

MISSION PARTNERS

AN AILBE COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Following Jesus in Mission Right Where You Are!

The Fellowship of Ailbe is pleased to offer this opportunity for you and a Christian friend to embark on an exciting journey of outreach for the Kingdom of God.

The Mission Partners program uses a variety of teaching and learning resources to help you establish a beachhead for the Kingdom in your Personal Mission Field, and to begin enlarging that beachhead day by day.

You and your Mission Partner meet either twice a month or weekly (depending on the format you adopt) to study, pray, plan, and share. In between, you support and assist one another in bringing the Good News of Christ into your Personal Mission Field with greater consistency and lasting results.

Enlist a Mission Partner, sign-up together, then get started in mission, using the free resources provided at the website. For each lesson, you will watch a brief video. Then, download the study for that lesson, and work through it, following the guidelines for each lesson. In between your meetings, carry out the Mission Partners assignments provided with each study.

Continue to meet together once your Mission is completed, to help and encourage one another in your witness for the Lord.

And it's all free!

TOPIC 1:
DISCOVERING YOUR
PERSONAL MISSION
FIELD

TOPIC 2:
PRAYING FOR YOUR
PERSONAL MISSION
FIELD

TOPIC 3:
YOUR PERSONAL
TESTIMONY

TOPIC 4;
GETTING TO THE
GOSPEL

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LIFT UP YOUR EYES!
SEEING OPEN DOORS
OF OPPORTUNITY

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PERSONAL MISSION
FIELD FOR LIFE

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The Fellowship of Ailbe Mission Partners

Introduction and Overview

Mission Partners is a ministry of The Fellowship of Ailbe designed to encourage and assist members of The Ailbe Community in working their Personal Mission Fields.

Mission Partners involves enlisting and working together with a Christian friend (1) to identify each other's Personal Mission Field, (2) learning the skills for working a Personal Mission Field, and (3) developing a consistent and fruitful approach to working a Personal Mission Field.

Mission Partners is either a 6-month or 13-week program involving brief videos, written studies, and practical exercises. It helps you begin working your Personal Mission Field to fulfill your calling as a witness for Jesus Christ (Acts 1.8).

You can choose either the 13-week training format, or the 6-month format. The 13-week format is designed to be compatible with group use, but can be done with only two people working together. The 6-month format is designed for two people. See the different formats as these are outlined in the information that follows, then select the one that's best for you.

All videos and downloadable resources are listed at the Mission Partners resource page. The Missions Partners schedules for each training format follow.

13-week Training Format

Designed for two people or a group over a 13-week period.

Getting Started

Session 1: Getting Started

- View the **Introductory Video** ([click here](#), or go to www.ailbe.org, click the Resources tab, then click Mission Partners). If you can connect a computer to a TV or projector, this will help all the group be able to see the video. **The video describes the Mission Partners Outreach as a 6-month program, but it can be adapted for a 13-week period, using this schedule.**
- **After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:**
 1. Why do you think we need a program like this? What is a Personal Mission Field?
 2. Have any of you ever been involved in an effort like this? (Those who have might share what they learned.)

3. What obstacles will we need to pray about and overcome if we are to succeed in this Mission Partners Outreach?
 4. Why will it be important that we pair-up for this project?
 5. How can you see that doing this project will be good for us? For the Christians in our lives? For any non-believers with whom we have regular contact?
- Enrollment is completed when Missions Partners have paired-up to work together for the period of the project (13 weeks). If this is a group project – as in a Sunday school class or Bible study group – you can pair up during the first class session. All Mission Partners need to enroll at the website (www.aillbe.org). Click the Resource tab, then click Mission Partners to enroll. Materials will be sent once a Partner is enrolled. The welcome letter includes the link to the resource page for the Mission Partners Outreach program. Be sure to save this link, as you will need it to view or show the videos.
 - Once Mission Partners have enrolled and received the materials for the course, you will be ready to begin the program, according to the schedule that follows.
 - Go over the assignment for Session 2.
 - Close the session with prayer.

