

Entrepreneur Application

2007-2008

HCBC - UT Entrepreneurship Overview

<p>What is the purpose of the Entrepreneurship?</p>	<p>The <i>ENTREPRENEURSHIP</i> is designed to train college students how to connect people with the life - transforming power of Jesus Christ through establishing <i>missional communities</i> at the University of Texas.</p>
<p>What are missional communities?</p>	<p>A missional community is a team of at least 2 Missional Core Team members who... ENTER the daily living of an identified people group, EXPRESS their faith through conversations, and EXPLORE truth on a weekly basis in scheduled meetings.</p>
<p>Why is this an effective strategy?</p>	<p>The entrepreneurship is closely aligned with our core values ... Risky Commitment Authentic Community Focused Mission Transformed Lives</p> <p>It will lay a foundation that will allow us to progress from incremental church growth and achieve exponential kingdom growth. We are trusting God to create a holy disturbance, a spiritual revolution, at the University of Texas by equipping students and unleashing them throughout the campus.</p>

<p>How do we cultivate missional entrepreneurs?</p>	<p>Each entrepreneur will be developed through ... Illumination, Transformation, and Mobilization.</p>
<p>Illumination Bringing to light God's Truth and discovering and developing spiritual gifts, and ministry / leadership skills. (3 hours a week)</p>	<p>The pastoral staff will gather with the entrepreneurs to train and prepare them to be developed in Living, Learning, Listening, Loving and Leading. Boot Camp: 2-day retreats to spiritually prepare for what ministry opportunities will be coming up. (3 times a year) Missional / Leadership Training: Meetings with pastoral staff to cover missional topics and leadership development and how they relate to the culture</p>

	at the University of Texas. (3 hours a week)
<p>Transformation Experiencing change in character, heart, mind, lifestyle and world perspectives. (2 1/2 hours a week)</p>	<p>God's Word combined with biblical community leads to life transformation, therefore we not only provide avenues to better understand God's Word, but also an interpersonal context to apply His Word.</p> <p>Entrepreneur Small Group: Prayer and encouragement from peers. (1 hour a week)-</p> <p>Shepherds: Teaching and support from staff on a one-on-one basis. (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Mentor: Encouragement from elder or elder's wife. (1 hour bi-weekly)</p>
<p>Mobilization Engaging the University of Texas with the gospel of Jesus Christ through disciple-making. (6 1/2 hours a week)</p>	<p>God will mobilize our entrepreneurs and allow them to be incarnational leaders in the following ways...</p> <p>Establish a Missional Team: Each entrepreneur will identify 2-3 students to partner with them and to provide support and encouragement in reaching an identified unchurched people group. (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Enter Community: The missional team will make connections by building relationships within the targeted unchurched people group. (2 hours a week)</p> <p>Express Faith: Each entrepreneur will regularly share their faith through on-going spiritual conversation (1 hour a week)</p> <p>Explore Truth: The missional team will share spiritual truths both collectively and individually with targeted people groups. (2 hours a week)</p> <p>Engage in Ministry: Each entrepreneur will plan, organize and implement ministry tasks as a team. This time will be sporadic throughout the year (1/2 hour a week)</p>

What do entrepreneurs look like?

- Love and passion for Jesus
 - Do you enjoy reading the Bible?
 - Do you enjoy righteousness?
 - Do you want to avoid sin?
- An entrepreneur / missionary mindset
 - Are you resourceful?
 - Do set backs challenge you?
 - Are you discerning?
- Hungry to learn
 - Do you enjoy reading?
 - Do you long for more of God?
- Enjoy spending time with people who don't know Jesus
 - Do you feel comfortable with non-Christians?
 - Do you have friends that don't know Jesus now?
- Able to take initiative
 - Are you pro-active?
 - Are you self-motivated?
- People look to you for direction
 - Do people enjoy spending time with you?
 - Do they respond to you?
- Able to create momentum
 - Are you able to move people in a direction?
 - Are you able to create excitement?
 - Do you walk into a room and think about what you can do for those people or what those people can do for you?
- Willing to sacrifice
 - Are you willing to set aside relationships?
 - Are you willing to set aside school plans?

It doesn't mean you have to have all these characteristics but that you see traces of these attributes in your life and you want to see them improved and strengthened. This isn't for everyone, but if you are willing to step out in faith with us you might experience one of the best years of your life.

What are Missional Communities?

