprentice profiles, support apprentices in prayer, and offer your financial support for their ministry training.

Key Events 2015

25-27th May

G8 National Conference

Apprentices from gather from around the country to consider what is at the heart of a gospel worker.

21st June

MTS Sunday

Join us as we lift up the next generation of gospel workers in prayer.

11-13th Sept

MTS Mission Minded Conference

Mission Minded and MTS, the two major evangelical ministry recruiting networks in NSW, are joining to establish a new recruiting conference in September 2015.

Partner in Prayer

Please pray for...

- New apprentices – that they would be settling well into their role and learn much about sharing the good news of Jesus.
- First-time trainers – for God to give them wisdom and godliness in training the next generation of gospel workers.
- Multiply 500 – that God would raise up 500 apprentices to be trained for ministry in 2016, and that there would be willing, wise and godly trainers available.
- G8 National Apprentice Conference – that apprentices from around Australia will be challenged and grown as they hear Duane Olivier teach on what is at the heart of the gospel worker.
- The MTS movement nationwide – for ministries in different states and denominations across Australia to join in raising up harvest workers by beginning to train apprentices.



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