

# TRAINING COURSE CATALOG



*Building*  
*durable missionaries*  
*who keep on going!*

**B**APTIST INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH is pleased to introduce its *SPECIALIZED MISSIONARY AND RESOURCE TRAINING* ministry—or *SMART*. This unique training ministry aims at reducing the high attrition rate among missionaries.

Reliable sources estimate that 50% of Independent Baptist missionaries do not return to the field for a second term. Certainly this is a sad loss of personnel. However, we also should consider the enormous financial loss—an average of \$250,000 gets invested in a missionary family in order to outfit, transport and support them for their first term.

One leading cause of this huge dropout rate is that missionaries typically are unprepared to cope with the unusual challenges they will face when they begin living in a foreign land. Ongoing hardships like culture shock, recurring illnesses, home break-ins or frequent equipment breakdowns overwhelm many good people causing them to return to the States prematurely—without having accomplished the mission on which they were sent.

*SMART* classes are open to all Independent Baptist missionaries. The task of *building durable missionaries who keep on going* is achieved through practical training modules. Classroom training is available, however, a better venue is a *SMART* conference—this unique approach actually takes the training to missionaries, e.g. during a local church's missions conference.

Two benefits of this training are to be expected:

- A decrease in missionaries leaving the field prematurely
- An increase in *missions being accomplished*

Contact us today, *SMART* is ready to help you accomplish the mission to which God has called you.

## **PERSONAL PROTECTION MATTERS**

Participants: Men, Ladies & Teens 6 hours

This training module was developed with the help of law-enforcement professionals—including the FBI and Secret Service; its main focus is prevention. While all missionaries are welcome to attend this class, those who will be in third-world countries or areas with high crime rates will find this material especially helpful. The training covers:

- The differences between easy targets and hard targets
- Securing one's home
- Personal security in public places
- Terrorism concerns and countermeasures
- Evacuation strategies in the event of political upheaval

This module will also benefit church members that are planning mission-trips to foreign countries, i.e. youth groups, summer teams, construction teams.

## **OUTFITTING and PASSAGE**

Participants: Men, Ladies 6 hours

Preparing for the field requires more than a missionary just raising their monthly support; they will also need to figure out what kinds of personal / ministry supplies, materials and equipment should be taken to the foreign field. Even after making such determinations, they need to decide the most effective way to transport such things to a far-distant location. These challenges can be daunting; where does one begin?

This module teaches missionaries how to assess their needs, make intelligent decisions and adequately prepare for the time when they will set up long-term residence on the field.

## **LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT**

Participants: Men, Ladies 8 hours

One of the great responsibilities for many missionaries involves training nationals to serve in the ministry. As a missionary's ministry grows, more leaders will be needed. One long-term benefit of developing well-trained leaders is that qualified people are available to put into leadership roles over the increasing number of churches.

This course covers the principles of how to develop leadership qualities in others. Some of the topics are:

- Leadership Styles
- Basic Leadership Skills
- Building Trust
- Developing Accountability
- Resolving Conflicts
- Why an Expert is not Always the Best Leader
- Training Your Replacement
- How to Lose at Leadership

## **CPR**

Participants: Men, Ladies & Teens 6 hours

This training is conducted by a qualified CPR trainer. Missionaries often serve in regions where emergency medical services are not available. Adult missionaries as well as their teenage children can learn these life-saving techniques in order to help anywhere and at any time that they find the need arise.

## **BASIC CONSTRUCTION PRINCIPLES**

Participants: Men, Ladies & Teens 8 hours

A lot of mission's money gets spent on the building of structures that are used for the ministry. Being ignorant of general construction procedures can lead to some extremely expensive mistakes. The missionary who gains a working knowledge of basic construction principles can be on guard against wasting money on excessive expenditures as well as avoiding sub-standard workmanship and unforeseen cost-overruns.

This module gives a general overview of reliable construction practices from the design stage to the finished product. Once equipped with the right know-how, even the novice can make intelligent decisions.

## **BASIC VEHICLE TROUBLESHOOTING**

Participants: Men, Ladies & Teens 6 hours

Even though cars have become quite sophisticated, the fact is that many of their basic systems have changed very little in the last fifty years.

The purpose of this class is to give an overview of basic automobile systems and how they function; fuel system, cooling system, braking system, electrical system, etc. The goal is to equip the car owner with enough knowledge that can keep them from falling prey to dishonest repairmen who take advantage of the uninformed public by charging for unnecessary—and sometimes, very expensive—repairs.

Having some general automobile knowledge could certainly benefit someone who is facing a question like, "Do I really need that \$3000 engine rebuild like the mechanic says?"

## **BASIC VEHICLE STEWARDSHIP**

Participants: Men, Ladies & Teens 6 hours

Most Americans depend heavily on having a personal motor vehicle; a breakdown can cause major disruptions to our schedules and to our finances. In some foreign countries the cost of buying a vehicle is substantially higher than we are accustomed to in the U.S.A. As a result, some missionaries end up buying vehicles that are ten years old—or even older.

Good stewardship of our motor vehicle can be likened to what the book of Proverbs calls "regarding the life of our beast". Our beast-of-burden would be the vehicle which carries us, our passengers and our cargo from place to place. Many people would be surprised to learn that it is not uncommon for well-maintained vehicles to get over 300,000 miles before needing a major overhaul.

This class gives practical training regarding the care and maintenance of a motor vehicle so that the owner can get the most use out of their vehicle while at the same time reducing the overall operating expenses. Here are some of the topics that will be covered:

- Vehicle Servicing: What? When? How?
- What to look for when buying a used car
- Basic procedures even the novice can do
- Emergency preparedness
- Equipping a vehicle for rugged environments

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## SAMPLE SCHEDULE

This sample schedule allows for up to 8 hours of teaching over the course of two days.

### DAY 1

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	First Session
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Second Session
12:00 - 1:00p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Third Session
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fourth Session

### DAY 2

10:00 - 10:50 a.m.	First Session
11:00 - 12:00 p.m.	Second Session
12:00 - 1:00p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 1:50 p.m.	Third Session
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Fourth Session

NOTE: When hosting a **SMART** Conference, the church can add a third day of training.

If you don't know what a **SMART** Conference is please visit [www.biominions.org/smart](http://www.biominions.org/smart) and look for the **SMART** Conference link in the middle of the page to learn more.



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