



## *Dear Prospective Student,*

Welcome to YWAM and U of N San Jose, Costa Rica.

In the midst of a world in turmoil we see that God is winning. More and more people are longing to know about God and the world is in need of more people who are willing to go and share God with them.

Here in San Jose, Costa Rica we are longing to be part of reaching the world with the greatest message of history. YWAM San Jose is part of the large International family of Youth With A Mission. We are one of the more than 1000 training locations around the world and have been in the capital city since July 2004.

Our YWAM ministry is also part of the global University of the Nations which was founded by Loren Cunningham and Howard Malmstadt in 1979 under the name “Pacific & Asian Christian University” in Kona, Hawaii (USA). This university was founded to train students as Gospel messengers in all the foundation areas of society (referred to as mind-molders) worldwide. However in 1988 the name changed due to the fact that the old name was no longer reflected the worldwide scope and unity of YWAM’s higher education activities. So the name officially changed into the “University of the Nations” (UofN).

The U of N is unique in its international missionary training scope with school locations in 140 nations on all continents. The University of the Nations is unique. It is global, cross cultural and adaptable.

Here in San Jose, we are part of this University and we offer several courses among the many that the U of N offers.

The Discipleship Training School for which you requested information is the gateway into the seven Colleges/Faculties and various Centers of the U of N. All students wishing to do any other schools with the U of N must first have satisfactorily completed the DTS with its field assignment and a registered location. The DTS is an intensive Christian Training Course beginning with a 12 week lecture/training phase followed by an 8-12 week practical field assignment. The DTS is designed to encourage students in personal character development, to deepen a living relationship with God and identify their unique individual gifts and callings in God.

So if your heart is set on knowing God, deepening your relationship with Him and understanding the unique individual gifts and calling He has for you then this is the school for you.

Come, be part of us, let your life be changed by the outpouring of God’s love.

Giacomo & Marjolein Coghi  
YWAM Base Directors

## *Discipleship Training School – dates for 2010/2011*

The dates of the DTS school for 2010 and 2011:

Sept. 2010 quarter: (Classic DTS)

- **Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> 2011** (with Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> being graduation day)
  - *Arrival day will be Friday Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> 2010*

Jan. 2011 quarter (Classic and possible Photography focus DTS)

- **Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> – May 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**
  - *Arrival day will be Friday Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> 2011*

April 2011 quarter (Backpacker/Extreme Adventure DTS)

- **April 8<sup>th</sup> – August 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**
  - *Arrival day will be Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> 2011*

July. 2011 quarter (Classic and possible soccer focus – to be confirmed)

- **July 8<sup>th</sup> – Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> 2011**
  - *Arrival day will be Friday July. 8<sup>th</sup> 2011*

Sept. 2011 quarter (Classic)

- **Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011 – Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> 2012**
  - *Arrival day will be Friday Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011*

Our Discipleship Training School contains 12 weeks of lecture/training phase and an 8 week field assignment. All dates include both of these phases as they are not separate from each other. You are not able to do the lecture phase apart from the outreach. Both phases need to be completed satisfactory before one can do any other courses with the U of N.

We start our schools on the Friday before the first lecture week so that we can spend the first weekend together as a school getting to know each other and giving an introduction to our time together.

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## *Purpose statement of the DTS*

### **Discipleship Training School (DTS)**

The DTS is a prerequisite for all other YWAM Schools, and is a requirement for becoming long term staff anywhere with Youth With A Mission.

### **The purpose of the DTS is:**

- To GATHER and CHALLENGE people to worship, listen to and obey God, releasing them (in context of the DTS) to serve through evangelism, intercession, acts of compassion and other expressions of God's heart for the world, possibly even pioneering new ministries.
- To INSPIRE and CULTIVATE growth in one's relationship with God resulting in Christ like character, which is based on a solid Biblical foundation, the work of the Holy Spirit and the personal application of Biblical truth, especially concerning God's character, the Cross and empowering Grace.
- To SHARPEN one's ability to relate to, learn from and work with people, including those of different cultures, personalities and perspectives.
- To further EQUIP each one to serve God's purposes either in or outside of YWAM Family of Ministries, strengthening a commitment to reach the lost, especially the unreached, to care for the poor, and to influence all areas of society
- To IMPART the vision and foundational values of Youth With A Mission International as well as that of the host operating location and to provide information regarding a variety of opportunities for service.

