

Training to Go

2017 COURSE SCHEDULE



Medical and Community Development Courses

Missionary Medicine Intensive (MMI): In this two week course, students will gain the knowledge and hands-on experience to diagnose and treat illness and injury in remote locations. MMI is one of our most popular courses; attended by lay people, nurses and other healthcare providers. Utilizing clearly defined procedural techniques, students will leave with the skills to save lives and bring healing to hurting communities. The course will place special emphasis on tropical illnesses. Recommended for short and long-term missionaries, mission team leaders or indigenous missionaries. No prior medical training required! Dates: March 12-23, May 7-18, Sept. 10-21 and Oct. 15-26.



Missionary Medicine for Physicians (MMP): An extension of the MMI course—designed specifically for physicians, physicians assistants and nurse practitioners—this five-day course provides alternative diagnostic and treatment principles for those who choose to work in remote, developing areas where sophisticated instrumentation and lab tests are not available. A valuable course for short and long-term medical missionaries. Dates: Nov. 15-19.

Community Health Evangelism (CHE): One of the best strategies for proclaiming the love of Jesus among the poor, CHE is being utilized by hundreds of Christian churches and organizations in over 125-countries around the world! CHE teaches local community leaders how to identify their own needs and how to mobilize the community to use local resources to achieve positive—sustainable—results. Lives and communities are transformed from the inside out as people come to Christ and work together to address local needs. Interactive, practical and life-changing, Equip's one-week CHE course is an essential tool for sharing the gospel and transforming poor communities. Highly recommended for all short and long-term missionaries! Dates: May 21-26 and Sept. 24-29.

Community Health Evangelism with Children: Children's CHE seeks to transform the lives of children, families and communities around the world. Utilizing interactive lessons, games and stories, Equip students learn how to share the gospel message with children, while integrating essential lessons of personal health and hygiene. These children then become agents of change as they share their faith and newly acquired skills with their family and friends. Come prepared for a fun, participatory course! Dates: Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

Water Technology Courses

Well Drilling Technology: This course covers all aspects of providing a safe, potable water supply in remote locations. Students will learn drilling techniques utilizing a Mud Rotary Drill—and will actually locate an aquifer on our property; drill, ream and case the borehole, and install a hand pump. Although rotary drilling will be the primary focus of the course, students will also learn to manually drill with simple, less expensive, percussion methods and hand augers. Graduates of the course will find they are not only more adept at purchasing the right well-drilling equipment, but are capable of supervising proper well construction by contracted firms. Dates: April 2-7, and August 27-Sept. 1.



Water Pump Repair: Students will learn how to select, use, repair and maintain hand pumps, electric pumps and ram pumps in a hands-on environment. Students will examine, troubleshoot and repair the types of pumps most commonly found in remote villages. A must-have course for anyone living in an area dependent upon water pumps. Dates: March 26-31, and Aug. 20-25.

Water Filtration Technology: Clean water is rare in most of the inhabited world. Water filtration technology has the potential to change this reality. In this course, students will learn how to build, use and maintain the BioSand household water filter. Special emphasis will be placed on teaching communities to utilize the WASH protocol—Water, Sanitation and Hygiene practices that ensure a healthy community. Dates: Aug. 13-18.

“Home and Garden” Courses

Concrete Dome Construction: Thin Shell Concrete can be utilized to build extremely strong, safe, affordable housing; food storage structures or water catchment basins. For developing countries, these dome-shaped structures can offer a long-term haven from storms, cold weather, floods and fires. Our course offers hands-on training in site selection, design and construction of a 14-foot diameter concrete dome. Come prepared to get dirty—leave with the knowledge and experience you'll need to help others build affordable dome structures in their community. Dates: June 18-23.

AbundaCulture Gardening (AG): This course is an easily duplicated, God-focused, gardening strategy empowering the poor to feed themselves and provide for their families. Combining the truths found in scripture with the principles revealed in natural ecosystems, AG offers a sustainable and ecologically-sound plan for flourishing. In this intensive one week course, students will dig-in with hands-on training in the A to Z's of sustainable agriculture, practical evangelism and relationship building. Come prepared to have fun, get dirty and change the world! (Note: this course utilizes many of the strategies from the Farming God's Way course developed in Africa). Dates: April 23-28, July 9-14 and Oct. 8-13.



Leadership Courses

Team Leader Training: This packed two-day course provides training for leaders who will be developing and leading short-term mission trips. Focused on preparing leaders for their specific destination and goals, Equip students will participate in an interactive course that incorporates topics such as: pre-trip preparation, travel plans, cultural sensitivity, group dynamics, gospel focus, project management, discipleship, conflict resolution, debriefing strategies and team safety. This course is a slam dunk for novice and even experienced leaders. (Note: This course utilizes materials from CULTURELink, a program designed to enhance cross-cultural effectiveness). Dates: July 21-23 and Sept. 22-24.

Equip is located in the beautiful Blue Ridge Mountains. Course costs (listed on our website) include comfortable housing and tasty meals. Our affordable fees are made possible by instructors who volunteer or raise their own support (that's how eager we are to share our expertise!). Contact us if these dates do not work for you. We are often able to accommodate alternate dates if a minimum group-size is reached.