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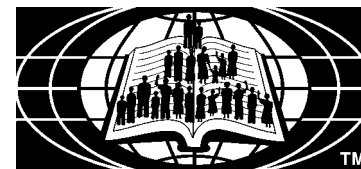
Pastoral Training and You



Pastoral Leader Training Booklet

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HOW THE CHURCH STARTED



You are being invited to participate in a thrilling Pastoral Training Program called "Train & Multiply." Through it, God has raised up hundreds of pastors and has mobilized His Church in many countries.

First of all, ask for the Lord's guidance as you begin. Then please read carefully Matthew 28:16-20 and answer the following questions. (Your trainer will go over this study with you the next time you meet.)

1. Who is giving the order to **"GO"** (take action) and make disciples in all nations?

2. What authority does Jesus have that gives backing to this order?

- Work hard with others in loving harmony, especially my church, and keep my instructor informed of my activities. (Romans 12:9-11)
- Give of my time and money to extend Christ's Kingdom wherever He calls me to go. (Matthew 28:18-20)
- Trust in His power to enable the Church to grow and reproduce. (Mark 4)
- Seek to adhere to the requirements for leaders of the Church as set out in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.
- Explain the Gospel with zeal, love and clarity, so that people will believe and obey the Lord. (Matthew 28:19-20)
- Seek to raise up new, reproducing churches especially in areas where there are none. (Romans 15:20-21)
- Be willing to suffer for Christ without selfish ambitions. (2 Timothy 2:3)
- Follow the advice of my Pastoral Trainer, fulfilling faithfully all my assignments in work and study.

Signature _____



Finally, read the following "Train & Multiply" pledge. Prayerfully consider each part, and let your instructor know if you agree.

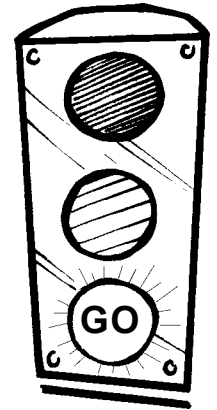
THE "TRAIN & MULTIPLY" STUDENT'S PLEDGE

With God's help, I pledge myself to:

- Love Him and give top priority to obeying all His commands (for myself and those whom I teach).
- Care for my family with sincere love. (Ephesians 5)
- Pray continually for those I shepherd, my coworkers and those who still need Christ.

3. This order, given many years ago, now applies to you personally. "Train & Multiply" is designed to help you obey it effectively. So, fellow Christian, we are inviting you to...

4. To understand what we do when we "GO" please find in verses 19 and 20 what Jesus orders us to do.



Jesus tells us to make disciples. He also tells us how to do it. What two things does He tell us to do to make disciples?

Besides baptizing them in the name of the father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we also teach them to obey. What specifically are the disciples to obey?

We are to teach Christ's disciples to obey all things that He commanded. Where are we to do this?

We (the church) are to make disciples in all nations (that is, in all tribes, cultures or societies).

5. In "Train & Multiply" we make disciples just as Jesus said to. Are you in agreement with this basic approach?

6. We do this by b_____ those who repent and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and by t_____ them to o_____ all that He has commanded.

7. Verse 19 says we are to make disciples in "All Nations," a rather large area! However, Acts 1:8 explains how they were to go about this. Please notice the four areas of responsibility and write them below:

- c. ____ You study short courses as you need them.

- d. ____ You seldom meet your Pastoral Trainer.

- e. ____ "Train & Multiply" is set out in easy steps and focuses on ministries that your church will do.

- f. ____ Your Pastoral Trainer makes your plans, and orders you what to study.

- g. ____ You with your Pastoral Trainer's aid, make plans and he helps you to achieve them.

Answers:

a.= no b.= yes c.= yes d.= no e.= yes f.= no g.=yes

SUMMARY TEST

1. What did Jesus command His disciples of all nations to do?

For the apostles, this obedience always started with baptism, followed by teaching converts to obey all the rest of Christ's commands.

2. Write YES or NO by the following descriptions of the "Train & Multiply" program.

a. ____ You must go to a formal Theological Seminary for several years.

b. ____ You study and work in your home situation.

