

The Great Commission

Discipleship Training Programme



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“ **We** are ordinary people who struggle, make mistakes and have weaknesses. I have become more and more convinced that God fills and uses different types of people...”

George Verwer,
Founder of OM International

Be a “Great Commission Disciple”!

Every believer should be a “Great Commission Disciple”!

In the Bible, there is no difference between “believers” and “disciples”. Every follower of Jesus Christ should not only obey the Great Commandment to love God and one another, but also put into practice the Great Commission of sharing the gospel to all nations. Therefore, every believer should unquestionably be a “Great Commission disciple”!

We emphasize that the Great Commission cannot be separated from discipleship, because on the one hand, before taking the Great Commission on one’s shoulders, he/she must first be a disciple who has built good relationships with God, with others, and with oneself. On the other hand, every disciple should also take on the Great Commission.

“Great Commission Discipleship Programme” is exactly aimed at equipping brothers and sisters to become “Great Commission disciples” step-by-step.

Are you . . .

- yearning for growth, desiring to be a disciple that practices the Great Commission?
- burdened for mission, looking for your role and direction?
- willing to get equipped to go to the mission field in answer to God’s calling on your life as a frontline missionary?
- quite sure of God’s calling on you as a mission worker or mission mobilizer and at the same time desiring to have a taste of the life as a frontline worker?

Here’s the opportunity ! Come and equip yourself to be a “Great Commission disciple”!

Director of OM Macau Training Centre

Joe Yu

Cross cultural Mission Team



Martie Visser (South Africa)

30 years of cross cultural mission experience

Has been serving in Europe and Africa in areas of evangelism, teaching and administration

Graduated from Rosebank Bible College, South Africa

Has served in teaching ministry in OM Macau since 2002

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Joe and Jeanie Yu (Hong Kong)

Ample Cross cultural experience serving in teaching, evangelism and administration areas in Central Asia

Graduated from Columbia Biblical Seminary, South Carolina, USA with Master's degrees in Cross cultural studies and Christian education respectively

Have been serving in OM Macau since 2002, masterminding the pre-field missionary training program.

Amelia (Southeast Asia)

Has served in MV Doulos and orphanages for over 10 years

Has been caring for the marginalized in Macau since 2003, serving in prison and Rahab ministries.

Programme Features

Holistic Discipleship

Growth in different aspects like spiritual, interpersonal and physical are emphasized so that trainees not only learn knowledge and skills but also develop in character and attitudes.

Step by Step

Trainees first build a firm spiritual foundation before reaching out to different people from nearby to faraway.

Diversified Learning

Trainers will use different methods like simulation, outdoor experiential learning, role play, life talk, mutual service etc, balancing theory with practice to achieve the learning objectives in the optimal way.

Nurture in Love

Through community living, trainees learn to build loving relationships with oneself, trainers and teammates.

Living the Mission

Half of the time trainees will be practicing what they learn in another culture, using different methods to outreach and serve their 'neighbors'.

Walking Together

At different stages in the programme, trainers and field supervisor will mentor trainees, helping them to integrate experiences into their lives.

Simulation of Mission Fields

Trainees have to practice simple living and follow certain rules observed on the fields. English is used in class and daily conversation to help trainees adjust to international team life in the future.



3 Phases:



Phase I

“Blue Peter Training”
3½ months



Phase II

Overseas Cross cultural Practicum
2 months



Phase III

Re-entry, Evaluation & Re-launching
½ month

Phase I : “Blue Peter Training”

Based on Discipleship, Aimed for Great Commission



“Blue Peter” is a marine flag, which when hoisted signifies that the ship is ready and about to set sail. This symbolizes the goal of our training: making disciples ready to step out for the worldwide mission fields.

“Blue Peter” also reminds us of the apostle Peter. He not only is a disciple that is willing to carry the cross to follow Christ, but he is also an ambassador that opens the door of gospel into different cultures (Acts 2:5-41, 8:14-17, 10:34-48). He is a wonderful example to all “Great Commission Disciples”.

Daily Routine

Morning

Exercise, Quiet time
Breakfast
Group Devotion
(Worship, Praying for the world, Message)
Class I
Class II

Afternoon

Lunch
Evangelism Practice/ Bible Study/
Workshop/ Fast and Prayer
Preparing Dinner

Evening

Dinner
Self-study, Personal Time

Curriculum: Based on Discipleship, Aimed for Great Commission



Walking with God

- **Father Heart of God**

Embrace God's fatherly heart and be freed from past hurts and twisted thinking patterns.

- **Encountering Jesus**

Meditate on Jesus' life and grasp one's unique identity in Christ

Understanding the Truth

- **Bible Hand**

Practise using the 5 methods: listening, reading, studying, memorizing and meditating to handle the Bible correctly and live it out in our daily lives

- **Progress of Redemption**

Embrace the redemption plan of God for the world that is laid out in the whole Bible and understand its meaning to each of us

- **Doctrine**

Grasp Christian truths and discern the errors of cults



Living out Christ

- **Spiritual Disciplines**

Nurture our intimate relationship with God through quiet time, prayer, worship, solitude, fasting, journaling etc

- **Character Soup**

Establish the necessary character of God's servant through reading the biographies of missionaries, Bible study, sermons and daily reflection

World Vision

- **Different Perspectives of Missions**

Understand missions through the theological, historical, strategic perspectives and understand how one can mobilize people for missions

- **Cross Cultural Tools**

Learn the key to cross culture through animated methods so that one can thrive in cross cultural situations

- **World Religions**

Learn the different religious groups in the world, pray for them and explore ways to reach them with Christ's love and hope.



