



## Earth Care DTS 2009 Application Letter

**Dates:** 2 October 2011 - 21 March 2012

### 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 (Lecture Phase) is a 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. There will be some practical field application of what students are learning, with two weeks based in wilderness areas of the South Island of New Zealand.

PHASE 2 (Outreach) is a field assignment ministering in teams overseas. There will be a further 2 weeks of teaching and training during this phase. Teams will work with rural communities in SE Asia and NZ, sharing the practical love and wisdom of God by applying the Earth Care principles gleaned from scripture. They will learn how to apply their training to help restore and improve the land, agriculture and water of these communities as well as sharing Christ through living and working alongside the people.

### Curriculum

The lecture phase curriculum includes: The character of God, prayer and intercession, personal devotions, hearing the voice of God, growing in relationship with Jesus and one another, spiritual warfare, worship, true repentance, holiness and the fear of the Lord, the Father heart of God, Biblical Christian world view, culture and evangelism, world missions, etc. The teaching of foundational Biblical principles regarding the stewardship of God's Earth will form a key part. The outreach phase will include applications of practical skills of EarthCare integrated with evangelism.

### Exact Dates and Costs

The lecture phase starts on the 2nd October, 2011. The cost is **\$4500 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 overseas outreach phase starts 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 and finishes in New Zealand on 21st March, 2012. The last week involves student presentations and a debrief time. The cost is approximately **\$5000 NZD**. You can check exchange rates for your currency on [www.xe.com](http://www.xe.com).

### What is an EarthCare DTS all about?

It's about restoring the broken relationship between God and His Creation, including mankind and the natural world. This new **EarthCare** DTS introduces students to a Biblical approach to managing and caring for natural resources and the environment. It will make this approach real by providing hands-on experience working in a developing country with poor farmers/villagers to improve their agricultural practices and their living environment.



The course aims to give students an opportunity to deepen their relationship with God and discover new ways to reach out with Christ's compassion to those who are oppressed, poor or disabled in rural communities. EarthCare focuses on God as Creator and sustainer of the earth.

Students will participate in aspects of :

- training poor rural communities in simple sustainable agriculture technologies
- testing, monitoring and demonstrating appropriate EarthCare practices.
- teaching the foundational Biblical principles of EarthCare
- evangelism through word and action to bring the good news of Jesus Christ

The course will have a life changing impact on everyone involved, leading to new opportunities for serving and working with Jesus in the area of your passion.

## Weekend activities

Weekend activities include camping, hiking, mountain biking, trips to local mountain and coastal landscapes.

## The Town

Oxford is a rural town of about 2000 inhabitants situated fifty kilometres west of the beautiful garden city of Christchurch. It nestles at the base of the foothills of the rugged 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, health 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, fax, or postal service. Once we receive the application form, health form, the three reference forms, and the \$50 NZD application fee (which you may pay through our website with a credit card or by personal cheque in USD, CAD, NZD, AUD, pounds 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 Earth Care DTS.

If you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact us by email [registrar@ywamoxford.org](mailto: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