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### THE ARCHER / / THE TRAINER

We support local trainers by developing curriculum and systems that provide adaptable ministry training resources. We provide startup and ongoing support with setup, faculty orientation, administration, and core campus functions. We develop multilingual curriculum and operating systems that serve local leaders in their training of ministry.



### THE BOW / / PURPOSE INSTITUTE

Purpose institute sees itself as the bow. We are a tool that trainers can use to launch their students into Apostolic ministry. We are consistently working to improve our operations, curriculum and systems to be as effective as possible at providing Apostolic training at the local level.



### THE ARROW / / THE STUDENT

We provide students with engaging curriculum, an adaptable schedule and a simple process to participate, so they can maximize their potential and remain in their field of ministry while they are trained.



### THE TARGET / / THE HARVEST

Jesus said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." This statement is the motivation behind PI. Our heart is to see everyone have the opportunity to hear the gospel.

# ARROWS IN THE HANDS OF MIGHTY MEN

BY F. JOE ELLIS

nly God can truly measure the value a person places on their personal calling to ministry service. To be privileged to serve at any level is never a small matter, and should only be accepted and entered into with a determined passion and diligence. Intentionally investing in preparation should be the utmost priority for any man or woman of God who chooses to answer God's high and holy calling. To do anything less devalues God's purpose for his or her life.

It is incumbent upon every Spiritled leader to do everything they possibly can to make training and ministry preparation a high priority. Preparation is necessary in order for God's kingdom to be advanced and world harvest to become a reality.

The greatest legacy anyone can leave is what they have invested into those God has trusted into their hands and oversight. The Psalmist makes an interesting comparison ...

#### Psalms 127:4-5

"As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

In these verses, natural children are metaphorically compared to arrows in the hand of a mighty man, clearly implying how blessed he would be if his quiver was full of them. I wonder how much greater is our blessing from God when our quiver is full of spiritual children?

Like arrows in the hands of a mighty man, spiritual sons and daughters who are trained, equipped, and released become the primary instrument God uses to bring about His greatest work and blessing on earth. These spiritual arrows are also Satan's greatest threat and the weapon he fears the most. Happy and greatly blessed are pastors and leaders who have their local churches full of them.

It is my firm conviction that our passion for God and His Kingdom is so closely associated with the power we receive from God, that you will never have one without the other. If that is true, then never has passion been more needed in our approach and diligence to train the next generation of ministers and leaders than right now.

#### 2 Kings 13:18-19

"And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the





ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldest have smitten five or six times; then hadst thou smitten Syria till thou hadst consumed it: whereas now thou shalt smite Syria but thrice."

As illustrated in the arrows metaphor used by the prophet Elisha to King Jeroboam, effective training requires determined, passionate approach if it will ever reach its full potential and power God intended. Because King Jeroboam devalued the importance of the arrows placed in his hand, he only passively smote the ground, minimizing the instructions by the prophet. Elisha became very angry. It would seem as though Elisha was simply reflecting God's own anger.

Jeroboam's passive approach revealed how little he valued the weapons God provided him to bring deliverance for his nation from their enemy. Jeroboam's passive leadership was the difference and deciding factor between total annihilation of Israel's enemy and Israel's ultimate demise. His lack of passion revealed how little he valued the arrows (spiritual weapons) that were placed into his hands. He that has ears to hear, let him hear what the Spirit is saying.

Like the bow that launches arrows in the hands of a mighty man, Purpose Institute is a spiritual bow that God has raised up to place in the hands of those called by God to train release world-changers in what very well could be the last generation before the coming of the Lord. Leaders who understand understand the importance of training and sacrificially investing themselves for the work of equipping the spiritual arrows (sons and daughters of God) in their quiver.

Oh, how passionate and diligent we must be to ensure our spiritual sons and daughters are being trained and equipped to impact their generation and reach their world with the only saving gospel!

The Apostle Paul admonished Timothy, his son in the gospel...