### **Discipleship Training School Course Description:**

The DTS is an intensive Christian training course beginning with a 12 week lecture/teaching phase followed by a 12 week practical field assignment. The DTS is designed to encourage students in personal character development, cultivating a living relationship with God and identifying their unique individual gifts and callings in God. Cross-cultural exposure and global awareness are special emphases throughout the course, preparing the students to reach current and future generations and answer the call to "go into all the world and disciple all nations" (Matthew 29:19). The curriculum typically includes the following:

- The Christian's relationship to God: understanding the character and ways of God; how to hear the voice of God; developing a personal devotional life
  - The Christian's relationship to oneself and others: personal character development; discovery and release of one's gifts and ministries; stewardship; principles of healthy relationships; forgiveness.
  - The Christian's relationship to The Word: how to develop a consistent lifestyle of personal study; meditation and the application of Biblical Truth.
  - The Christian's relationship to the world: the lostness of man; how to share one's faith; evangelism and cross-cultural missions; reaching the unreached; general awareness of world needs; Biblical world view; the implications of the Gospel in society
  - The Christian's relationship to the church: commitment, unity; understanding the complementary role of the local church and missions structures.
  - The Christian's stand against the enemy: resisting temptation; prayer and intercession; spiritual warfare.
- The Christian's orientation to Youth With A Mission International: its three-fold calling to Evangelism, Training and Mercy Ministries; the foundational values and ministry opportunities.

## *Lecture phase and daily schedule*

During the lecture phase we will have an emphasis on receiving training in different forms. One of the main forms that will be used is in the classroom setting, receiving teachings on different topics such as:

- The character and nature of God and man
- Relationships
- The Father heart of God
- How to hear God's voice
- Spiritual warfare
- Intimacy with God
- How to study the bible
- The Divine Plumb line
- Evangelism
- World missions and the Great Commission
- Worship and intercession
- Etc..

All teachings will be given in a different way as we will have speakers from different countries and cultural backgrounds and their first language might not be Spanish or English. All classes will be translated into either Spanish or English depending on which language the speaker uses. You are not required to know any Spanish before you come. All we ask is that you come with an open heart to learn in whatever way that might be, either practical or very linear in the classroom setting.

### **Daily Schedule**

The schedule for a normal day during the lecture phase will include the following:

- Morning and some afternoon classes
- Small group times
- Corporate praise and worship times (with base as well as DTS group only)
- Times of intercessory prayer for the nations
- 2 hour work duty time every day
- Ministry practice (learning dramas/children ministry tools/etc)

Our days will be full of activities and some weekends will include times of ministry in which we will go out into the communities and share with those around us what God has revealed to us.

Lots of opportunity to be challenged and learn through hearing speakers from different nations and backgrounds share what God has taught them.

Everyone is expected to attend all the classes since you will receive one credit for every teaching week that is accredited to you within the University of the Nations of Youth With A Mission. So please note that this is a time of integration, where the live-learn environment is very important.

All students will live on campus for those 12 weeks of lecture unless otherwise planned and will be housed in dorm style rooms. During the lecture phase we will learn how to live with and learn from each other, being from different nationalities and religious backgrounds, seeking for unity in our diversity as we seek to know God.

### **Dramas/Dance/Evangelism**

During the lecture phase we will take time to learn different dramas, choreographies (dances) and ways of evangelism using puppets and clowning. We will all be challenged to do things we have never done before and at the same time do what some of us love to do. For some drama and dance is something very new, for others this is their gift, their passion. So you will feel right at home even if it means being challenged to be able to share Jesus with the lost.

### **Student work assignments**

From Monday – Friday every student will be assigned a work duty assisting the staff in maintaining facilities and related operations. This practice aids in maintaining the YWAM base and University, promotes teamwork and student/staff interaction and provides students with the opportunity to serve. This could be in the form of breakfast prep, meal clean up, maintenance, yard work, hospitality, scrubbing toilets, among others. Come prepared to learn new things in areas that you have never served in before. Most work duties will be in the afternoon, unless you have breakfast prep or meal clean up.

Also every student will be assigned one weekend on which they will also come along the long term YWAM base staff to cover the duties for those two days. This will include making breakfast and dinner on Saturday and Sunday and cleaning the main base house, taking out the garbage, etc. It is always a lot of fun to work on a weekend together and this way we all get a chance to cook a meal for our fellow students.

## *Practical field assignment (outreach phase)*

The practical field assignment is also referred to as the “outreach phase”. After our 12 week of lectures we will first have a week of NIKO camp before we head of to the outreach. Below this section you will read more in regards to the NIKO camp, which is also very important to read.

The practical field assignment is a wonderful opportunity for us to put into practice that which we have received from the Lord during our lecture phase. This is where we take His love and truth to the nations. This phase will include times of personal evangelism, serving and supporting the work of the local church, mercy ministry projects and sharing Jesus with the lost with and without words.

### **Field assignment location**

All DTS schools will have 3 weeks of field assignment within Costa Rica. We will split up the group (unless there is less than 10) into smaller groups and send them throughout the nation of Costa Rica. There are times where we will have an all Costa Rica focus which means that our whole 8 week outreach phase will be spend traveling the nation.

