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Leaders in Specialized Training (LIST)

Leadership Development

Summary

LIST is a three-year, intensive leadership development program for YFC Asia Pacific's most talented and promising young leaders preparing them for key leadership roles within YFC.

Description

Effective leadership is critical to the long-term success of YFC and reaching young people for Christ. Leaders In Specialized Training (LIST) is a leadership development initiative of YFC Asia Pacific that trains young YFC leaders to be more effective in youth ministry. Through LIST, young leaders will have opportunities to exercise and develop their leadership skills so that, through their leadership, YFC will be able to reach even more young people with the message of Jesus.

Through LIST, the most talented and committed young leaders of the YFC Asia Pacific Area are identified. Then, these young leaders are mentored, trained and mobilized over a period of three years with the view that they will be appointed to strategic leadership roles during or at the end of this training period.

The Need

We are seeking individuals and organizations that would consider providing scholarships to fund a substantial portion of the associated costs of LIST.

Scholarships of \$5,000 will pay for one year of the young leader's individual costs associated the LIST training.

The Young Leaders

Each nation in the Asia Pacific area has the opportunity to identify two of their top young leaders to participate in LIST. One leader participating in LIST is Joseph.

Joseph's Story

At the age of 12, Joseph carried his brother on his back as he left for Dhaka, the capital of Bangladesh. His mother had died and his father could no longer afford their schooling. Joseph was determined to offer his brother a chance to succeed, so went door-to-door looking for a family that would support his brother.



After finding a family for his brother, Joseph found himself without family, food, or shelter. He slept on the street, hawked things picked out of the rubbish, and did anything to survive. In 1988, at the age of 20, he committed his life to Christ and started to live out his passion to help young people.

In 1997 after some time volunteering with YFC, Joseph joined YFC staff full-time. Since then, he has been reaching out to young people in the southern part of Bangladesh. He currently serves in a position of leadership over the whole southern region, impacting thousands of youth annually.

The LIST Program

LIST combines an accredited Diploma of Ministry program from Wesley Institute in Sydney, Australia with specialized YFC training. The Diploma of Ministry incorporates Biblical, theological and practical training through intensive classes and distance study. The specialized YFC training component incorporates formalized supervision and mentoring, field placements in other YFC nations, ministry projects, personal development and a residential interaction conference each year.

Leadership Opportunities

As part of their development, candidates will be provided with opportunities to initiate, organize and lead ministry teams and programs. As they develop skills and confidence they will be given increasing leadership responsibilities with the view that at the end of the program they will be in a senior leadership position.

Organizational Familiarization

Candidates will be provided with opportunities to attend board meetings, Executive/Regional Director training programs/ meetings and other ministry leadership meetings to expose them to the senior leaders of YFC in their nation as well as the operational and organizational procedures and practices of YFC.

International Exposure

Candidates will be provided with international ministry experiences and exposure to the YFC International family. They will be required to attend at least two international conferences/ meetings during their training tenure. They will also be required to organize and lead two mission teams to other nations in the Area.

LIST Training and Interaction Program

Meetings will be organized to bring the LIST candidates together for training and interaction. These meetings will consist of an exploration of the Biblical basis for mission, stories of what life in leadership is really like from experienced YFC National Directors, and ideas sharing and problem solving with other LIST participants.

Mentoring

Candidates will be assigned a senior YFC leader as their mentor throughout the training program. This mentor will be in regular contact with the candidate and provide counsel and support to them as they move through the program.

Field Placement

The LIST Field Placement is a minimum 2-week overseas ministry/training experience. It will take place in another YFC nation within the Asia Pacific Area.

Ministry Project

The LIST Ministry Project is an opportunity to undertake a new project within one's own nation. One Ministry Project will be required during each year of LIST.

Annual Scholarship Needs

\$5,000 per participant

- Airfares, registration, accommodation, board for LIST training courses
- Wesley Institute Diploma of Ministry tuition fees
- Training materials
- Field Placement costs

Remaining Unfunded Annual Budgets:

2003: \$59,147

2004: \$48,079

2005: \$48,079

The LIST young leaders will be raising a portion of their costs too. However, YFC Asia Pacific is committed to providing scholarships to fund a substantial portion of the associated costs.

YFC Asia Pacific has already received three-year pledges and funding totaling over \$134,000 toward our 3-year total LIST budget of \$287,900. This total budget includes all staff and administrative costs for the program.

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