J _____ (our own community)

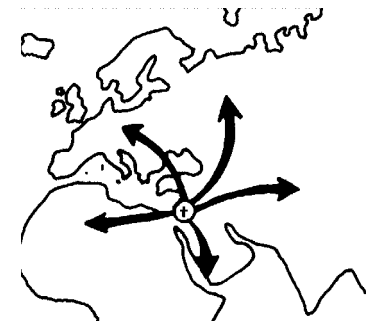
J _____ (the surrounding area)

S _____ (other cultures, nearby)

_____ (far-off countries)

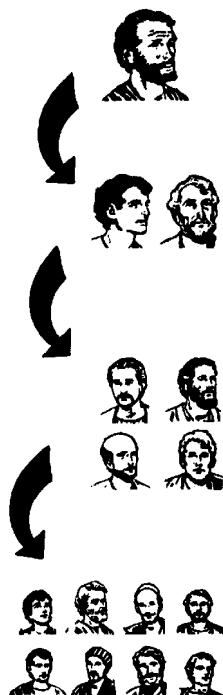
8. The disciples obeyed and the church began to grow.

Eventually it fell to the Apostle Paul to become the main champion for expanding Christ's church in the non-Jewish world. Now let's see how he did it.



9. Now please read 2 Timothy 2:1-10. Paul not only evangelized to plant new churches; he also established a chain of instructors and workers through out the Roman Empire, following what he says in verse 2.

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be able to teach others.”



PAUL
(1st link)

PAUL'S STUDENTS
(such as Timothy and Titus,
2nd link)

RELIABLE MEN
(3rd link)

OTHERS
(4th link)
2 Timothy 2:2

10. Each worker taught what he had learned to his congregation and to other workers. They in turn passed it on to others in a never-ending chain. This is the way the early Christians conquered their countries for Christ. Today the Holy Spirit is moving us to do the same. It is a privilege and a great responsibility.

If possible you should study:

- ☐ in a quiet place where you won't be disturbed.
- ☐ where you have good light and ventilation.

If possible, it will help to have the following furniture:

- ☐ a table or desk and an upright chair.
- ☐ a bookshelf to keep all your materials together.
- ☐ a notice board to display your planned activities.

According to your circumstances, where will you study?

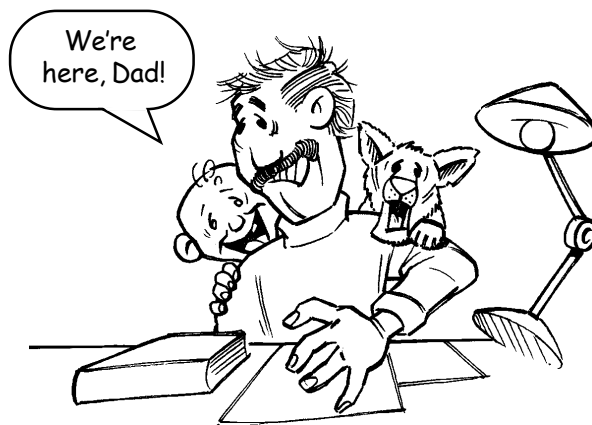


What days and hours are best for your pastoral work?

SPECIAL NOTE: When making your timetable, remember your family. Many pastors ruin their ministries by neglecting their families in a supposed dedication to the Lord's work.

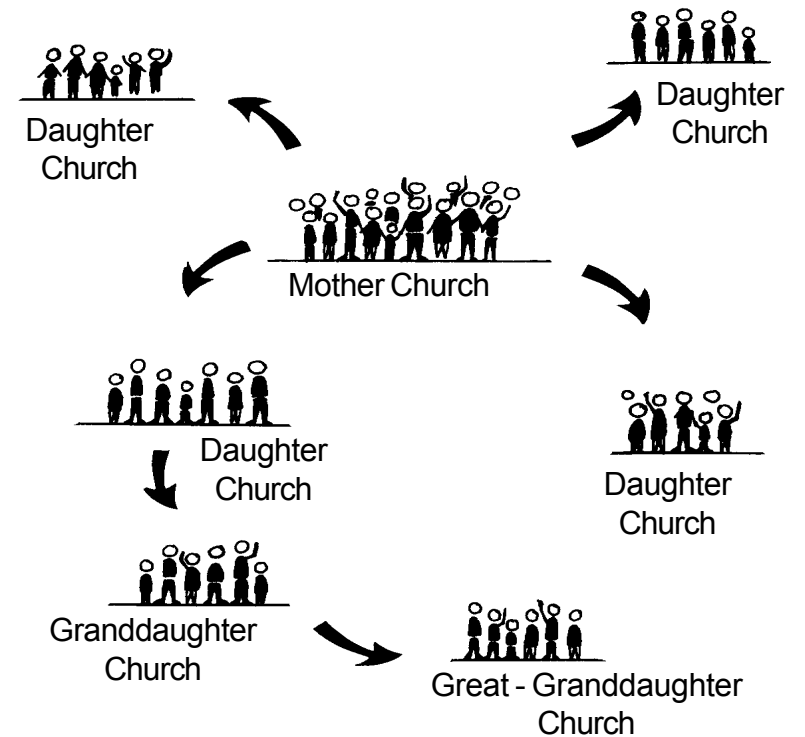
What does 1 Timothy 3:4-5 say about this?

