



# SFMI

## Shield of Faith Mission International Training Program



The Shield of Faith Mission International (SFMI) offers a training program with a two-fold objective: First, to make disciples; second, to train up laborers for the mission field.

Originally offered as missionary training, the program has been expanded to accommodate a larger segment of the church. We accept anyone eighteen and older who wants to learn, grow in Christ, and be exercised through biblical and spiritual training. If they then are called to missions, we assist with that by extending the program to meet that goal.

The training program is a combination of teaching and practical ministry. Depending on the length of the program, we can offer up to 400 hours of teaching. Our program originally ran for nine months. In recent years, however, we've shortened the program to accommodate those who've come to us. Our standard program is now four months. We have chosen the first Monday in May as our annual projected starting date. **However, we are flexible.** We will do whatever we can to meet the needs of those who request our training. That means that we are willing to change the dates and the duration of training. The program will be held in Bend, Oregon.

In addition to classroom instruction, the trainees are required to read much of the Bible and to memorize various portions of scripture. Other assignments will be given by the instructors as they relate to the topics being studied. We require that the King James Version be used by both the instructors and the trainees for the duration of the program.

### TEACHING AND PRACTICAL MINISTRY

Practical Ministry includes several days a week of scheduled evangelism. We also ask that the trainees take the initiative to plan, organize and follow through with projects of their choosing. These projects may include children's ministries, ministry to seniors in assisted living centers, and practical helps like rendering physical assistance to other forms of service/ministry that God may direct. Periodically, we will take the training program "on the road." At the invitation of a local church, we will bring our program there. In this way our teaching can be a benefit to local churches, and we can assist with evangelism or other projects.



### FULL-TIME

Those who are considering the program should know that it is a time dedicated exclusively to training. This time is to be set apart in your mind to further the kingdom of God by taking in what would be profitable to your life of service and the ministry you will have. We ask you to be committed to the ministry and requirements of the program as well as to attend the local church we have here in Bend.



In order to reinforce this commitment, trainees may not be employed during this time. There are three reasons for this. First, it allows us the flexibility to work as a team and visit other locales for ministry. Secondly, it requires us to trust God to provide for us during these months thereby strengthening our faith. Thirdly, it keeps us unencumbered and without distraction.



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*Making disciples and Training laborers for the mission field*

- Time of fruitful ministry, led as the Lord directs
- 4-month full-time program (dates and duration are flexible)
- Hundreds of hours of teaching available
- Read through much of the Bible
- Scripture memorization
- Individualized ministry projects
- Weekly evangelism
- Team travel
- Prayer and quiet times
- It will require sacrifice and commitment, but may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity

### Application Process

Request a Training Program application packet by contacting the SFMI office at

**541-382-7081**

or e-mail your request to

[sfmi@sfmiusa.org](mailto:sfmi@sfmiusa.org)

Next Program: Date to be Determined

Our program fee is \$200 for single applicants, \$300 for couples; payable to the mission upon arrival. Unfortunately we do not have housing available for the trainees, but we will do our best to help find accommodations for you. The trainees will be responsible for their own food and lodging costs. Trust God to provide.

For questions regarding the program, contact **Richard McDaniel** at:  
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