



**Radical Training
Center**

Introduction

“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest” (*Matthew 9:37-38*).

The fact that you are reading this is an answer to prayer. We are praying earnestly and continually for God to raise up *global workers to go to the front lines of the unreached. As we pray, we’ve designed a unique eight-month opportunity to train individuals, couples, and families for this work.

The Radical Training Center is located among the unreached. There, participants are equipped for biblically faithful, practically effective disciple making and church planting among people who are hard, difficult, and even dangerous to reach. Seasoned global workers who have spent decades around the world personally pour into participants’ lives and families from classrooms to the streets with the aim of not only helping them to get to the mission field, but even more important to stay there for as long as God calls them there.

We talk often about the parable in Matthew 13:44 of the man who sold everything he had to buy a treasure buried in a field. To the outside world, giving up home, comfort, safety, family, community, financial security, etc., may seem like an overwhelming sacrifice. But if you know the value of the treasure in that field, the cost is well worth it. In other words, Jesus is more than worth it! Not just in our lives, but for so many people who still haven’t even heard his name.

We would love to see you or others from your church at the Radical Training Center as God sends you into his harvest field!



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*Radical defines a global worker as a disciple of Jesus set apart by the Holy Spirit and sent out from the church to cross geographic, cultural, and/or linguistic barriers as part of a team of global workers that is making disciples and planting a church (or churches) with the goal of spreading the gospel among unreached peoples and places. Radical typically uses the term “global worker” rather than “missionary” due to the fact that openly identifying as a missionary can raise security concerns in many cross-cultural contexts.



Why a Training Center?

While churches have the primary role in equipping global workers, many churches are not able to provide certain aspects of the training needed to prepare global workers to serve long-term among the unreached. In addition to spiritual resistance, linguistic and cultural barriers also make the task difficult. Radical Training aims to serve churches by helping them prepare future global workers for this difficult yet glorious task.

In addition to providing biblical instruction, the Radical Training Center aims to help future global workers develop the resiliency and practical skills necessary to make disciples and plant churches among some of the hardest-to-reach people and places on earth. Located in Western Asia, Radical's Training Center allows global workers to live among the unreached for eight months and experience full cultural immersion while gaining language and culture acquisition skills from experienced global workers.

Here are some of the topics that will be covered during the program:

- **God's Mission in the Bible**
- **Jesus' Mission in the Gospels**
- **The Apostles' Mission in Acts and the Epistles**
- **Culture and Language Acquisition**
- **Culture and Mission**
- **Cross-Cultural Church Planting**
- **Business in Mission**
- **Life on the Field**

While Radical Training requires commitment on the part of global workers and their churches, we believe this initial eight-month investment in training can be extremely valuable and fruitful in the years (and potentially decades) ahead.

Program Information

Eight months of training in an overseas context central to regions not yet permeated with the gospel. Few training programs of this length take place overseas.

Language learning and training in linguistics.