Practical Hands

- **Ministry Skills Toolbox**

Grasp different ministry skills (e.g. language learning, message sharing, worship leading etc) and be equipped for use in the mission fields

- **Evangelistic Fishing Rod**

Learn and practice different evangelistic methods, e.g. building relationship with others, sharing life stories, answering enquiries and sharing the gospel

Out of the comfort zone

- **Outdoor Experiential Learning**

Overcome one's limits and build team relationships by taking advantage of the outdoor environment with its challenges on physical abilities, willpower, courage and flexibility etc

- **Out of Comfort Zone**

Witness Christ to people groups who are different in nationality, background and culture by stepping out of our familiar surroundings and thereby increasing our reliance on the Lord and passion for the lost

Phase II: Overseas Cross Cultural Practicum

After the “Blue Peter Training”, trainees will have 2 months’ practical field training. They will experience the ins and outs of crossing culture, and learn the other’s culture, language and religion through contacts with local people. In the process, experienced missionaries will serve as their guides and mentors.



Phase III: Re-entry, Evaluation and Re-launching

On returning from overseas practicum, trainees will be back to the Macau training base. They will digest the whole experience through personal reflection, group dynamics and talks with trainers. After 5½ months of training and practicum, trainees will come to understand their own gifts, personality and passion much better and also the real needs of the mission fields. In this stage, trainees will have a time of silent retreat, listening to the Lord's voice to seek the direction for the next steps.

Possible Next Steps

Frontline – re-launch into the mission field and engage in longer time missionary service

Further Study – enter Bible schools or be equipped by other means, according to their perceived future direction

Mobilizer – proactively mobilize people for missions and support missions in the church



Feedbacks from Past “Blue Peter” Trainees :

Training taught me to become disciplined so that I could have enough strength every day to serve God.
Training helped me not to be ashamed of the gospel but take hold of every opportunity to spread the good news.
Training enabled me to learn to take a step back to enjoy personal time with God my father.
Training strengthened me to overcome my weaknesses, be healed of the wounds and let the new life in Him shine through.

Manna Man (Doulos, 2008-10)

When I was frustrated and my faith insufficient, trainers were there to encourage me by the side, sharing their experiences, tuning my views and bringing renewal to my life.

Nga Fung (Southeast Asia, 2010-present)

During the training I got my very first opportunity to memorize bible verses "more intensely". I really experienced the power of keeping God's words in my heart all day long. Praying in English was also a really vital thing I got to learn a lot of in the training.

Joy Lin (Logos Hope, 2009-present)

Only after these three and a half months do I feel that I am really ready to go. I have matured not only in character, identity, but also in knowledge and practical workings. The joy and fulfillment, which came from growing together as a team were also invaluable ! I can see God at work in the training !

Jolly (West Asia, 2010-present)



Q & A

1. Where will Phase 1: 'Blue Peter Training' take place?
It will take place in the training base in Macau.
2. Where do the trainers come from?
There are 4 residential trainers at the moment, two from Hong Kong, one from South Africa and one from Southeast Asia. We also invite other mission workers to teach and share.
3. Where do the trainees come from?
The trainees are mainly from Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau.
4. How many people can each batch of training take?
According to the present capacity, we can take about 8-12 trainees every time.
5. Can couples join?
Surely, we have accommodation for couples too.
6. In Phase II: Overseas Cross Cultural Practicum, do we have to go to an OM field?
Not really, you may choose other cross cultural ministries too.
7. What is the enrollment requirement?
Aged 18 or above, saved and baptized, has a burden for cross cultural ministry, good in English and Chinese, recommended by the church and has a teachable heart to follow the Lord.

Great Commission Discipleship Training Programme

Training venue: OM Macau training base

Summer programme: April to September (*Apply before December)

Autumn programme : September to February of the following year
(*Apply before May)

*Applicants must allow 4 months in advance for processing of application, which includes consultation with church leaders, filling in application form, fund-raising, medical check-up etc.

Application method: Please fill in the response form below and return to the local OM office. After receiving the form, we will interview applicants individually.

Budget:

Local accommodation, transport and training fees etc: HKD 8,000 per month for Phase I & Phase III, while Phase II depends on the field of service. Besides, applicants should also budget for air tickets, airport tax, visa, insurance and other expenses for Phase II Overseas Cross Cultural Practicum

Response Form

Name (English): _____ (Chinese, if any): _____

Gender: Male Female Age: 18-25 26-35 36-45 46 or Above

Occupation: _____ Church: _____

Address: _____

Tel: _____ Email: _____

All information provided will be kept strictly confidential and for internal use only.

Recommendations



“As a missionary trainer I fully endorse Blue Peter for the younger candidates who are preparing themselves for international ministries. Residential training has proven to be the most effective, life changing kind of program which cannot be fulfilled by lectures alone.”

Dr Titus Loong

Former Dean of Asian Cross Cultural Training Institute, Singapore
Director of Wecare Center, Hong Kong
World Venture Missionary

“As a pastor and missionary trainer, I’ve a high respect for OM. My wife and I have had the privilege throughout the years to assist them in training some of their workers. I wholeheartedly recommend the Great Commission Discipleship Program that is going to take place in Macau as a good tool to those who are looking for a down-to-earth Missionary Training Program.”

Rev.Dr.Olinto de Oliveira

Senior Pastor International Christian Assembly, Macau
Missions Professor
Brazilian Senior Missionary



“This program balances theory with practice, I believe it will definitely bring life changes ! If there was such a training program before I went for missions as a young person, I will also enroll myself !”

Ms Stella Chan

Senior Consultant of Operation Mobilisation, Hong Kong
Former Director of Operation Mobilisation, Hong Kong
Experienced missionary (served in Africa, Mauritius, India, OM Ships ministries)

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