



Teleo Missions

A Christ-centered Bible-worker training school

STUDENT HANDBOOK

2026

“It is finished.”

John 19:30

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TELEO MISSIONS

Teleo Missions

Who we are and why we exist – a school built on Christ's own method of ministry.

Hello

So, you're considering coming for training at Teleo Missions? Praise the Lord! Perhaps you heard about us from your pastor, a friend, a family member, the internet, or a testimony at a recent seminar or conference. Regardless of how the idea got into your head, we're excited that God might be leading you in our direction.

If you have questions after reading this Handbook, please don't hesitate to contact us directly. We're excited about the possibility of you joining our program.

Why We Exist

At Teleo Missions Bible training school, our goal is to help students:

- **Gain a living connection with Jesus,**
- **Experience personal freedom & restoration, and**
- **Effectively share Jesus, freedom & restoration with others.**

Teleo Missions also exists to produce more labourers for God's vineyard. Achieving the first goal leads to the second goal.

Our school encompasses both in-class training as well as field work. Students learn the fundamentals of personal evangelism, practical ministries (meeting people's felt needs), principles of health and healing, the Three Angels' messages, and fully trusting God for salvation.

Teleo's course of study is designed to equip lay people with the knowledge, skills, and tools to be effective disciples of Jesus. The classes are taught in modules, which allows young people, professionals, and other busy people to attend a specific class, and only need to take a short time off from work.

We are an evangelistic school that gives youth and adults an avenue to live out their discipleship — joining the mission Jesus entrusted to every believer. Teleo Missions was born to train and mobilize armies of workers to be God's helping hands.

With such an army of workers as our youth, rightly trained, might furnish, how soon the message of a crucified, risen, and soon-coming Saviour might be carried to the whole world!

— Education, p. 271

So, regardless of where you are in life or what life-path you pursue, Teleo Missions is committed to raising up disciples of Jesus who win souls in their communities and equipping you to fulfill the gospel commission.

Christ's Method, Our Model

The world needs today what it needed two thousand years ago — a revelation of Christ. We do not want to be merely another school that teaches about ministry; we want to learn to minister the way Jesus did.

Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, "Follow Me."

— The Ministry of Healing, p. 143

Everything we do at Teleo follows these five movements of Jesus' own ministry:

- **Mingle** — we go to where people are, as friends who desire their good.
- **Sympathize** — we feel with people, weeping with those who weep and rejoicing with those who rejoice.
- **Minister** — we meet real needs of body, mind, and soul — which is why health and healing are woven through the program.
- **Win confidence** — trust is earned over time through unselfish, consistent love.
- **"Follow Me"** — only then do we invite people to follow Jesus, and we teach them to do the same for others.

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Get With the Program

How the training works – classroom and field, schedule, and curriculum.

The Way It Works

At Teleo Missions, classroom learning and real-world field work go hand in hand from start to finish. The program encompasses three key areas – equipping, envisioning, and empowering.

Our team is committed to providing an intensive training program. We pour our hearts into helping our students reach their full ministry potential.

At Teleo, you will:

- Gain knowledge and understanding of the Bible on a deeper level.
- Grow in faith and have a closer walk with God.
- Learn to share and teach Bible truths with confidence.
- Learn to be an effective disciple and active witness for Jesus.
- Gain the tools to help fulfill the Great Commission.
- Have the opportunity to be mobilized to serve in church as a Bible worker.

The Classroom

The program consists of twenty weeks of classroom sessions covering key areas of the Bible such as fundamental doctrines, prophecy, the sanctuary, and how to study the Bible. This will deepen your understanding of Scripture and help you answer difficult Bible questions with confidence. Practical subjects such as health, evangelism, and preaching will also be taught. This will help you develop skills to become a powerful and effective Bible worker for Christ.

The Field Training

Well-organized work must be done in the church, that its members may understand how to impart the light to others, and thus strengthen their own faith and increase their knowledge. As they impart that which they have received from God, they will be confirmed in the faith. A working church is a living church. We are built up as living stones, and every stone is to emit light. Every Christian is compared to a precious stone that catches the glory of God and reflects it.

— Testimonies, vol. 6, p. 435

At Teleo Missions, we believe a student's education is not complete until it is put into practice. That's why field work isn't held for later — it runs hand in hand with the classroom from week one. What students learn in the morning, they put to work in real ministry, among real people with real struggles and questions.

Working in outreach teams, students learn their part in a “well-organized work” within a selected local church. Ministry opportunities include, but are not limited to, conducting Bible studies, assisting with new church plants, going door-to-door, setting up ministries, and other events. Along the way, students gain first-hand experience in **leading people to freedom and through a living connection with Jesus**, and weaving health into every ministry.

