

***"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 help ministries identify and train godly and gifted men and women as ministry apprentices.



Thanks be to God for all He has done through MTS in 2022

God is always good, and in 2022 He displayed His goodness and sovereignty again and again within MTS. This impact report showcases just a small portion of the work God has been doing through the MTS movement over the last year.

The impact of MTS in 2022

In 2022, we saw a **13.6% increase in ministry apprentices undertaking training**, and were blessed to see 110 apprentices graduate. We were also able to hold many of our events in person after numerous COVID-19 interruptions.



202 apprentices in training



87 female apprentices



134 trainers with apprentices



110 apprentices graduated from MTS



131 training centres had MTS apprentices



38 former apprentices went to Bible college



Celebrating graduated MTS apprentices in 2022

Spiritual Parenthood: The Paradigm for MTS

1 CORINTHIANS 4:14-17

¹⁴ I am writing this not to shame you but to warn you as my dear children. ¹⁵ Even if you had ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel. ¹⁶ Therefore I urge you to imitate me. ¹⁷ For this reason I have sent to you Timothy, my son whom I love, who is faithful in the Lord. He will remind you of my way of life in Christ Jesus, which agrees with what I teach everywhere in every church.

Have you ever noticed that the biblical paradigm for ministry training is spiritual parenthood?

This passage, as well as Acts Chapter 16, tells us that Paul was the one who brought the Corinthians the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They believed it and as a result they became his “dear children” (verse 14) and he “became their father” (verse 15).

Not only is the Corinthians’ conversion described in spiritual parenthood terms, but so is growth in the Gospel. In verse 17 Paul describes Timothy as “my dear son in the faith”.

This model of spiritual parenthood is the paradigm for MTS Apprentice training. Ministry training is not something we do to someone, ministry training is something we do with someone. Trainers don’t simply deliver a curriculum, they model a “way of life in Christ Jesus”, as Paul describes in verse 17. They don’t just teach apprentices, they love them like parents love their children. They don’t just help them for two years but continue to pray for them, with them, and to counsel them in their future work, life and ministry.

When you support MTS with your prayers, your money and your time, you enable this spiritual parenthood to continue and many more workers in His harvest to be sent out. Thank you.

Benny

**MTS NATIONAL DIRECTOR
BEN PFAHLERT**



Ministry Apprentices

202

apprentices trained

85 FIRST YEAR

117 SECOND YEAR

MTS Apprentices are trained in accordance with the MTS Apprentice Curriculum, which is comprised of eight 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.



Hear from our Apprentices



Josh Ward

MTS APPRENTICE 2022/2023

“I just think that MTS is the best season of life. When else in my life will I be able to have a godly older Christian oversee me in such an intentional, clear way that longs for this world to know Jesus?”

After being involved in church as a teenager, Josh was convicted by the Gospel for the first time in Year 11. After understanding grace he couldn't get enough of the Bible, and Josh looked for opportunities to learn more. After school Josh took a job in kids ministry at St Matthews Wanniasa. After working in kids and youth ministry for a year, Josh began to be trained by associate minister Andrew Lubbock.

In response to Andrew wanting to intentionally train him, Josh recalls, “And me being a zealous young guy who'd seen some fruitful ministry, I was like, what are you talking about? What's going on here? And I didn't really have a vision for MTS at that time.” Through his Grace, God continued to work in Josh and softened his heart to share Andrew's vision for training and to see the importance of it.

READ JOSH'S STORY



Maddy Osborne

MTS APPRENTICE 2021/2022

“I found all my lunchtimes were booked with wanting to catch up with people and trying to share my faith and do Bible reading with people. I just had such conviction to want to talk to my friends about my faith. It felt like work was getting in the way.”

After growing up in a Christian family, and mimicking the life of a Christian at church, Maddy found genuine and active faith in Jesus in early adulthood. After a few years working as an engineer, the time was right for her to do an MTS apprenticeship. At City Bible Forum she is involved in a variety of initiatives to engage workers with Jesus, including Headstart, reading the Bible with workers exploring Christianity and being a part of the video training resources for the *Word One to One*.

