



MTS IMPACT REPORT 2024

GROWING A MOVEMENT OF HEALTHY
GOSPEL MINISTRY TRAINERS

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MOVEMENT VISION

To win the World for Christ by Multiplying Gospel Workers through ministry apprenticeships.

MTS HQ MISSION

To raise, train and resource Gospel Ministry Trainers through formation and fellowship.

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

BUILDING A LEGACY OF GROWTH

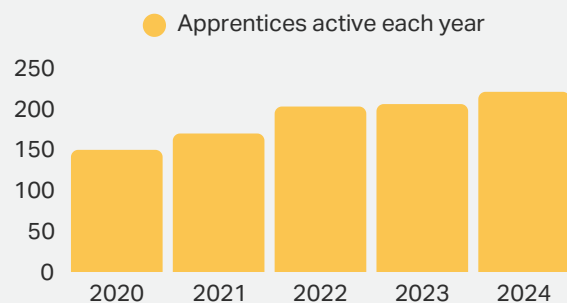
Over the past five years God has been kind in using the MTS movement and we have seen ongoing multiplication!

FROM 2020-2024

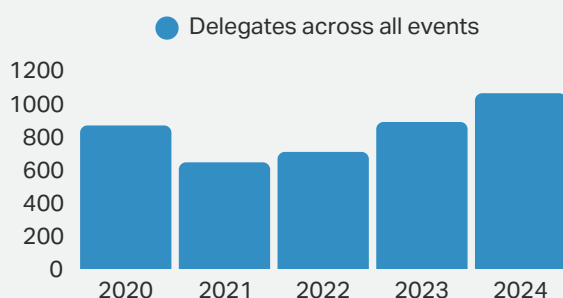
INDIVIDUAL TRAINERS ACTIVE



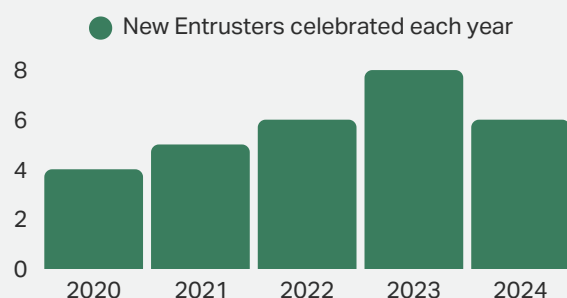
1ST & 2ND YEAR APPRENTICES COMBINED



DELEGATES CHALLENGED AT MTS RECRUIT OR SIMILAR EVENTS



ENTRUSTERS CELEBRATED





G'day friends,

We're so, so grateful for your support. Whether you've prayed, given, shared your expertise, been training an apprentice, are an apprentice yourself or have encouraged others to get involved—thank you. MTS is a movement, and movements grow through people like you.

2024 has been a significant year for MTS. We spent a large chunk of the year working hard on what we're calling the MTS Strategic Pivot 2024—a process that has helped us sharpen our focus and clarify who we are. At our core, we are a movement of Healthy Gospel Ministry Trainers, who are Christlike, trusted, and courageous leaders, raising up the next generation of gospel workers.

Through thousands of survey responses, dozens of leadership interviews, and an intensive workshop with some of our most committed trainers, we've refined our vision and mission. Now, we're better positioned than ever to fan the flames of this movement.

Looking back on the year, we are celebrating what God has done through MTS, and through trainers, apprentices, churches, and generous supporters like you. As we look ahead, we're excited for what's to come.

Thank you for standing with us as we seek to win the world for Christ by multiplying gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships. Your prayers, generosity, and encouragement make this work possible.

Yours in Christ,
Benny

Ben Pfahlert | MTS National Director

2024 IMPACT OF MTS

220

APPRENTICES IN
TRAINING



38

NEW TRAINERS



170

TRAINERS WITH
APPRENTICES



112

FIRST YEAR
APPRENTICES



108

FEMALE APPRENTICES



82

APPRENTICES COMPLETED
THEIR APPRENTICESHIPS



56

PARTNER ORGANISATIONS



EVENTS & CONFERENCES

A key part of how MTS raises up and equips trainers (and in turn apprentices) is through training events. These happen on a big scale, like 195 delegates at MTS Recruit and on a smaller scale, like an info night in a regional church.