Session 2: Personal Mission Field

- View **Video 1: Personal Mission Field** (the welcome letter contains the link to the Resource Page, where the videos are listed. Be sure to save this link.)
- The class leader should download the Personal Mission Field brochure that accompanies this video, and make copies (back to front on a single sheet) of the brochure for all group members. Distribute these to all class members prior to showing the video
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. When you think about why the Father sent Jesus to earth, what comes to mind? Why was He sent? What did Jesus mean by saying He has sent us as He was sent (Jn. 10.21)?
 2. What do we mean by a Personal Mission Field? Why do the arrows in our Personal Mission Field point outward?
 3. What are the goals for our Personal Mission Field (2 Corinthians 10.13-16)?
 4. What are the disciplines necessary for working our Personal Mission Field?
- Hand out the Personal Mission Field brochures (if you have not already). Read through the instructions on how to complete this worksheet. Take any questions. **All students should have completed this worksheet by the next class session.**
- Tell class members to download the study, *Sent Like Jesus*, which is listed as a download below Video 1: Personal Mission Field (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *Sent Like Jesus*.
- Go over the assignment for Session 3.
- Close the session with prayer.

Session 3: Study 1, *Sent Like Jesus*.

- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **share their Personal Mission Fields**.
- Make sure students are paired up, so that everyone has a Mission Partner to work with. Have the class members **meet with their Mission Partner** to pray with and for one another about this project (this can be done by phone, if need be). Encourage them to share with one another what they have learned from mapping their Personal Mission Field.
- Go over the assignment for Session 4.
- Close the class in prayer.

Session 4: Prayer and your Personal Mission Field

- First, ask for a show of hands of those who met with their Mission Partner during the preceding week.
- View **Video 2: Prayer**.
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. What are the four goals for working our Personal Mission Field?
 2. What are the four disciplines necessary for working our Personal Mission Field?
 3. What does Jesus promise if we will work out our salvation and work our Personal Mission Fields? What does that mean?
 4. Why is prayer so important for working our Personal Mission Field?
 5. What does the Lord promise as we pray for the work of our Personal Mission Field?
 6. What should we pray for the non-Christians in our Personal Mission Field?
 7. What can we pray for the believers in our Personal Mission Field?
 8. What can we pray for ourselves for the work of our Personal Mission Field?
- Encourage the class members to begin praying for the people in their Personal Mission Field.
- Have Mission Partners meet for prayer, and to encourage one another in prayer, before the next class session.
- Tell class members to download the study, *To Fill All Things*, which is listed as a download below Video 2: Prayer (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *To Fill All Things*.
- Go over the assignment for Session 5.
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the goals and disciplines of our Personal Mission Field.

Class 5: Study 2, *Sent Like Jesus*

- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **share the work they have been doing in praying for the people in their Personal Mission Fields**.
- Review the four goals for working our Personal Mission Field. Ask students if they have begun to include these goals in their prayers for themselves and one another?
- Have the class members **meet with their Mission Partner** to pray with and for one another.
- Go over the assignment for Session 6.
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the goals for working a Personal Mission Field.

Class 6: Personal Testimony

- First, ask for a show of hands of those who met with their Mission Partner during the preceding week.
- View **Video 3: Testimony**.
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. What do we mean by a personal testimony? Does every Christian have a personal testimony? Why is it important to be clear about our personal testimony?
 2. What is the most important part of a personal testimony? How does this relate to our work in our Personal Mission Field?
 3. What do we mean by saying that your testimony is simply the story of Jesus alive in you?
 4. What is the second part of a personal testimony? Why do we need to understand this, and have it ready?
 5. What are the “inward” and “outward” dimensions of faith?
- Encourage the class members to begin praying through their testimonies every day this week.
- Have Mission Partners meet for prayer, and to encourage one another in prayer, before the next class session. In this meeting, have them share their personal testimonies with one another.
- Tell class members to download the study, *Seasoned with Grace*, which is listed as a download below Video 3: Testimony (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *Seasoned with Grace*.
- Go over the assignment for Session 7.
- End the class with prayer, encouraging members to share bits of their testimony as they pray.

Class 7: Study 3, *Seasoned with Grace*

- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **share the work they have been doing in focusing on the goals for working their Personal Mission Fields.**
- Review the four disciplines for working our Personal Mission Field. Ask students to share how they are doing in making use of all these disciplines.
- Have the class members **meet with their Mission Partner** to pray with and for one another, focusing on the use of the four disciplines for working our Personal Mission Field.
- Go over the assignment for Session 8.
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the disciplines for working a Personal Mission Field.

