

ST PETERS INTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

“The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”
 (Matt 9:38).

The Apostle Paul knew the joy of finding salvation through the gospel of God’s grace. Having spent years leading the violent persecution of the early church he himself was confronted by the risen Jesus and commissioned to spread the gospel so that people could be saved. Jesus said to him:

“I am sending you to [the Gentiles] to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.” Acts 26:17-18

Rather than shrinking back from a spiritually dark world, Paul was to go out with the gospel message of forgiveness, knowing that God has the power to change lives for eternity!

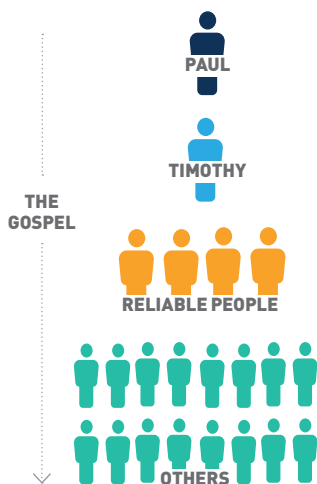
The Apostle Paul also knew the danger of the gospel dying out in one generation. He had seen *“everyone in the province of Asia”* (2 Tim 1:15) turn their back on him and his gospel of Christ crucified. However, Paul doesn’t counsel his young ministry assistant, Timothy, to hunker down and keep his head below the parapet. Far from it. He calls on Timothy to guard the gospel by passing it on to the next generation of faithful Christians who will be able to teach others:

“And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others” 2 Timothy 2:2

Paul wants Timothy to see himself as a steward of the gospel and a link in the chain of redemption.



Murray Anderson
 Senior Pastor
 St Peter's Church



Like Paul and Timothy, we are commissioned (Matt 28:18-20) to spread the gospel that turns people from darkness to light, frees them from Satan and issues in the forgiveness of sins and a radically transformed life.

Like Paul and Timothy, we are surrounded by gospel desertion, distortion and apathy. We need to see ourselves as links in the eternal and glorious gospel chain. We need to remember how sacred a trust and how significant a task it is to raise up a new generation of gospel ministers who, in turn, are able to pass the gospel on.

In fact, the most desperate need for South Africa, is the recruitment, training and deployment of more workers to proclaim the gospel that saves people from hell and into the Kingdom of God.

So, how are we hoping to encourage and train up a new generation of gospel workers?

A St Peters Internship is two years of on-the-job training. The essence of an internship is not formal, classroom instruction but learning through active participation. Two years provides enough time for interns to establish ministries and learn from their successes and failures. Then, with the help of those who have seen them in action, they can make informed decisions about the next step in their training and ministry.

All in all, we view this as training for a lifetime of effective gospel work.

Internships give those with growing ministry convictions the opportunity to 'live the life' of a full-time gospel worker. At some point, before entering the battlefield, soldiers need to have trained with live ammunition. Let's not push the illustration too far(!), but that's comparable to what an internship needs to achieve: We want to make sure there are real opportunities to do significant ministry, but it's always with a training mindset.

With this in mind there are four main training areas:



“My two years as an intern at St Peters laid the foundation for a life of gospel ministry. It exposed me to the realities of church work and equipped me for further Theological studies. I am so grateful to those who sowed into my life in my time as an intern.”

Jon Morrison
St Peters Intern:
2014-15
Currently serving
as St Peters
Pastor for Mission



OUR INTERNS IN 2020



Joe Lyons

“After doing a gap year at St Peters my convictions for ministry were really deepened. The internship program seemed like the best step I could take to finding out more about God’s Word while growing in specific ministry skills. I’m particularly keen to sharpen my skills in the creative use of digital media for gospel communication

Please pray that I keep my eyes and life focused on serving and living for Christ - to be servant-hearted and humble. It’s so easy to slip into a mindset where you think you deserve the praise that should be going to Christ!”



Carla Stephenson

“From high school, and through my theological studies at the Bible Institute, the vision for full-time ministry began to grow, as my commitment to Christ has developed by His grace. As God refined my understanding of His Kingdom, my desire became to edify and grow His Church by the power of the Holy Spirit. In order to become more effective in this it became clear that mentorship and training was necessary. The internship at St Peters seemed to be a great opportunity for that.

Please pray for (my husband) Cuan and I to be focused on Christ and His people and that our hope and strength would be built in the Lord. Please also pray for wisdom for us both as we work as a team, in various ministries.”



Tim Gertzen

“I’m convicted that if the Gospel is true, which I believe it is, then my life and priorities must be shaped by it. So, considering my God-given gifts, and the things that I love doing, full-time vocational ministry is something that I want to seriously consider. This internship at St Peter is, I think, the best way to think and work these things through.

Please pray that I would settle well at St Peters. As well as moving from being a UCT student to working at St Peters, this new position has meant moving church and home, which is a massive change for me! Pray also that I would not be tempted to dwell on the things that I had to give up to come here - but that I would, instead, rejoice in this awesome opportunity.”

ST PETERS GAP YEAR PROGRAM

St Peter's also offers a "Gap Year" program for recent high school graduates who are looking for training and work experience. A Gap Year at St Peter's allows young adults to be involved in a wide range of behind-the-scenes tasks and ministries. As with an internship, we hope they grow in godliness, Bible-handling skills, evangelism and leadership. But, compared to an internship, ministry and leadership responsibilities are lighter and there is less of an emphasis on preparing for a lifetime of full-time Christian work.

Stephan van Rooy

"Please pray that I will remain well energized and enthused for the work we are doing here, and that I will never lose sight of the bigger picture, that no matter how menial the task I am given, it is all to the glory of God."



James Carter

"Please pray that I grow as a Christian and become a better representative of Christ. Pray that I do what is right, do what would be best for others and that I help others to see the glory of Christ."



HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT US?

PRAYER

- Please keep on praying in line with Matthew 9:38. That God would raise up more Gospel workers “to send out into his harvest field”.
- Pray for the godliness and growth of all our Interns and Gap Years.
- Pray for wisdom for the St Peters Ministry Team as we identify, recruit, train and mentor.

PROVISION

- We need more Gospel workers in South Africa to reach the lost. Your generosity can help to fuel this.
- Please prayerfully consider donating to the St Peters Internship Program, either through regular monthly/quarterly gifts, or through one-off donations:

BANKING DETAILS

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“I am pleased to be able to endorse St Peter’s Internship Programme. Students who complete a programme like this before coming to George Whitefield College generally have a richer and deeper experience of theological education. The experience they gain through their internship establishes Christian ministry - the service of God and his people - as the framework within which they are able to engage in fruitful theological education.”

Mark Dickson (Principal, George Whitefield College)

“Over the last thirty years in the UK, God has used this type of internship training to raise up, train and test a new generation of gospel workers. This has been vital to the cause of the gospel in this country and similar, home-grown initiatives will be vital to any lasting gospel growth in South Africa. I would strongly encourage Christians in South Africa to support programs like this one!”

Richard Coekin (Executive Director, Co-Mission, London)