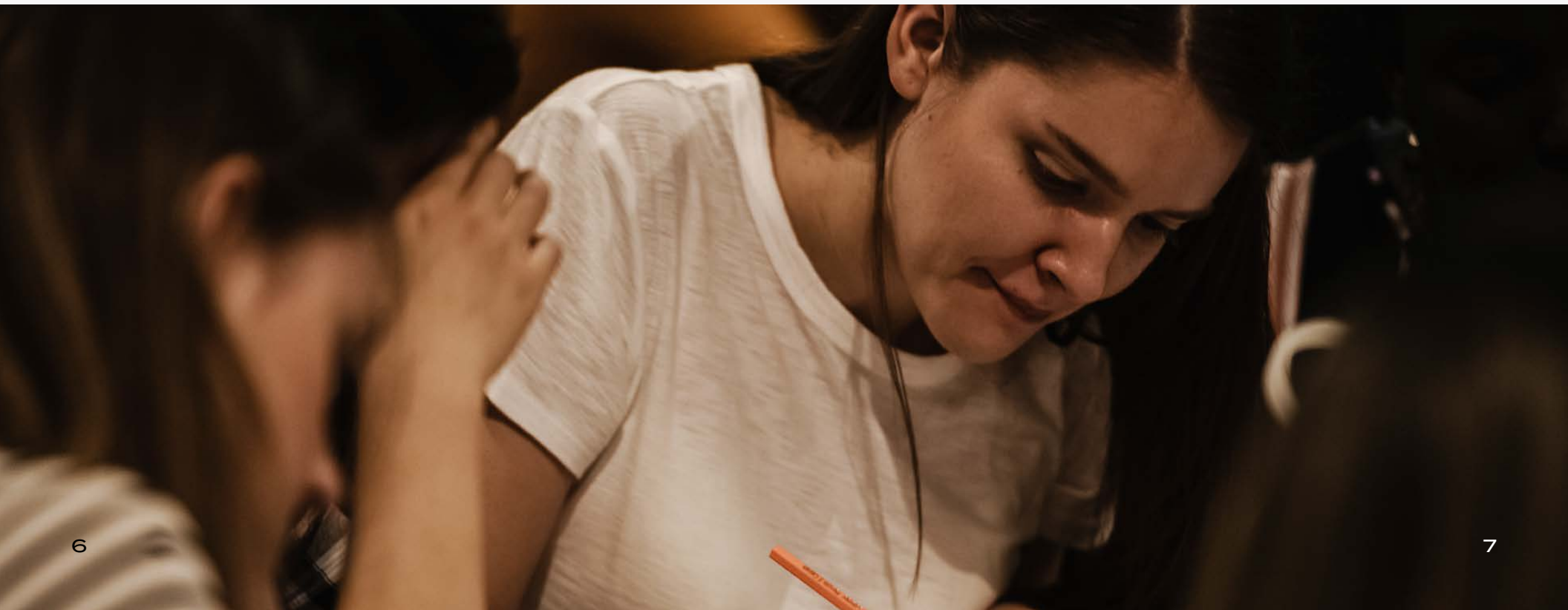
Training led by veteran global workers with years of field experience.

- Full-time residential staff
- Mid-term adjunct (1-2 months), active field workers, mentor students
- Short-term adjunct (1-2 weeks), Bible scholars, missiologists, and experts in other fields

Development of daily-life rhythms for a foreign context alongside veteran mentors.

Process that includes difficulties and pressures that form character necessary to serve long-term among the unreached.

Involvement with a business team that will be active in consulting for cross-cultural business. Students can work as apprentices for businesses near the Training Center location.



Courses



A student's time at training is meant to maximize the natural pressures of a cross-cultural setting to develop the knowledge, skills, and character needed to persevere with joy while seeking to plant churches among the unreached. Moving to a different country and adapting to a new culture is disorienting. This method of experiential learning intentionally places students in an unfamiliar environment while under the care and supervision of veteran coaches and mentors, all for the purpose of better preparing them for the realities of cross-cultural missions.

Students will also be expected to complete coursework in the classroom, led by full-time, adjunct, and guest teachers who are experts in their fields.

Students at the Training Center will learn a language both in the classroom as well as through practice/immersion in real-life scenarios. Students may or may not speak this particular language when they arrive at their full-time ministry assignment, but the skills they've developed in the process of learning a language will accelerate their ability to learn languages in the future.

God's Mission in the Bible

1. Describe God's revealed purposes in the world from creation to consummation as articulated in the Bible.
2. Describe the various ways theologians and missiologists have related God's mission to ours. Defend your understanding of the relationship from the Bible.
3. Summarize the major movements of the Bible's grand narrative.

Jesus' Mission in the Gospels

1. Describe the purpose(s) of Jesus' mission as revealed in the four Gospels.
2. Show the ways Jesus' prepared his disciples for their task.
3. Describe and assess how modern missiology interprets and applies Jesus' mission in the Gospels.

The Apostles' Mission in Acts and the Epistles

1. Demonstrate how the apostles applied the Great Commission in Acts and the Epistles.
2. Show the differences and similarities between Jesus' mission in the Gospels and the apostles' mission in Acts and the Epistles.
3. Define and illustrate the role of the Holy Spirit, the Word, and prayer in Acts and the Epistles.
4. Define the main message of Romans. Describe the major divisions and themes in the letter. Describe the letter's importance for cross-cultural church planting.
5. Describe five lessons from Paul's letters to the Corinthians for the contemporary cross-cultural church planter.
6. Describe three significant contributions from the Pastoral Epistles to the cross-cultural church-planting process.

Cross-Cultural Church Planting

1. Describe the four phases of church planting.
2. Define and biblically defend healthy contextualization in cross-cultural church planting.
3. Define suffering from a biblical perspective. Explain why suffering accompanies church planting among the unreached. Develop a biblical response and practical plan to endure suffering when it comes.