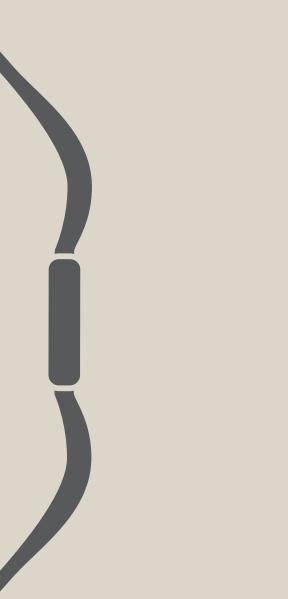
#### 2 Timothy 2:2-3

"Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ."

Mighty man and woman of God, what are you doing with the arrows that God has entrusted to your hands?

# WE ARE THE BOW

PI SEES ITSELF AS THE BOW.
WE ARE A TOOL THAT TRAINERS CAN
USE TO LAUNCH THEIR STUDENTS
INTO APOSTOLIC MINISTRY.



# WE ARE PURPOSE INSTITUTE

# WE ARE A RESOURCE, WE ARE NOT THE TRAINER

BY STEVE SCHOBERT

The vision of Purpose Institute is to make Apostolic training available anywhere in the world, enabling students to develop ministry skills and discover their individual purpose. It is a really big vision and one that can only be realized by deploying an army of trainers into the field. This is why Purpose Institute is committed to providing curriculum and systems that enable local leaders to train others effectively.

What makes Purpose Institute different from traditional training programs is its focus on equipping trainers. A metaphor that helps explain this approach is that of an archer shooting an arrow toward a target. The archer is the trainer, the student is the arrow, and the target is the student's purpose.

Purpose Institute is the bow. Like an archer aiming arrows toward the bulls-eye, the goal of the trainer is to launch students toward the center of their purpose. The effectiveness of this endeavor is determined by two things: the archer's skill, and the quality of the bow. Purpose Institute is focused on putting high-quality curriculum and administrative systems into the hands of local leaders, providing them with the tools and training that will enable them to more effectively launch students toward their God-given purpose.



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"HE EQUIPPED OTHERS TO TEACH OTHERS, KNOWING THAT AS THIS PATTERN OF EXPONENTIAL TRAINING UNFOLDED, THE WORD OF GOD WOULD CONTINUE TO SPREAD AND MULTIPLY."

The Apostle Paul wrote to his protégé Timothy, "the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2, NKJV). There is a model of exponential training revealed in this instruction. Paul taught Timothy, expecting him to teach faithful people who would then in turn teach others. Paul employed this pattern of exponential training throughout his ministry. He equipped others to teach others, knowing that as this pattern of exponential training unfolded, the Word of God would continue to spread and multiply (Acts 12:24). This model of training helps explain how it was possible that within the course of two years, everyone who lived in the province of Asia heard the Word of the Lord (Acts 19:10).

Purpose Institute seeks replicate this approach in service of the vision of making Apostolic training available anywhere in the world. By providing highquality curriculum and effective administration systems to local leaders, PI is equipping them to train faithful people who will in turn be qualified to train others. As the cycle of exponential training unfolds, an army of trainers will be deployed into the field, and the Word of God will spread and multiply in this generation too!



# WHAT ARE YOU READING?

BY DR. JAMES LITTLES

Learners always value the words of others. In pre-literate societies, knowledge transference happened through telling stories and sharing practical wisdom from an artisan to an apprentice. Development of written language allowed these stories to be captured and distributed to others at a distance. Inventions such as books, movable type, and now the digital world brings the world to nearly everyone's fingertips. All a minister needs is the desire to learn.

urpose Institute requires reading for every course. The reading serves as a supplement to the primary resource in the classroom - the instructor. The books do not serve in the traditional textbook sense where instructor and students follow the textbook's outline on the given subject. Instead, the readings assist in developing the students' learning as they follow along with the instructor. PI updates the reading requirement list on a regular basis to ensure the relevancy of the material. Book titles will differ across the various languages in an effort to find the best resources for the language groups served.

Christian leaders will read many books during their lifetime in ministry. PI believes that students' reading of material with their peers and the instructor provides one of the best ways of becoming a wise consumer of written material. Textbooks never take priority over Scripture. Paul followed this process in Acts 17:28 where he quotes from secular literature of the day. He used the non-biblical resources to convey the biblical truth in a way he believed the hearer could understand. By referencing a piece of poetry, the apostle did not claim to hold to the rest of the book or school of philosophy that published the book. Biblical truths always judge other written material, since only the biblical text can claim divine inspiration for every word. The classroom provides a safe context to discuss, ask questions and begin to apply the material.

