

FORGE

INTERN PROGRAM

Overview

The *Forge Intern Program* is designed to be a six-month missional discipleship program run through and by Touch Baja Ministries located outside of Tijuana, Mexico. The program consists of 13 two-week modules preceded by one week of orientation, and the multi-faceted goal of *Forge* centers on the following:

- 1) To provide the prospective intern a missional discipleship experience that will not just grow them practically but, more importantly, spiritually while serving within the works of a vibrant, active mission organization. This will be done through:
 - a. A practicum designed to give them the opportunity to actively participate in the various works and ministries of Touch Baja which will be scheduled and supervised by Touch Baja staff. It will include times of debrief where staff will communicate with the interns to help identify strengths and spiritual giftings that will aid the intern in their evaluation and direction of ministry service following their time in the program.
 - b. A curriculum designed to challenge and grow them spiritually, in their relationship and walk with the Lord, including establishing that this is the core and foundation for them serving in any capacity the Lord. This will include books, articles, and handouts that need to be read within each module that the intern will write short reports or answer questions to help them memorialize what God showed them in their time of study. Each module will also have a verse to memorize over the two-week module they are in.
- 2) For perspective interns who feel a calling to international or domestic mission work, to provide them with a real-life missional experience for proper evaluation of their calling. Also, working alongside the intern allows Touch Baja staff to give practical feedback that will aid in the intern's evaluation of their calling. The strength of the program on this front is that it provides, being done within the works of Touch Baja, a hands-on mission experience to the intern that moves mission work from the theoretical thought to tangible participation, including living with a host family for a two-week period.
- 3) While providing a quality missional experience for the prospective intern, Touch Baja, like many mission organizations, understands at the deepest level the Lord's words when He said, "The harvest truly *is* plentiful, but the laborers *are* few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matt. 9:37-38). *Forge* will help to fill this need of Touch Baja by providing more workers to serve within their various ministries.
- 4) To not only aid prospective interns to determine whether they are called to serve the Lord in the mission field, international or domestic, but also perhaps hone their calling to be that of serving with Touch Baja long-term. This will not only aid in providing more workers, as discussed in #3, but will help in the future sustainability of Touch Baja by raising up and training of future leaders.
- 5) Lastly, *Forge* will help establish lasting and mutually beneficial relationships with churches and future leaders who have gone through the internship program.

Outline

Program Details

- Length: 6 months (27 weeks inclusive of a one-week orientation upon arrival)
- What's included: Room and board, food, transportation (excluding travel to San Diego pickup location), ministry costs
- What's not included: Travel to / from home to San Diego pickup / drop-off location, spending money, personal toiletries costs
- Cost: \$4,200 total for the six months, payable upfront in total or at \$600 per month for the six months with a \$600 payment due in advance upon acceptance to the program

Program Curriculum Synopsis

The *Forge Intern Program* is a 6-month (27 week) program, consisting of an orientation week followed by 13 two-week modules, with the following proposed curriculum:

- **ORIENTATION WEEK (Week 1)**

Memory Verse:

"In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins." - 1 John 4:10

Book:

- none -

Article(s):

Understanding Culture
Culture, Worldview and Contextualization
Role of Culture in Communication
Redemptive Analogy
The Difference Bonding Makes

- **MODULE #1 - LIVING W/ HOST FAMILY (Weeks 2-3)**

Memory Verse:

"But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Book:

Calvary Road - handout (37)
Be Filled Now - handout (22)

Article(s):

The Living God is a Missionary God

- **MODULE #2 (Weeks 4-5)**

Memory Verse:

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible." - Hebrews 11:1-3

Book:

On Being a Servant (144)

Article(s):

Israel's Missionary Call

- **MODULE #3 (Weeks 6-7)**

Memory Verse:

"But if anyone obeys His word, God's love is truly made complete in Him. This is how we know we are in Him: Whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did." - 1 John 2:5-6

Book:

Christian Beliefs (192)

Article(s):

The Bible in World Evangelization

- **MODULE #4 (Weeks 8-9)**

Memory Verse:

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind." - Romans 12:1-2

Book:

Real Worship (224)

MODULE #4 (cont.)

