

Lesson 5: Getting Involved in MAST

Part B

Ascribing to Essential Beliefs

Essential beliefs are those that define a follower of Jesus Christ and can never be compromised or ignored. In their **Statement of Faith** Door 43 defines these essential beliefs:

- That the Bible is the only inspired, inerrant, sufficient, authoritative Word of God
- That there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- In the deity of Jesus Christ
- In the humanity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His miracles, His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, His bodily resurrection, His ascension to the right hand of the Father
- That every person is inherently sinful and so is deserving of eternal hell
- That salvation from sin is a gift of God, provided through the sacrificial death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, attained by grace through faith, not by works
- That true faith is always accompanied by repentance and regeneration by the Holy Spirit
- In the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the follower of Jesus Christ is enabled to live a godly life
- In the spiritual unity of all believers in the Lord Jesus Christ, from all nations and languages and people groups
- In the personal and physical return of Jesus Christ
- In the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; the unsaved will be resurrected to eternal damnation in hell and the saved will be resurrected to eternal blessing in heaven with God

Peripheral Beliefs

Peripheral beliefs are everything else that is in Scripture but about which sincere followers of Christ may disagree (for example, Baptism, Lord's Supper, the Rapture, and so on). We choose

to agree to disagree agreeably on these topics and press on together toward a common goal of making disciples of every people group (Matthew 28:18-20).

Event Job Descriptions

Previous lessons have described the tasks and qualifications of MAST facilitators. What other jobs are involved in a MAST event?

Mother tongue translators (MTTs) translate the source language into the target language. These individuals must be able to attend the MAST event for at least 5 consecutive days. They can also act as peer checkers for other MTTs.

The **team leader** is responsible for all administrative matters related to the preparation for and running of a MAST event.

If needed, the **audiovisual resource person** maintains computer, projection, printing, recording, and any other equipment used by the project.

If needed, the **technology resource person** sets up and maintains computers, tablets, or other technical tools used by the project.

Getting Involved

There are two ways to initiate your involvement in a MAST project.

- Go through the Wycliffe Associates website at wycliffeassociates.org:
 - Select the menu items **Get Involved** → **Volunteer Opportunities**, and then click the **Current Volunteer Opportunities** button. Or use the URL shown on the slide to invoke the Volunteer Opportunities page directly.
 - Select the **Education** category from the drop-down list.
 - You can click **Request Information** to contact WA Recruiting about a specific trip.
 - Alternatively you can directly contact a WA recruiter at one of the email addresses shown on the slide.
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Summary

There are not as many requirements for translators as for facilitators, in accordance with the theory that we should accept whomever the Lord sends. However, translators should agree to apply translation guidelines. Additionally, all participants should ascribe to a set of core beliefs, even if they disagree about other beliefs and practices.

There are several roles that are filled by MAST volunteers. To get involved, you can request information about upcoming MAST events.

Exercise: Peer Review

If you are taking this course with another person, switch drafts and check each other's work for accuracy and grammar. If changes are made, the checker should discuss them with the writer.

If you are taking this course by yourself, check your own paraphrase with the source text for accuracy and grammar. Make any corrections that may be needed. Click Continue when you are finished.

Exercise: Checking Important Terms

Check your paraphrase of the book of Philemon for the presence and translation consistency of the important terms shown on the slide. Click Continue when you are finished.

Congratulations! You have completed the training for MAST facilitators. Now it's time to sign up for a MAST trip! Just click the link to get started.