



# MTS TOWARDS 2022

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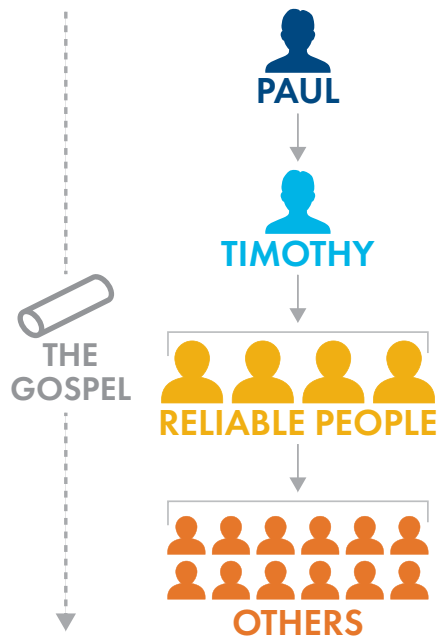
MULTIPLYING GOSPEL WORKERS  
THROUGH MINISTRY APPRENTICESHIPS

# THEN

**“AND THE THINGS YOU HAVE HEARD ME SAY IN THE PRESENCE OF MANY WITNESSES, ENTRUST TO RELIABLE PEOPLE WHO WILL ALSO BE QUALIFIED TO TEACH OTHERS”**

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

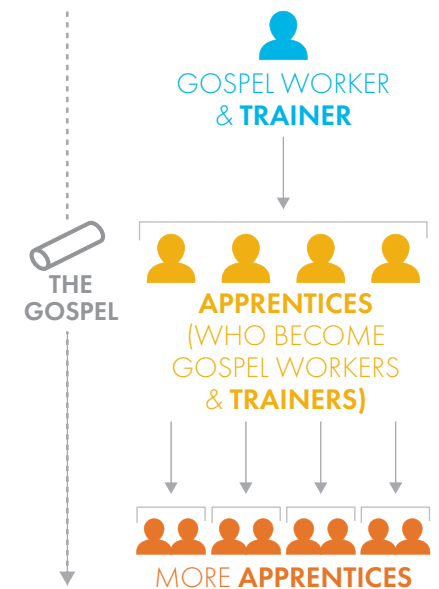
Paul wanted a message passed on. What was this “gospel”, this breaking news that would change planet earth forever? He declares it in 2 Timothy 2:8 “Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.” Christ, God in the flesh, in the line of David, died on the cross to pay the penalty for the sins of anyone who trusts in his atoning sacrifice.



# AND NOW

MTS is a movement committed to obeying the words of Jesus Christ in the great commission - to make disciples of all nations. Our contribution to this wider purpose stems directly from the pattern laid out in 2 Timothy 2:2, that is, to ensure that the gospel is passed on to reliable people in each new generation (Matthew 28:18-20). MTS' unique strategy is to **multiply gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships.**

We assist local churches and gospel ministries to identify and train gifted individuals (apprentices). An MTS Apprenticeship is two years of on-the-job training based within a church or a specialist ministry team. The essence of MTS is not formal instruction but learning through active participation. Two years provides enough time for MTS Apprentices to establish ministries and learn from success and failure. Then, with the help of their trainer, they can make informed decisions about the next step in their training and ministry.



**Ben Pfahlert**  
MTS National Director

*“If a person wants to be a farmer long term, they don’t start off at Agricultural College as a first port of call. They need to head off first to a farm and work alongside an experienced farmer for a couple of years. They need to live through a couple of cycles of the seasons. They need to know what it is like to deliver lambs in the middle of the night, harvest the grain before it is destroyed by rain and grapple with the blurred boundaries between work and rest.”*

# WHERE WE STARTED



# WHERE WE ARE TODAY

MTS offers various apprenticeship pathways and partners with various other ministry organisations to allow apprentices to be trained in specific ministry areas

Over **2,600** apprentices trained

Over **1,250** now in Gospel work

Over **340** trainers have trained an apprentice

Over **230** centres have trained an apprentice

# MTS APPRENTICES

MTS Apprenticeships give people the opportunity to 'live the life' of a full time gospel worker. It is the best way to work out a person's suitability to be a leader in the future. Apprentices are trained in accordance with the MTS Apprentice Curriculum, which is comprised of 8 learning areas that are designed to train apprentices in the 3 C's:

## Christlike CHARACTER

- 1 Prayer & Godliness
- 2 Relationships in ministry

## Christlike CONVICTION

- 3 Bible Study
- 4 Thinking Theologically

## Ministry COMPETENCY

- 5 Evangelism & World Mission
- 6 Training others in ministry
- 7 Teaching the Bible
- 8 Leadership

# MEET ANDREW



**ANDREW**  
MTS Apprentice  
2018-19,  
Westminster  
Presbyterian Church,  
Bull Creek, WA

"I thank God every day for the opportunity to be a worker in the harvest (Matthew 9:37-38). There have been struggles. These struggles push me to stand firm and devote myself to God, where I continue to pray for wisdom in balancing it all with the responsibilities of being a husband and a father. God, through the apprenticeship, has

changed and improved the way I pray, grow in Scripture and love people. Before the apprenticeship I worked 12 hour shift work with a lot of overtime, I never had time for people. Now my job is to make time for people. I love it. May the love of Jesus overflow in us and the people we meet."

# MTS TRAINERS

MTS Trainers are gospel workers who commit to investing deeply in the life of their apprentice. Trainers don't just minister to their apprentice, but minister *with* their apprentice as well. The Biblical paradigm for ministry training appears to be spiritual parenthood... growing children in the faith (John 13:33; 1 Timothy 1:2; 1 Corinthians 4:14-17).

What does a trainer do?

**MENTOR**  
the apprentice

→ Trainers live life alongside their apprentices as a spiritual parent

**TRAIN**  
the apprentice

→ Trainers train their apprentices in Christ-like **character, conviction** and ministry **competence**

**SEND**  
the apprentice

→ Trainers send their apprentices out into the world to do for others what was done for them

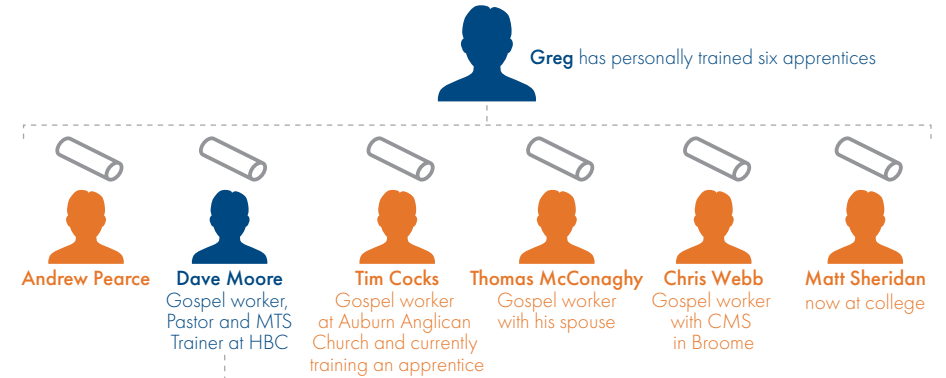
## MEET GREG



**GREG** is Pastor of Hunter Bible Church in Newcastle, NSW. Greg and his ministry team at HBC feel a responsibility to encourage young Christians to seriously consider a life-time of paid full-time ministry. They train several MTS apprentices each year.

*"MTS is about the trainers. Trainers are the people who will gather and inspire, equip and send out the next generation. In fact, the Ministry Training Strategy could also be known as the Ministry Trainer Strategy. We need to send out hundreds, thousands of gospel workers into the world who will go on to train the next generation of gospel workers."*

## GREG'S IMPACT



The apprentices are in ministry in various locations in Australia including Melbourne, Kempsey, Broome, Sydney, Adelaide and Wollongong.

The apprentices are training or working in an array of different areas of ministry



**17**

Greg has been training apprentices for 17 years

**67**

Greg's MTS family tree now has 67 apprentices trained. So that's 67 apprentices as a result of Greg's training leadership since 2000



One former apprentice has planted a church in a spiritually needy area

## VISION

To win the world for Christ by multiplying Gospel Workers through ministry apprenticeships

## MISSION

To support and resource MTS Trainers, as they multiply Gospel Workers through ministry apprenticeships

## GOAL

266 Apprentices in 2018  
**400+ Apprentices by 2022**

## NEED

\$545,000 annually  
in regular donor support  
(currently \$410,000)

# Multiplying Gospel Workers through ministry apprenticeships



15 apprentices in 2018  
**33 in 2022**

1 apprentice in 2018  
**4 in 2022**

13 apprentices in 2018  
**37 in 2022**

5 apprentices in 2018  
**20 in 2022**

200 apprentices in 2018  
**259 in 2022**

19 apprentices in 2018  
**45 in 2022**

4 apprentices in 2018  
**8 in 2022**

## MISSION OBJECTIVES

1. Recruit and grow number of active Trainers
2. Equip Trainers to Recruit Apprentices
3. Equip Trainers to train Apprentices
4. Retain, grow and develop Trainers to be Entrusters\*

\*An Entruster is a person whose past Apprentice has gone on to train Apprentices themselves.

# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

## PRAYER



Pray for God to raise up more Gospel workers for the harvest  
“Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field” Matthew 9:38



Pray for character, conviction and competency for MTS Apprentices currently in training.



Pray for wisdom for MTS Trainers as they identify, recruit and train the next generation of Gospel workers.

**MTS publishes daily prayer points on PrayerMate. We encourage you to download the PrayerMate app on your phone and subscribe to Ministry Training Strategy to pray for the movement.**

## PROVISION

We need more Gospel workers in Australia to reach the lost. But it is your generosity that fuels the movement. By committing regularly to MTS, you are helping us to use resources effectively and plan ahead. Here are some ways you can help:



Become a **regular donor**: please consider becoming a regular donor to help MTS use resources effectively and plan ahead.



**One-off Gift**: thank you for supporting MTS in raising gospel workers for the harvest



**Bequest**: leave a lasting legacy that will have an impact for Christ for generations to come. Visit [mts.com.au/bequests](https://mts.com.au/bequests) for further details.

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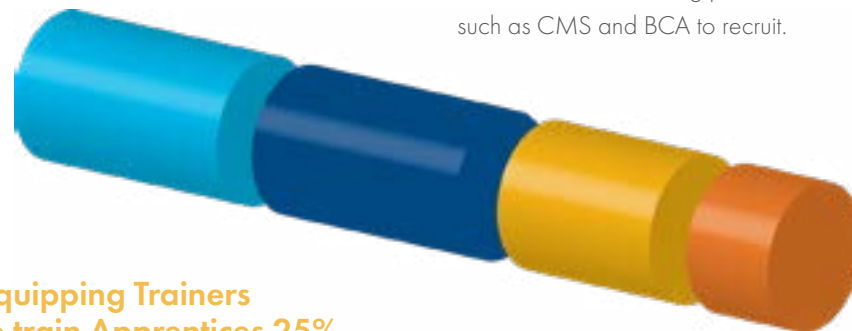
# WHERE DOES YOUR GIFT GO?

## Recruiting Trainers 30%

MTS exists to multiply gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships. Trainers are the key people who identify and recruit apprentices and create long-term training-focussed ministries.

## Equipping Trainers to recruit Apprentices 30%

MTS equips trainers to identify, encourage and recruit new apprentices in their local ministries. MTS does this by working with trainers 1:1, providing recruiting resources (e.g. the MTS Recruiter's Kit and 'All for the Kingdom' book), running recruiting conferences and training partner ministries such as CMS and BCA to recruit.



## Equipping Trainers to train Apprentices 25%

The heart of an MTS apprenticeship is the mentoring and training relationship between an apprentice and their trainer. MTS works with trainers to help them achieve the core MTS training goals of growth in character, theological convictions and ministry competencies by providing individual support, training and apprenticeship curriculum.

## Challenging Trainers to be Entrusters 15%

MTS challenges and helps experienced trainers to become 'Entrusters'. Entrusters create networks of trainers through those they have mentored and trained in the past. 'Entruster networks' are vital for expanding the MTS ministry across Australia.



*MTS apprentices learn that ministry is about proclaiming Christ, in prayerful dependence on the Spirit of God and investing deeply in people. These convictions fuel gospel workers for a lifetime of faithful and fruitful service in a world hostile to our Saviour.*

**Col Marshall,  
Vinegrowers (1st MTS National Director 1991-2006)**

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*MTS has never lost its focus on Paul's command in 2 Tim 2:2. For forty years, it has 'passed the baton' of ministry training from generation to generation. This 'training mindset' is MTS' DNA and lies at the heart of four decades of fruitfulness in Australia and around the globe. There is much for which to give God thanks in how he has used MTS.*

**Simon Pillar,  
Founder, Gospel Patrons Society**

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*As we plan for ministry in the future, we have to focus our efforts on encouraging and equipping gifted men and women who have the potential for becoming tomorrow's leaders. MTS does just that, and if we are to advance the gospel within and outside Sydney we must develop a new generation of gospel workers.*

**Glenn Davies,  
Anglican Archbishop of Sydney**

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