

# FRONTLINE MESSENGER TRAINING HANDBOOK



## Intro:

We are excited that you are interested in attending the Frontline Messenger Training program! The Program is broken up into 3 phases covering 3.5-months. It is an INTENSIVE Evangelism Training Course, designed for preparing missionaries who can support themselves while at the same time be effective in mission.

## Our Mission:

To help train young men who can effectively enter and work in mission fields where there is a need and where they feel called by God without needing to wait upon sponsors to support this work. Additionally to be able to have a secular work that gives them the opportunity to minister in places where open missionaries might not be welcome.

The course is broken up into 3 phases of training. The phases must be done successively and successful completion of one phase opens up the possibility of participating in the following phase.

## PHASE 1: SWORD (Soul-Winner Only Rightly Dividing)

This phase will cover a period of 2 months and will be located in Pra del Torno, Angrogna, Italy. During this phase, the students will be instructed in the following topics:

- Personal evangelism (How to give Bible studies, go door-to-door, etc.)
- Public evangelism (How to preach and give seminars)
- Missional Business (How to run a business that makes money and shares the gospel)
- Practical training (Basic Gardening & Country Living principles)
- Scripture Memory (Biblical Anatomy and Physiology)

The classes covered will focus mainly on practical assignments. Students will need to prepare many Bible studies, sermons and reports on various topics. Learning by doing is a very important principle of this training course. It's important that students are self-motivated, not needing to be led by the hand.

## **PHASE 2: FIRE**

### **(Foreign Intense Real Evangelism)**

This phase will cover a period of 1 month, and the location of the training may vary depending on the possibility but will probably take place in a developing country in Asia or Africa. The goal of this portion of the training is to put into practical use that which has been learned in the first phase of the training. There will be assignments during this phase with regular reporting to the Frontline Messenger team regarding the progress and challenges met. The assignments will include but not be limited to:

- Preaching evangelistic series on Bible Prophecy and Doctrines
- Giving Bible studies
- Organizing various types of evangelism (door-to-door, street preaching, etc.)
- Getting local members involved in evangelism

This phase of training will again be a lot of learning by doing. The students cannot successfully accomplish this phase of training without God's help.

The students will be minimum working together in pairs in the target country and will not be sent alone. They will also be working together with a local missionary or local Adventist ministry. This will allow the students to both support the local work as well and learn from the work being done by those in the target country. It should be a synthesis of both parties giving and receiving.

## **PHASE 3: CONCLUSION**

This phase will cover a period of 2 weeks. During this phase will tie together all the aspects you have learned in the previous months, and give a chance to debrief about the time spent in the developing country. Our goal will be then to help you get started in your life of mission.

## **Disclaimer**

The following rules are put in place to maintain a harmonious, focused and enjoyable experience for all involved. „Every school should be a city of refuge.“ (Education p.293) Thus we hope to help minimize distractions from the world so that you can focus on the training. If you have a problem

following any of these rules then maybe this is not the right training program for you. Every ministry and school must have standards. So here are ours:

## Course Participation

Students are required to take part in all aspects of the course. It is not possible to choose certain classes, or aspects of the training that you like and neglect other parts.

Punctuality is a must in program. Lateness will not be tolerated. As you are an adult you must organize your time so that you will not be late to any classes, meetings or devotionals. Students are expected to attend all devotionals, prayer meetings, Sabbath schools and church services.

***„Regularity in all things is essential. Never be late to an appointment.“ (Evangelism p. 649)***

## Honesty

Students are expected to uphold the Biblical principle of honesty in everything they do, and in all their interactions with each other, and staff members. All forms of dishonesty are grounds for dismissal without a refund.

## Personal Devotions

We strongly encourage each student to start the day with Jesus, by having personal time for prayer and Bible study. Without a personal, growing experience with Christ we cannot do the work of soul-saving.

***„Consecrate yourself to God in the morning; make this your very first work....This is a daily matter. Each morning consecrate yourself to God for that day. Surrender all your plans to Him, to be carried out or given up as His providence shall indicate. Thus day by day you may be giving your life into the hands of God, and thus your life will be folded more and more after the life of Christ.“ (Steps to Christ p. 70)***

## Scripture Memorization

There is real power in the Word of God. This was an essential tool for the Waldensians in their missionary work and their missionaries memorized large portions of Scripture. All students will be required to memorize passage from the Bible as well as Bible references during the three phases of training.

*The time will come when many will be deprived of the written Word. But if this Word is printed in the memory, no one can take it from us.” (Last Day Events p.67)*

# Food & Drink

## **PHASE 1: SWORD**

All the meals during Phase 1 will be provided for the students as it is covered in the cost of the training. Students do not need to worry about purchasing additional food for themselves. All the food will be plant-based (vegan). No meat, dairy or eggs will be included in the meals. Caffeinated beverages, meat and fish are not allowed on the campus.

As there will not be a designated cook for the training course, the students will need to organize themselves to prepare food. They will receive simple recipes and the ingredients necessary for the meals. This is also a part of the training, as it is often necessary to prepare your own food when working as a missionary.

## **PHASE 2: FIRE**

During the second phase, the students will need to purchase their own food locally. They will also need to prepare their own food. We again ask that all the food prepared is at least vegetarian (not containing meat or fish at least) if not totally plant-based (vegan). We understand that in all countries it is not as easy to eat totally plant-based as in other countries.

Students will need to work together to plan and prepare your meals. They should receive at least some basic help from the local missionaries there. Again it will be necessary to avoid caffeinated beverages.

## **PHASE 3: TENT**

The same principles apply to the third phase as in the second phase.

