


MTS Impact Report 2021





“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

The vision of MTS (Ministry Training Strategy) is to win the world for Christ by multiplying gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships.

We aim to help local churches and ministries identify and train gifted individuals before helping them to decide on the next step in their ministry.

We thank God for the work He does through MTS

Although 2021 was a challenging year, God continued to work through MTS and raise up and train gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships. In this report, we are highlighting the impact, through God's grace, MTS has been able to have in 2021.

The impact of MTS in 2021

In 2021, we saw a **13% increase** in ministry apprentices being trained and a **28% increase** in MTS trainers. Despite the challenges of COVID, since 2019 MTS registered training centres have **risen by 78%** (60 to 107) and trainers **by 31%** (120 to 157).



169 apprentices trained



77 female apprentices



157 trainers with apprentices



107 training centres had MTS apprentices



41 former apprentices went to Bible college

Why MTS is important

In Matthew 9:37–38, Jesus said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Nothing is more important than sharing the good news of Jesus. It is news needed around the world, in our local communities, in our homes. If we want to reach people who need to hear the life-saving gospel of Jesus Christ, we need to recruit and train workers to share it.

Jesus, Paul and the other apostles spoke about this, did this and encouraged us to pray God would raise up more workers (2 Timothy 2:2). The raising up, training and sending of gospel workers is a job God gives us to be busy with.

MTS sees considering and ‘tasting’ the Ministry of the Word before theological college is a worthy and important thing to do. The apprenticeship approach is grounded in important biblical principles and gives workers real learning and experience of full-time ministry. Apprentices learn how to do ministry, what their gifts are and if they’re ultimately suited to full-time ministry.

Ministry Apprentices

169

apprentices trained

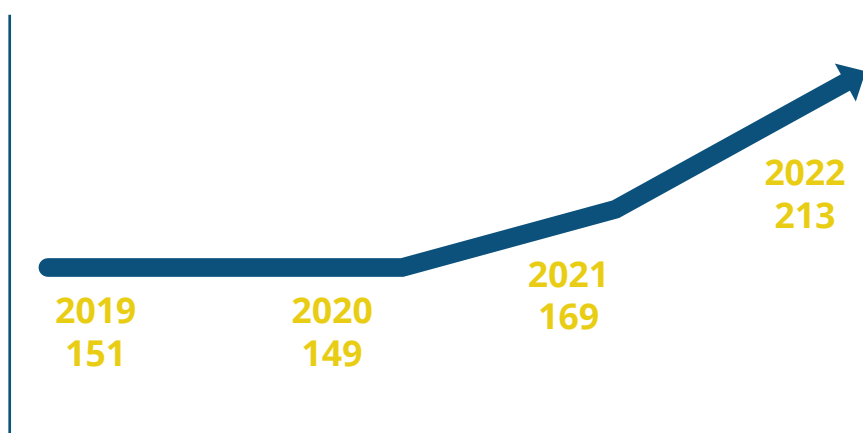
92 FIRST YEAR

77 SECOND YEAR

MTS 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**, Christlike **Conviction** and Ministry **Competency**. Apprentices come from a variety of backgrounds and work in many different places and contexts, including churches, universities and mission fields.



NUMBERS OF APPRENTICES



Hear from our Apprentices



Amanda Wang

MTS APPRENTICE 21/22

“I wanted the skills and I wanted to be able to learn how to do ministry better...and even though I don’t quite know what that will look like, I know ministry is going to be there in my life regardless.”

For Amanda Wang from Grace Christian Community Church (Box Hill, Victoria) doing an MTS apprenticeship has enabled her to do important, relational ministry both within church and with non-christians. She was initially unsure when the best time to do her apprenticeship was, but has found that making time to invest in sharing the gospel is exactly what she needed to do.

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Tom Cooper

MTS APPRENTICE AND CORNHILL STUDENT 21/22

“Can I use the gifts I have while working to serve the church, or am I better used by doing full-time ministry? Am I being effective in ministry while working in a secular field, or do the specific gifts that I have work best when I’m dedicated to full-time work? Those are the questions I’m thinking through.”

With a degree in engineering under his belt, Tom Cooper found himself at a crossroads: How was God preparing him to live and work in his world? With the encouragement of mentors, Tom started his MTS apprenticeship in 2020 and spent two years navigating ministry in a COVID-19 world.

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Ministry Trainers

157

trainers with
apprentices

115

male trainers



42

female trainers

21

first time trainers



	2019	2020	2021	2022
 Number of trainers	120	123	157	172
 Number of training centres	60	65	107	114

Hear from our Trainers



Pete Sorrenson

MTS TRAINER AND FORMER APPRENTICE

AFES Campus Director at Deakin University Pete Sorrenson has been involved in MTS for over two decades, and as a trainer himself, is especially thankful for his trainer Richard Chin. He shares his story and the impact and legacy of MTS trainers.

“I would hope that my apprentices could be thankful for me for what I am thankful for from Richard. I really do hope that they, at the end of their apprenticeship, have a confidence in God’s word, a commitment to godliness, a zeal for evangelism, dependence to God on prayer.”

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Jess Sheely

MTS TRAINER AND FORMER APPRENTICE

Jess Sheely is an assistant minister at Scots Church in Sydney. She started as an MTS apprentice at Hunter Bible Church, and now trains an MTS apprentice herself. Through her apprenticeship she realised the great need for more people, especially women, to be equipped to encourage, teach and reach the lost. She has taken a passion for this into her ministry at Scots as she trains her apprentice Abi.

“We need more women training with MTS because... there’s something important about having women who are a little bit further along walk beside people as they think through, ‘What does it look like to serve Jesus and how do I understand his word more? How do I encourage people who are different from me?’”

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MTS International



Through the power of God the MTS mission is also growing globally. MTS apprentices are now being trained in full-time ministry in Chile, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Slovenia, Malaysia, New Zealand and England.

“Ministry development [in Slovenia] is going very slowly, mostly because there are few full-time workers, and that’s one of the reasons why we want to see this apprenticeship program, because I think that that is crucial for long-term evangelical culture here in Slovenia to raise full-time gospel workers who will be really passionate about the gospel.”

Bostjan Cifer

**SLOVENIAN PASTOR AND STUDENT
MINISTRY TRAINER**



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