- Apart from studying at set times; if possible it is best to always study in one place. In this way you have everything at hand and it is easier for you to concentrate.



11. Here we see a clear principle upon which our “Train & Multiply” program is based:

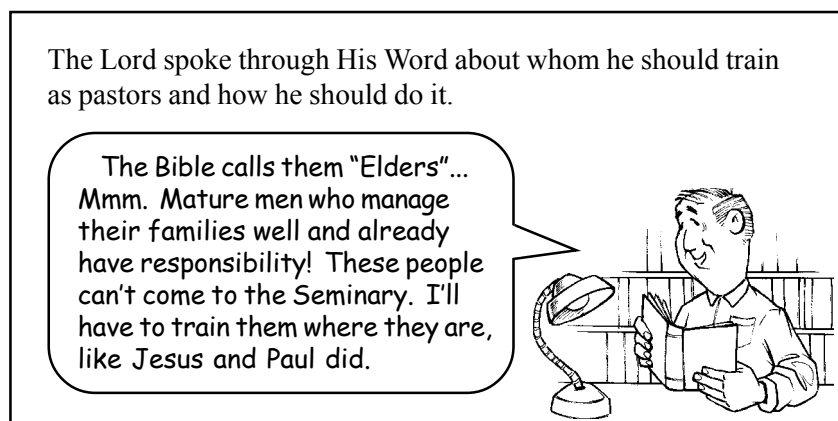
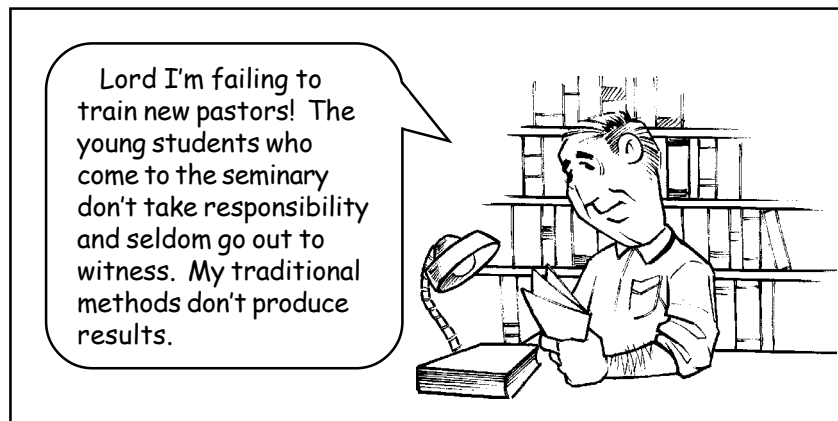
“A healthy, obedient church is like a plant that grows and reproduces endlessly.”



To understand the basic principle of “Train & Multiply” read the true story of how it all began.

How “TRAIN & MULTIPLY” STARTED

Several years ago a Seminary teacher was desperate...



- Evaluate what you are currently doing. As there are only 24 hours in one day, you will need to plan and make allowances for your PASTORAL WORK and STUDY. Perhaps you will have to reshuffle or even eliminate some of your current activities.

