



Mission Training Course in Pokhara, Nepal

5-20 March 2020

WHAT IS THE MISSION COURSE ALL ABOUT?

It is an advanced course designed to equip leaders and potential trainers in preparing new workers for ministry among Asian cultures with a particular focus on engaging with Asian religions and worldviews.

It is also suitable for church and mission leaders who have not done formal cross-cultural training, especially in Asian contexts, or taken as an in-service training or refresher course for workers on home leave.

WHO RUNS THE COURSE?

The course will be run by Asia Gateway who is an accredited institution for equipping mission leaders in Asia. The training is soundly evangelical and endorsed by many mainstream mission organisations including: OM, OMF, Interserve, SIM, Asia CMS, Anglican & Methodist Churches of Malaysia. It will be taught by experienced lecturers who combine high quality coursework with practical field trips, set alongside personal reflection and mentoring. Only a few such courses are based in Asia and this is only the second time the course has been offered in Nepal.

WHO IS THE COURSE FOR?

- Those considering or preparing for mission work in Asia
- Experienced mission workers and leaders who want to further develop their understanding of cross-cultural mission
- Those who wish to be equipped to be mission teachers and trainers
- Mission workers from outside of Asia who want to learn more about mission in Asia
- Mission agency and church leaders engaged in sending people out as mission workers

WHAT DOES THE COURSE TEACH?

- Crucial issues in Asian mission and leadership
- Mission of God in the Bible
- Gospel and culture
- Integral mission
- Inter-religious engagements

WHAT DOES THE COURSE INVOLVE?

- Lectures
- Group discussions/reflection/feedback
- Case studies
- Research and assignments
- Community living
- Personal mentoring and spiritual development
- Practical learning trips

IS THE COURSE ACCREDITED?

This program is endorsed by AGST-Nepal and academic credit may be earned with additional course-work (details to be advised).

WHERE WILL THE COURSE BE HELD?

At Nayagaun Church in Pokhara who is hosting the training.

WHEN WILL IT BE RUN?

5-20 March 2020; 6 days/week 9am-5pm

HOW MUCH WILL THE COURSE COST?

Course registration fee:		
Individuals	NPR 3,000	USD 25
Organisations	NPR 6,000	USD 50

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY REQUIREMENTS?

Generally, a university degree in any discipline, but those with ministry experience may be considered. A fluent level of English is required because the course will be presented in English.

WHERE CAN I STAY?

Pokhara residents can commute from home, but economical accommodation can be arranged at an additional cost. Participants from abroad are encouraged to apply.

HOW CAN I APPLY?

Please send your application to the church office.
Closing date for applications: 31 January 2020. Seats are limited.

CONTACT DETAILS

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PLEASE DO NOT POST INFORMATION ABOUT THIS COURSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA OR ONLINE

ABOUT THE LECTURERS AND THE MODULES



Dr. Eric

Eric is from the UK, but he has lived in Asia since 2009, sent by CMS along with his wife, Rhena and their children. He teaches theology to both part-time and full-time students. His PhD (from the University of Surrey) was on Acts as a story designed to have a persuasive impact.

Missional Hermeneutic of the Bible

This module aims to:

- explore the theme of God's mission in the Old Testament
- understand God's plan and purpose for mission from the beginning
- understand the meta-narrative of the Old Testament and how that intersects with mission
- encourage interaction, exchange of viewpoints and ideas
- survey the theme of mission in the New Testament, especially the Gospels, Acts and selected letters of Paul
- understand the plan and purpose of God in the New Testament, especially the inclusion of Gentiles
- examine how the early church dealt with conflicts over the inclusion of Gentiles
- consider the relevance, today, of these biblical approaches to mission
- strengthen our commitment to mission to the nations



Rev Pax Tan

Rev Tan is a Lutheran pastor now shepherding a Baptist Church in Malaysia. He has worked in an indigenous Christian social organization for 30 years. He is an adjunct lecturer in Malaysian Theological Seminaries. Rev Tan completed his undergraduate studies in Trinity Theological College, Singapore and graduate studies (Social Sciences) in Oxford Brookes University, Oxford, UK. He is a certified Substance Abuse Counselor and Trainer (USA & UK).

Integral Mission

Integral mission can be defined as the task of bringing the whole of life under the lordship of Jesus Christ and includes the affirmation that there is no biblical dichotomy between evangelism and social responsibility. It was further defined at the 2001 meeting of the Micah Network in Oxford as 'the proclamation and demonstration of the gospel', emphasizing that it is not simply the issue of evangelism and social involvement being done alongside each other, but rather that 'our proclamation has social consequences as we call people to love and repentance in all areas of life' and that 'our social involvement has evangelistic consequences as we bear witness to the transforming grace of Jesus Christ'. - Lausanne Movement
All the above is authenticated by the Scriptures, and we shall explore together, both in Word and in Deed.



Rev Dr Joseph Deva Komar

Dr Joseph Deva Komar is a pastor with the Methodist Church working amongst the diaspora Indians in Malaysia for the last 35 years. Presently doubling up as a lecturer at Malaysia Theological Seminary specializing in Missiology and Pastoral Theology.

Gospel in the Pluralistic Society

All the major religions in the world see their beginning and roots in Asia. All have claims from their own revered scriptures which guide humanity on all aspects of life from birth, death and the attainment of eternity. Negating these religious belief systems and presenting Christ as the only way has become offensive. The challenge before us is; can this offensive dimension be removed altogether? The danger of a relative perspective of religion like many postmodernists propose or universalising religion does harm to the Christian gospel. Theologians and practitioners in each generation are on a quest to be honest to the Gospel and also its context. This module is all about finding a way forward in the quest to be honest to the Gospel and also its context.



Rev Dr Chan Nam Chen

Dr Chan Nam Chen serves as the executive director of AsiaCMS. He is a practitioner who also serves as a denominational leader in his home country of Malaysia, and as a seminary lecturer in different Asian countries. He has a PhD in Intercultural Studies and his expertise is in church and culture, intercultural leadership, migration studies and missiology.

Gospel, Culture and Crucial Issues in Asian Mission

How does culture influence our understanding and practice of the Gospel? What are the contemporary issues and tensions involved in the practical outworking of God's mission in the Asian context? This module addresses the challenges of effective cross-cultural ministry and overviews the practical issues that include mission theology, contextualization, the local church, unreached people groups, partnership and money, migration, urbanisation and sufferings in mission.