



# Emmanuel Baptist Church

## Missionary Training Apprenticeship

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**Vision:** To help equip future and potential missionaries with the knowledge, skills and maturity to engage in sustainable, Biblically faithful cross-cultural ministry for the glory of God.

**Program Length:** 1-3 years

**Who:** Candidates will be those who have expressed a serious desire to pursue cross-cultural missions work and who are on a trajectory of growth in line with the task.

**How:** The process of beginning an missionary apprenticeship may be initiated either by the candidate or the elders. After discussion, if there is agreement on proceeding between the missions elder, lead elder, and the candidate, the apprenticeship may begin. What follows is a general description; specific details will be arranged on a person-by-person basis.

**Reading the following books,** with a ½-1 page summary written of each:

- *Let the Nations be Glad* by John Piper
- *Safe & Sound* by David Powlison
- *Paul's Theology of Preaching* by Duane Litfin
- *No Shortcut to Success* by Matt Rhodes
- *What is the Mission of the Church?* by Kevin DeYoung & Greg Gilbert
- *Nine Marks of a Healthy Church* by Mark Dever
- *When Helping Hurts* by Steve Corbett & Brian Fikkert
- *Growth and Change* by Andrew Heard
- One or two missionary biographies of their choice
- The book of Acts 3x
- Listen to several episodes from 9Marks' "Missions Talk" podcast
- Read/Listen to the "You Are Here" series ([ebcnipawin.ca/you-are-here/](http://ebcnipawin.ca/you-are-here/))
- Read/listen to a series of 9 messages on the church from the "Pillar of the Truth" series ([ebcnipawin.ca/sermons/topics/ecclesiology](http://ebcnipawin.ca/sermons/topics/ecclesiology))
- Depending on the existing or upcoming training, select a resource on Bible translation & interpretation

**Practical Ministry Experience:**

- ministry leadership role within the church
- regular engagement with unbelievers in the community

**Character, Maturity & Spiritual Development:**

- Become a member of Emmanuel (if living in Nipawin)
- join a small group
- connect with a mentor
  - preferably a missionary or former missionary
  - ideally working through “Leading Like Jesus” material
- meet with lead or missions elder once every 2-3 months to discuss ministry experiences, reading material, etc.

**Final Project:**

- 1-2 page personal philosophy of missions