Class 8: The Gospel

- First, ask for a show of hands of those who met with their Mission Partner during the preceding week.
- View **Video 4: Gospel.**
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. What do we mean by a “lived reality” of faith? Why is this so important?
 2. Why do we say that the Gospel is “Good News”? What makes it so good?
 3. Why is it important to remember that the Gospel is “the power of God”?
 4. What is the hope promised by the Gospel?
 5. What does the Lord promise, and what do we receive in the Gospel?
 6. Why do we say that the Gospel is Jesus Christ?
 7. How does someone receive the Gospel? What is faith?
 8. What are the main points of the Gospel?
- Encourage the class members to begin praying through the Gospel every day this week.
- Have Mission Partners meet for prayer, and to encourage one another in prayer, before the next class session. In this meeting, have them share a brief presentation of the Gospel with one another.
- Tell class members to download the study, *Lived Truth*, which is listed as a download below Video 4: Gospel (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *Lived Truth*.
- Go over the assignment for Session 9.
- Conclude the class by praying the Good News of Jesus back to Him.

Class 9: Study 4, *Lived Truth*

- Begin the class by reviewing the four goals for working a Personal Mission Field. Ask the students to report on how they're doing in any of these.
- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **share the work they have been doing in mastering the disciplines for working their Personal Mission Fields.**
- Review the main points of a Gospel presentation that the class discussed during the last session.
- Have the class members **meet with their Mission Partner** to pray with and for one another, focusing on the use of the four disciplines for working our Personal Mission Field.
- Go over the assignment for Session 10.
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the disciplines for working a Personal Mission Field.

Class 10: Open Doors

- First, ask for a show of hands of those who met with their Mission Partner during the preceding week. Invite class members to share from that time.
- Ask: How many of you have begun initiating conversations with the people in your Personal Mission Field?
- View **Video 5: Open Doors.**
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. What do we mean by “open doors”? Can the class members share some examples from their own experience?
 2. Do you agree that all believers have open doors of opportunity, every week? Explain.
 3. Is it possible for us to *create* open doors of opportunity? How might we do so?
 4. Why is it important that we pray for these doors of opportunity?
 5. Have you downloaded the brochure, *The Explanation* (available on the Resource Page)? How might this brochure be useful in opening a door to talk about the Gospel?
 6. How can serving others become an open door of opportunity?
 7. How can paying attention to others create open doors of opportunity?
 8. Look at Ephesians 5.15-17. How might memorizing this verse help us to make the most of open doors of opportunity?
 9. How can we begin to be more alert to the open doors of opportunity that present to us each day?
- Encourage the class members to begin praying for open doors of opportunity every day this week. Suggest that they memorize Ephesians 5.15-17.
- Have Mission Partners meet for prayer, and to encourage one another in prayer, before the next class session. In this meeting, have them pray together for open doors of opportunity within the next few days.

- Tell class members to download the study, *Redeeming Culture*, which is listed as a download below Video 5: Open Doors (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *Redeeming Culture*.
- Go over the assignment for Session 11.
- Conclude the class by asking class members to pray for open doors of opportunity during the week to come.

Class 11: Study 5, *Redeeming Culture*

- Begin the class by having class members share the work they have been doing in their Personal Mission Field.
- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **talk about open doors of opportunity they experienced since the last class session.**
- Have the class members **meet with their Mission Partner** to pray with and for one another, focusing on how their use of culture in their Personal Mission Field can open doors of opportunity for talking about Christ.
- Go over the assignment for Session 12.
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the disciplines for working a Personal Mission Field.

Class 12: Personal Mission Field for Life

- First, ask for a show of hands of those who met with their Mission Partner during the preceding week. Invite class members to share from that time.
- Ask: How many of you went through an open door of opportunity during the previous week?
- View **Video 6: Personal Mission Field for Life.**
- After viewing the video, discuss the following questions:
 1. What are the keys to ongoing effectiveness in working our Personal Mission Field?
 2. How many different ways should we be *preparing* to work our Personal Mission Field? Which of these are you becoming more consistent in using?
 3. What opportunities for *demonstrating* the life of Jesus to the people in your Personal Mission Field?
 4. What might be some effective conversation starters for using with people in your Personal Mission Field?
 5. What does it mean to “think in terms of Kingdom transformation”? Why must this begin with us?
 6. Review the goals for working a Personal Mission Field? Are class members making these a priority in their lives? How?
 7. How can we expand and enlarge our Personal Mission Field?