Tentative Teleo Program Schedule

WEEK	DATES	SUBJECT
1	3 – 8 August 2026	How to Live a Holy Spirit Led Lifestyle
2	10 – 13 August 2026	Conversion & Righteousness by Faith
3	17 – 20 August 2026	Conversion & Righteousness by Faith
4	24 – 27 August 2026	Fundamentals
5	31 August – 3 September 2026	Fundamentals
6	7 – 10 September 2026	Freedom & Restoration: Spiritual Warfare
7	14 – 17 September 2026	Freedom & Restoration: Counseling
8	21 – 24 September 2026	Evangelism
9	28 September – 1 October 2026	How to Study the Bible
10	5 – 8 October 2026	How to Study the Bible
11	12 – 15 October 2026	Leadership
12	19 – 22 October 2026	Speech and Homiletics
13	26 – 29 October 2026	Sanctuary
14	2 – 5 November 2026	Sanctuary
15	9 – 12 November 2026	Daniel
16	16 – 19 November 2026	Daniel
17	22 – 25 November 2026	Revelation
18	30 November – 3 December 2026	Revelation
19	7 – 10 December 2026	Revelation
20	14 – 17 December 2026	Revelation

Please note that the curriculum and timing are subject to change.

Check-in & Orientation: Sunday, 2 August 2026 • **Graduation:** Sabbath, 19 December 2026 • **Check-out:** Sunday, 20 December 2026. Note: Thanksgiving is on Thursday, 26 November — there will be no class that day.

Daily Schedule

Sunday: United Prayer in the morning, followed by either outreach events, canvassing, outings, manual labor, or free time to complete assignments.

Time	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sabbath
6:00 AM	Personal Devotion					
6:30 AM						
7:00 AM						Personal Devotion
7:30 AM	Breakfast					
8:00 AM						Breakfast
8:30 AM	Morning Worship					Breakfast
9:00 AM	Class				Exercise	
9:30 AM						
10:00 AM						Sabbath School
10:30 AM						
11:00 AM						Divine Worship
11:30 AM	Lunch					
12:00 PM						
12:30 PM						Lunch
1:00 PM						
1:30 PM	Health Class	Review Session	Outreach (Church Based)	Review Session	Clean Up	
2:00 PM						
2:30 PM						Sabbath Afternoon Program
3:00 PM					Sabbath Preparation Time	
3:30 PM						
4:00 PM	Exercise					
4:30 PM						
5:00 PM	Dinner					
5:30 PM						
6:00 PM						
6:30 PM						
7:00 PM	Evening Worship	Prayer Meeting	Evening Worship	Evening Worship	Care Group	Outreach - Saturday Night Social
7:30 PM						
8:00 PM						
8:30 PM						
9:00 PM	Personal Devotion					
9:30 PM						
10:00 PM	Lights Out				Personal Devotion	
10:30 PM					Lights Out	

Please note that this daily schedule is subject to change.

Curriculum

BIBLE SUBJECTS	PRACTICAL SUBJECTS
Conversion & Righteousness by Faith	How to Live a Holy Spirit Led Lifestyle
Fundamentals of the Christian Faith	Steps to Christ
How to Study the Bible	Freedom & Restoration: Spiritual Warfare / Counseling
Studies on the Book of Daniel	Evangelism
Studies on the Book of Revelation	Leadership
Studies on the Sanctuary	Speech & Homiletics
	Health

Conversion and Righteousness by Faith

An in-depth study on the message of righteousness by faith — what conversion is, the relationship between faith and works, and how to live by faith.

Fundamentals of the Christian Faith

A study on the 28 fundamental doctrines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in relation to the Three Angels' Messages. Students learn to give effective Bible studies covering the fundamental beliefs and to address common difficult texts with effective, Scripture-based answers.

How to Study the Bible

A study on the different Bible study methods and how to properly study and search the Scriptures with observation, interpretation, and application.

Studies on the Book of Daniel

An in-depth verse-by-verse study on the whole book of Daniel and the principles of prophetic interpretation.

Studies on the Sanctuary

A study on the earthly and heavenly sanctuary, and our responsibility as Christians to live in the light of the Heavenly Sanctuary Message.

Studies on the Book of Revelation

An in-depth verse-by-verse study on the whole book of Revelation in light of the sanctuary message, Daniel, and the principles of prophetic interpretation.