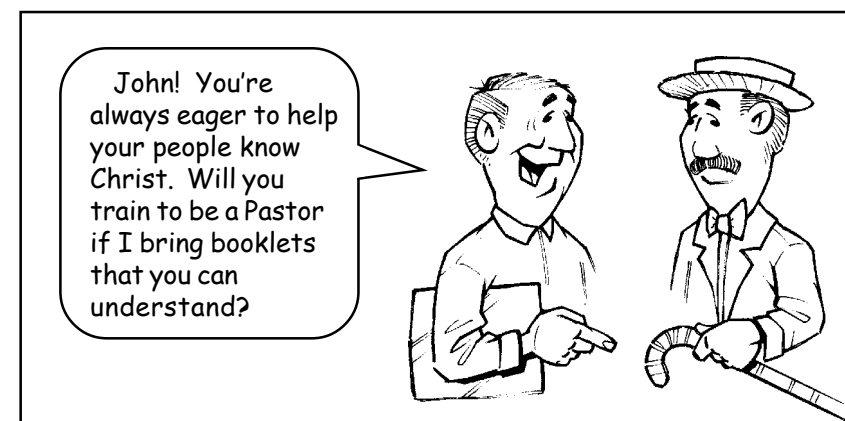
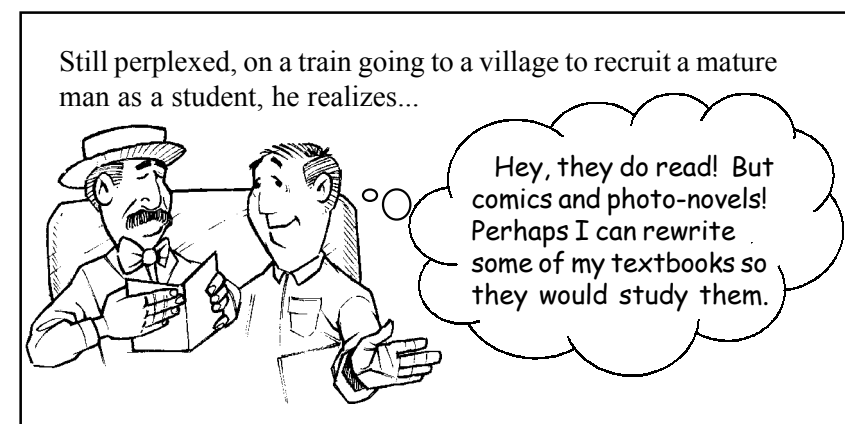
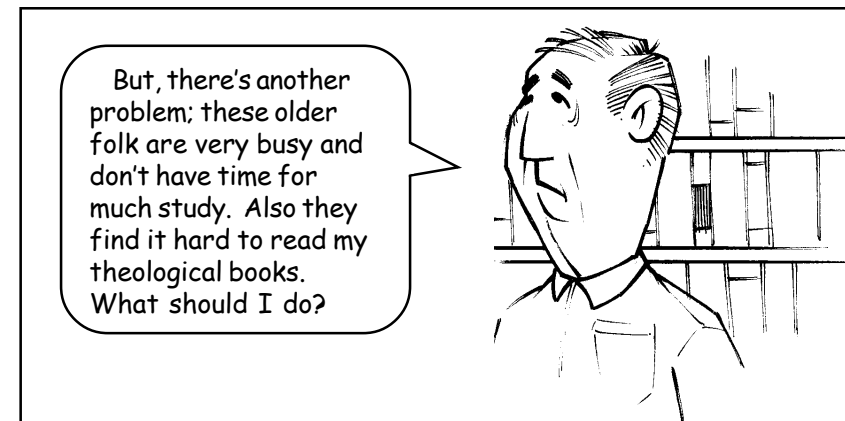
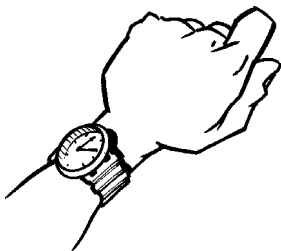
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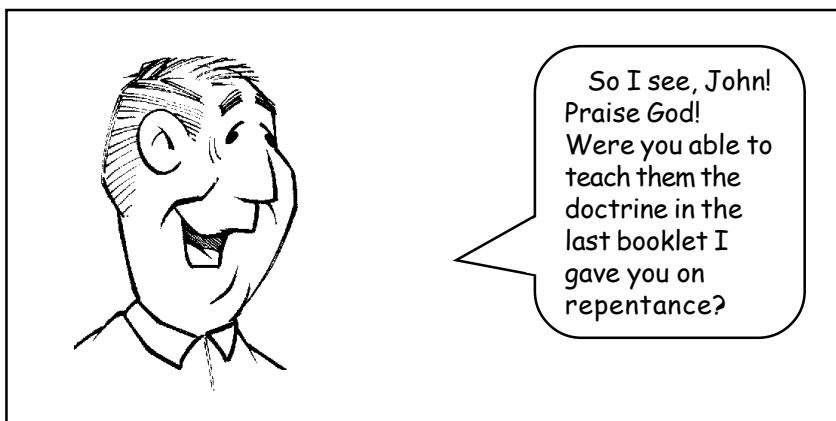
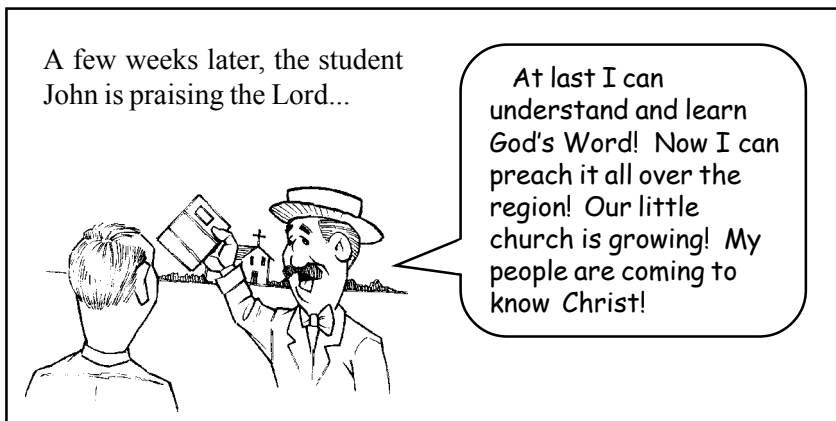
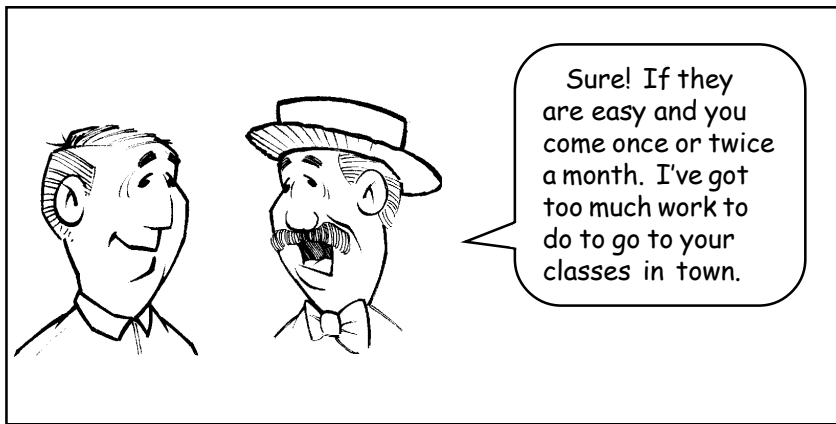
- Set apart each week special hours for your pastoral work and study. Don't leave them for spare moments.
- Plan short study periods at set times on several days rather than leave it all to the one day.
- Fix your study hours for when your mind is clear. Some study better at night, some in the morning.
- Fix your study hours for when it is least likely you will be interrupted.