PI students should practice gaining as much from a book as possible, rather than simply meeting a reading requirement. Students should develop the ability to summarize book chapters as well as the complete work. As students begin their PI studies, they need to look for several key elements of a book. Guiding questions can assist readers in this process.

After a few semesters, students should be able to quickly summarize their reading and relate the book from one course to other books they have read.

PI instructors can help their students get more from their required reading. During the first or second session of the semester, the instructor can spend time providing a set up for the book. Discussing something personal about the author, asking a question for the students to explore as they read the book, or posing a problem the students should resolve can help the students begin reading with purpose. When students complain about a book, the instructor can refocus the students' attention on a productive use of the book rather than defending the author or agreeing with the students' distaste for the book. During the third or fourth week of the class instructors can assist students in making application of the material. Perhaps advanced students can assist the instructor by leading peer discussions related to the reading.

Finally, the PI community will gain the most from the assigned readings when they prayerfully remember why the local PI campus exists. As students read from the context of their specific calling, they can prayerfully consider the way the Spirit can assist them in caring for those they serve. The local mission field demands the best from all PI students, instructors, deans and administrators, and global staff.

#### **BOOK SUMMARY PROCESS**

THESIS: What argument does the author want to prove or advance in the book?

METHODOLOGY: How does the author advance the thesis? By stating the author's methodology the reader identifies key resources of the book as well as how the author uses those resources. For example, how does the author use the Bible, social sciences, church history, natural sciences, or personal experience? Does the author hold a specific theory or school of thought? Good authors will explain their methodology early in the book.

THEOLOGY: What does the author believe? Even if the book is a "secular" leadership book, the author will have some theological beliefs. Determine what the author thinks about God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, humanity, sin, salvation, the Church, and the end times.

APOSTOLIC RESPONSE: How would the book benefit from an Apostolic response if it is not written by an Apostolic author? For example, how would a Oneness perspective or a belief in spiritual giftings for all saints impact the book?

PERSONAL APPLICATION: How can the reader apply a couple of points from the book to his or her personal life and ministry?



# PURPOSE INSTITUTE: A DISCIPLESHIP & LEADERSHIP TOOL

BY DAVID REEVER

In the Fall of 2011, Abundant Life Church started a Purpose Institute campus in Baltimore, Maryland. Since then, PI has become a tool for discipleship and leadership development that has far exceeded our greatest expectations in training and impartation.

In my view, discipleship is a broad term that includes, among many factors, leadership development. We must have more Apostolic leaders! Jesus clearly taught us the harvest is not the problem; it is plentiful (Matthew 9:37). But Jesus said that the need and matter of prayer is for laborers. The harvest is huge; the workers are few. Therefore, our prayer and preparation must be about discipling and training leaders for the harvest. Thus, training laborers has always been a core value for Abundant Life Church.

Many years ago, we incorporated a systematic approach to discipleship that we call Discovery. Discovery classes were designed to set a new member on the road to discipleship. However, my staff and I continued to feel burdened by the need for a higher level of training. A student even asked our discipleship director after she graduated from Discovery, "What's next? Are there other classes I can take?" This student, like so many others at Abundant Life, was voicing a hunger for more training.



We began to ponder how we could systematically offer the major themes and doctrines of the Bible to hungry souls and simultaneously turn them into kingdom laborers. We soon realized the answer was Purpose Institute. As early as our first semester during the Fall of 2011, my leadership team and I witnessed a profound shift in the atmosphere as students in Purpose Institute classes began digging deeper into God's Word. Now, as the Baltimore campus approaches its seventh year, I am proud to say that Purpose Institute continues to provide effective discipleship and ministerial training as well as an opportunity for students to experience supernatural impartation in the presence of God.

What Abundant Life Church found in Purpose Institute is a way for anyone who desires to know more about God's Word 'to come and see', and most who take one or two classes come back for more. To date, nearly 100 PI students have developed into leaders that serve at our local church as well as in 12 other churches in the Baltimore/Washington, D.C. area.