2024 KEY EVENTS

G8 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

15th -18th January, Stanwell Tops NSW

LEADERS' TRAINING DAY

24th July, Carlton NSW & Online

MTS RECRUIT

Various Dates, Katoomba NSW, Belgrave Heights VIC, Brisbane QLD & Kingston TAS

MTS ANNUAL DINNER

15th August, Sydney NSW

PARTNERSHIPS CONFERENCE

12-13th November, Sydney NSW

MTS Recruit Australia

MTS Recruit challenges attendees to consider gospel work, and encourages those pursuing it as a path.

443 TOTAL ATTENDEES

195 DELEGATES

(delegates are those considering gospel work)

MTS Info Nights

MTS Info Nights are designed to help introduce potential MTS Apprentices and Trainers to the MTS movement.

32 INFO NIGHTS

6 DIFFERENT STATES

1 ONLINE

3 AT CONFERENCES

28 DIFFERENT CHURCHES

In 2025 'Info Nights' have been renamed as 'MTS in Focus Events!'

A photograph of three men in a forest. One man in a red jacket is in the foreground, looking towards the camera. Two other men are behind him, one in a dark jacket and one in a grey jacket. The background is filled with green trees and foliage.

ENTRUSTERS

82% of MTS Apprentices say that the biggest influence for them taking up ministry training is another gospel worker. The “tap on the shoulder”, where a mentor or ministry leader prompts a potential gospel worker to take up an apprenticeship, is key.

And this tap on the shoulder can start a chain reaction, with generation after generation of Christian leaders raised up to share the gospel. In the MTS movement, we call this ‘entrusting’.

In short, Entrusters are MTS Trainers who have trained someone who then goes on to be an MTS Trainer themselves! This is how the Entrusting Family Tree sprouts and grows.

161
TOTAL
ENTRUSTERS

6
2024
CELEBRATED
ENTRUSTERS

CELEBRATING OUR ENTRUSTERS



Pictured: A wonderful entrusting family tree! The baton was passed down from Phillip Jensen (not pictured) to Gordon Cheng to Ben Pfahlert to Tim Grant to James Hoey to Tony Cheung.

MTS presented Tim Grant with his gold Entruster baton at the most recent G8 National Conference. This recognises that Tim is now an MTS 'grandparent' - he trained someone who has now trained someone else. Tim is the Pastor of Grace Christian Community at Box Hill South in Melbourne. He trained James Hoey, who is now the MTS Director of Partnerships, who went on to train Tony Cheung.

Of the part he has played in training gospel workers, Tim says, "Resourcing the church with healthy Christian leaders has always been a cause close to my heart. If we don't pass the gospel onto future generations then future generations will not be able to call on a name they have never heard (Romans 10:14). God works through leaders; yet we are facing a shortage of healthy Christlike ones - It is both a biblical imperative and deeply strategic."

TRAINERS

MTS trainers work within their own churches and ministries, training apprentices in ministry competency, Christlike conviction and Christlike character.

38**NEW TRAINERS****170****TOTAL TRAINERS
WITH APPRENTICES****107****TRAINING CENTRES
WITH APPRENTICES****39****FEMALE TRAINERS****131****MALE TRAINERS**

HEAR FROM OUR TRAINERS



**AVRIL
LONSDALE**

St. George North Anglican

Faithful ministry under an ever-faithful God

"I came back with a great heart for training up men and women for vocational ministry. That was always on the agenda. The intentionality that I had experienced at St. George North Anglican to then go back and be intentional myself as a trainer has just been wonderful... It involves working out how God has gifted my apprentice, and thinking about what areas she needs to grow in. But also giving her space to try things – even if I wouldn't do it that way!"

God's faithful hand has been clear throughout Avril Lonsdale's life, leading her to new life in him and now into vocational ministry. She shares her encouraging story of faith and experience as an MTS apprentice and now MTS trainer!