How to Live a Holy Spirit Led Lifestyle

Interactive experiential training on living a Holy-Spirit-led life just as the disciples of Jesus did in the book of Acts — calling all to a daily, personal revival with the Lord Jesus Christ and equipping them to disciple others to trust, follow, and share Jesus.

Steps to Christ

A thoughtful study of this classic book by Ellen White on having a deep, abiding relationship with Jesus — led by the Holy Spirit, with practical application in the context of Freedom and Restoration.

Speech and Homiletics

Practical training in using the voice to present the Bible in a private and public setting. Students gain experience preparing a sermon, preaching, giving a personal testimony, and reading publicly the Word of God.

Leadership

A practical course on leadership skills that can contribute to soul-winning and disciple-making. Students discover their individual capabilities, their role on a team, and how to be faithful, humble leaders in ministry.

Evangelism

A study of the different methods used in evangelism, with an emphasis on Christ's method of personal, one-on-one ministry. Students will learn how to be an effective teacher and preacher and will gain hands-on experience during Care Groups and outreach, taking classroom knowledge into real ministry.

Freedom & Restoration – Spiritual Warfare / Counseling

An experiential course that promotes healing, restoration, and breaking free from past burdens. Students will learn to recognize and rebuke negative thoughts, claim Bible promises, and put on the armour of God — for themselves and to help others find freedom in Christ.

Health

Interactive weekly classes on the importance of the health message in the Seventh-day Adventist church and its relevance to the mission field. Students will have practical training in preparing healthy, balanced, plant-based meals, and simple natural remedies for common illnesses. Students will also have opportunities to conduct health screenings in the community.

Medical missionary work is the pioneer work of the gospel. In the ministry of the word and in the medical missionary work the gospel is to be preached and practiced. ... Often the relief of their physical needs is the only avenue by which [people] can be approached.

— The Ministry of Healing, p. 144

Because Jesus ministered to the body as a way into the heart, health is not a side subject at Teleo — it is woven through our outreach and daily life. Every gospel worker should know how to give the simple treatments that relieve pain and to teach the principles of healthful living.

Students will be awarded a graduation certificate for each subject that they complete at the end of the course at the Teleo Missions graduation ceremony, provided that the student meets all the requirements for the subject.

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Our Team & Instructors

The people who walk alongside you through these five months.

Who We Are

The Teleo Missions team is growing yearly as God continues to bring people of different walks together. Differing in backgrounds and experiences, our core staff bring together various key skills; but at heart, we are joined by our love for Jesus and a passion for discipleship.

Core Team

**Eric Wilson**

Speaker, Director,
Counselor

**Susan Peña**

Director, Instructor,
Administrator

**Walter & Natälie Smit**

Pastor (Walter),
Instructors,
Counselors

**Alyzrona Gapang**

Director, Instructor,
Counselor

**Lana & John Ash**

Directors,
Counselors

**Diamond Small**

Instructor, Counselor

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Student Life

Life together — campus, dorm, and the personal commitments that shape our days.

Campus Life

Location

The location of the school will be at the Stateline Seventh Day Adventist Church near Walla Walla, Washington. The church address is:

Stateline Seventh Day Adventist Church
53730 Stateline Rd
Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

If you are planning to arrive by air, you may fly directly into Walla Walla (ALW airport code), or you may fly to the larger Tri-Cities Airport of Pasco (PSC airport code), Washington, about an hour's drive away. If you need it, please arrange with Susan (susan@teleomissions.org or 972-467-6127) to arrange transportation from the airport.

Materials

Students will be provided with a workbook, when needed, for each module. Students will need to take their own personal notes and are recommended to bring a laptop and a hard copy of a KJV Bible for ease of study during class.

Attendance

Attendance for all scheduled classes, outreach projects, and other school-related programs is mandatory. Please obtain permission from the Teleo Missions administrative staff before being excused from any school programs. We expect students to be punctual and to show respect for instructors, staff, and fellow classmates.

Absence

Due to the intensity of the Teleo Missions program and the need to minimize distractions, students are not permitted to be absent from any classes or weekend programs unless approved by the administrative staff beforehand. Pre-arranged major events and emergencies will be taken into consideration and prior arrangements must be made and

approved by Teleo Missions administration. Habitual tardiness and/or absence may lead to dismissal.

Morning Worship

At Teleo, we believe in beginning our day with God together as a school family. Corporate worship is held every day of class and is a critical part of individual and class growth. Students are expected to attend all worship sessions and be on time.

Sabbath Observance

Our favorite time together is the Sabbath. We hope that if students haven't already found the joy of this beautiful rest, that their time spent here will deepen their Sabbath experience. The Sabbath hours, from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday, are sacred and joyous times for spiritual renewal. Secular activities (shopping, business, and distracting amusements) are to be avoided during this time. Attendance at worship services is required, unless special arrangements are made.

