



Foreword



One may think that becoming a missionary is an easy task. On the top of having a confirmed call of God, he/she needs to get proper trainings before venturing into the field of missionary work. In the midst of many challenges of work and ups and downs of life on the mission field, I wouldn't imagine being here up to now if it were not for the adequate missionary training I previously received. That's the reason why I highly recommend this Missionary Candidate Training (MCT) course to anyone aspiring to be a missionary whether for long term or short term, as well as to any institution wishing to send out missionaries. Having gone through the same course myself, I know how thoroughly this training prepared me and how predominantly it made my work easier while serving in Central Africa as a black missionary.

This manual is well researched to meet the needs of anyone aspiring for missionary work in any part of the world. I thank God for making this helpful material available to public at such a strategic time as this when the Lord is raising more and more Third World missionaries. My appreciation extends to my mentor and teacher, Rev. Paul S.R. Lee, whom the Lord used in this venture.

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Preface

Welcome to the Missionary Candidate Training!

Probably you are wondering how this manual came to be composed in the way you are looking at it now. Years ago when we opened our own missionary training school in Nairobi, Kenya, it was a rare event which even stirred up ridicules among other pastors and missionaries around us. However, it seemed the Lord was pleased by our mere obedience and gave us some blessings and fruits in the years to follow. It was through the efforts of those missionary trainees that our work expanded to different parts of Africa today.

Concerning the uprising Third World missions movement, Larry D. Pate put it this way in his contributing article to Ralph Winter's book 'Perspectives on the World Christian Movement':

"Global cooperation in missionary training is vital. The rapid growth of the Third World missions movement is creating an emergency need for adequate missionary training. While there are some excellent examples of Third World missionary training institutions, many missionaries are sent to the field with little or no training, while others must wait months or even years for a training opportunity. But sending a missionary without training is like commissioning a carpenter without tools! With the number of Third World missionaries promising to multiply three and one-half times during this decade, this is a priority issue for Western and non-Western missionary leaders alike."

While running our training course, we charged no fees but applied a strict screening process to select our trainees. We tried to make sure that they had a proven missionary call. Also, we selected our missionary candidates from our 'School of Mission' graduates. Should you decide to use this curriculum to train your own missionaries, we highly recommend you to do so alongside of the School of Mission training. Its curriculum is available to download at <www.dci.org.uk> We deliberately ran our classes in a small group setting to enhance better interactions with each and every candidate. For the next four years, many went through this course and a handful of African preachers were sent out by our organization for missionary works in other countries. It was still an unfamiliar event then for most Kenyan churches to send their own missionaries to foreign countries. *And they did not go to other countries as some kind of semi-immigrants seeking for better life elsewhere nor for oversea studies to further their education.* They were sent out solely for full-time missionary works.

To be frank with you, we had a little doubt in the beginning whether our African missionaries would do well on the fields simply because majority of the missionary force was still coming from the First World by then. However, after years of observation, we came to witness that the time for this new missionary force has fully emerged in the mission history. It was such a joyous experience to see how God is using our Third World missionaries to go and make disciples of all nations!

The lessons in this manual are the actual lessons we taught in the class in Africa. We trust these proven-effective lessons ought to work in other Third World nations as well. Please take a look into this manual. And feel free to use them if you find them helpful for preparing yourself or others for missionary service. While the lessons in this manual apply to all who are mission-interested, they will be of the most value to Third World missionary candidates who often find themselves limited with sound missions training opportunities around. Go ahead and add your own illustrations to make the teaching more relevant to your local setting when you use this material to train others. And if you have further questions about the lessons, feel free to write us at <eaptc@eaptc.org>. We'll be happy to provide you with more information so that you can successfully go through this course and equip someone to be a missionary.

Keep in mind that this manual is a series of collected notes. It took a work of Edward Kinyanjui, the director of EAPTC Sudan, to compile a series of my casual lectures into a good binding. Edward himself applied principles of these lessons to his own missionary work in southern Sudan, and God blessed his uncompromised lifestyle to bear apparent fruits in the areas of church planting and Bible training ministry. So I owe him much. Also, I cannot forget to thank Dr. Les Norman, the author of School of Mission U.K., who first suggested to me compiling of my mere notes into a manual. Besides that, Les' generosity to provide his exceptional preacher training program on the internet at no cost years ago actually inspired me now to follow in that succession. To this end, everything you see on this manual is offered to you at the free of charge, although it took us years of researches, tests and mistakes to complete it.

I express my gratitude for Rev. Musa Aringo of EAPTC Malawi/Zambia who wrote the foreword for this manual. His missionary work is another classic example of how God can use a Third World missionary when he/she is totally committed to Him. Numerous disciples, Bible schools, nursery school and churches raised through him in Central Africa prove that universal truth. Last but not the least, my highest appreciation goes to the Lord who has been using this training manual to bless my fellow missionaries and missionary candidates of the Third World. I have *no* doubt that they are God's uprising back-up force for the last world harvest.

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Rev. Paul Sungro Lee is a Korean-American minister, educated in and dedicated to the task of going into all the world with the apostolic ministry commissioned unto all disciples of Christ. Since 1993 he has served in various capacities of missionary work for Africa. And as the Lord has blessed the efforts of him and his coworkers, the work grew to eight African countries (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Sudan, Malawi, Zambia, D.R. Congo and Namibia) with many local churches, Bible schools and nursery schools established today.

He is married to Eunice with two sons, Timothy and Titus, and currently serves in the international operations of Evangelical Alliance for Preacher Training & Commission (EAPTC) as the vision-bearer. In Kenya, he served as the overseer of the Church, now known as Evangelical Glory Mission Fellowship comprising over 50 national churches and afterwards founded EAPTC Bible School, having produced over 700 graduates so far.

Rev. Lee was formerly commissioned as a missionary by Hansarang Church in Seattle, Washington, and ordained by the Victory New Testament Fellowship International in Dallas, Texas, U.S.A. God called him to a full-time missionary service in 1996 and since then his life has been based in Kenya, reaching out to the needs of different people of Africa.

His wife, Eunice, also has been serving in full-time ministry as a children's pastor since 1992. Paul was previously educated at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, Oklahoma and Eunice at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois, U.S.A.