8. Can you see yourself leading others to map out and begin working their Personal Mission Field? Why or why not?
 9. How can we make sure, each day, that our witness for Christ is what it ought to be?
- Encourage the class members to begin praying for someone they might take through the Mission Partners Outreach program.
 - Have Mission Partners meet for prayer, and to encourage one another in prayer, before the next class session. In this meeting, have them pray together for someone else to take through this training.
 - Tell class members to download the study, *The Confident Witness*, which is listed as a download below Video 6: Personal Mission Field for Life (alternately, have a copy of the study available to distribute to each class member. Each study consists of seven lessons, so students should plan to do one study per day. **Be sure to emphasize the importance of the Next Steps exercises** that accompany each lesson. For the next class session, you will discuss the questions at the end of *The Confident Witness*.
 - Go over the assignment for Session 13.
 - Conclude the class by asking class members to pray for open doors of opportunity during the week to come.

Class 13: Study 6, *The Confident Witness*

- Begin the class by having class members share the work they have been doing in their Personal Mission Field. Have any of them recruited someone else to take through this training? Will they be using the 13-week or 6-month format?
- **Discuss** this study, using the questions at the end.
- Invite students to **share what they have learned or gained from this Mission Partners Outreach experience.**
- End the class with prayer, focusing on the disciplines for working a Personal Mission Field.

6-Month Training Format

Designed for two people over a 6-month period, meeting twice per month.

Getting Started

- View the Introductory Video on your own, or with a prospective Mission Partner ([click here](#), or go to www.ailbe.org, click the Resources tab, then click Mission Partners).
- Explains the program, offers opportunity to enroll and instructions for getting started.
- Enrollment is completed when you have enlisted a Missions Partner to work with you for the period of the project (6 months). All Mission Partners will need to enroll at the website (www.ailbe.org). Click the Resource tab, then click Mission Partners to enroll. Materials will be sent once a Partner is enrolled.

- Once you and your Mission Partner have both enrolled and received the materials for the course, you should meet together to go over the schedule that follows, and set up the times you plan to meet (at least twice per month). When you have finished that, commit your Mission Partners effort to the Lord, and get started, according to the schedule that follows:

Month 1

Video: “Personal Mission Field”

Study: *Sent like Jesus*

- Tasks:
1. Identify your Personal Mission Field using the PMF Worksheet provided.
 2. Begin daily prayer for people in your PMF.
 3. Learn and begin using names of people in your PMF.

First meeting:

Share your Personal Mission Fields with one another. Where do you go? What opportunities or challenges do you encounter there for bringing the reality of Jesus and His Kingdom to light in new and transformative ways? Whom do you see? Do you know these people very well? What has been the nature of your relationship to this point? Who are Christians? Who are not? End your time together in prayer for one another and for your Personal Mission Fields.

Second meeting:

Review your work on the study *Sent like Jesus*. Discuss in general terms what you have learned from this study. Spend most of your time going over the questions on the last page of the study. Make sure you are taking *Next Steps* to work your Personal Mission Field day by day. End your time together in prayer.

Month 2

Video: Praying for Your Personal Mission Field (“Prayer”)

Study: *To Fill All Things*

- Tasks:
1. Pray daily for the people you will see in your PMF that day.
 2. Continue learning and using the names of people in your PMF.
 3. Continue getting to know the people in your PMF.
 4. Discuss your work in your PMF with your Mission Partner.

First meeting:

Review PMF disciplines. Discuss how you are *Preparing, Conversing, Demonstrating, and Working for Transformation* in your Personal Mission Field. Talk about each area – what you’re doing, what you’re learning, what you’re planning, how you see these disciplines overlapping, where you need prayer or assistance.

Second meeting:

Review the study *To Fill All Things*. Discuss the study as a whole, but spend the bulk of your time on the final questions. End your time together in prayer.