Baltimore's Purpose Institute campus also has facilitated licensure within the United Pentecostal Church International for at least nine people. Equally as important, Purpose Institute students are teaching classes, facilitating small groups, and leading ministries at their local churches with an enhanced sense of commitment, spiritual sensitivity, and overflow.

One of our Purpose Institute advanced-diploma graduates recently testified during our church's "This is My Story" series. He explained how his participation in Purpose Institute opened his eyes to a journey on which God was bringing him. A faithful member of Abundant Life, he had found himself in an extended season of dormancy. "Purpose Institute awakened my spirit to a call that I had allowed the world to somehow smother," the graduate admitted. "It was in a PI class that I first heard and have since obeyed a timely word from the Lord, which beckoned me to 'Go, minister, serve unto Me."

As a pastor, I can say that Purpose Institute has become an advanced discipleship tool as well as the pathway to leadership development for Abundant Life Church.

### 3 Steps to start a Purpose



A Purpose Institute representative will contact you and discuss your training needs.

Once the campus has been approved, a date will be set for orientation training at the local campus.



### **Institute Campus**



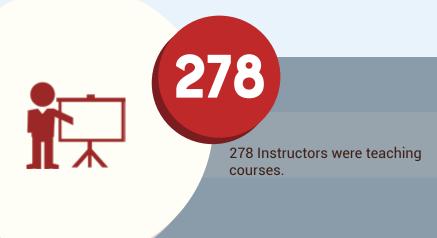
### As of the Spring 2017 Semester



P.I. has 125 Campuses in 30 U.S. States and 17 other nations in the world. 85 of those campuses are "standard" and 40 are "missions" campuses.



1,185 students were enrolled in courses. 813 of these students were enrolled in "standard" campuses, and 371 were enrolled in "missions" campuses.



#### For the Fiscal Year 2016

(August 2016 - July 2017), PI made the following investments

\$160,102.68



**Standard Campuses** 

\$15,618.37



**Districts** 

\$34,676.09



**Missions Projects** 

During the fiscal year, PI also gifted tuition for 785 students at missions campuses. This donation has a value of

\$314.000.

### THE PENCIL & PI

#### BY TIMOTHY LEE

pencil is a tool. In the hands of different people, different things are created, drawn and written. It is the hand that uses the pencil that determines the pencil's use and purpose.

Purpose Institute is like that pencil. The same course in the hands of different instructors is never taught exactly the same way. The power of the living Word resident in each course allows different giftings to breathe a unique life upon its delivery. As the five-fold ministry of apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor and teacher graces each classroom, there is room for each gift to flow and operate.

An Apostle governs. When an apostle teaches, he looses the governing power of the Word and a general standard for the body of believers as a church. A Prophet, on the other hand, guides. He looses wisdom to guide us in recognizing the "rhema" word of God. The Evangelist gathers the harvest. He looses a desire in every saint to reach the lost and those gifted in this area are loosed to do so. The Pastor guards and looses

the shepherding ministry in us. We begin to care for the sheep and protect them from wolves. The Teacher grounds and looses in us not only a personal hunger for the Word, but also a hunger to teach it to others and to see the Word of God multiplied. Every five-fold gifting feeds the body of Christ with the Word of God in a particular way that is unique to them. Though different, everyone is needed for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry.

We are to commit these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. We are not only supposed to equip ourselves but to also ensure that the generation after us is equipped and will be able to teach the generation after it and so on.

While we are being taught, we are also called to teach. Paul reminds us that we are to commit these things to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. We need to remember that equipping is not just for ourselves, but also for the generations after us. All that we have been equipped with, we are to teach it to those after us. What the five-fold gifting releases in us,

we in turn teach and release into the lives of the people we mentor and disciple. The cycle never stops.

As a leader and minister of God's Word, we must not forget the simplicity of our mission, and not be derailed from the commission Jesus gave us. We are to make disciples of all nations. There is a similarity throughout the Bible as to how we can stay focused on this process. In the Old Testatment, we see Moses representing the people before God. He then taught the people how to live the Word of God and afterwards, he trained the next group of leaders to carry on what he had begun. Jesus did the same. He prayed, taught and made disciples. The apostles and Paul did likewise. They continued steadfastly in prayer, teaching and mentoring younger leaders. Paul trained Timothy and constantly Church against warned the false doctrine and teaching.