Assignments

Our required reading, writing, and group assignments are carefully chosen to be engaging and informative. Students must complete all assignments to earn credit for each module. Failure to meet these requirements will result in not graduating from the module or not having the subject on their certificate.

Grading

Students' assignments will be graded according to the following scale:

96-100%	A+	81-85%	B+	66-70%	C+	51-55%	D
91-95%	A	76-80%	B	61-65%	C	<50%	Fail
86-90%	A-	71-75%	B-	56-60%	C-		

Completion of the assignment requirements is fulfilled if the student passes each assignment. For group work, the group will be awarded one group grade. Attendance is also counted into the students' grade.

Accreditation and Transfer Credits

As Teleo Missions is a training program rather than an accredited school, we cannot guarantee college/university credit for the completion of the Teleo Missions Bible Training School. Teleo Missions can issue an academic transcript; however, it is at the discretion of the receiving school whether the credits will be accepted.

Part-Time Students

Part-timers are required to adhere to the same class and housing policies and standards given to full-time students. A certificate of completion is also awarded to part-time students if they complete all the requirements.

Dorm Life

Accommodation

Full-time students will be housed in separate living quarters for men and women. It is highly recommended that all full-time students stay together in the accommodation provided even if family lives nearby — to experience Teleo Missions fully. Each room is supplied with a bed and mattress, but students will need to provide bed linens, a pillow, towels and washcloths. Students are responsible for their own laundry and for keeping their living quarters neat and clean. The staff reserve the right to randomly check rooms for tidiness and general upkeep. Students will be assigned their respective accommodation closer to the date of commencement.

What not to bring:

- Posters or pictures not in harmony with SDA Christian beliefs or of sports, movies, or other idols
- Computer games or material that is not in agreement with the principles of the school
- Pets of any kind
- Matches, candles, cigarette lighters, incense, fire crackers, or any other incendiaries
- Fictional reading or viewing materials (novels, comics, fantasy, action)
- Dramatized entertainment movies
- Playing cards (including Rook) and board games (including chess and checkers)
- Materials in a foreign language (except for Bibles and Spirit of Prophecy)

General Housing Rules:

- House lights must be turned off at 10:00 P.M. and will be turned on at 6:00 A.M.
- Students must be in their housing by 9:00 P.M. unless on approved outreach activities.
- Visitors to the dormitory should contact the dean prior to arrival and should not enter the housing without notifying the dean.

- Lost keys will result in a replacement fee.
- Lights, fans, and air-conditioners are to be switched off when the room or place is not in use.

Meals

All meals are provided here at Teleo. For most people, two meals a day — breakfast and lunch — is the healthiest pattern, and it's the rhythm we follow. As Ellen White observed, "the practice of eating but two meals a day is generally found a benefit to health" (*The Ministry of Healing*, p. 321).

Students will be organized into teams to cook plant-based meals together. Teleo Missions encourages every student to be knowledgeable and practical in the area of healthy meal preparation. Cooking together will help students learn healthy living. **Non-vegetarian meat and seafood may not be brought onto the premises.** If you are on a special diet or have any food allergies, please notify the staff immediately.

House / Facility Cleaning and Duty Rotation

Students are expected to keep their rooms clean and picked up and will participate in various daily duties and jobs to keep the housing and facilities clean, such as meal setup/prep, kitchen and bathroom clean-up, and weekly floor sweeping and mopping. These duties are an important part of the program. Students will be divided into groups and placed on a rotation. These duties foster a sense of unity and responsibility.

Prohibited Items

Under no circumstances will any firearms, recreational drugs, tobacco, alcoholic beverages, pornography, gang symbols, or occult items be permitted in the housing, vehicles, or possession of Teleo Missions students. We also ask that no caffeinated beverages be brought on campus (e.g., coffee, certain types of tea, energy drinks, etc.). Computer/video games and secular movies are also prohibited; students are encouraged to delete them before joining the course. Discovery of such items is grounds for immediate dismissal without a refund.

Transportation

Teleo Missions is expecting that some students will not bring their own vehicle and is planning to provide transportation for sponsored activities. Students are encouraged to bring their own vehicle for personal use and for outreach. If personal vehicles are brought, please ensure the vehicle is properly maintained, licensed, and insured. Students who bring their own vehicles may be asked to provide rides to those who do not have vehicles, and will be reimbursed for actual costs (gas, tolls, and parking).