[READ AVRIL'S STORY](#)



**DAVE
CHISWELL**

City on a Hill, Geelong

Investing in intentional training to develop effective workers

"I think one of my philosophies around training is generosity. I'm pretty happy for apprentices to pick apart my ministry, or other ministries of the church, and we'll get into what's going well and what's not going so well. Being really transparent and having the right to ask questions about everything they see becomes a key part of their experience."

If there's one thing Dave Chiswell is passionate about, it's training ministry apprentices. Having benefited from being trained himself, it's no wonder he has ended up a great 2 Timothy 2:2 trainer and champion.

[READ DAVE'S STORY](#)

APPRENTICES

As trainers are well-resourced and supported, they train up skilled apprentices to be gospel workers and trainers of new workers too.

112

FIRST YEAR
APPRENTICES

108

SECOND YEAR
APPRENTICES

220

TOTAL APPRENTICES
IN TRAINING

164

APPRENTICES IN
CHURCH MINISTRY

56

APPRENTICES IN CAMPUS
OR OTHER MINISTRY

27

SCHOLARSHIP
EXTENSIONS

HEAR FROM OUR APPRENTICES



**CATHERINE
BURLEY**

Hunter Bible Church

Embracing uncertainty and trusting in the Spirit

As a student involved in Unichurch, Catherine was quickly exposed to MTS apprentices who were working in her service and on campus. However, this idea of an apprenticeship in gospel work was really foreign to her. Catherine said she couldn't understand why they would have just worked for a year and then done a ministry thing. However over the years as she built friendships with MTS apprentices she started to understand it more. Eventually her conviction grew and she did an apprenticeship herself!

"[Through my apprenticeship] I grew in my sense of urgency of the gospel. Yes, ministry is challenging and relationally taxing at times, but people need to hear that there's salvation in Christ alone!"

[READ CATHERINE'S STORY](#)



**JEREMY
KIDD**

Lighthouse Church

Giving all of life so that people might know Jesus

Every day of Jeremy Kidd's life, his grandfather has prayed for him to become a 'soul winner for Christ and a faithful preacher of the Bible'. This faith has made a huge impact on his life now. Today, Jeremy is studying at Sydney Missionary & Bible College (SMBC) and working at Lighthouse Church on the Central Coast as a ministry intern. Lighthouse is also where he did his two-year MTS ministry apprenticeship.

"I can actually connect what I learn at college to the real-life situations of people at church because I've done MTS. That's been so good and so helpful. Even the questions that I bring to college are so much deeper because I've had the experience serving within a church context. That makes me go deeper to know how it lands pastorally in the lives of people."

[READ JEREMY'S STORY](#)

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

In 2024 the MTS movement continued to expand throughout the globe.

Apprentices are being trained in Chile, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Canada, Malaysia, New Zealand, England and Scotland. Interest and excitement for the movement is also growing in Singapore, Japan, Zambia, Kenya, Uganda and Malawi!



THE FUTURE OF GOSPEL WORK IN SLOVENIA



Unlike in Australia, evangelical and reformed gospel workers who are equipped for ministry are few and far between in Slovenia. Yet the percentage of the population who know and trust the gospel as Protestant Christians is extremely low.

The need for gospel workers is great! This is why local pastor Bostjan Cifer is working to grow an MTS Movement in Slovenia. So far Bostjan has started an annual conference for pastors and potential apprentices and has been organising the translation and publishing of MTS resource books 'The Trellis and the Vine' and 'Passing the Baton' in Slovene. Finally, after several years of groundwork, the first Slovenian Apprentice is set to begin in 2025.



SUPPORT THE MTS MOVEMENT

Thank you for taking the time to read our 2024 Impact Report. We rely on our supporters to continue the work we do.

Please consider partnering with us at MTS!

There are three main ways you can support the work of multiplying gospel workers through ministry apprenticeships, pray for us and with us, give to the movement financially, and subscribe to our PartnerNews email to stay up to date.

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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