It is through the teaching ministry that we are to feed His lambs, tend His sheep and feed His sheep. In order to feed His lambs, one needs to digest the Word of God and break it down for young lambs so that they will be able to

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feed on the milk of the Word and grow. To tend His sheep means to guide, watch over and care for the sheep. This means teaching them a new way of life in the Spirit, teaching them new rules and allowing the Word to govern their lives. Feeding His sheep is ensuring that sheep know how to identify the Chief Shepherd's voice and follow it. When they do, they will be fed. In other words, it means to teach them how to feed themselves and once they are able to, they can help to feed others.

The teaching ministry will loose people from grave clothes into complete freedom. Just like Lazarus who needed human help to untie his graveclothes even after Jesus miraculously raised him from the dead, the teaching ministry through the gifts of godly men looses people from bondage. Churches and disciples are free to walk in their God-given calling, released into their individual giftings and continue the work of God in making disciples.



# CAMPUS MAP





Texas, Garfield Texas, Garland Texas, Georgetown Texas, Houston, 34th St. Texas, Houston, Baca St. Texas, Houston, Baca St. (Spanish) Texas, Johnson City Texas, Pearland Texas, San Antonio Vermont, St. Johnsbury Virginia, Norfolk Washington, Vancouver West Virginia, Clarksburg West Virginia, Huntington West Virginia, Moorefield Wisconsin, Almas (Spanish) Wisconsin, Appleton Wisconsin, Eau Claire Wisconsin, Madison Wisconsin, Oak Creek

#### **International**

Bangladesh, Dhaka Bangladesh, Dhaka (Headquarters) Bangladesh, Dhaka (International) Bangladesh, Dhaka (Village) Botswana, Gaborone Canada, British Columbia, Lower Mainland Canada, British Columbia, Peace Country Canada, British Columbia, Vancouver Island Canada, Manitoba, Winnipeg Canada, Montreal, Quebec - English Canada, Montreal, Quebec - Français Cuba, Havana Hong Kong (Tsing Yi) Hong Kong (Yuen Long) India, Kolkata (Dum Dum) Indonesia, Jakarta Ireland, Dublin Ireland, Gilford Japan, Mie Prefecture Japan, Okinawa, Naha Japan, Okinawa, Uruma City Japan, Tokyo, Haijima (International) Japan, Tokyo, Shibuya (International) Japan, Toyko, Haijima Malaysia, Kuala Lumpur Malaysia, Sabah Malaysia, Sabah (International) Micronesia West, Guam Nigeria, Delta Nigeria, Lagos Singapore Joy Fellowship (Filipino) Singapore Tabernacle of Joy Taiwan, Taichung (Filipino) Ukraine, Kiev





"In the past, because of cost and ministry training has come to me is easy to manage for people like n Institute Coordinators here in the locations around the state that as world of learning and personal grexperience will help you grow in ministry you are in or feel called Now, at 59 years old, I feel like I have a some content of the past of the past



"PI serves as a calling on my life and my mout of them, and I will redeem you. He sold. Behold the former things have come them. (Isaiah 43:25) I which is God, even remember thy sins anymore. So this is who God! He gives us the victory through on nothing move you. Always give yourselves is not in vain." And also the Bibles says ye in His presence there is fullness of joy and God has helped me spiritually, physically, the solution of them.



"I choose Purpose Institute because I felt God leading me into a deeper calling. Purpose Institute has allowed me to be able to attend Bible College while working and taking care of my children. As a single mother, I wasn't sure how it would be possible, but I learned that you only attend classes on campus one weekend out of the month, while the rest of the work is done at home. Since starting PI, I have grown spiritually, and God has given me powerful revelations with the knowledge I have learned. The very first thing I noticed was that these classes are not your typical college classes. The lessons are delivered mightily through anointed pastors and ministers with a passion for the Word of God. We have had powerful moves of the Spirit, prayer meetings, and tongues and interpretation during these sessions."

- EBONY FILNN

Itime restraints, I could never attend Bible College, but now With classes being held one weekend each month, the schedule ne who work full-time jobs and lead very busy lives. The Purpose is state of Mississippi are so dedicated and have set up several re easily accessible. Purpose Institute has opened a whole new owth to me. I highly recommend it! The whole Purpose Institute your walk with God and improve your skills in whatever level to. Thank you, Purpose Institute, for filling a void in my life. have so much more to offer. It is never too late to learn!"