- No doubt you are a busy person or you wouldn't have been invited to "Train & Multiply." However, most failures come from those who claim to have too little time. The problem usually isn't a lack of time but of organization of time.
- Wise pastors schedule the use of their time. We don't ask you to schedule every minute ahead of time; that would limit your freedom to follow the Holy Spirit's guidance. But you do need to plan time to do important things.

It helps to recall in detail everything you have done over the last few days—as far back as you can remember. Make a list. Then decide which of the things were valuable for the Lord's work and which were not. Then, practice prayerful discernment for the use of your time in the future.

Be ruthless with your schedule in the future, to cut out all things that do not edify the church in a real way. Plan uninterrupted blocks of hours for very important tasks. Also, give ample time to your family and for rest.





A worker sent to another field should return to his home church to give an account of his progress. (Acts 14:26-28) Why should your church know what you are doing?

What problem could arise if you go around preaching in someone else's area of responsibility without their agreement?

Your responsibility as a student:





Ask the Lord to point out which qualities you need to develop in order to become an effective leader.

You must also work in harmony with other members of the body of Christ. God does not want you to have an independent spirit, without respect for the proper leaders of the church. In Acts 13:1-3 we find that God speaks to us not only through His written Word but also through:

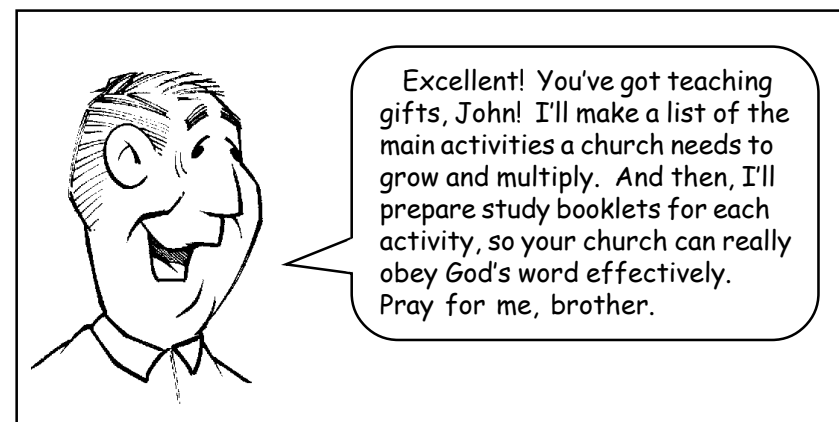
- ☐ our own opinions.
- ☐ others in our church.