Personal Life

All students are expected to live in harmony with biblical principles and to adhere to the standards and practices of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Respect for One Another

We are a family of believers learning to love as Jesus loved, and how we treat each other is part of our training. Students are expected to be kind, courteous, and respectful toward fellow students, staff, and guests at all times — honoring one another's personal space, privacy, and dignity. Rude, crude, suggestive, or vulgar language has no place among us, nor do mocking, belittling, or unkind words.

Disagreements are normal in any family. For ordinary friction — a misunderstanding or hurtful words — we ask students to follow the spirit of Matthew 18, going first, humbly and privately, to the person involved, and seeking out a dean or mentor when more help is needed. Some things, however, are not yours to carry alone.

Teleo Missions will not tolerate abuse of any kind — physical, emotional, sexual, or verbal — including intimidation, harassment, bullying, threats, or any unwanted physical contact. Such behavior is contrary to the spirit of Christ and is harmful both to the person and to the school family, and any form of abuse is grounds for immediate dismissal. If you ever experience or witness abuse or mistreatment, please bring it to a dean or staff member right away, and it will be handled with care and confidentiality.

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.

— Romans 12:10

Personal Devotion Time

Daily unrushed personal devotion time with God is key to experiencing God in our daily lives and growing in our faith and personal ministry. This will be a key area of emphasis throughout the entire program.

Family prayer, public prayer, have their place; but it is secret communion with God that sustains the soul life.

— Education, p. 258

Healthful Living

Because we are training to share Christ's method of ministry — which begins with caring for the whole person — we practice the health message we hope to share. The body is “the

temple of the Holy Ghost,” and we are called to “glorify God in [our] body” (1 Corinthians 6:19–20). Learning to live this way is part of your training, so while enrolled at Teleo Missions — whether on campus or off, including weekends and outings — students commit to following these principles of healthful living:

- A plant-based diet in line with the spirit of prophecy’s counsel. No flesh foods — meat, poultry, or seafood — are eaten or brought onto the premises.
- Regular meals, and no late-night eating. The last meal is taken well before bedtime so the body can truly rest: “When we lie down to rest, the stomach should have its work all done.” (The Ministry of Healing, p. 304)
- No caffeinated beverages (coffee, caffeinated teas, energy drinks, colas).
- No alcohol, tobacco, vaping, recreational drugs, or other harmful substances of any kind.
- No watching secular movies or professional sports.
- Careful, limited use of online media. We guard the mind as well as the body — keeping our time online in check and turning away from any content that is impure, violent, sensational, or otherwise out of harmony with a Christian walk: “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes.” (Psalm 101:3)

These are not rules for their own sake; they free the mind and body for clear thinking, steady devotion, and tireless service. Ellen White summed up the path to health simply: “Pure air, sunlight, abstemiousness, rest, exercise, proper diet, the use of water, trust in divine power — these are the true remedies.” (The Ministry of Healing, p. 127) We invite you to embrace these not as burdens but as gifts, and to grow in them throughout your time here.

If you have a medical condition or dietary need that affects any of the above, please speak with the staff so we can support you wisely.

Exercise

Students should bring exercise shoes and modest sports attire (refer to the section on attire below). Exercise is student-run but encouraged for everyone. A healthy body keeps the mind alert and open to studying and understanding the Bible. Daily walks/hikes will be taken as a group, weather permitting.

Cell Phone Use

Phones easily pull our attention away from the very thing we came here for: an undistracted walk with Jesus and full presence with the people around us. We ask that students keep phones out of sight during classes, worships, meals, and outreach unless it is

being used for the activity itself (e.g., notes, a Bible app, or contacting a study interest). Please silence notifications during class and worship, and consider keeping evenings after worship phone-free for study, rest, and fellowship. The school may ask a student to adjust phone habits if they begin to hinder their spiritual life or studies.

Student Attire

General Rule. While at Teleo, the students are to wear smart and modest clothing. Jewelry is not permitted. Logos, wording, and pictures must be consistent with Christian values. Please refrain from wearing anything that is offensive, revealing, distracting, or that Grandma would raise her eyebrows at.

In dress, as in all things else, it is our privilege to honor our Creator. He desires our clothing to be not only neat and healthful, but appropriate and becoming.

— Child Guidance, p. 413

Guidelines for Ladies

Tops. When bending over, no cleavage or bra should be seen. Sleeveless tops, crop tops, or any tops exposing the midriff are not permitted.

Bottoms. Skirts and trousers should cover the knee when standing and fully drape over the knee when sitting.

