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Vision and Mission of BELT

The vision of Biblical Education & Leadership Training is to see communities and people groups transformed by the Word of God through empowering community and church leaders who have limited access to Biblical training.

We do this by partnering with mission organizations and indigenous churches to develop leaders through culturally relevant Bible training that teaches them to apply the Scriptures to every area of life and equips them to teach and influence others. 2 Timothy 2:2

Our History

BELT had its beginnings in 1995, when graduates from YWAM's School of the Bible and Teachers for the Nations headed to Papua New Guinea to run the very first Bible immersion seminar following Wycliffe's 400th New Testament dedication. The fruitfulness from this partnership, combining the strengths of Wycliffe Bible Translators and Youth With A Mission, along with God's blessing, has inspired further cooperative projects of Scripture engagement around the world.

Since that time, BELT has grown its partnerships to include other Bible translation organizations, development organizations, national churches, and YWAM ministries. BELT has also expanded into areas of orality, producing audio Bibles and fully oral seminars, as well as creating materials appropriate for children and youth.

Building Local Teams

What began with a focus on international teaching teams crossing the globe, has since shifted to raising local teams able to meet invitations for Scripture engagement locally and regionally. The result is teams able to quickly respond to requests, easily adapt to minimal cultural and language differences, fewer travel restrictions and international travel expenses, and the ability to develop long-term strategies and resources appropriate for their local contexts.

To join the network, we would encourage:

1. Exposure to BELT: Join a full 2-week TS seminar for optimum exposure. Alternatively, experience a Taster, a 2-3 day discovery seminar, which includes one topic from each of the three levels of BELT's core discipleship training, as well as BELT's history and values. Choose between 4 themes: Relationships, Leadership, Missions, or Restoration. Determine if BELT is the right tool for your ministry or base.
2. Participate in BELT Instructor Training: Go deeper in BELT's DNA, goals, and values. This 1-2 week workshop (depending on previous BELT exposure) will prepare you to run an effective seminar. Some topics include: keys to transformation, effective delivery, relevant application, and methods of reaching oral learners.
3. Co-teach a BELT seminar: Work together with an experienced coach as you teach and co-lead a full 2-week seminar. Learn about cultural awareness, felt needs, laws of learning, organizing committees, outreach, graduation, and financial expectations.
4. Run your own Training: This is where it all comes together. BELT coaches are available to debrief the experience and offer support where needed. Discuss following up with other BELT seminars. This is a good time to reassess needs, opportunities, and local strategies.
5. Join the BELT Network: Maintain connection to the larger BELT network for ongoing support, accountability, training, resources, and prayer.

Curriculum and Resources

BELT's signature curriculum, The Transformation Series (TS), are each 2 week seminars, with three levels aimed to challenge and equip participants personally and in their leadership. The TS utilizes Bible storytelling and discovery learning which allows participants to uncover answers in God's Word through collaborative and active learning. Outreach and practical application are also vital components of the TS seminar. The TS2 and TS3 additionally provide a chronological overview of the Bible.

The goal of the TS is to see individuals transformed, churches strengthened, and communities impacted. Find topics in Appendix A. Themes include:

- **Transformation of the Heart** (TS1) focuses on an individual's relationship with God and his/her response to the Gospel message.
- **Transformation of Character** (TS2) deals with the personal discipleship and skills for godly leadership.
- **Transformation of Society** (TS3) discusses how to impact a society, focusing on the family, the church and civil government.

Other available resources include coloring storybooks, a children's curriculum, and a Youth apologetics series. Various BELT teams offer other specialized training, including 2-3 day BELT tasters, a 2 month bootcamp, a 3 day follow-up camp, yachts ministry, audio Bibles, community development, Bible distribution and oral seminars.

Oral Seminars

BELT has developed a fully oral discipleship seminar which includes chronological Bible storytelling, discussion, drama, and visuals. By modeling creative methods of storying and by processing the stories with discovery questions, students are challenged to apply the main ideas. Daily retelling of the stories reinforces learning, strengthens connections with other stories, and builds a biblical worldview. Participants will leave having memorized and internalized 9 Bible stories, understanding key worldview ideas, and engaging in a habit of bible storytelling.

