



Backpacker's DTS 2009 Application Letter

Dates: 4 October 2009 – 19 February 2010

Discipleship Training School (DTS)

The DTS is for those who want their lives to count for eternity. It is about Christian character, and it is more than theory. It is a journey into the heart of God - a journey of discovery where God's ways become your own. Emphasis is not necessarily on knowledge gained but on principles applied; it is not minds filled with facts but hearts filled with faith. Knowing God personally and obeying Him completely is the bottom line.

The DTS is a special time in your life to seek and know the Lord better. We are committed to doing all we can to help you realize this goal. All staff are non-salaried missionaries dedicated to the training and equipping of Christians who want their lives to count for God and impact their world and generation for good.

PHASE 1 is a three month classroom segment which uses lectures, discussions, workshops, small group interaction and personal study. A close community of students and staff provides an environment where the application of Biblical principles can be lived and worked out. Students benefit from the expertise of lecturers from all over New Zealand and overseas.

PHASE 2 is a two month field assignment ministering in teams around New Zealand or overseas. Outreach teams may stay in backpacker hostels, rented homes, camp grounds, or a combination of these. Teams may also camp and hike, reaching out to fellow travellers through relational evangelism and discipleship.

Curriculum

The lecture phase curriculum includes: The character of God, prayer and intercession, personal devotions, hearing the voice of God, spiritual warfare, worship, true repentance, holiness and the fear of the Lord, the Father heart of God, relationships, Biblical Christian world view, post-modern evangelism, world missions, etc.

Exact Dates and Costs

The 12 week lecture phase starts on the 4 October 2009. The cost is **\$4000 NZD**. This includes tuition, food and board. There is also a transportation fee of **\$750 NZD**. This fee covers travel for weekend trips and activities during the lecture phase and includes Friday night trips into Christchurch.

The 9 week outreach phase starts 19 December, 2009 and finishes 19 February, 2010. The cost is approximately **\$3,500 NZD** for food, travel and accommodation within New Zealand. We will also offer an overseas outreach option which will be approximately **\$4,500 NZD**, depending on location. **Please note that the fees may change closer to the date if the NZ dollar fluctuates too far from .7/\$US.** Check the current exchange rate on www.xe.com.

Outreach Locations: 2 options

National Outreach: New Zealand

Overseas Outreach: In the past, our teams have gone to Jordan, Morocco, Thailand, India, Nepal, Egypt and Israel. Your staff will pray about locations and they will be presented to you during week 2 or 3 of the school.



Outreach options should include different types of backpacking, from staying in hostels and ministering to travellers, to camping and ministering to hikers. In addition to this, some overseas options will include other types of evangelism and mercy ministries.

Backpacking / Weekend activities

What is a Backpacker's DTS all about? People from different parts of the world have a different understanding of the term backpacking. For most North Americans, it means going hiking and camping. For Europeans, it means low budget travelling. At the Backpacker's DTS, there is a mixture of backpacking styles. Weekend activities range from rock climbing to surfing, mountain biking to camping.

The Town

Oxford is a rural town of about 2000 inhabitants situated fifty kilometres west of Christchurch, in the foothills of the Southern Alps of the South Island. The town itself has a range of retail and service amenities, including a post office, library, cafes, supermarket, etc. We are situated an hour away from scenery recognized in movies like Chronicles of Narnia and Lord of the Rings.

The Base

The Oxford YWAM base is comprised of several houses, offices, kitchen, and classrooms. The base is home to an average of thirty staff, and has a maximum capacity of seventy people.

Application Process

Please complete the application form and give reference forms to your pastor, a friend, and an employer or teacher. The reference forms need to be sent directly from the person filling out the reference form to the registrar via email or postal service. Once we receive the application form, health form, the three reference forms, and the \$50 NZD application fee (payable through our website with your credit card or by sending us a cheque in NZD, USD, CAD, AUD, Pound Sterling, or Euros) your application will be processed. If you are accepted, we will send an email with an acceptance letter and more detailed information about the BDTs.

Other DTS's

We also run an Earthcare DTS and a Crossroad DTS starting in October, an Around the World in 80 Days DTS starting late February / early March, and a Snowboarders DTS starting in June. If you would like details about those schools, please let us know or check out our website at www.ywamoxford.org.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us by email registrar@ywamoxford.org or by phone: +64 3 312 4951 outside of New Zealand and 03 312 4951 within New Zealand.

God Bless!

CHECKLIST:

Sent to YWAM:

- Application Form
- Health form

Sent a Reference Form to:

- Pastor Friend Employer / Teacher

Paid:

- \$50 NZD Application Fee