Should we feel the Lord leading us to take an international outreach we will either take the whole 8 weeks or part of the outreach to go international. Each school leader with his/her staff team will pray prior to the school’s starting date about where to take the students for the International part of the field assignment.

### **Daily Schedule**

Every outreach looks different and every location has it own challenges and schedule. So putting a daily schedule together for your outreach time is somewhat difficult. We can say that 2/3 of your day will be filled with “active” ministry time towards the community and other part will be team time and personal time. It is an incredible time of learning, experiencing living in another culture, eating different foods, learning a new language and being able to share the love of God through the way we live, act and share through testimonies and theater plays and lots of other new ways to present who Jesus is.

The daily schedule will always be full and you need to come ready to be flexible. Sometime ministry opportunities just come up and our heart is to share Jesus whether it was planned or not. So come ready to share Jesus at any moment during the field assignment.

## NIKO Camp

This word comes from the Greek word to “overcome” and will be part of our DTS in both June and January. So what does this mean, NIKO? It means a 4 day camp in which we will be challenged to live with little, depend on God and one another and survive the jungle of Costa Rica.

It is all part of the discipleship process that we call DTS. So one week we will travel to the Bribri tribe in Talamanca, about 5 hours from the capital to embark on new adventures in which we will learn lots of new things in new ways!!! Once you have been accepted you will receive a separate application form for the NIKO with its packing list. Over the years we have seen how this camp has prepared our students for working in a team to minister well before they go on outreach

### Separate cost

The cost of the NIKO is a separate **\$60 dollars per person**. This is NOT included with the lecture phase fee, so should be paid separate upon arrival.

### Activities that may occur during NIKO

1. Walking on trails (easy and challenging levels)
2. Coming across insects, snakes and wild animals.
3. Crossing streams and rivers.
4. Exercises and games.

Because of the way the NIKO camps are set up we can't give out any more information otherwise the purpose of the NIKO camps gets lost. We can however say that nobody has ever gotten seriously injured or hurt unless they were not listening to the trained staff that will be leading the NIKO camp. It is a must that all students participating in the NIKO will be able to follow instructions as given to them and that all come with the intention and heart to complete this camp. Should there be some serious concerns, please feel free to contact our Training Director Marjolein Coghi at her email address [gmcoghi@yahoo.com](mailto:gmcoghi@yahoo.com) and she will be able answer any other questions or concerns that you might have.

Again there will be challenging things to be faced during a NIKO camp, but all our DTS students from our YWAM base have gone through them since 2004 and have all enjoyed, endured and rejoiced in victory after completion of the course. Everybody has said that this is one of things they enjoyed most of the DTS!!!

## *DTS costs for lecture and outreach phase*

For all students who are applying there is a non refundable application fee that you will have to include with your application form. This fee is \$ 25 (US dollars) for singles and \$ 40 for married couples. If you are going to write out a check it needs to be written out to “CIMEC” as this is our legal name in the nation of Costa Rica. Please include a note stating what it is for and DO NOT write your name or anything else on the check itself.

### **Lecture phase**

To be able to give all students from different nations the opportunity to attend our DTS we follow the template of Categories:

1. Category A, which include most of Europe, United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand (first world countries) among others.
2. Category B, which include nations such as Mexico, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, etc...
3. Category C, which include most 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries such as Nicaragua, most African Nations

The category that applies to you is the nation you were born in and lived most of your life. So if you were born in the USA your category for payment is “A”. If you were born in Mexico your category for payment is “B” and if you were born in Uganda your category for payment is “C”, etc.

1. Category A students will pay **\$1800 (will change starting Jan. 2011)**
2. Category B students will pay **\$1200 (will change starting Jan. 2011)**
3. Category C students will pay **\$1000 (will change starting Jan. 2011)**

We ask that all payments will be done in US Dollars and not in the local currency.

### **Outreach phase:**

**We will have an estimated amount of \$1500 for the outreach phase, which means depending on the outreach location that this amount could increase because of airline tickets.**

The lecture phase fee includes the following:

Food, housing, academic materials, speakers, and any activities done during this time.

The outreach phase fee includes the following:

Food, housing, round-trip plane ticket to outreach location, vaccinations, local transport at outreach location and an emergency fund. This fee *does not* include an insurance. We require that all students will come with their own medical insurance to cover your time with us (the 5 months), should you be in need of any you can visit [www.talent-trust.net](http://www.talent-trust.net) for a missionary insurance.

## Payment

### **Payments to be done:**

1. 100 % of the lecture phase has to be paid upon arrival. When unable to gather the 100% of the lecture we will ask a minimum of 50% of the lecture phase to be paid. No students will be accepted unless they have cancelled a minimum of 50% of the lecture phase.
2. For those that have paid the 50% on registration day, will have to pay the leftover 50% by the end of week 4 of the lecture phase.
3. NIKO fees need to be paid upon arrival (\$60 US Dollars)
4. Application fee paid before arrival (\$25 US Dollars per single, \$40 per couple)
5. 50 % of the Field Assignment has to be paid in week 8 of the lecture phase
6. Leftover 50% of the Field assignment needs to be cancelled in week 10 of the lecture phase.