- RICK FREE



"Since attending PI, I have used lessons from 'personal soul winning' to teach home Bible studies and have had one person already get baptized in Jesus name from it. My Sunday School class has also benefited from the knowledge and confidence I've received since attending PI. I preach at the local county jail, and have noticed a difference in response from the inmates as I've tried different techniques to form and outline my sermons or lessons. I'm starting my second year at PI this August and I'm excited to see how God will continue to use Purpose Institute to build His Kingdom and grow the Oklahomas District. If you feel like God is calling you to the ministry and you don't know where to start, try PI. If you can't afford high tuition and moving to another state, try PI."

- ANDY SMITH

ninistry, a calling God showed me when I was in the world. He said to come aid ye shall not remember the former thing neither consider the things of to pass and new things do I declare before they spring forth, I tell you of I, am he that blotted out that transgressions for mine own sake, and will not by I called him my Cornerstone. 1 Corinthians 15:57-58: 57 "But thanks be ar Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord are the light of the world, a city built on a hill, that cannot be moved because chains are broken. I am so happy to be involved in my local church, because mentally and Christ is in me the hope of Glory."

- ADEMOLA FALUYI









# REPORTS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

#### **BY MITCH SAYERS**

# GERMAN SPEAKING NATIONS

German Speaking **Nations** (GSN) of the United Pentecostal Church are very grateful for the new level of training provided through a true partnership with Purpose Institute. Starting in 2016 with insufficient teachers to support the three campuses that we desired to start, Bro. F. J. Ellis, Bro. Brian Michael and other teachers from North America rose to the occasion to help make the launch of PI a success in Germany, Austria and Switzerland! We are seeing a new generation of leaders rising up in the GSN to engage in fulfilling the vision of doubling this year and seeing 100 churches and ministers by 2020.

The third semester of Purpose Institute opened in Paderborn, Germany with dedicated students and teachers working together to increase our knowledge of God's' Word. The Spirit blessed us with understanding and affirmation. Thank you to everyone who participated, provided food, and facilitated this session in any way. The results will ripple throughout eternity!

We have just begun our third semester of Purpose Institute in Vienna, holding this semester's classes on Wednesday evenings. Bro. Naki will be continuing his class on the Ministry of the Apostles, and Bro. Robinette will be teaching the other courses. This semester, we have 22 students enrolled, representing many cultural and language backgrounds.

Purpose Institute has been a great blessing to the Pentecostals of Geneva (PoG) in numerous ways. It is a powerful leadership training program, which progressively develops the individual, as well as the collective body of leaders, to apply Apostolic principles deployed by the first century Church into our daily lives. We are seeing our multinational congregation transformed into one cultivated Apostolic culture of Christ. The PoG are very grateful to Bishop Ellis and the team, and look forward to the next semester with great anticipation.

We deeply appreciate the continued support, assistance, and consultation and support from the extended PI team to help us expand with additional campuses throughout our field!





# SINGAPORE

his past June, Filipino Joy Fellowship (FJF) celebrated Purpose Institute Graduation with Rev. Tom Ellis. The cohort of graduates included recipients of 21 Foundational Diplomas and 19 Advanced Diplomas. Each graduate has their unique story of God's hand on their lives, but one thing remains certain:

When God calls, He certainly equips and provides.

At FJF, all saints carry within them the seed of revival, a burden to be equipped and sent back to their nation. Many have gone before them, planting churches and assisting local pastors with existing works in the Philippines. They have heard the call of their families, provinces, and homeland.

Purpose Institute has been instrumental in making this happen. FJF saints who have the desire and call to be in ministry receive training through Purpose Institute. This not only increases their confidence, but has also opened many new doors for them. Many return to the Philippines, boldly sharing the gospel with their families, baptising believers and going on missions trips to assist in pioneering works in the Philippines. As a result, whole families have been saved. Within local FJF itself, the leadership base has increased significantly with the multiple roles that a leader is trained to perform. Many have taken up teaching at various preaching points, expanding their outreach of FJF even in Singapore. Eagerly awaiting the Master's instruction, they go wherever He commands.