READ MADDY'S STORY

Ministry Trainers

134

trainers with
apprentices

100

male trainers

34

female trainers

22

first time trainers

131

training centres



Hear from our Trainers



Kevin Yeung

MTS/AFES TRAINER AND FORMER APPRENTICE

Kevin Yeung is the AFES FOCUS Staff Team Leader at the Australian National University (ANU) in Canberra. Before going into gospel work, Kevin worked for four years as a physiotherapist, but he couldn't shake the priority of the gospel. It was the core gospel convictions that Kevin learnt at university that led him to full-time ministry with the goal to train and equip others similarly and to build a pipeline that multiplies this work.

"We're constantly trying to equip our students to live for Jesus, no matter what life looks like afterwards. And if a uni ministry, that's full of 18 to 24 year olds who are at the crossroads of their life, is not sending people to take the gospel globally, then which ministry will?"

READ KEVIN'S STORY



Clare Merkel

MTS TRAINER AND FORMER APPRENTICE

Clare Merkel experienced an unconventional apprenticeship, originally from Dubbo, she moved with her trainer's family to Albury to do her first-year, only to get married and move to Sydney to do her second-year in another church. These different church and trainer experiences however, only equipped and encouraged her more. Now at Bathurst Presbyterian, Clare has been involved in training multiple apprentices at Bathurst, as well as discipling women in the church in addition to her own children. Her apprenticeship experiences have shaped her own Christian walk and ministry in an ongoing way.

"Be willing to invest in people on a personal level, like starting to meet up with them one-to-one to read the Bible. That is the first goal in creating a culture of shaping people through a journey of godliness. This is the way you can start planting the seeds for how people are going to use their time wisely – whether that is formal ministry or not."

READ CLARE'S STORY

MTS International

MTS continues to grow internationally. In 2022, MTS apprentices are being trained in full-time ministry in Chile, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand and England. And the following nations have trained trainers or attended online MTS events: Kenya, Zambia, Singapore, Japan, Slovenia.



“[I was] encouraged (by Col Marshall) to take MTS to Chile, which I honestly didn’t think would work. But it did! We started Fundación Generación to raise up a new generation of pastors and leaders, and it really helped fuel the new Bible college by providing it with good students who were tested as suitable for ministry. Now almost every single student at the Bible college has been through the apprenticeship programme. By God’s grace, we are now supporting pastors and apprentices in Colombia and in Cuba.”

Pato Oyarzún

CHAIRMAN FUNDACIÓN GENERACIÓN

Events and Conferences

After two years of postponed events, online conferences and countless unknowns for our events, it was a joy to be able to put on 5 MTS events and conferences, as well as see 19 MTS Info Nights run throughout the country.

MTS Key Events in 2022

G8 NATIONAL CONFERENCE
(ONLINE DUE TO COVID)

LEADERS' TRAINING DAY
(IN-PERSON AND ONLINE)

MTS RECRUIT
(IN-PERSON, LOCALLY AND ONLINE)

MTS ANNUAL DINNER

**NETWORK COORDINATORS
CONFERENCE**



MTS Recruit

MTS Recruit ran locally, globally and online over the October long-weekend. It was an amazing weekend that challenged attendees to consider gospel work, and encouraged those pursuing it as a path.

628* TOTAL ATTENDEES

344* DELEGATES

**23 LOCAL CONFERENCE
GATHERINGS**

*Numbers are of registered attendees only. Actual numbers could be higher as not all participants registered. Some online participants were gospel workers watching with a group of people, for example in Zimbabwe, Kenya & Japan.

MTS Info Nights

MTS Info Nights are designed to help introduce potential MTS Apprentices and Trainers to the MTS movement. They are 1-1.5 hour events hosted by churches and ministry partners exploring what MTS is, and providing attendees with a chance to talk through their questions with MTS alumni. In 2022, 19 Info Nights were run around Australia!

19 INFO NIGHTS WERE RUN

4 DIFFERENT STATES

NSW: 13 QLD: 1 VIC: 1 ACT: 2

2 ONLINE

(RUN BY MTS HEAD OFFICE)

17 DIFFERENT CHURCHES



MTS Recruit 2022

Support the mission of MTS

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2022 Impact Report. We rely on our supporters to continue the work we do.

We would love you to partner with us at MTS. There are three main ways you can support the work of multiplying gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships.



PRAY

Subscribe to our PrayerMate feed or visit our website to access our MTS prayer calendar each month. Our calendar provides specific, timely prayers for you and your church to pray.

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