Swimwear. As we are in a Bible school, swimwear should follow the same guidelines as the clothes you would wear as tops and bottoms. To be exact, anything sleeveless, above the knee, or with a low neckline is not permitted.

Relaxed Wear. It is permissible for girls to be more relaxed in their house. Pajamas should only be worn in the house. However, should any guests or visitors enter the house, please revert to the general public attire.

Sabbath Attire. Women are encouraged to dress neatly and reverently for Sabbath worship, choosing attire that reflects respect for God and the sacredness of the day. Dresses or skirts should be of a modest length and fit, and tops should provide proper coverage without being tight or revealing. Fabrics should not be sheer, and overall attire should be simple, clean, and free from distracting elements, and should avoid drawing unnecessary attention. Shoes should be modest and appropriate for a worship setting. Traditional cultural wear is welcomed as long as it is modest and appropriate for worship, and free from jewelry.

Guidelines for Men

Tops & Bottoms. Shirts must have sleeves. Shorts should measure no higher than knee length.

Swimwear. Swimwear must include shorts and dark-coloured shirts.

Relaxed Wear. It is permissible for boys to be more relaxed in the male dormitory by removing their shirts; this may only be on the dorm property. Pajamas should only be worn in the dorm. However, should any guests or visitors enter the dorm, please revert to the general public attire.

Hair. Hair should be styled without being extreme. Hair styles, including facial hair, need to be neat and trimmed.

Sabbath Attire. Men are encouraged to dress neatly and reverently for Sabbath worship, choosing attire that reflects respect for God and the sacredness of the day. Appropriate attire includes clean, well-fitted button-down collared shirts, long pants, and closed-toe shoes. Suits and ties may be worn but are not required. Traditional cultural wear is welcomed as long as it is modest and appropriate for worship, and free from jewelry.

Music

We ask that students refrain from keeping any music on their devices that goes against biblical principles. Only classical instrumental music and godly Christian music may be listened to by staff or students.

Music was made to serve a holy purpose, to lift the thoughts to that which is pure, noble, and elevating, and to awaken in the soul devotion and gratitude to God.

— Patriarchs and Prophets, p. 594

We also ask that all staff & students not listen to any music with drum kits, persistent syncopated rhythms, or a predominantly driving back-beat. More detail on respectful and acceptable holy music will be taught during the program. If in doubt, please download the MusicVerse app, where all music has been approved as sacred and uplifting.

Technology

The classroom and student housing may not have Wi-Fi. Students will need to bring their own data or internet connection. The use of devices during class is limited to the purposes of note-taking and assignments. We again ask that students refrain from keeping movies, games, and illicit videos on their devices. The Teleo program reserves the right to monitor and restrict internet and/or device usage should we find that it impedes the student's spiritual life.

Relationships

All students are expected to maintain a high standard of moral purity, avoiding the appearance of evil and inappropriate attention to the opposite sex. Due to the short duration of the course and the need to minimize distractions, students are not permitted to date or begin romantic relationships with other students. Students who are in long-term relationships outside of the classroom are requested to refrain from dating while enrolled in the school. This includes, but is not limited to, special attention, one-on-one interactions, going out on dates, hand-holding, and excessive time spent speaking with persons of the opposite sex that would give you panda-bear eye bags the next morning.

Accountability

Outside of class or work time, the deans need to know where students are. Students should be on their house property even during their free time. Students are not to visit or be in the vicinity of the housing of the opposite gender except for scheduled activities. If any student needs to visit the dean's apartment, prior arrangements should be made. Outside of class time and scheduled events, students are not to be in the class building without permission from the on-site administrator.

Mentorship

Teleo Missions recognizes the need for early mentorship and counselling as students go through a drastic change in lifestyle over these five months. Students will be assigned to one member of the working committee for counselling and mentorship opportunities, subject to the different needs of the individual student. The student will meet their respective mentor a minimum of 2 times over the course of the school.

Free Time

We want students to make the most of their five months at Teleo Missions. To encourage good habits, students are discouraged from going out during the first four weeks except for emergencies. Students that wish to go out after the first four weeks are required to sign a permission slip that requires two signatures from any Teleo Missions working committee member. We recommend that students only go out for social events once a month.

Student Dismissal

Teleo Missions reserves the right to dismiss any student, without a refund, who consistently fails to abide by the policies and guidelines described in this handbook.

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Application Details

How to apply, and how the costs work.

The Process

The Teleo Missions school accepts students who have a commitment to the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. Due to legal reasons, students who are below 18 years old by the starting date of the program will need to fill out a parental consent form found in the application form and have it signed by their parent/legal guardian and will need to be accompanied by their parent/legal guardian to attend the school. The parent/legal guardian therefore must also complete an application to the school.

