

International DTS Centre

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The Discipleship Training School (DTS) is a prerequisite for all other courses and is therefore the gateway into the seven colleges/faculties and various centres of the University of the Nations (U of N). The DTS also serves to orient and prepare all new Youth With A Mission (YWAM) staff which includes the University of the Nations.

The Centre Network for Discipleship Training Schools has been established to maintain and enhance excellence in DTS programs worldwide in accordance with the DTS purpose and curriculum guidelines set by the International Leadership of Youth With A Mission and the University of the Nations. The Centre staff seeks to serve DTS leadership by providing encouragement, support and expertise in program, leadership and resource development. The Centre facilitates the networking of personnel and resources among all DTS and Field Assignment/Outreach locations and the seven colleges/centres of the University. It also aids in stimulating the multiplication of new DTS's in strategic locations of the world.

The goals of the DTS Centre Network are as follows.

1. **Program Development:** to reaffirm, interpret and integrate goals and objectives into the DTS program in alignment with the foundational values of Youth With A Mission and the unique composition of the student body.
2. **Leadership Development:** to facilitate DTS leadership and staff development in response to requests and identified needs.
3. **Educational Resource Development:** to form a resource network through the identification and design of new resources, and the recommendation of existing resources.
4. **Strategic Multiplication:** to promote the pioneering of new DTS's and Field Assignment/ Outreaches in the ten major language groups and the least evangelized nations of the world.

Primary Activities of the DTS Centre for 1993/1994 were as follows:

A. Program and Leadership Development: to begin facilitating movement toward this particular goal, the DTS Centre staff, in collaboration with local, national and/or regional YWAM leaders, conducted DTS Leaders & Staff Workshops in eight of YWAM's ten geographical regions. The workshops included inspirational messages, spiritual refreshing, corporate prayer times, worship, personal ministry, individual & team consultations, learning activities, affirmation and

encouragement in addition to specific teaching curriculum.

The teaching/training content of the workshops particularly focussed on the following areas: the purpose of DTS; validating the calling and the importance of the DTS Leader in the mission; our identity in Christ; spiritual & educational leadership principles; YWAM's Foundational Values being practically applied to discipleship training; building a true learning environment; curriculum development; staff training & staff exchange; handling difficult situations; creativity; learning & teaching styles; 'Possessing our Inheritance in Christ'; understanding the essential elements & boundaries of the DTS; maintaining YWAM/U of N international standards & guidelines & more.

DTS Workshop Statistics: the average workshops were 5 days, though some were only 3 days.

Representation:	N.America	S.America	Europe	East Asia	CAC	Austral-Asia	Africa	Pacific
# Participants	64	224	102	40	82	60	107	89
# YWAM/Nations	2	8	21	7	14	8	25	11
# Schools/Bases	17	15	32	13	24	15	35	14

Feedback from Participants: "What aspect of the workshop was most helpful to you?"

"The importance of creating the environment in the school that encourages growth, acceptance, trust, etc. That is important to me due to the high percentage of the DTS participants in Russia who have been affected by alcoholism in their families." by Wolfgang Jani, YWAM Base/DTS leader, Russia.

"That the 'playing field' of creativity is very broad in the DTS. Too many of us have been playing on a tiny, rigid field. The DTS field is bigger and greater than we all thought!" by Don Johnson, Nicaragua

"I feel much more confident to lead a DTS in the future because I see that all the ideas I had about a DTS really could be used. Before this workshop, I was doubtful that they would be allowed. Also, I have personally been encouraged to realize how much Christ in me means." Shelley Chapman, Mexico City.

