

PROJECT SHEET

Project Servant Stipends Providing a Spark to Enable Volunteers Leadership Development

Summary

The Project Servant Stipend component of IGNITE has two main purposes:

- 1) To help YFC national programs implement full-time volunteer internships, and
- 2) To provide stipends to assist with some of the living costs the participant will incur during their one-year volunteer internship.

Description

Project Servant Internships are full-year, volunteer internship opportunities for strategic volunteers. A few of our Asian and Pacific YFC programs offer these today and they recognize the high value both to YFC and to the interns. For example, in Singapore YFC, the Project Servant role has been nurtured over many years and now is a core component to the local ministry.

In many countries, making the jump from part-time volunteer to a full-time paid or volunteer staff is too large without a chance to “try-out” full-time ministry. Offering a structured, full-time volunteer internship opportunity can give these young leaders a chance to grow, serve, and experience full-time ministry as they seek God’s will for their lives.

YFC also benefits as we gain additional, committed volunteers that are willing to help us reach out to more young people than we could alone. Also, we get a chance to evaluate the volunteers over an extended time period to see if they would make good full-time workers.



The Need

We are hoping to facilitate and provide stipends for Project Servants across Asia and the Pacific. As the Lord provides, we will fund. Our current goals are to fund:

- 10 in 2006 for cost of: \$ 6,798,
- 20 in 2007 for cost of: \$ 13,596,
- 30 in 2008 for cost of: \$ 20,394,
- 40 in 2009 for cost of: \$ 27,192,
- 50 in 2010 for cost of: \$ 33,990.

The total project cost is: \$101,970

The countries across the Asia Pacific area are very diverse with work, living, extended family, and costs of living. The Project Servant Internship stipends will need to be flexible and consider these differences as we work with the different national programs. **The purpose of the Project Servant Stipends is not to provide a salary to the staff**—that would defeat the whole concept of Project Servant. However, in many cultures, **providing support toward the living costs of the Project Servant will just be enough to allow the person to commit to a full-time volunteer role with YFC for a year.**