The application process is as follows:

1. Read through all of our [Student Handbook](#), like you're doing now. ☺ The Holy Spirit then pricks your heart and you decide to apply for Teleo Missions.
2. Print out, complete the [Application Form](#), and email it with a recent photo of yourself to: **apply@teleomissions.org** (Your picture does not have to be a passport photo – any informal photo showing your face will do.)
3. Teleo Missions reviews your completed application. (Teleo Missions will only review completed applications.)
4. After reviewing, you will be notified with either acceptance or denial by email. If you are accepted, you will also receive a welcome letter with additional pertinent information along with a link to a follow-up questionnaire.
5. You may pay for your tuition costs upfront, or on a month-by-month basis. Students are required to pay for the month's costs within the first week of the month.

All applications will be processed in the order in which they are received. Students will be notified in a timely manner regarding their acceptance or denial to the program.

Enrollment is limited, so we encourage you to submit your application sooner than later. Rather than an application deadline, application acceptance is based on room availability and space in the class.

The Money Part

The cost to run the program would be \$9,000 per person. However, the staff is choosing not to receive a regular salary, so the out-of-pocket cost to run the five-month program is \$7,500 (see breakdown below) for on-campus students. This amount includes tuition, utilities, meals, and other various costs.

Part-time students who choose not to attend the entire program pay \$375 per week for the classes they join. Approval to attend specific modules will also be dependent on available space. Local students who do not need accommodation, food, or transportation pay \$150 per week.

Each student is asked to cover the cost of their share. Payment is made upfront; for students attending longer than a month, each month's portion is due within the first week of that month. We encourage you to bring the matter before the Lord, trusting Him to provide what is needed, knowing that what costs us something is valued accordingly.

Category	Total (5 months)	Per Month	Per Week
Food	\$1,750	\$350	\$88
Accommodations	\$2,500	\$500	\$125
Transportation	\$250	\$50	\$12
Tuition (staff room, board, travel, and miscellaneous costs)	\$3,000	\$600	\$150
Total	\$7,500	\$1,500	\$375

Financial assistance. Students who are financially challenged are encouraged to seek sponsorship from family, friends, and their local church family. Students may also fill out a form to apply for Teleo financial assistance. Applicants may be required to attend a live interview with the Teleo Missions working committee (either in person or over teleconferencing).

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Resource List

What to read, and what to bring.

Checklist

The following is a list of reading materials for the Teleo Missions program. The required books will be provided to students in PDF format during the program. Should students prefer a hard copy of the books, extra charges may be incurred for the cost of printing, or the student may purchase and obtain on their own.

Required Books

- *Steps to Christ* — Ellen G. White
- *Sanctified Life* — Ellen G. White
- *Lessons on Faith* — A. T. Jones & E. J. Waggoner
- *Creeping Compromise* — Joe Crews
- *Enemy at the Gate* — Joe Crews
- *Ransom and Reunion* — W. D. Frazee

Recommended Books

- *Daniel and the Revelation* — Uriah Smith
- *Daring to Ask for More* — Melody Mason
- *Tell the World* — C. Mervyn Maxwell
- *Studying Together* — Mark Finley
- *His Victory is Ours* — David Ng
- *Victory on the Battlefield* — Vaughn Allen

The following are items students need to plan to bring with them for school.

Classes

- Laptop (recommended) or iPad, or spiral notebooks / college-ruled paper.
- Electronic chargers.
- KJV Bible (recommend bringing a hard copy as well).

Activities

- Modest sportswear (see section on attire).
- Hiking shoes (waterproof for winter conditions).
- Winter clothing — jackets, long underwear, long-sleeve shirts, wool socks, hats, scarves, and gloves.

Accommodation

Note: students flying to the destination may wish to purchase some or most of these items when they arrive to save on baggage costs.

- Toiletries (soap, shampoo, conditioner, shaving supplies, dental hygiene products, etc.).
- Laundry detergent and dryer sheets.
- Bedsheets (size of bed will be notified via email closer to commencement of program).
- Pillow and pillowcase.
- Light Blanket.
- Towels and washcloths.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Things that get asked a lot.

Things That Get Asked a Lot

How long does it take to find out if I'm accepted?

Once we receive a completed application, we will typically review the application and email a final decision within a week. The longest wait is usually when applicants do not submit a complete application.

Can I get college credit for attending the Teleo Missions program?

Teleo Missions is not an accredited educational institution. Therefore, we cannot guarantee college/university credit for completion of the program. Teleo Missions can issue a transcript; however, it is at the discretion of each receiving school whether the credits will be accepted.