A missional community is a team of at least 2 Missional Core Team members who ENTER the daily living of an identified unchurched people group, who EXPRESS their faith through conversations, and EXPLORE truth on a weekly basis in scheduled meetings.

What would this look like?

Entrepreneur, Sarah Tooley puts together a team of 3 other students, male or female. After identifying a specific people group, *Dobie Residence*, they are challenged on a weekly basis to ENTER COMMUNITY, EXPRESS FAITH, and EXPLORE TRUTH.

Entrepreneur, Colin Knight, puts together a team of 3 other students, male or female. After identifying a specific group, *Habitat for Humanities*, they are challenged on a weekly basis to ENTER COMMUNITY, EXPRESS FAITH, and EXPLORE TRUTH.

Entrepreneur, Kelli Vanderlee, puts together a team of 3 other students, male or female. After identifying a specific people group, *Apartment Complex*, they are challenged on a weekly basis to ENTER COMMUNITY, EXPRESS FAITH, and EXPLORE TRUTH.

What do Missional Communities look like?

Step 1: Establish Core Team: Each entrepreneur will establish a core team of students to lead and shepherd through the year.

What does this look like? (Challenging and casting vision to students)

- They will help plan
- They will help reach the people
- They will help recruit other team members

Step 2: Enter Community. Make contacts and discover connections within the targeted unchurched people group.

What can this look like? (*Making Contacts /Discovering Connections*)

- Spending time in their context (studying, eating, hanging out, etc.)
- Greeting people in casual conversations
- Hosting a study night at your house
- Hosting a movie night at your house

Step 3: Express Faith. Invest in relationships and regularly share their faith.

What can this look like? (*Building Relationships, Sharing*)

- Asking for prayer requests
- Sharing an attribute of the gospel
- Sharing a story of God's faithfulness in your life
- Listening to life stories and responding appropriately
- Looking at the life of Jesus in scripture

Step 4: Explore Truth. Share spiritual truths both collectively and individually with targeted people groups.

What can this look like? (*Establishing Relationships*)

- Inviting people to explore deeper in a more formal context
- Meeting in a context that is familiar to the targeted people group
- Leading people to respond to Jesus' call on their life

What does the year look like?

Missional / Leadership Training Summer (10 Weeks)

June: Understanding the Vision

- Task: Participate in Summer Missional Training

July: Understanding Missional Communities

- Task: Prepare for Operation UT

August: Preparing for Rain (*Stage One*)

- Task: Prepare for the school year

Establishing Missional Communities Fall (15 Weeks)

September: Entering Community (*Stage Two*)

- Task: Re-establish Missional Communities

October: Expressing Faith / Exploring Truth (*Stage Three*)

- Task: First Outreach to Missional Community

November: Taking Spiritual Temperature (*Stage Four*)

- Task: Second Outreach to Missional Community

December: Preparing for Winter (*Stage Five*)

- Task: Third Outreach to Missional Community

Reproducing Leaders Spring (15 Weeks)

January: Identifying Leaders (*Stage One*)

- Task: First Outreach to Missional Community

February: Modeling Express Faith / Explore Truth (*Stage Two*)

- Task: Second Outreach to Missional Community

March: Passing Ownership (*Stage Three*)

- Task: Third Outreach to Missional Community

April: Phase Out (*Stage Four*)

- Task: Fourth Outreach to Missional Community

May: Celebrating (*Stage Five*)

- Task: Celebrate

How are entrepreneurs cared for?

We believe God’s word combined with biblical community leads to life transformation, therefore, we not only want to provide avenues to better understand God’s word but also a context in which we apply His word.

- ***Entrepreneur Small Group:*** Prayer and encouragement from peers. (1 hour)

The girls and guys will be broken into two small groups and meet with Brad Laws or Heather Lodovico on a weekly basis to discuss their additional readings and pray for one another. The purpose of this time is to provide an avenue to process what they are reading and learn from one another.

- ***Shepherds:*** Teaching and support from staff on a one-on-one basis. (1 hour)

Each student will meet with Brad Laws or Heather Lodovico one-on-one for spiritual support. The purpose of this time is to share personal strengths and weaknesses in all areas of our life and bare the burdens of one another.

- ***Mentor:*** Encouragement from an elder or an elder’s wife. (1 hour bi-weekly)

Each student will meet with one of our elders or their wives on a bi-weekly basis for encouragement. They will be there to pray for you, listen, encourage, and be a helpful resource as an entrepreneur.

