

Finance

In order for the Discipleship Centre to run, we need to raise finance both for both the one-off set up costs and for the ongoing running costs. These are outlined below.

Set-up Costs



Our plan is to buy a four room flat in our area of the city which will serve as a base for the Centre. To buy such a flat and get it ready will cost about £35,000. (US \$55,000). We are willing to put some of our savings into this OM project, but this will still leave us with a long way to go.

Running Costs

Although the workers in the Discipleship Centre (Colin, Bron, Hector, Polina and Tanya) have their own sponsorship and do not need to be paid in any way from the Centre, there are still many other expenses which need to be met in order for the Centre to run.

We are asking that each student contribute towards their studies, board and lodging. We estimate that each month the total expenses for the Centre will come to about £555 (\$990). This figure includes all the expenses for the student – his or her food, a flat to live in, and all tuition and administrative costs. Spilt between the 8 students in the centre this works out at about £70 (\$125) per month, per student.

We require that each student raises half of this amount i.e. £35 (\$65) a month. This should ensure that the student values the course and

doesn't see it as an easy or fun way to simply fill in six months.

It is also a requirement of the Centre that the student's local church itself contributes towards this figure of £35 (\$65) a month. If the church wishes to send someone to the Centre in order to receive back a better trained, discipled young person, then they must be committed to supporting that person not only through prayer, but also financially.

We are aiming for the remaining £35 (\$65) per student per month to be met by outside sponsorship of the Discipleship Centre.

It costs only £35 a month, for 6 months, to subsidise a student through the Discipleship Centre course.

Would you be able to help with either the set-up costs or maybe by sponsoring a young person through the school?

More information

If you would like more information about the Discipleship Centre then please contact Colin & Bron Cleaver (bcleaver@bigfoot.com).

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"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Matthew 28:16-20

Making Disciples

These famous last recorded words of Jesus remind us that it is our job, amongst other things, to make disciples. Making converts is one thing, but making disciples is an altogether more difficult and messy business.



Jesus made converts very quickly: Andrew and Peter immediately left their nets to follow Him. But making disciples out of these rough converts took three years of in-depth teaching, practical outreaches, setbacks and disappointments, as well as times of joy and celebration. Jesus called these men out of their normal lives in order to spend time with them, to teach them and to give them opportunities to put into practice what they had been taught. This is what Jesus has called us to. We are called not only to see people enter the Kingdom of God, but to help them to grow up so that they have a solid faith and can then effectively bring others into the Kingdom.

The need in Novosibirsk and beyond

There is a great need in the city of Novosibirsk for well-disciplined young people. Also, we hope and pray that the Discipleship Centre will motivate and inspire young people to lift their eyes to the harvest further a field – throughout the Novosibirsk region and beyond.

"It is our vision to disciple young people so that they are motivated and equipped to live godly and disciplined lives and to play their part in the evangelisation of the world."

Four key areas of training

Discipling someone means helping them develop as a whole person – each area of life needs to be addressed. Our discipleship strategy can be broken down into four main areas, each of which touches a different aspect of life. These are; teaching in the classroom, ministry, spirituality and practical work.

Teaching in the Classroom

On an average week each student will receive 15 hours of teaching in a classroom setting. Subjects taught in this way will include the following; Bible Overview, Studying the Bible, Understanding God's Plan of Salvation, God and His People, Principles of Prayer, Evangelism and Mission, Leadership and English.

Ministry

Ministry makes up a key component of the course. Discipleship is not only about academic learning, but also about putting into practice what we learn; having a go, evaluating and learning from

our mistakes. Therefore a large amount of time in the course will be devoted to the students getting their 'hands dirty' and trying out what they learn in the following ways:

- ◆ Ministry in local churches each week.
- ◆ Trips to other towns and villages each month to evangelise under the direction of the local pastor and to encourage the church members.
- ◆ Organising a Bible club for children in



the school holidays.

- ◆ Organising a special day/conference for teenagers.
- ◆ Organising a day mission conference.
- ◆ Going on a two week outreach at the end of the course.

Spirituality

We want each student to grow closer to God during the course and to grow in their love of God not just with their heads, but also their hearts. Therefore, built into the timetable is a time each day for a personal quiet time as well as regular times of corporate prayer, fasting and Bible study.

Each month each student will be required to meet with their tutor to discuss and pray about their spiritual and personal development.

Practical Work

It is important that the students take responsibility in looking after and serving each other practically. To this end, shopping, cleaning and cooking are also integral and very important parts of the timetable.



Accommodation

Up to eight young people, both male and female, can study at the Discipleship Centre. The Centre will consist of two flats in the Severo-Chemskoi region of the city of Novosibirsk. These flats will be close to each other and also near to Colin & Bron's flat.



Upon completing the course

Having successfully completed the course at the Discipleship Centre students will be more motivated and better equipped to serve in their local churches.

It is also our aim that some students would continue in full-time Christian work for which they are suited. Some examples might be:

- ◆ Becoming a missionary to a village or town in the Novosibirsk region.
- ◆ Studying at the Novosibirsk Baptist Seminary.
- ◆ Joining OM in Novosibirsk or as a missionary to another Russian speaking country or people group, or elsewhere (e.g. one of the OM ships).



(Note: OM (www.om.org) is an international and interdenominational Christian mission, working in over 120 countries.)