Culture and Language Acquisition

1. Explain the major components of a quality culture and language-learning program.
2. Gain proficiency in executing the daily learning plans as described in levels 1 and 2 of *Becoming Equipped to Communicate*.
3. Define E2 and E3 contexts. Describe how learning languages in E2 and E3 may differ from each other.
4. Create a cultural description of the training context based on your observations and conversations.
5. Design a culture and language-learning plan for your next context.

Culture and Mission

1. Define *culture* and *worldview* and explain their importance for cross-cultural church planting.
2. Demonstrate how cultural anthropology domains influence cross-cultural church planting.
3. Demonstrate increased discernment of one's own worldview as well as the ability to analyze a new cultural context through ethnographic research.
4. Describe the communication process, including obstacles to overcome in cross-cultural contexts.

Business in Mission

1. Define a biblical theology of work and business. Apply these truths for cross-cultural church planting in creative access contexts.
2. Describe four reasons that the apostle Paul included income-generating work in his church planting efforts.
3. Role-play your identity in creative access nations.
4. Create a business plan for a people group in a creative access context.





Qualifications for Trainees

The Training Center is for men and women who desire to be a part of a team that plants and supports healthy churches among some of the hardest-to-reach people and places on earth.

We are looking for men, women, families, and singles who:

- **Have godly character and lifestyle as affirmed by their local church**
- **Are committed members of a local church**
- **Understand and can effectively communicate the gospel**
- **Are at least 24 years of age**
- **Are or will soon become potential church planters (elder-qualified) or are able to serve in a support role for a church plant**
- **Are intending to go overseas long-term (not simply explore more about missions)**

Pastor's Role

We believe that God has given the church the responsibility (and privilege!) of preparing, sending, and supporting global workers. Churches are responsible for assessing whether an individual is qualified to serve as a global worker. For this reason, we require applicants to involve at least one of their church's pastors in the application process. For applicants who are accepted into Radical Training, the ongoing involvement of a pastor (or someone approved by a pastor) is required throughout the duration of the program. Before a student applies, they should contact their local church to make them aware that they are considering Radical Training.

Here's how pastors can be involved in a student's training:

- **Pray for God to raise up global workers from your church.**
- **Identify members of your church who meet the criteria.**
 - **Encourage them to apply online.**
 - **Set up a meeting with a Radical team member to discuss the details before a student applies.**
- **Prepare / disciple members of your church who could be potential applicants in the future.**
- **Provide ongoing prayer support and potentially financial support.**



FAQs

Who is the Training Center for?

The Training Center is for men and women who desire to be a part of a team that plants and supports healthy churches among some of the hardest-to-reach people and places on earth.

Where is the Training Center?

The Training Center is located in Western Asia in a location strategically chosen for its centrality to unreached areas and people groups. Due to security reasons, we cannot publicly disclose more details about the exact location of the Training Center.

What makes this program different from other global worker training?

- Eight months of training in an overseas context central to regions not yet permeated with the gospel. Few training programs of this length take place overseas.
- Language learning and training in linguistics.
- Training led by veteran global workers with years of field experience.
 - Full-time residential staff
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- Involvement with a business team that will be active in consulting for cross-cultural business. Students can work as apprentices for businesses near the Training Center location.

Where will students live?

In the community surrounding the Training Center. Radical Training will secure modest, fully-furnished apartments for every student. Families will have their own apartments. Singles will share, likely 4 to an apartment, 2 per bedroom.

Can my family come with me?

Of course! Spouses and children are welcome and encouraged to join a trainee at the Training Center.

Children accompanying their parents at the Training Center will participate in a program designed specifically for them. For school-age children who are homeschooled, parents are ultimately responsible for their education but can give material and direction to the teacher on site. There will be one local teacher for every four children. For younger children, babysitters and preschool caretakers will be available.



What's a pastor's role in this process?

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How much will the training cost?

The cost of training will cover a student's tuition, which includes education, housing, and two meals per week. Additional costs include program expenses per child attending training with their parents and out-of-pocket expenses for travel, insurance, books, food, etc. For more details on the tuition for a specific program year, contact the Radical team or visit the website at radical.net/training.

What topics will be covered at the Training Center?

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What does an average week look like?

- Sunday: Church
- Monday: In the classroom
- Tuesday: In the classroom
- Wednesday: Private language learning, participant observation in the community, business apprenticeship

- Thursday: Private language learning, participant observation in the community, business apprenticeship
- Friday: Private language learning, participant observation in the community, business apprenticeship
- Saturday: Private language learning, participant observation in the community, business apprenticeship

(Language and community immersion is meant to simulate early stages of life as a global worker acclimating to a new context)

Where will I be placed at the end of my training?