<u>Entrepreneur</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Entrepreneur</u>	<u>Elder’s Wife</u>

Partnering with HCBC-UT Financially

Is raising support a biblically way to support a ministry?

In chapter 4 of Philippians, Paul gives us the best understanding of raising support. The Philippians were known for being zealous for missions and financially investing in Paul's ministry and in verse 15 he is encouraging them for the role they have played in his ministry and how thankful he is for them.

15 *You yourselves also know, Philippians, that at the first preaching of the gospel, after I left Macedonia, no church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving but you alone;*

16 *for even in Thessalonica you sent a gift more than once for my needs.*

In 4:17 he explains it is not the financial gift he is seeking from them but the spiritual blessing it will bring to their life.

17 *Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account.*

Paul viewed their financial support as a partnership. They were partnering with Paul in the work God was doing in the lives of people. Biblical support is not seeking handouts, but partnering with others to invest in what God is doing. Not everyone can give up a week to go and do what we are doing but everyone can be involved. Some will go, some will pray, some will financially invest so that all can come together to see God's glory magnified. The end result is the entire body of Christ coming together to join Him in His mission.

Additional Scripture: Exodus 25:1, Numbers 18: 21-24, Luke 8: 1-3, Acts 18: 3-5, Matthew 10:11, Romans 15:23, 1 Corinthians 8:16.

What is the financial breakdown?

*\$4800\$10 / hour @ 12 hours a week for 40 weeks

*\$ 600.....Administrative costs (books, materials, retreats, etc.)

*\$ 900.....Ministry allowance (coffee, cokes, lunches, etc.)

*\$6300.....Total Costs (Fundraising - \$3000; Church - \$3300)

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **When do entrepreneurs start raising support?** Once they have been accepted into the entrepreneurship they will be given 2-3 months to begin raising support.
2. **Where will entrepreneurs live?** The schedule will follow UT's academic calendar, therefore, if you are taking classes it will not influence your normal living situation. However, if you are not planning on taking classes in the summer you should plan on finding your own living accommodations. HCBC-UT will assist in any way possible and the average living expense for the summer will be...
3. **If I am not taking summer school can I get another part-time job?** Yes, however, please see HCBCUT as your primary responsibility but any time you have left can be used to work part-time.
4. **Can I also raise support for a short-term mission?** Only after that semester of support has been fully met can you raise support for short-term missions.
5. **How much do I have to raise before I can start?** Each entrepreneur must have 50% of their support raised before they can start. If they are unable to meet that goal each entrepreneur will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

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Name _____
Address _____
Email Address _____
Best phone number to reach you _____

Age ____

Hometown _____
Major / Degree _____
Date of Graduation _____

1. Where will you live while you are in this program?
2. How do you plan on financially supporting yourself during this program?
3. Of the ministries that exist at HCBC-UT. Which one would you most like to work with?
4. How and when did you become a Christian? Describe your salvation experience.
5. If you were to stand before God and He asked you “why should I let you into My heaven?” what would you say?
6. Describe something you are currently learning?
7. Why do you want to do this program and what do you expect to gain from it?
8. What are your goals and plans for the future?
9. How would you characterize yourself in regard to each of these areas:
 - a. Availability?
 - b. Teachability?
 - c. Personal Discipline?

10. Whose authority are you currently under? Describe your attitude when it comes to authority.

11. Are you an active member of a church? If so, please give the name of the church, its denomination, the pastor's name and the way you are involved.

12. Have you read "Partnering with HCBC-UT Financially" and agree to make every effort that is asked of you throughout this process?

Briefly describe your past ministry experience (if any), your heart for ministry and potential areas you could see yourself serving next year (within Hill Country Bible Church UT), and any ministry commitments you may have already made for next year.

How did you learn about the entrepreneurship?

What do you anticipate being areas of sacrifice for you to do this program? (This entrepreneurship will require time, income, focus, some small expenses, preparation, a high level of commitment, and priority. It is an intense entrepreneurship. You cannot just "add" this to your current life in Austin. If you are not willing or able to make the sacrifices necessary, you are better off not pursuing this at this time.)

Is there anything you are aware of that might keep you from completing the entrepreneurship if accepted?

Reference List
(not related)

Name: _____

Contact info (email or phone number): _____

Relationship to applicant: _____

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