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In 1994, Laurie Cowell started the *GLO School of Mission*, now called *CrossTrain*. The primary goal of GLO pre-field mission training is to help missionary candidates to get fit and ready for cross cultural missionary service. Since 1994 a total of 8 mission courses have been conducted equipping over 50 candidates from 9 countries for cross cultural missionary service.

## CROSSTRAIN CANDIDATES

In 2017 a new intake of missionary candidates will be trained. At this stage the four confirmed CrossTrain trainees all come from South Korea. Br. Kim Yeomkwang and Sis. Jee Chanmi, together with their two children, are being equipped to serve in a closed South East Asian country. Br. Choi Geunmin and Sis. Lee Sangsuk, who are commended missionaries currently serving in Nepal, are being trained with the view that in the future they may be able to train new missionary candidates from South Korea.

## CROSSTRAIN COMPONENTS

Biblically it appears that there are three basic components that every Christian worker needs to develop if they are to be considered fit and ready for ministry. These components consist of Bible comprehension (2 Tim. 1:13; Tit. 2:1), ministry capability (Tit. 1:9) and godly character (Tit. 1:6). In view of that the CrossTrain course prepares missionaries by giving them the understanding and information (KNOW), skills and competencies (DO), and character qualities (BE) necessary for successful cross cultural mission work.

## CROSSTRAIN COMPETENCIES

After carefully evaluating the needs of cross cultural missionaries, the CrossTrain course is designed to help trainees develop 8 crucial competencies.

1. Forming Christ centred relationships with God, with family, with the church and with the community.
2. Building solid mission foundations through understanding the Biblical basis of missions, the missionary call, serving by faith, the role of the local church in missions, local church commendation, partnering with missionary service agencies and connecting with supporters.
3. Developing godly character and knowledge of oneself by studying how to grow spiritually, your Personal SHAPE, your individual Personality Type, your Spiritual Gifts, your personal ministry profile and your conflict management style.
4. Mastering key ministry abilities by means of becoming equipped in cross cultural evangelism, following up new believers, making disciples, Bible study methods, biblical preaching, counselling & visitation, children's ministry & youth work, working as a team, facilitating worship, servant leadership, project management and spiritual warfare.
5. Attaining language learning and culture acquisition skills.
6. Obtaining a Biblical picture of the Church in a cross cultural context via studying how to apply New Testament principles and practices regarding the local church in a cross cultural setting.
7. Learning church planting strategies by discovering how to establish healthy, reproducing groups of obedient Jesus followers among the Unreached People Groups of the world.
8. Gaining basic survival skills in First Aid, simple home maintenance, basic motor mechanics, repairing plumbing problems, fixing electrical emergencies, etc.

Throughout the CrossTrain course candidates are evaluated as to whether they are "competent" in each of these 8 crucial competencies. Feedback is provided along the way so that by the end of the course the missionary candidates are fit and ready for cross cultural missionary service.

As can be seen, Discipling the Nations to Disciple the Nations is truly an apt description for the CrossTrain course. Over the years God has used GLO pre-field Mission Training to equip missionary candidates from Australia, Germany, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Romania, Singapore and South Korea to lead people from Atheistic, Buddhist, Catholic, Hindu and Islamic backgrounds to become committed disciples of Jesus.

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Yuta & Mari Imanishi were CrossTrain students in 2014



Br. Kim Yeomkwang & Sis. Jee Chanmi who are CrossTrain Trainees for 2017



Laurie (& Margaret) Cowell who started the School of Mission