Article(s):

Mandate on the Mountain

- **MODULE #5 (Weeks 10-11)**

Memory Verse:

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing, with these we shall be content." - 1 Timothy 6:6-8

Book:

Know Why You Believe (192)

Article(s):

Discipling All Peoples

- **MODULE #6 (Weeks 12-13)**

Memory Verse:

"And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." - Acts 5:32

Book:

The Pursuit of God (48)

Article(s):

New Pioneers Leading the Way

- **MODULE #7 (Weeks 14-15)**

Memory Verse:

"To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak-. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some." - 1 Corinthians 9:22

Book:

Knowledge of the Holy (120)

Article(s):

Expecting a Harvest

- **MODULE #8 (Weeks 16-17)**

Memory Verse:

"If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor Him." - John 12:26

Book:

Spiritual Leadership (208)

Article(s):

From Western Christendom to Global Christianity

- **MODULE #9 (Weeks 18-19)**

Memory Verse:

"But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus and His Son cleanses us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

Book:

Knowing God (280 includes study guide)

Article(s):

The Spontaneous Multiplication of Churches

- **MODULE #10 (Weeks 20-21)**

Memory Verse:

"Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ." - Phillipians 3:8

Book:

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Article(s):

Organic Church

- **MODULE #11 (Weeks 22-23)**

Memory Verse:

“He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God?” - Micah 6:8

Book:

We Would See Jesus - handout (50)

Article(s):

Healing the Wounds of the World

- **MODULE #12 (Weeks 24-25)**

Memory Verse:

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴ And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.” - Galatians 5:22-25

Book:

The Death of Ivan Ilyich (64)

Article(s):

Discovering the Holy Spirit’s Work in a Community

- **MODULE #13 - REENTRY PREPARATION (Weeks 26-27)**

Memory Verse:

“and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also.” - 2 Timothy 2:2

Book:

Re-Entry (150)

Article(s):

*Christ Movements in the Hindu World
A Movement of Worshipers in India*

Program Practicum Synopsis

Over the six months, interns will be systematically rotated through all aspects and ministries of Touch Baja Ministries, as well as serving in all Touch Baja locations and churches. Touch Baja staff, serving alongside the intern, will be evaluating them for the purposes of leading the intern into a deeper understanding of their spiritual giftings and ministry strengths. At regular intervals, staff will meet with the intern to debrief and unpack their evaluations, answering any questions the interns may have. The ministry aspects they will be rotated through include (but not limited to):

- Church ministries – serving in various areas of ministry within the church plants of Touch Baja
- Community Outreach ministries – serving in outreach ministries of Touch Baja, such as within elderly homes, rehab programs, feeding programs, etc.
- Administrative work – assisting in the administrative areas of Touch Baja as directed and needed

- Evangelism – participating in evangelistic outreaches led by Touch Baja and its staff
- Service Projects – practical serving opportunities led by Touch Baja and its staff
- Building Projects – assisting in the various Touch Baja building projects as needed and directed, taking into account the interns skillset in this area

The goals of this practicum are:

- 1) To expose the intern to the full breadth of ministry and what the scope and impact of ministry is. In doing this, through participation and evaluation, the intern can grow in the understanding of their spiritual giftings and ministry strengths and how these can be used to the glory of God wherever the Lord has them. Also, for those interns who may feel they're being called to long-term mission work, the program can be used to confirm that calling as well as establishing areas of ministry that fit with their spiritual giftings and strengths.
- 2) To provide, in the immediate, much needed ministry-minded individuals to work with and within Touch Baja ministries. To meet the longer-term sustainability plans of Touch Baja, prayerfully some of the interns will feel called by the Lord to serve longer term with Touch Baja upon completion of the *Forge* program.
- 3) To properly evaluate, on behalf of their home church, the intern's capabilities, spiritual giftings and strengths in relation to ministry. This is especially beneficial to the home church for those interns who have expressed a calling to mission work or ministry. *Forge* will undoubtedly prove to be a valuable tool to expose and evaluate the interns calling for their home church and also provide real-ministry input back to the church to assist in the further training and equipping of the intern to fulfill their calling.