If you have any special dietary needs or allergies please contact us **BEFORE** the start of the program so that we can work out a solution

# Sabbath Observance

The Sabbath hours, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, are a sacred and joyous time for spiritual renewal, public worship, and Christian fellowship. Secular activities (shopping, business, sports and distracting amusements) are to be avoided during this time. Also food preparation and cleaning of dishes should be avoided on the Sabbath. Students will help prepare food on Friday for the Sabbath meals.

*„The Sabbath is not to be given to the repairing of garments, to the cooking of food, to pleasure seeking, or to any other worldly employment.” (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 6, p. 353)*

# Chores

## **PHASE 1&3: SWORD & Conclusion**

All students will be required to participate in various chores around the house. Cleaning, mopping, taking out the trash, keeping their rooms clean, etc. You will be placed on a rotation of chores so that you are not always doing the same things.

## **PHASE 2: FIRE**

Students will need to work together to keep their living, sleeping and working areas stay clean and tidy.

# Internet & Phones

## **PHASE 1&3: SWORD & Conclusion**

Use of computers or smartphones will be limited to one hour each evening. This is to help keep the mind focused on the course and to help the students get enough sleep.

## **PHASE 2: FIRE**

We request that the students limit their time on smartphones or the internet. It will be expected that by 9:30pm all electronic devices will be turned off, though we will not police this. There may be exceptions because of evangelistic efforts, but students should strive to make sure to get enough sleep.

*„Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you.” (Proverbs 4:25)*

# Communication

## **PHASE 1&3: SWORD & Conclusion**

Students need always to inform the members of the staff before leaving the property where the school will be located. Make sure you are always back to where we are staying by 21:00 (9pm).

## **PHASE 2: FIRE & TENT**

Students must keep in regular contact with the Frontline Messenger Team to give reports of the work and its progress.

Please let us know if you plan to bring your own car to the training.

# Exercise & Garden-work

## PHASE 1& 3: SWORD & Conclusion

All students are expected to take part in the daily exercise program. You will also be expected also to help work in the Garden and other outdoor work. This will not only be a benefit physically but also mentally and spiritually, as it relaxes the mind and keeps it fresh for the intensive classes that you will have each day.

## PHASE 2 : FIRE

All students are encouraged to continue practicing some type of exercise or physical work during the second phase.

***„There should have been a portion of the time each day devoted to labor, that the physical and mental might be equally exercised. If schools had been established upon the plan we have mentioned, there would not now be so many unbalanced minds.“ (Christian Education p. 18)***

# Dress

Students are required to be modest in all their dress, and should dress in a way that will not foster pride or bring attention to themselves. Men should keep their shirts on in the presence of ladies.

Sabbath attire should be special, neat and clean.

No jewelry (necklaces, rings, earrings, etc.) are allowed.

There may be opportunities for swimming, but mixed swimming between men and women is not allowed.

Please do not pack too many unnecessary things or too much clothing.

***„Fashion is deteriorating the intellect and eating out the spirituality of our people. Obedience to fashion is pervading our Seventh-day Adventist churches and is doing more than any other power to separate our people from God.“ (Testimonies for the Church, vol. 4, p. 647)***

# Relationships

The Frontline Messenger team would ask that all of their students make sure that they stay focused and fully engaged in the program as it is quite intense. If you are already involved in a

relationship, we kindly ask that you make sure this relationship does not hinder you from your success in the course.

## Gossip, Complaining & Evil Speaking

During the Mission Leader Training there is no place for gossip or speaking evil of others. This is a great tool of the enemy of souls to destroy the work of God and bring in division among the workers.

If you have a problem with one of the students or staff please go to them directly and speak openly with them. If you think that something is not being done correctly please address it with the leadership team. If they will not hear you then please go to one of the other staff members and present your case privately and we will work together to come to reconciliation amongst ourselves.

***„We think with horror of the cannibal who feasts on the still warm and trembling flesh of his victim; but are the results of even this practice more terrible than are the agony and ruin caused by misrepresenting motive, blackening reputation, dissecting character? Let the children, and the youth as well, learn what God says about these things: ,Death and life are in the power of the tongue.’”  
(Adventist Home p. 440)***

## Forbidden Items

We hope that the following information goes without saying but is listed none the less. In no case will weapons, recreational or illicit drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, or occult items be permitted in the housing, car, or possession of the participants at the training locations. Discovery of such items is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund.

## Student Dismissal

Students are asked to assist the staff and other students by manifesting a cooperative, harmonious attitude. Students must complete assignments by the due date and abide by written rules as outlined in this handbook. If you have concerns, questions or special circumstances, please discuss them with the administration BEFORE your arrival at Frontline Messenger Training Program. Every effort is made to carefully resolve such issues. The Frontline Messenger Team reserves the right to dismiss without a refund a student who fails to abide by the policies and guidelines outlined in this handbook.

# Phase 1 Daily Program Example

Below is an example of how the day might be organized during the Phase 1 of training. (This schedule is subject to change and serves only as an example)

<i>Time</i>	<i>Activity</i>
05:30-07:00	Wake up and Personal Devotions (shower/get dressed/etc.)
07:00-07:30	Group Devotional
07:30-08:00	Prepare Breakfast
08:00-09:00	Breakfast
09:00-12:00	Classes, Assignments, Physical Work
12:00-13:00	Prepare Lunch
13:00-14:00	Lunch
14:00-14:30	Clean-up
14:30-18:30	Classes, Assignments, Physical Work
18:30-19:30	Optional: Light Supper & Clean-up
19:30-20:30	Phone and Internet Time
20:30-21:30	Prepare for Bed
21:30	Lights Out

## Questions

If you need clarification on any of the information in this handbook, or have any questions concerning things not covered herein, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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