In the words of Pastor Dodjie Cargando, Pastor of the FJF and Dean of FJF Campus, We have not yet realized the real impact. But when they go home...our vision is to have PI all over the Philippines. With our graduates back in the Philippines, they can train and equip others and help local churches. This vision does not end with this generation but has been passed down to the next. The way has been paved, the vision is owned, the desire is translating into believers carrying on what has already begun, an equipping and training centre for labourers to be sent into the harvest.

BY TIMOTHY LEE

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### MALAYSIA -

started this journey on January 2013. For 20 **Foundational** and 21 Advanced Diploma graduates, August 31, 2017 was the culmination of hard work and long travels and a beginning of something monumental. Purpose Institute has provided a unique opportunity for those who are already pastoring or involved in various ministries to pursue academic/ ministerial qualifications that would otherwise have been out of their reach. The majority of graduates in our first cycle are pastors, ministers, evangelists, sectional leaders and their spouses and children. PI Sabah is thankful for the outstanding instructors from around the world, including Bishop Joe Ellis who taught a course in all 8 semesters. We realize that the experience, apostolic ministry and lifestyle of the faculty are crucial to the success of the program.

Some students delved deep into each course, while others managed to complete the reading and writing assignments with some struggle. Whatever the case, their persistence paid

off on the second night of the Malaysian General Conference. The magnitude of their achievement finally dawned on the students as they donned cap and gown and walked up to the podium to receive their PI Diplomas. The certificates were personally handed out by PI founder and president, Bishop Joe Ellis, in the presence of Asia Pacific Regional Directors Roger and Becky Buckland, local church leaders, family and friends. It was the fulfillment of a dream that many did not even dare imagine to be possible. David Mopuas spoke for everyone when he said, "Our lives and ministry have been transformed by what we've learned in the last four years. We have been equipped to harvest many more souls. The oversight of the leaders and pastors over these graduates in coming months and years will determine how far they will be released. Bishop Joe Ellis once again reminded the graduates of the billions of souls waiting to be harvested, and challenged them, saying, "God is going to use somebody in this graduating class in these last days to make history and do the unprecedented. Could that be YOU?"

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AS THE GRADUATION

CEREMONY CAME TO A

CLOSE, THE GRADUATES WERE

GIVEN ONE FINAL REMINDER

THROUGH A PANTUN, A

TRADITIONAL MALAY POETIC

FORM:

TALI DILEPAS, ANAK PANAH
MELAYANG
SASARANNYA DENGAN TEPAT
DIPAKU
SIJIL PI JANGAN CUMA
DITAYANG
JALANLAH DALAM
PANGGILANMU

THE ARROW FLIES,
BOWSTRING TWANGS,
THE TARGET IS PINNED,
SURE AND STEADY.
A PI DIPLOMA IS NOT
JUST TO HANG,
ANSWER THE CALL AND
LIVE OUT YOUR DESTINY.





# **JAPAN**

#### BY DAVID DOAN



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e thank the Lord for an expanding vision of Apostolic training through Purpose Institute in Japan. We are excited to report that 84 students attended our five Purpose Institute campuses throughout Japan last year. Out of these students, 32 will be graduating with either their foundational or advanced diploma this year from our campuses in Mie, Tokyo, and Okinawa. The Japan UPC has also approved one new campus

this year, which brings us to six active campuses throughout Japan.

We want to express our heart-felt appreciation to Bishop Ellis and the entire PI Global Staff, for partnering with us and helping us to provide Apostolic ministry training everywhere in Japan. Without question, Purpose Institute is making a difference in Japan, helping students to labor more effectively to reap the coming harvest.

"WITHOUT QUESTION, PURPOSE INSTITUTE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN JAPAN."

#### BY RAFAEL ANDRES DORTA HERRERA

# CUBA

s Jesus' name pastors, we wanted to prepare ourselves, but did not have access to training. Many who wanted to do so had to resort to trinitarian seminaries, and in the best of cases were accepted despite being Oneness. Our perception of a Bible Institute has changed dramatically after experiencing Purpose Institute.

It was interesting doing a marathon semester in just five days. IT WORKS. In those five days, we are given much content and then we are able to ruminate on all of the information from the material, notes and memories.