3 Seminars. 3 Themes.

- ⇒ God's Story of Restoration Begins: 18 stories from the books of Moses
- ⇒ The Rise and Fall of Israel: 18 stories from the Kings and the Prophets
- ⇒ Jesus and the Spread of His Kingdom: 18 stories from the Gospels and Acts

An oral Scripture Resource for OMT, OBT

As Scriptures are translated and recorded into mother tongue languages, BELT is uniquely positioned to join mother tongue recipients as they journey through the story of the Bible to help uncover its themes, main characters, and key worldview ideas that lead to transformation. Let us partner with your oral translation projects for maximum engagement and maximum impact.

University Credit

BELT is accredited through University of the Nations Extension Studies. Although BELT's TS material is available for anyone to use, in order to qualify for credit with the University of the Nations and/or to qualify for a BELT certificate, certain elements must be in place to help ensure a quality seminar, which include: a BELT qualified team leader, team members trained in BELT's philosophy and methodology, seminar duration of at least two weeks (50 hours qualifies for 2 credits with the U of N) including an outreach component; and 80% minimum attendance by the participant.

How BELT Seminars are Conducted

Seminars are customized for each specific people group. These are suggested formats that have worked in previous traditional BELT seminars.

Length of the seminar – BELT seminars are usually held for two weeks. This can be flexible to fit a given location. Usually, the class days will include sessions in the morning as well as an afternoon session, but in some locations classes have been conducted in the late afternoon and evenings only.

Format of the seminar – Worship times are typically led by nationals. Teaching material is presented through examining the Scriptures as well as through discussion groups, storying and other interactive, creative means. Translated outlines are either given to the participants at each session or given as a booklet at the beginning of the seminar. There are no outlines for oral seminars.

Languages of the seminar – As much as possible, seminars will be taught in the heart language (the language best understood) of the participants. Where there are participants from multiple language groups, the main lessons are usually taught in the language of wider communication and the group discussions will be done in the vernacular language. The vernacular New Testament or

whole Bible should be available for use during the course. For oral seminars, if an audio Bible is available, that is helpful but not required as oral recordings can be done daily of key stories.

Logistics and finances of the seminar – Logistics and facilities are arranged by the local coordination committee. Due to the full daily schedule, usually a lunch meal is served. Food could be Purchased or donated by each participant or various villages which could then be cooked by volunteers or hired cooks. Depending on how far participants have traveled, overnight accommodations may need to be made as well.

Application of the seminar – Participants are given assignments on the weekend to share the things they have learned with a small group of people. On the final weekend of the seminar, an outreach will be conducted in the local area where participants will be encouraged to go out in mixed teams to the community and various churches.

TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART (TS1)

Planting the Seeds of God and the Gospel

LESSONS

1. Pursuing the Truth
2. The Greatness of God
3. The Goodness of God
4. Building Friendship with God
5. The Value and Design of People
6. God's Law of Love
7. The Root of Sin
8. The Destructiveness of Sin
9. The Kindness of God in Salvation
10. Salvation from Sin
11. The Command of Missions

OUTREACH FOCUS / SKILLS

- Bible Storytelling (for community evangelism and churches)
- Teaching TS1 lessons (topical messages)

TRANSFORMATION OF CHARACTER (TS2)

Growing in the Christian Life and Leadership

LESSONS

1. The Bible: God's Story of Restoration
2. Abraham: Walking by Faith
3. Joseph: Responding in Forgiveness
4. Moses: Leading in Humility
5. Joshua: Hearing and Obeying God
6. Deborah: Women in Leadership
7. David: Pursing God with a Whole Heart
8. Daniel: Working with Excellence
9. Jesus: Leading as a Servant
10. Peter: Building Christian Unity
11. Paul: Spreading God's Kingdom of Light