Likewise as a pastoral student you should work:

- ☐ on your own.
- ☐ in harmony with your church.

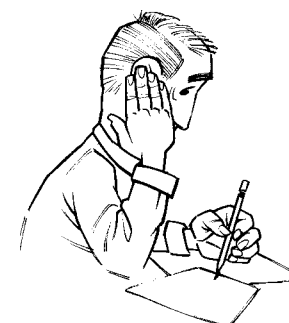


Yes, it went very well. But now I need to teach them to worship, to evangelize, to give, to...



Excellent! You've got teaching gifts, John! I'll make a list of the main activities a church needs to grow and multiply. And then, I'll prepare study booklets for each activity, so your church can really obey God's word effectively. Pray for me, brother.

The teacher started with the things Jesus commanded.



Lord, help me to list all the essential activities a church needs as it grows.

Later on...



Look, John, this Activity Guide will help us plan what your church will do next. It lists the Pastoral Study Booklets you'll need for each activity.



Great! Right now we need a booklet to help us organize the worship.

A few weeks later...



My cousins in other villages are really witnessing for the Lord. Can you train them also to pastor their people?

As a pastoral worker you must NOT be:

given to much wine



violent, but gentle



a lover of money



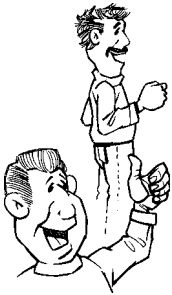
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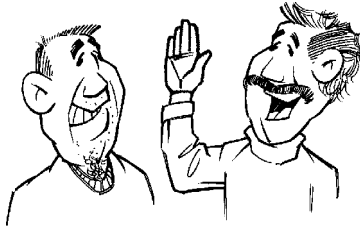
Notes:

As a pastoral worker you must be:

above reproach, and have a good reputation with outsiders



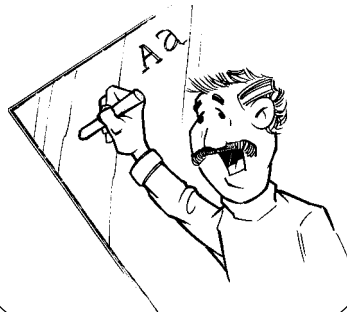
hospitable



temperate,
self-controlled,
respectable



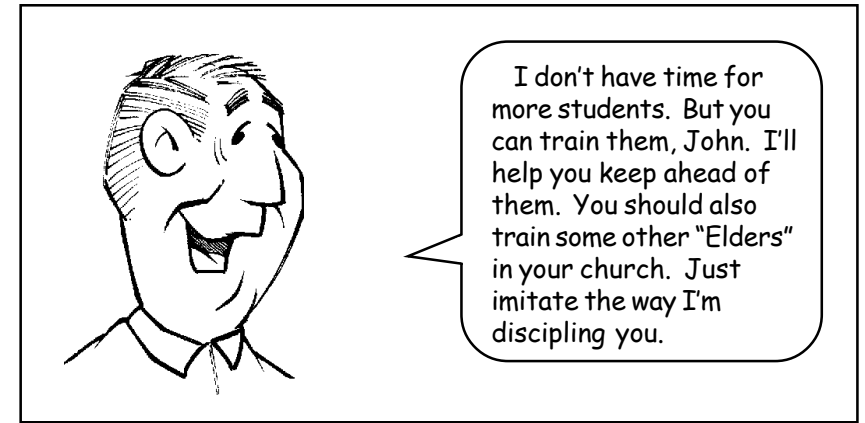
able to teach



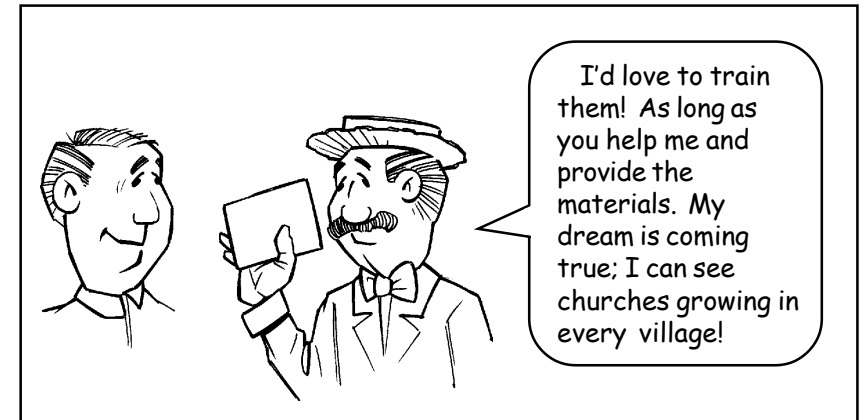
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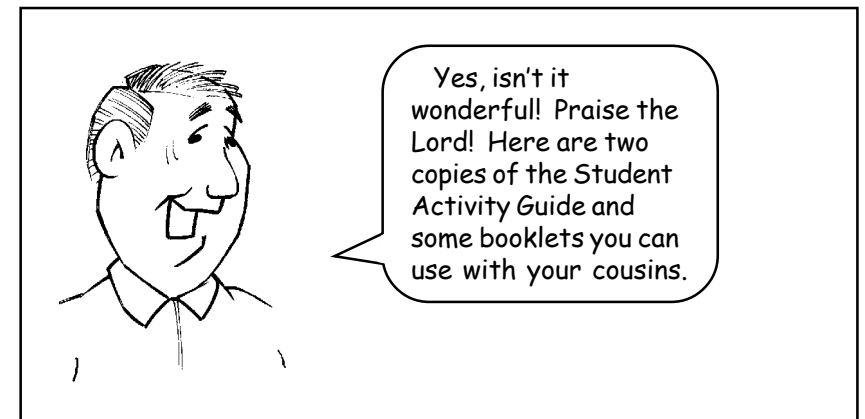
husband of but one wife, and must manage your own family well (or how can you take care of God's church)?



I don't have time for more students. But you can train them, John. I'll help you keep ahead of them. You should also train some other "Elders" in your church. Just imitate the way I'm discipling you.



I'd love to train them! As long as you help me and provide the materials. My dream is coming true; I can see churches growing in every village!

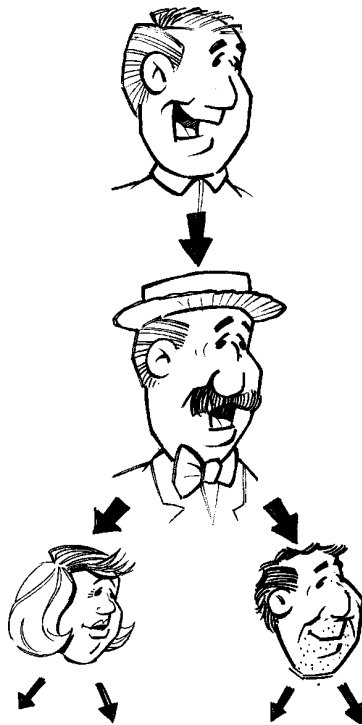


Yes, isn't it wonderful! Praise the Lord! Here are two copies of the Student Activity Guide and some booklets you can use with your cousins.



So, following Paul's example,
a network soon grew, of new
pastors in training.

Over a period of twenty years, more than a hundred new churches
grew and multiplied to the glory of God and the extension of His
Kingdom.



What are you currently doing to obey Christ's orders?

Now take a step of faith and prayerfully write down names of people
and places where, with God's help, you can GO AND MAKE
DISCIPLES.

Apart from responsibilities in Pastoral work, you must also develop
personal qualities in order to have an effective ministry, as illustrated
on the following pages. (1 Timothy 3:1-7)

We “break bread” to celebrate Communion (the Lord’s Supper) in obedience to Jesus. The ministry of worship grows out of this command.

Please read Matthew 4:4. What is the ‘bread’ upon which we are to feed daily?

All disciples of Christ feast on the Word of God, and teach it to others. In Matthew 28 Jesus told us to make disciples. This command to make disciples leads to many ministries: witnessing for Christ, teaching obedience to new disciples, shepherding the flock, meditating on God’s Word, sending missionaries and all aspects of teaching and Christian education.

Where are you currently serving the Lord?

These same BIBLICAL principles, followed in rural Honduras have been proven, time after time, to work also in large cities, towns, villages and rural areas throughout the world.

Are you interested in being part of a Pastoral Training Program like this? If so, continue reading.

WHAT IS “TRAIN & MULTIPLY”?

1. First, it is a task-oriented program for those who will have a PASTORAL MINISTRY. As a student in “Train & Multiply” you must evangelize and disciple others.