Another differing factor is the choice of teachers. I know it has been our Lord JESUS CHRIST orchestrating these diverse teaching styles, patterns and formulas. Interacting with teaching approaches so different from one other, and yet functional, broadened our range or spectrum. It taught us that we do not have to follow a specific mode or lecture style–all methods are valid as long as they are guided by the Spirit and in accordance with His word.

We received not only intellectual and academic improvement, but we assimilated new things, affirmed things that we knew, and learned how to teach a good class.

Thanks to the whole Purpose Institute team, both directors and teachers who have contributed their time, effort, resources and more, so that all of this teaching could reach us free of charge. Thank you, because despite the adverse circumstances you have decided to persevere so that we can take the entire program and graduate.

Special thanks to F. Joe Ellis for being willing to teach the leadership classes that we waited for each evening.

Special thanks to our missionary and friend, Scott Guinn, and his wife for coordinating Purpose Institute for us, making sure of every detail so that we can obtain credits, for the guidance of God, for the invitation and selection of the teachers, for putting in our hands such precious material, even more, for giving me this opportunity to raise my voice from this island in gratitude for all those who have received so much from God through Purpose Institute.



# BRITISH COLUMBIA

s the former NAM Director in BC, I stepped in at a time when we had exhausted the pipeline of potential church planters in our province. One of the things I felt the Lord had dealt with me about was to establish a formal training tool to build sound doctrine into our next generation, but also to get their minds focused on going into the harvest without having to send them away to Bible School. Of course, PI does not take the place of our Bible Schools, but we have discovered it to be a great tool to equip local leaders who can't afford the time away from their lives locally.

We are going into our fifth semester of Purpose Institute now in British Columbia with two campuses, one in the North and one in the South. We began with over 90 enrollees in the first semester. Most of those signed up for all four courses. Reality hit hard in the first semester, and many had to reduce their course load in the second. After all, this is a tool that we are using to equip people who are too busy to go off to college. Since readjusting our focus and letting the students know that was still worth the effort to enroll, even if only for 1 or 2 courses, we have seen a balance come to our enrollment. I have enjoyed teaching the Friday night leadership course since we launched, and this semester our enrollment has increased by five new students. We are expecting more before we begin again in September.

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FROM AROUND THE
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#TrainTheTrainer session + @purposeinstitute module.

Thankful for Apostolic teachers!







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Zalewski, Richard BwaBwa, Stephanie Hall, Michael Hixon, Shaun Acevedo, Josue Kovatch, Tyler Barrick, Trevor Fulmer, Matthew Barrick, Tami Cook, William Romulus, Joseph Cook, Sharon Lammers, Tracy Turner, Audria Spencer, Lester Scott, Darie Ramlall, Juliet St. Cloud, Nady Graham, Walter Hayes, Lisa Hayes, Derrick Latta, Crystin Richardson, Kenneth Stewart, Norma Li. Chun Sau Law, Lai Yan Kung, Wing Fai Bonnie Hong Kong (Tsing Yi) Lo, Hang Wai Lee, Kwai Ping Fan, Yee Man Annie Ng, Ka Fai Yeung, Oi Ying Popec, Laurie Popec, Lawrence Afable, Eric Afable, Krystyna Sayles, Vicki Winterhalter, Betsy Reed, Rushton Jones, Larry Clevenger, Shalon Robinson, Janet Hill, Celia Palmer, Marleen Kelly, Linden Taylor, Jeffrey Fuller, Rebecca Hutchison, Leslei St John, Sue Schofield, Jessica Lobsinger, Kristi Echartea, Andrew Levi, Renita Miller, Maggie Dudeck, Jonathan

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After successfully completing the PI curriculum on a local campus, some graduates may need to continue their formal education at the college level. Fortunately, PI graduates have the option of transferring their credits from PI into Ohio Christian University's AA in Christian Ministries or any of Urshan College's degree programs. Both colleges offer their transfer agreement to students on campus or through their online delivery program. At time of publication, UC's online program is available to students in 29 US states, 4 Canadian provinces, and a wide range of other countries. PI graduates must meet all of the standard admissions requirements for the respective schools. See the colleges' websites for admissions information (ohiochristian.edu or urshancollege.org).













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