### **Payment will be received as follows:**

1. Personal check (in US Dollars). All payments received previous to the first day of school can be received in a personal check written out to “CIMEC”. Please note that this is our legal name in the country and NOT ywam. Also do not write your name on the check and do not scratch out your name or address on the check or the bank here will not accept your check. Include a note stating that it is for your DTS, with your name.
2. In US Dollars cash. There are ATM machines here where you can withdraw your money with a debit or credit card from your personal account in your home country.
3. International transfer to our bank account. Should you choose this option please contact us for the bank information to be able to make the transfer.

*All school fees paid with a check need to be written out to CIMEC and not YWAM San Jose. CIMEC is our legal name here in the country and with our banks, so please take note of this before sending any school fees.*

All applications and/or payments coming from countries outside of Central America can be send to:  
YWAM San Jose – DTS  
Interlink 828  
P.O. Box 669435  
Miami, FL 33166

This is a courier address and not a physical address since we are in Central America and we DO NOT have an office in Miami. This is a service that secures important mail getting to us quicker. Since you are important to us, please send your application to this address. Please note that it still takes about 1 ½ weeks for the mail to get here.

# Refund Policy

## Lecture Phase

Our policies for termination or early student withdrawal, due to any circumstance that have led the student to withdraw will be based upon the weeks that the student has completed. Below here you will find a refund schedule for our 12 week lecture phase:

Any withdrawal:

- Prior to the first class session 100%
- During the first week of class 95%
- During the second week of class 75%
- During the third week of class 60%
- During the fourth week of class 50%
- Beyond the fifth week of class 0%

The early withdrawal of a student could be for different reasons, which will in turn be walked through with the School leader and the Base Director.

## Field Assignment (outreach phase)

In week 10 of the lecture phase the student ought to have paid 50% of their outreach fee and by week 12 of the lecture phase the outreach should be cancelled.

- If outreach fees have been paid in full upon arrival and the student withdraws from the school before week 5 of the lecture phase there will be a 90% refund of the outreach fee.
- If a student withdraws from the school and thus the outreach between weeks 5 – 12 of the lecture phase, they will be refunded 50% of the outreach fee.
- Student withdrawal during the outreach at any point will not be refunded.

## *Immigration and visas*

Most nations do not need a visa before entering Costa Rica. Please visit the following website to see if you are in need of a visa and contact your local Costa Rica embassy.

<http://www.migracion.go.cr/visas/DirectricesvisasAgosto2007.pdf>

All students from Europe and the United States can come to Costa Rica without a visa and will be given a 90 day tourist visa upon entering the country. Fill out on the arrival form that you are a tourist and they will stamp your passport with a 90 day permission.

Students from most Central America countries will be given a 30 day tourist visa upon entering Costa Rica. All other nations who are not allowed to enter Costa Rica without previously having obtained a visa from the Embassy or Consulate, please contact us before you contact your embassy and we will help you get all the necessary papers before applying for the visa.

### **Renewal of visas**

Before all visas expire we will take a trip across the border so that those that need to renew their visas will be able to do that. Please note that to be able to do this you are going to **need an extra \$70 dollars** on top of your School fees (which you will not have to pay to the base, but will use when you cross the border for housing, food and transport). We will have to stay outside of Costa Rica for 72 hours and then once we enter Costa Rica again all visas will be renewed with the appropriate amount of days that you were given the first time you entered Costa Rica.

## About YWAM San Jose

Our YWAM Facility at this time is renting houses in which we have set up rooms that function as dormitory style rooms. All single students will be housed in rooms with 6-8 people to a room. Married couples and families will have their own room. None of the rooms will have private bathrooms which mean that one bathroom will be shared by more people than what you might be used to.

We have one main house that we call the “main base” where we have our dining area and main kitchen and office.

If you would like to take a look at some of the dorms or the style of bunk bed we offer, please visit our website at [www.ywamsj.org](http://www.ywamsj.org) and go to the virtual tour. Should you need to contact our office please call 0115062283-7168 & 506 22835514.  
(This is from within the USA, but will be an international call)

Should you have any more questions after reading this information please don't hesitate to email again at [dts@ywamsj.org](mailto:dts@ywamsj.org). We hope to hear from you soon or receive your application. If you send your application over email we would still need the original by mail since your application fee and photos need to be enclosed in with the application.

In Christ,  
DTS Registrar

Our mailing address within Costa Rica:  
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Apartado 252-2070  
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San Jose, Costa Rica

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