

615.615 Mission in Practice Course Assessment and Delivery Outline

Campus: Distance Learning

Semester 2, 2015
NQF Level: 6, 15 credits

CONTENT OVERVIEW:

Topics will include:

1. Guidance and "The call of God"
2. Preparation for overseas service
3. Ministry opportunities in a mission context
4. Arrival and culture shock
5. Stress and wellbeing
6. Understanding generational groups and managing relationships in mission settings
7. Relationships with the sending and receiving church
8. Relationships: marriage and singleness
9. Children, family and third culture people
10. Lifestyle on the mission field
11. Spiritual warfare and sustaining the journey
12. Re-entry and reverse culture shock

ASSESSMENT TASKS AND DUE DATES:

1. Participation in the Online Discussion Forum

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 4, 5

Due Dates: Midnight Sunday end of Semester Weeks 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11

Percentage Weighting: 15%

Word Count: As specified below

In lessons 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 11 you will find Assessment Exercises which require you to post a response of not more than 300 words on the Online Discussion Forum to a question about some aspect of that lesson. In addition to your initial posting, you will be required to make at least one further posting of at least 50 words, which interacts with what your online tutor and other students have said. The second posting for each assessment exercise must be within 7 calendar days of the due date for the initial posting.

2. Case Study Response

Learning Outcomes: 1, 3, 4,

Due Date: Midnight Sunday end of Semester Week 6

Percentage Weighting: 35%

Word Count: 2000

You have been invited to submit your recommendation regarding the application of a couple for overseas mission service, using the case study "The Call – Reist Case Study" provided amongst the lesson 1 readings in your course CD-ROM. Drawing closely from the supplied readings, course work and other research, build a case for or against accepting the Reist's application, noting any further preparation you would recommend they do, either to complete their readiness or to strengthen their chances of acceptance at a later date.

3. Practical Missions Issues Essay

Learning Outcomes: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

Due Date: Midnight Sunday end of Semester Week 12

Percentage Weighting: 50%

Word Count: 3000

Choose **two** practical issues that you might encounter in mission service and write an essay exploring these two issues in depth from a personal perspective. If the two issues are mostly unrelated, then write the essay in two separate parts. Where the issues are related, you may interweave your addressing of those issues. For each part, you will need to address the following:

- Define and explain the elements of each issue that would impact on your life.
- Through reference to the material you have encountered in this course and also wider literature where appropriate, describe and analyse both historical and contemporary responses to your two issues.
- Work out coping strategies that might help you to deal with these issues.
- Evaluate your own ability at this stage to deal with these issues, and identify what may have to change in order to cope better.

Some possible issues might be:

- Educational issues and options facing missionary families.
- The ethics of tent-making
- Conflict resolution in shame-based cultures.
- Improving working relations between expatriate missionaries.
- The pros and cons of short-term mission
- Living an appropriate lifestyle in another culture.
- Leadership styles and their implications for the modern missionary.
- Singleness on the mission field
- The stresses faced by the modern missionary and strategies for wellness.
- Spiritual warfare on the mission field.
- Financial support while on the mission field
- Dealing with culture shock
- Difficulties with language learning

CRITERIA FOR ASSESSMENT:

1. Participation in the Online Discussion Forum

Before beginning your first online discussion, please see the grading grid (rubric) on the “online discussion grading guide and mid-semester feedback” on Moodle for further details on how these criteria will be applied.

- Engagement with material
- Constructive engagement with others
- Structure and presentation
- Timeliness

2. Case Study Response

- Careful critical analysis of information in case study, and appropriate response to questions it raises
- Appropriate reflection on learning from course work and other research
- Meaningful recommendations and adequately argued justification for them
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar; annotation and bibliography.

3. Practical Missions Issues Essay

- Demonstration of clear understanding and critical engagement with the chosen issues discussed
- Appropriate description, depth and analysis of historical and contemporary responses to the issues
- Defines and explains elements of the issues that impact on one's life, showing careful thinking about the issues
- Identifies appropriate coping strategies to deal with the issues
- Communication and presentation: Clarity, format, spelling and grammar; annotation and bibliography.

LEARNING HOURS:

Lesson content	40 hours
Reading	25 hours
Online Forum	15 hours
Case Studies	30 hours
Practical Issues	40 hours
Total	150 hours

TEXTBOOKS:

The required textbooks for this course are:

Griffiths, Michael. *Lambs dancing with Wolves: A Manual for Christian Workers Overseas*. London: Monarch, 2001.

Hale, Thomas. *On Being a Missionary*. Pasadena: William Carey Library, 1995.

While not compulsory, other useful and highly recommended texts are:

Hoke, Steve and Bill Taylor. *Global Mission Handbook: A Guide for Cross-cultural Service*. Downer's Grove: IVP, 2009.

Steffen, Tom, and Lois McKinney Douglas. *Encountering Missionary Life and Work*. Grand Rapids, MI: Baker, 2008.

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OTHER RESOURCES:

Journals:

- EMQ - Evangelical Missions Quarterly
- IBMR - International Bulletin for Missionary Research
- IJFM - International Journal of Frontier Missions
- IRM - International Review of Mission
- Missiology: An International Review.
- Mission Studies.

Websites:

Check out these websites for information about Mission agencies, articles and other resources:

<http://www.missions.org.nz> – good for general links and to most NZ based mission societies

<http://www.worldevangelicals.org> – World Evangelical Alliance – small number of academic articles and link to Connections magazine.

<http://www.oscar.org.uk> – Information Service for World Missions (UK) – news, articles, blogs.

<http://www.redcliffe.org> – Redcliffe Mission Training College – Encounters Ezine has serious articles.

<http://www.askamissionary.com> – book reviews, links to lots of articles.

<http://www.missionarycare.com> - lots of short brochures on missionary subjects, a small number of e-books and an extensive data base of other resources.

<http://www.sgm.org.nz> – mostly about spiritual direction with lots of research papers as PDFs on website.

<http://www.strategicnetwork.org> – news, and database of resources and journal articles (mostly by subscription).

<http://www.membercare.org> – resources for member care.

<http://www.globalconnections.org.uk> – resources on member care from the UK.

<http://www.mmct.org> – focuses on member care, debriefing, and crisis management.

On-line magazines:

- “Yes” magazine is available on CMS UK’s website at www.cms-uk.org.
- CMS Australia has back number of their Checkpoint magazine and some articles at www.cms.org.au.

CDs:

- **Perspectives CD:** Biblical basis of mission, history, issues, missiology, evangelism, status of world mission, references and resources.
- **World of Islam:** staggering amount of detailed material including maps, from Global Mapping Int'l.

Getting hold of these resources:

- Laidlaw College Library
- Occasionally, public libraries will have some of these titles.
- Second-hand Christian bookshops.
- Also check out these websites:

www.christianvaluebooks.co.nz

www.evermorebooks.co.nz

www.bookdepository.co.uk

www.amazon.com