



Cross-Cultural Church Planting Training

Training Purpose

At To Every Tribe, we train our missionaries before they go because we believe effective cross-cultural ministry demands intentional preparation. Our training equips missionaries with the character, theological foundation, and practical skills needed to navigate the complexities of cross-cultural church planting. By focusing on areas like missiology, cultural adaptation, and disciple-making, we ensure our missionaries are not only grounded in the gospel but also capable of building trust, bridging cultural gaps, and fostering long-term relationships. This preparation helps them avoid common pitfalls, strengthens their resilience in challenging environments, and aligns their ministry efforts with a clear strategy for church planting and disciple-making. Ultimately, our goal is to cultivate longevity and effectiveness in our missionaries, ensuring their efforts lead to a sustainable gospel impact among the unreached.

Training Outcomes

The To Every Tribe training program is built around seven core ministry skills, represented by the letter 'E':

1. **Expositing Scripture:** Accurately interpreting and conveying the message of the Bible.
2. **Expositing Culture:** Understanding and engaging respectfully with different cultures.
3. **Engaging People:** Building trust and fostering meaningful relationships.
4. **Evangelizing the Lost:** Sharing the gospel in cross-cultural settings.
5. **Equipping New Converts:** Mentoring new believers.
6. **Establishing Churches:** Starting self-sustaining churches in local contexts.
7. **Exiting with Grace:** Transitioning leadership to local believers for long-term growth.

Completion Requirements

Reading Assignments: Trainees are required to complete all reading assignments before each class.

Homework Assignments: All homework assignments must be submitted on time.

Class Attendance: Trainees are expected to attend all training sessions punctually. If a trainee anticipates missing a session due to an emergency, they must notify the Training Hub office as soon as possible. Non-emergency absences are not excused.

Class Participation: Trainees are expected to participate actively in all classroom activities, including asking questions, expressing opinions, and engaging in discussions. All conversations must be respectful, Christ-centered, and God-glorifying.

Projects: Trainees will complete various projects throughout the training program, including:

- Culture research and project
- Pioneer plan
- Wisdom exposition
- Worldview project
- Gospel in culture project
- Local theologizing project
- Training project
- Alaska preparation

Training Classes¹

Fundamentals Of Cross-Cultural Church Planting
Missional Exposition: Culture
Theology Of Risk
Training Families
Missional Exposition: Wisdom Literature
Enduring in Ministry & The Four Selves
Ethno-Arts in Cross Cultural Church Planting
Worldview Apologetics
Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally
Gospel And Culture
How Oral-Learners Learn
Oral Storying
Missional Exposition: Ephesians
Theological Foundations
Gospel Theology
Spiritual Warfare in Missions
Helping Others Discover Their Gifts
Traits Training

¹ All classes reserve the right to be modified into a class of comparable nature or subject matter.

How To Train Others
Enduring as a 21st-Century Missionary
Building Teams
Ethno-Arts & Church Planting
Missio V. Ekklesia
Developing A Pioneer Plan
Exegeting Idols
Practical Living

Field Training

At To Every Tribe, our field training is designed to immerse missionaries in mission for mission. We believe the best way to prepare for cross-cultural ministry is by actively participating in it, so our missionaries train on the field in real-world environments. This hands-on approach takes place in one or more of our key locations: Southeast Alaska, the border of Texas and Mexico, Canada, and Southern Mexico. Each location provides unique challenges and opportunities to engage with diverse cultures, share the gospel, and build relationships. Through this experience, our missionaries develop the practical skills, cultural awareness, and spiritual resilience they need for long-term success in global missions. By learning in mission, we prepare missionaries to step confidently into their calling to reach the unreached.

Training Location

Our training takes place at our Hub training center located at Grace Church of DuPage, Warrenville, Illinois.