"The most meaningful to me was the liberty and creativity that was encouraged in the DTS. Also the personal challenge to hear God and ask Him for understanding for His purpose/plan for me and for us beginning a base in Barbados." by Cindy Read, Barbados

"Through this workshop, I have been encouraged in my leadership and God has affirmed so positively the ministry in Penang. I will share this in the base council when I get back." by John Ool, Penang

"It has built my confidence in the Lord to lead the school. It has equipped me to do the task of leading the DTS and all the more confirmed my call in the area of helping people be released to their destiny in God." by Lito Magbanua, Perth, Australia

"Meeting with others of the same heart, evaluating our schools and strengthening the weaknesses, and how to be creative in new things." by Christine Chan, Hong Kong

"Identity in Christ. Learning to be honest about my needs and weaknesses. Our God lives and creativity comes from relationship with God our creator." Junko Shinada, Okinawa, Japan

"I have a fresh new understanding of dealing with the students and also dealing within the DTS leadership team itself. It has caused me to evaluate my own leadership team, in a way that I should value those who are learning with me and are in the leadership team with me." by Talo Sataraka, Japan

"God made me re-focus to the basic elements and gave me new understanding about DTS. Also new direction from Him." Yong Soon Toy, Korea

"The leadership team working together in unity. The modeling that the workshop staff portrayed and exhibited during the sessions - an attitude which I could see lived out, not just a theory on paper - love one another, as I have loved you."

"I came to see the freedom I have to work and trust God through the DTS. I don't have to follow 'models', but I can work with God to draw out all the good things from the students, set up a whole atmosphere to help growth and understanding.

"Hearing the word of the Lord as a group of school leaders was vital".

"The importance of the DTS program not only to YWAM but to the Kingdom of God. Being new to YWAM, I really came to an understanding of who we are and what we are doing. I am going away from here with a real feeling of pride (the right kind) in being a part of YWAM." by Rob Morris, YWAM/Last Days Ministries.

In Field DTS Leadership and Staff Training Track.....*Projected for March - June 1995*to be lead by Maureen Menard, International Associate Director, DTS Centre. The training program will begin in Budapest, Hungary and run parallel to the "Collaborative DTS Outreach" described under 'Strategic Multiplication'. The leaders/staff training track will be designed to integrate practice with instruction, a lot of hands-on experience working alongside skilled leaders, evangelists, church planters and disciplers from the Balkans, Central Asia and Turkey.

B. Educational Resource Development:

- *Producing DTS Leaders/Staff training video packages
- *Writing, and/or reproducing, and distributing leadership resource materials
- *Facilitating the translation of leadership resource materials into several languages, having already begun with French
- *Communicating to DTS Leaders/Staff worldwide by newsletter, 2 x year
- *Identifying and promoting Resource Teacher/Trainers to DTS Leaders/Staff
- *Collaborating with various colleges and ministry areas to develop appropriate curriculum for DTS (for example, SBS International is developing a bible study/meditation tool for use in DTS; College of Counseling and Health Care has developed a basic Health Care Seminar appropriate for DTS, equipping students for some aspects of mercy ministries on outreach.

*(Projected) Publishing an International DTS Leaders Training Journal, 2 x year

C. Strategic Multiplication:

Starting in January 1995, Maureen Menard, Acting International Associate Director for the DTS Centre, is coordinating a "Collaborative DTS" Outreach Project which will involve DTS's who want to work together, training and mobilizing DTS teams into specific areas of the world. Already, DTS's from Switzerland, France, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Italy, Hungary and the USA have caught this vision and committed to working together in this strategic project. Some of the DTS's will share teachers and pursue common themes for prayer, intercession and Bible study in preparation for the collaborative outreach thrust. During weeks 12-15 of the 24 week DTS, teams will gather in Budapest, Hungary for combined training and ministry. Then they will go forth from there along three streams of influence: (1) Central Asia Republics (2) cities in the Balkans (3) Turkey. In week 23 the teams will all converge together again in Budapest before returning to their home bases for a final week of debriefing.

We believe that this "Collaborative DTS" project will strengthen the school leaders and staff, as well as the students. It could also be a key to help give birth to new DTS's in Romania, Bulgaria, Croatia and Kazakastan and other locations. A second "Collaborative DTS" project is being scheduled to begin in September 1995.

Growth: showing only the DTS's tracked through YWAM/U of N course registrations. (There is no other resource from which to track such current statistics.)

DTS	1990-91	1992-93	1994-95
# Locations	98	168	180
# Countries	47	74	80
# Languages	14	27	31

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# Locations	15	25	25
# Countries	12	14	14
# Languages	5	7	7