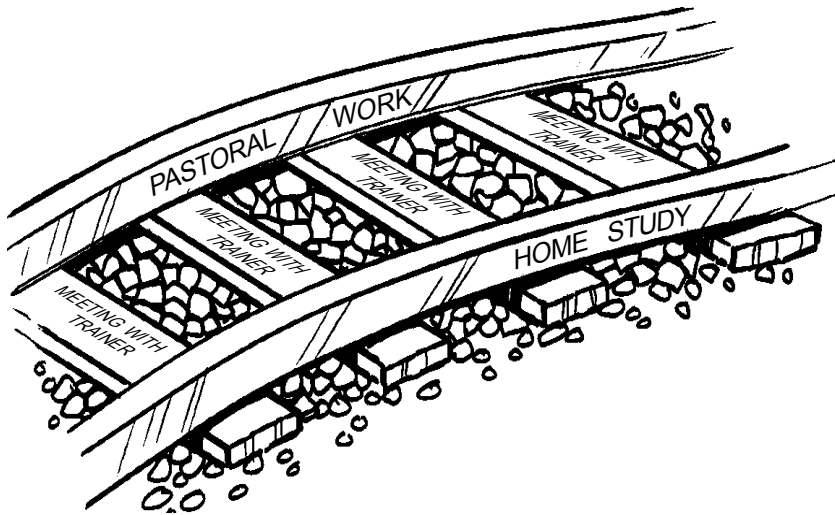
Those who just want to learn the Bible, without practicing its teaching, cannot be enrolled as students.

2. Second, it is a STUDY program. You will learn by studying and practicing God’s Word with the aid of specially prepared PASTORAL TRAINING BOOKLETS.

3. Third, your PASTORAL TRAINER (instructor) will guide you as you plan both your pastoral work and studies.

4. So, the “Train & Multiply “program is made up of:

PASTORAL WORK in real life situations,
HOME STUDY with simple, practical courses,
REGULAR MEETINGS with your Pastoral Trainer.



These three components link together like railway tracks. Your Pastoral Work and Study (the rails) are kept together by regular meetings with your Pastoral Trainer in order to share and plan your steps forward.

We give out of love. You must teach your disciples to give generously. The ministry of stewardship grows out of this command.

Please read Matthew 22:37-40. What is the most important command of all? It has two parts. Please write them both, in your own words:

All obedient disciples love God with all their heart, and their neighbor as themselves. All ministries grow out of this command, including mercy ministries in which we serve needy people. Jesus said in John 14:15, “If you love me, obey my commands.”

Find in Luke 22:19-20 what we do as a church body regularly to exalt Christ?

Read Matthew 28:19-20 and Acts 2:38. How do we confirm a convert's faith and repentance?

We confirm repentance with baptism. The ministry of discipleship grows out of this initial obedience.

Read Matthew 6:5-13 and 7:7-8. What else do we do daily?

We pray daily. The ministries of intercession, praying for the sick, family and private devotions, and spiritual warfare grow out of this command.

Please read Matthew 6:19-21. What else does an obedient disciple of Christ do?



However, unlike most Seminaries where you must leave your home, work and church, and study great volumes of heavy reading...

In “Train & Multiply”:

- You study at home, at your own level and pace without leaving your job or church.
- Instead of great volumes of text, the program is broken down for you into easy steps with short, simple studies which your Trainer will give you one at a time when needed.
- The “Student Activity Guide,” which your trainer will keep for you, holds the program together and shows you the appropriate studies you can select as you do your work.

- As you study, you will have regular meetings with your Pastoral Trainer to pray, study and plan future steps forward in your ministry.

PASTORAL TRAINING AND YOU



The person who gave you this booklet has prayerfully considered that you are suited to join this program. Before committing yourself, please consider the heavy responsibilities you will have in ministry and study.

Your Responsibilities in Pastoral Training

As a Pastoral Student in “Train & Multiply” your orders come directly from Jesus. You will build your entire ministry on the foundation of basic obedience to Christ and His apostles.

We don’t mean by this that all you will do is simply teach the commands of Jesus. We start with His commands, as the basic foundation, then build all further teaching and ministries on this ‘rock’ foundation. Let us review Jesus’ basic commands. He commanded over forty things, but they all fit under seven basic commands. In Acts 2:37-47 we find the 3,000 converts of the first New Testament church obeying these seven in their most basic form.

What does Jesus command in Mark 1:15 for us to be saved?

To be saved we must repent and believe. In other Bible passages we find that we also must and receive the Holy Spirit. (John 3:3-9, John 20:22) The ministry of evangelism grows out of this command.