



Welcome

As a ministry of the Association of Free Lutheran Congregations and the World Missions department, the Ambassador Institute focuses on the call to teach which the Lord gave us in the great commission. In order to fulfill that command of making disciples, we must develop solid biblical instruction that can be easily communicated among the people.

Jesus, Himself, set the example as He took His twelve disciples through a three year process to prepare them for ministry. He used a variety of methods including parables, object lessons, mentoring and practical “hands-on” assignments to make sure that God’s Word was deep in their minds and hearts.

Paul followed that model as he traveled throughout Asia Minor teaching and preaching. For example, he and Barnabas spent a year teaching the congregation at Antioch. It was there that believers were first called Christians.

This brochure seeks to give you an introduction to the program and aims of the Ambassador Institute.

Keep looking! There are answers inside.



Hello, I am Pastor Kevin Olson.

The Lord showed me the need for training pastors internationally when my family and I were teaching at a Bible school in Tanzania.

There are varied needs in developing countries, but we repeatedly heard the

request for training.

Bringing God’s Word to people is the Ambassador Institute’s greatest priority. Obedience to the Lord’s commission to make disciples is why the early church grew. Today, we can have a large impact with minimal resources as we encourage national leaders to develop instruction for their own people.

The Needs

- Prayer support
 - The pastors in Uganda as they are writing courses
 - The continued training in India
 - The World Missions Committee and the Ambassador Institute Board
- International contacts and training resources
- Finances - Sufficient funds for the ministry of the Ambassador Institute

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and theological education
around the world

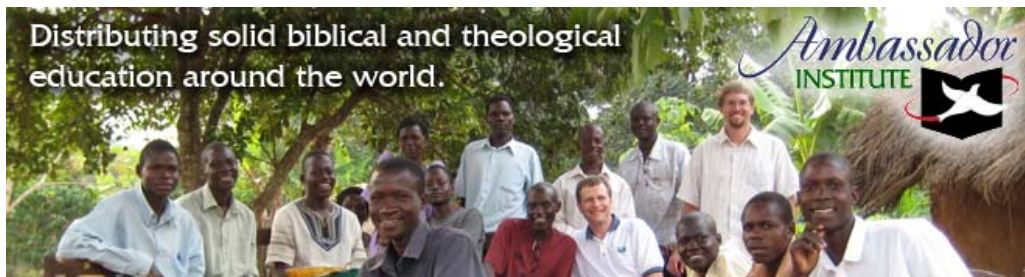


The Standards

The Ambassador Institute assists international church bodies in developing a program of theological education for training of pastors and congregations.

- 1. Clear Goals** — The courses are designed with definite objectives. Three issues are addressed in the planning of the curriculum:
 - Knowledge - What must the student know in regarding the subject?
 - Character - What qualities must the student display in their life?
 - Responsibilities - How can the student apply the truth to their lives and ministries?
- 2. Various Levels** — Three levels of training will be offered, each is a two-year program of courses which progress in content and depth. They are Certificate, Diploma and Degree.
- 3. Reproducible** — The courses must be reproducible so that students can effectively teach what they have learned to others.

- 4. Students** — Each student must have a personal faith in Christ Jesus, a good report from their congregations and spiritual leaders, and the motivation and ability to apply themselves in the study of God's Word.
- 5. Integrity** — The program must have the endorsement of the church body as well as conform to national education standards. It must include it academic integrity and credibility.
- 6. Culturally Relevant** — The training will be done in native languages by native teachers. Teaching methods must aim at a clear presentation and application of biblical truths. Practical assignments will seek to fasten the truths in the student's mind and heart. A variety of methods will be used in the training such as: mentoring, story telling, hands on assignments, Bible study discussion, object lessons and workbooks.



The Curriculum

First Term
 The Gospels
 Romans and Galatians
 The Word, Jesus and the Holy Spirit
 What is a Pastor?

Second Term
 The Books of Moses
 Timothy, Titus and Philemon
 Lutheran Beliefs and other religions
 Preaching

Third Term
 The Book of Acts
 The Minor Prophets
 God, Man and Salvation
 Teaching Catechism

Fourth Term
 The Major Prophets
 I, II Corinthians and I, II Thessalonians
 Early Church History
 Evangelism

Fifth Term
 Samuel, Kings and Chronicles
 Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians
 Missions
 Counseling

Sixth Term
 Psalms and Proverbs
 Revelation
 African Church History
 Congregational Life



The Progress

Uganda was chosen as the first country to work in. Nate and Rhoda Jore are ready to move into this next phase and there are five teachers who are mentoring 21 students.

Those five teachers are meeting weekly with Nate and are writing their first courses. They have taught some sample classes with great success.

India is the next country we will be working with. They have had many short courses taught by AFLC pastors. Now they have begun to host their own classes.

Many **resources** are available for us to use and Pastor Kevin's role is to gather and find materials that will be helpful for the Ambassador Institute's training. Resources which include the following:

- Training courses and curriculum from Mission Aviation Fellowship Learning Technology division
- The International Orality Network with conferences in Kenya and Dallas, TX
- Laptop computers for the Ugandan pastor / teachers
- Theological Education by Extension materials used in Kenya
- Bible League resources used in Uganda