OUTREACH FOCUS / SKILLS

- Bible storytelling (review)
- Bible Action Overview (an overview of the Bible)
- Teaching TS2 lessons (Bible character studies)

TRANSFORMATION OF SOCIETY (TS3)

Extending God's Ways to the World

LESSONS

1. Beginnings of Discipling Nations (Genesis)
2. Family of Abraham (Genesis)
3. Civil Government of Israel (Exodus)
4. Religion in Israel (Exodus / Leviticus)
5. Educating a New Generation (Deuteronomy)
6. Economics in Israel (Joshua)
7. Declining Character in the Promised Land (Judges)
8. Growing Centralization in Israel (Kings)
9. Restoration of Judah (Ezra / Nehemiah)
10. Jesus and the Kingdom (Gospels and Acts)

OUTREACH FOCUS / SKILLS

- Project Planning for Impacting a Community

Appendix B. Typical TS1 Teaching Schedule (2 weeks)

THE TRANSFORMATION SERIES TRANSFORMATION OF THE HEART

Wk		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Wk 1	1	Introductions	Lesson 2 Greatness of God	Lesson 3 Goodness of God	Lesson 4 Friendship with God	Lesson 5 Value of People	Lesson 6 God's Law of Love	Day Off (Visit Churches)
	2	Lesson 1 Pursuing the Truth						
	3		Bible Storytelling	Small Groups	Bible Storytelling	Bible Storytelling	Weekly Review	
Wk 2	1	Lesson 7 Root of Sin	Lesson 8 Destructiveness of Sin	Lesson 9 Kindness of God	Lesson 10 Salvation from Sin	Community Outreach (1 or 2 days)	Outreach Reports	
	2						Outreach Evaluation	
	3	Outreach Preparation	Small Groups	Outreach Preparation	Outreach Preparation		Graduation	

Sample Daily Schedule

- 8.00 Worship
- 8.30 Session 1
- 10.30 Break
- 11.00 Session 2
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2:30 Session 3
- 4:00 Finish

Appendix C. Explanation of the Financial Policy of BELT

There is an expectation in operating BELT seminars that participants pay for the cost of the BELT materials and any other related expenses (facilities, any food or housing for the participants, etc.). The reasons for this follow:

1. **Reproducibility** – One of the key Scriptures for BELT has been 2 Timothy 2:2 “*And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.*” During the BELT seminars, we purpose to invest in leaders, modeling to them and teaching them in ways that they will be able to reproduce to others. In order to do this, we intentionally avoid the use of high-tech media that cannot be reproduced and we structure the finances in such a way so that reliance on outside resources will be unnecessary to conduct a similar seminar. By having seminar participants cover the minimal costs of the course, then it is quite possible for the participants to reproduce the BELT seminar in another local setting.
2. **Ownership** – We want the participants to value the seminar as much as possible. We believe that if one has to pay for something, even if just a token of the real expenses, then there will be a greater value placed upon it. Also, we want them to realize that there is a part all people need to play in doing something worthwhile for God. During the seminar, we explain the financial partnership – we pay our way (airfares and most living expenses) and they pay theirs (the cost of putting on the seminar and the seminar materials). We work with them to look for creative ways to do their part.
3. **Faith** – We want the participants to learn to believe God to provide for them, even in their poverty, in order to do whatever He calls them to do. In some places we go, people have a poverty mentality and expect others, especially foreigners, to provide for them. Many believe they “deserve” such provision because they are “poor”. We use this issue to teach about the character of God and faith, and together we believe God to provide for all the expenses.

BELT has operated this way from the beginning, even in the poorest of places. Such a policy has had its challenges, but also rewards. In many places BELT seminars are run, people are accustomed to having the costs of a seminar covered by the NGO or mission conducting the seminar. The first BELT seminar is always the most difficult in explaining why we operate this way. At the same time, we emphasize each BELT instructor must also believe God to provide for them. In every place we have gone, it has built the faith in the BELT participants to see how God provides as they do whatever they can and trust Him for the rest.