Month 3

Video: Your Personal Testimony (“Testimony”)

Study: *Seasoned with Grace*

- Tasks:
1. Pray daily for the people you will see in your PMF that day.
 2. Initiate or continue conversations with people in your PMF.
 3. Develop your testimony, and pray through it at least weekly.
 4. Share your testimony with your Mission Partner.

5. Watch Resource Video 1 on using a questionnaire ([click here](#)). If the link does not connect you, go to the website, www.ailbe.org, click the Resources tab, then the Ailbe Videos tab. Scroll down until you see the video about using a questionnaire.

First meeting:

Review the four goals of your Personal Mission Field: Boasting in the Lord, Edification, Taking Christ to All, Expanding your Personal Mission Field. Where are you realizing progress? Share your testimony with your study partner.

Second meeting:

Review the study *Seasoned with Grace*. Discuss the study as a whole, but spend the bulk of your time on the final questions. End your time together in prayer.

Month 4

Video: Getting to the Gospel (“Gospel”)

Study: *Lived Truth*

- Tasks:
1. Pray daily for the people you will see in your PMF that day.
 2. Initiate or continue conversations with people in your PMF; be yourself!
 3. Make sure you have can explain the Gospel clearly and concisely.
 3. Pray through your testimony and the Gospel weekly.
 4. Talk through the Gospel with your Mission Partner.

First meeting:

Review PMF disciplines. Discuss how you are *Preparing, Conversing, Demonstrating, and Working for Transformation* in your Personal Mission Field. Talk about each area – what you’re doing, what you’re learning, what you’re planning, how you see these disciplines overlapping, where you need prayer or assistance. What is the Gospel as you share it?

Second meeting:

Review the study *Lived Truth*. Discuss the study as a whole, but spend the bulk of your time on the final questions. End your time together in prayer.

Month 5

Video: “Open Doors”

Study: *Redeeming Culture*

- Tasks:
1. Pray daily for the people you will see in your PMF that day.
 2. Initiate or continue conversations with people in your PMF; be yourself!
 3. Pray through your testimony and the Gospel at least weekly.
 4. Be alert for “open door” opportunities in your PMF.
 5. Share any “open door” opportunities you experienced with your Mission Partner.

First meeting:

Review the four goals of your Personal Mission Field: Boasting in the Lord, Edification, Taking Christ to All, Expanding your Personal Mission Field. Where are you realizing progress? Share your testimony with your study partner.

Second meeting:

Review the study *Redeeming Culture*. Discuss the study as a whole, but spend the bulk of your time on the final questions. End your time together in prayer.

Month 6

Video: “Personal Mission Field for Life”

Study: *Confident Witness*

- Tasks:
1. Pray daily for the people you will see in your PMF that day.
 2. Initiate or continue conversations with people in your PMF; be yourself!
 3. Pray through your testimony and the Gospel at least weekly.
 4. Talk with your Mission Partner about the progress you’ve made in your PMF.

First meeting:

Review PMF disciplines. Discuss how you are *Preparing, Conversing, Demonstrating,* and *Working for Transformation* in your Personal Mission Field. Talk about each area – what you’re doing, what you’re learning, what you’re planning, how you see these disciplines overlapping, where you need prayer or assistance.

Second meeting:

Review the study *Confident Witness*. Discuss the study as a whole, but spend the bulk of your time on the final questions. End your time together in prayer. Spend some time reviewing your experience in the Mission Partners Outreach program.

Enlist a Mission Partner and Get Started Today!

To enter the Mission Partners program, simply sign-up at the website, providing your name and email address, and that of your Mission Partner. We will send you the link for the first video and study. Once you’ve completed the first set of assignments, notify us by email, and we’ll send you the link to the materials for the next month. Repeat this process for the duration of the program.

Additional Resources

For use in encouraging other believers:

Scriptorium and *ReVision* studies (available at the website, www.ailbe.org).

For use in working your Personal Mission Field (available at The Ailbe Bookstore, www.ailbe.org):

The Gospel of the Kingdom

Christians on the Front Lines of the Culture Wars

Also available:

Bible Questionnaire (go to www.ailbe.org, click on Resources tab, then click Bible Questionnaire)

The Explanation (free download brochure of John 1.1-14, for use as a conversation starter)