Placement is not a part of the course objectives at the Training Center. However, agency representatives and current field workers will come throughout the program to discuss their work and the places they serve. This, along with regular, student-led prayer for the nations, we trust will lead to interest in a location or people group and opportunities for further exploration of placement. We encourage students to make this decision alongside their church as they seek the Lord's guidance in prayer.



What safety measures will be taken for students throughout the training?

The Radical Training program directors and other leaders are committed to students' safety while they are participating in the program. While the Radical Training program is designed to push students to act outside of what might be their typical comfort zones, we will take appropriate precautions during daily activities to care for the well-being of all students who participate in the program. Training Center students will undergo safety and security training during orientation. Training Center instructors will be informed about local safety situations, will consult with security experts when needed, and will guide students accordingly. Professional security and medical personnel will be available locally if needed.

Will students get holiday breaks?

Training Center students will be given time off from training for some holidays but are expected to stay in the region (not travel back home to visit family). Regional travel should be planned with discretion. Traveling home can cause students to lose focus and motivation for their studies, and traveling outside the country can cause logistical problems unless planned carefully.



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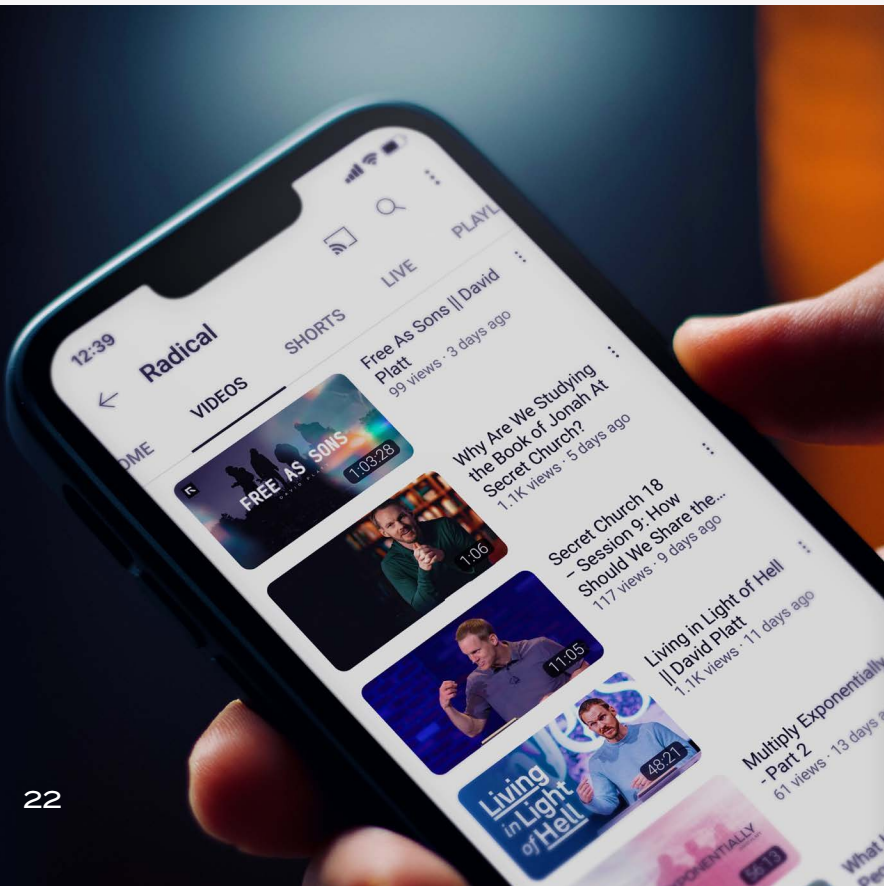
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About Radical

Jesus calls his church to make his glory known among all nations by making disciples and planting churches. Being on mission is not simply a compartmentalized program in the church, but the calling of our lives as Christians.

However, 3.2 billion people are currently unreached with the gospel, and many of them endure unimaginable suffering. And, only 1% of missions dollars and 3% of missionaries go to the unreached. Something has to change.

1%

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Radical exists to equip Christians to be on mission.

We do this by providing:

- Biblical resources to help develop mature Christians and healthy churches
- Trusted avenues to financially support work among the unreached
- Sound training to go effectively to the unreached

To learn more or get involved, go to radical.net.



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