

Cross Cultural Ministry Internship: Brussels

Overview

Through a series of dynamic learning experiences, Cross Cultural Ministry Internship (CCMI) will provide you with practical skills and knowledge, enabling you to interact effectively with your new culture and ministry. You will be equipped to adapt to new behaviors and ways of thinking, learn how to relate effectively to your team members and national partners, acquire techniques to learn a language, identify key stages and models of church development, observe what the church looks like in a different context, practice team building, and assimilate urban skills.

Along with the classroom portion, you will also have the opportunity for hands-on experience, helping you learn to observe and minister in churches and in neighborhoods. You will learn to apply the gospel to diverse contexts and cultural groups. In addition, through an intensive mentoring process, you will be able to practice self-reflection, establish realistic expectations of the field, and gain feedback from others in order that you may develop spiritually, emotionally, and professionally.

Objectives

CCMI will provide a context to learn key adaptation, analytical, interpersonal and ministry skills in a cross-cultural environment. Topics include:

- Cross-Cultural Skills
- Urban Skills
- Language Acquisition Skills
- Cross Cultural Leadership and Facilitation
- Interpersonal Dynamics
- Ethnography
- Contextualization
- Evangelism
- Church Planting Techniques
- Spiritual Formation / Self-Care
- Teaming, Communication, and Conflict Management
- Country Specific Research

Dates: Mid January- Mid February in Brussels, Belgium

Cost: Includes housing and tuition

Classroom Venue: OM ZavCentre – Zaventem, Belgium

Housing: Participants are housed at the OM ZavCentre in the town of Zaventem, just outside of Brussels.

Schedule: Classroom sessions are held in the mornings, Monday through Friday. In the afternoons during the week, participants work in churches or in ethnographic field work. Work in churches includes a variety of ministries including building relationships, evangelism, and participation in the life of the church. MTW partners with several multicultural churches. The month-long training is intense and requires the completion of several projects such as journaling, ethnographies, cultural interviews, and a final paper and presentation.

Mentoring: Every participant is assigned a mentor – an experienced missionary – with whom he or she will meet on a weekly basis in order to work on spiritual, personal, and ministry issues. Participants complete a number of instruments to discover their cross-cultural, emotional, and teaming strengths and challenges.