

TESTIMONY FROM OUR 1ST G1FT INTERN

Sometime towards 2008, I felt a restlessness that set me thinking about 'What's next?' after being in the advertising industry for more than 30 years. I felt increasingly unfulfilled and frustrated. One member of my Small Group gave me a book 'Halftime' by Bob Buford, which resonated with how I felt.

When I first read the brochure on 'The G1FT Program' in the church bulletin, it seemed as though this program was meant for me. I wanted to offer 1 year of my life to serve God full time.

After leaving my job in June, I approached Pastor Bernard and was accepted as a G1FT Intern.

I worked alongside Eric Cheong in Contact123, Lee Hui Ling with the Girls' Brigade, Alice Lim in Children's Ministry, Pastor Bernard on Holy Communion visits to the homebound. My exposure has largely been geared towards children, youth and the elderly.

In the course of my work, I was sent for various training – GB Officers Course, Lead Like Jesus Leadership Encounter led by Ken Blanchard and Bob Pike, "Impact..Change..Transform..." by Children's Bible Ministries and also other half day courses. I also went on a few retreats – GB Officers' Retreat, Ministry Staff Retreat, The Leaders' Retreat and went to a Corporals' Camp with the GB girls. There were also monthly staff and ministry staff meetings and LCEC meetings, where I got an overview of the happenings in the different ministries.

Pastor Bernard who supervises me would meet up with me regularly for debrief and review and also rotate me to different ministries. It had been a great learning experience and I now have a clearer understanding of how our church functions and how it will be evolving. I also got to know more members especially those who have been active in volunteering their time in some of the ministries that I was involved in.

I am humbled by Psalm 8:4, "What is man that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?" He cared so much for me and knew that I was looking for a purpose at this juncture of my journey of life and so He gave me this sojourn into church work to learn to walk closer to Him and to help increase my faith.

I would recommend this G1FT program to anyone young and old who can use the 1 year to find out where their gifting lies or for those who want to spend a year dedicating themselves to doing God's work.

~ Cho Mei Chan, G1FT Intern (1 August 2009—31 July 2010)

第一位“礼物计划”实习生的见证



礼物计划

GIVING 1-YEAR FULL TIME

给以一年的全时间



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什么是礼物计划?

这是三一堂的实习生计划 G1FT 是英文的“Giving 1-Year Full Time”. (给与一年的时间)

这是给你一个机会如使徒保罗在罗马书 12:1 所说: 将身体献上, 当作活祭, 是圣洁的, 是上帝所喜悦的。你们如此事奉乃是理所当然的。

G1FT 提供基督徒一整年自愿和分别出来的时间事奉神, 不需成为终身全职事奉者。

这全时间事奉可以是在三一堂的行政或其他的事工方面。

G1FT 的实习生将带给牧职部多些人力, 使将进展的事工能顺利进行。

这 G1FT 计划也给那些蒙上帝呼召的会友一个平台晓得上帝在他们的生命中的呼召是成为事工同工, 宣教士或是教牧这方面更清楚知道。这也给以牧者和领袖在他们实习当中有机会评估和肯定他们将来的事奉职份。

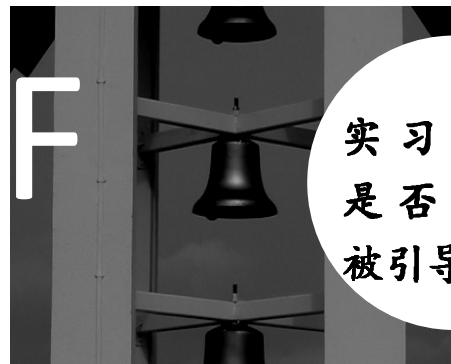
不过, 实习生不应该将这 G1FT 计划当作是进入全职事奉的踏脚石。在录取实习生和全职事奉人员是有不一样的评估条件。



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G1FT
计划?



在 G1FT
计划下
作什么?



实习生
是否将
被引导?



我 该
怎样
申请?

G1FT 计划是公开给 18 岁以上, 在任何的生命阶段的人, 包括:

刚毕业的学生

刚毕业的初级学院生, 工艺学院生或大学毕业生选择将他们还未进入社会开始工作的第一年奉献给上帝。

中期职业者

那些已经工作了一段时间的会友, 愿意将他们生命中的一年时间在神的国度作全职的事奉, 之后回返社会的工作圈子。

退休人士

会友在退休后愿意选择热心的事奉上帝, 这也许在过去是不可能做到的事。

实习生将参与一样或多样在三一堂的事工。他们将与牧者和事工同工一起工作, 他们一面观察和经验并帮助在活动和事工, 他们也将得到教导和训练, 亲自参与在教会或外面的讲座和培训。



参与联系 123 的活动



探访患病在家中的会友

我们将会安排其中的一位牧者或事工同工成为实习生的上司, 他将会与实习生一个月一次的指示, 教导和一起祷告。

申请将会全年开放。会友如有兴趣可以先找牧师洽谈, 牧师将会对他/她作评估是否适合及教会的需要作决定。被接受在 G1FT 计划下是根据申请者与目前教会的需要来决定。

有兴趣者我们鼓励你好好的祷告将你们的爱奉献来事奉神, 请联络牧师。
给与一年的全时间