As an international student, can Teleo Missions help me get a visa?

Teleo Missions is not an accredited educational institution in the United States; therefore attendees of our program are not officially students from an immigration standpoint and **should NOT apply for a student visa** to attend Teleo Missions. **International students should typically apply for a B-2 Tourism Visa** with the U.S. State Department and an embassy near you.

Note that an approved visa does not determine your allowed duration of stay in the US.

Your approved duration of stay is at the discretion of the Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") Officer at the port of entry (i.e. your arriving airport in the US). The B-2 Tourism Visa duration of stay can be approved by the CBP Officer for up to 6 months.

Having a purchased return ticket with you upon entry to the US will help facilitate the CBP officer's decision to authorize the maximum length of stay of 6 months. **Therefore, Teleo Missions requires that you have proof of your purchased return ticket with you upon entering the US.** It's understandable that a student will want to do some sight-seeing or traveling while in the U.S., and so we are fine with students arriving early in the US or leaving the US later than the length of the program, so long as the purchased return ticket

shows you exiting the country within 6 months of arrival. This helps ensure that immigration knows that you are not planning to stay in the country long term. Attendees need to do their own research regarding the requirements to secure a B-2 Tourism Visa to enter the U.S. as well as to maximize the likelihood of a 6-month duration of stay by a CBP officer. Students should contact their own U.S. embassy for details. Find more information at travel.state.gov.

At the time of your acceptance into the Teleo Missions program, Teleo Missions will provide international attendees with an invitation letter which includes the dates of the program, housing information, Teleo Missions's address, provision for food and housing, and a description of the training and missions program. According to the travel.state.gov website as of 26 May 2026: "A letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support is not needed to apply for a visitor visa. If you choose to bring a letter of invitation or Affidavit of Support to your interview, please remember it is not one of the factors used in determining whether to issue or deny the visa."

At the time of entry into the US, it may be helpful to have the invitation letter with you in case the CBP Officer asks any additional questions about your temporary stay in the US.

What is the typical age of the people in the program?

There is no age limit in our program. The majority of our students are typically between 18 and their 30s, but we've also had students in their 40s, 50s, and 60s.

How long is each subject?

Each module usually lasts 2 weeks, with some lasting 1 week and Revelation lasting for 4 weeks.

Will I have a lot of free time during the course?

Not much unstructured time — our days are full and purposeful by design, woven from devotions, classes, practical work, outreach, and worship. But real rest is built in: daily time for recreation and personal needs, a full night's sleep, and the Sabbath. Expect a busy, satisfying schedule with genuine margins for rest, not long idle stretches.

Does Teleo Missions have work that I can do to help pay for my tuition?

Teleo is operated on a volunteer basis and does not have work positions available. If students desire, we can look at having a Colporteur program to help students fundraise for the cost of the program. You may contact Susan to enquire more about this program.

What is Teleo's field training like?

At Teleo, the classroom and the field go hand in hand. We believe truth is best understood when it's lived and shared, not merely studied — so field training isn't an add-on, it's where the learning becomes real. Working alongside experienced Bible workers, you'll get hands-on practice in the everyday work of soul-winning: visiting people in their homes, conducting health surveys and offering simple health counseling, leading Care Groups, and giving Bible studies. This is Christ's own method — meeting people where they are, ministering to their needs, winning their confidence, and then pointing them to Jesus. By graduation, these won't be theories you've heard about; they'll be skills you've actually used.

Do I really need a laptop?

Well, it will be much easier for the group discussions and creating your own commentaries. You can take handwritten notes if that's easier for you, but a laptop or even an iPad just makes taking classroom notes, research, and group work more efficient and convenient — and more easily used by you when you teach what you've learned to others after the program.

Do I need health insurance?

It's best to get insurance — you never know what will happen! Hospital and clinic charges can rack up quite high, especially in the private sector.

Do I need a car?

Having a car would be ideal, as all students and staff will have transportation needs. If you do not have a car to bring, Teleo will work out transportation, most likely using staff and other student vehicles.

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Take Your Next Step

Make Your Move

So, you made it to the end. Congratulations!

Just in case you missed it, here it is one last time: soul-winning is our passion. It's why we get up in the morning and what we think about as we fall asleep at night. Whether you feel called to full-time ministry, or to be a better lay member in the setting that you are in, we want to equip you to be labourers in the Lord's vineyard. So, if you're interested in growing in your walk with Jesus, enhancing your personal growth, and getting experience in ministry, please consider the Teleo Missions program. We'd love to see you soon!

APPLY NOW

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