



BCMWW CLT

A. Overview

1. Overseas Instruction in Counseling (OIC) began in 2006 out of a desire and longing to train the world's leaders and believers in how to use the Word of God in every counseling situation. In 2024, we rebranded OIC as "Biblical Counseling Ministries Worldwide" or BCMWW.
2. Our Mission Statement:
"Strengthening churches around the world through biblical counseling training for the Glory of God." (2 Timothy 2:2)

B. How Do We Do This? (*Our Approach to Training*)

1. **Intro to Biblical Counseling seminar**
 - a. One day, 3 – 6 hour presentation (depending on interpretations)
 - b. A taste of our Church Leadership Training (CLT)
2. **Christian Leadership Training (CLT)** – see below
3. **Master of Arts in Biblical Counseling (MABC)**
 - a. BCMWW partners with seminaries around the world to offer a MABC
 - b. 39 credit hours
 - c. Program outcome: *To develop, practice, and demonstrate competencies necessary for effective biblical counseling.*
 - d. Program framed around the four C's of **Romans 15:14**
4. **Biblical Counseling for missionaries and relief workers around the world at no cost.**

C. Church Leadership Training (CLT)

1. **This training is pastor-driven.**
 - a. The focus of this training is local pastors and church leaders.
 - b. We want them to lead the charge and invite people to this training, so that local church around the world will be equipped to counsel biblically within their church, family, community and nation.
2. **The CLT takes time to complete.**
 - a. There are four modules, delivered at four different times.
 - b. Minimum it takes 18-24 months to complete, depending on attendance, travel, finances and other factors like COVID.
 - c. At the end of Module 4, each person will have gone through over 60 hours of content

3. **There are Projects for Growth after every module.**
 - a. If the attendee does not complete the Projects for Growth, he or she does not get to continue with the next module.
 - b. In addition, if someone does not attend Module 1, they cannot go to Module 2.
 - c. We expect every person to attend every module and do all the Projects for Growth.
 - d. The Projects for Growth are administered by BCMW, but the assignments are turned into their pastor so that the pastor watches over the progress of each individual.

4. **The CLT program is funded by both BCMW and the nations' churches.**
 - a. In other words, BCMW brings the teaching and the teachers at no cost.
 - b. The cost of the facility, room and board for BCMW speakers, printing, translation and technology are meant to be the responsibility of the churches that send people to the CLT.

5. **The CLT content runs is consistent with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors (ACBC).**
 - a. So, if someone wants to be certified as a biblical counselor with ACBC, the CLT provides all the content necessary as the first step toward certification.
 - b. A Certificate of Completion is given to each student who attends all the sessions and completes all the Projects for Growth. This certificate will allow the attendee to continue on to Phase 2 of the ACBC certification process.

6. **It is best if the CLT program begins in a new location with at least 30-40 individuals.**
 - a. It is good for the host country or church too because the costs of hosting can be shared among many.
 - b. We welcome pastors to invite other pastors and congregations to join in.
 - c. Because crowds can be large, it is best to find locations that welcome as many students as possible.

7. **BCMWW encourages each country to create and form their own biblical counseling certification board with cultural certification standards.**

D. CLT Content

Module 1 Topics

- Brief Introduction to the CLT
- Biblical Counseling in Historical Context
- Why Counsel – Or Do Anything Else for God?
- Testimony: How Training Impacted a Life
- Basic Questions and Answers about Biblical Counseling
- What Makes Biblical Counseling Biblical?

- The Doctrine of Spiritual Growth (Progressive Sanctification)
- A Biblical View of Self
- How People Change: An Overview
- A Biblical Description of Heat
- A Biblical Description of Thorns
- A Biblical Description of the Cross
- A Biblical Description of Fruit
- The Sinful Heart and Resulting Consequences of Idolatry
- The Transformed Heart and Resulting Blessings of Worship and Obedience
- Instructions and Evaluations
- Where Do We Go From Here? Projects for Growth

Module 2 Topics

- Quick Review of Some Things You Should Know
- Personal Growth Testimonies
- A Counseling Process Model
- Key Element 1: *Build The Relationship*
- Practicing Key Element 1: A Case Study
- Key Element 2: *Get The Facts*
- Practicing Key Element 2: A Case Study
- Key Element 3: *Generate Biblical Hope*
- Practicing Key Element 3: A Case Study
- Key Element 4: *Define The Problem*
- Practicing Key Element 4: A Case Study
- Key Element 5: *Teach the Truth*
- Practicing Key Element 5: A Case Study
- Key Element 6: *Provide Some Accountability*
- Practicing Key Element 6: A Case Study
- Key Element 7: *Plan Your Ministry*
- Putting It All Together: A Case Study
- Counseling Procedures: Who Should You Counsel?
- When and Where Should You Counsel?
- Managing the Meetings from Beginning to End
- Question and Answer Session
- Where Do We Go From Here (Evaluation and Projects for Growth)

Module 3 Topics

- MARRIAGE and FAMILY example topics include:
 1. Forgiveness in marriage
 2. Roles of husbands and wives
 3. Parenting, disciplining children (biblical correction)
 4. Biblical communication
 5. God's perspective on sex in marriage
 6. Making wise decisions as teens and adolescents

- RELATIONSHIP example topics include:
 1. Identifying and overcoming heart idolatry
 2. Understanding the fear of man
 3. Anxiety
 4. Biblical submission (living in joyful submission to imperfect leadership)
 5. Biblical peacemaking
 6. Other relationship topics
- EMOTIONAL ISSUES example topics include:
 1. Biblical view of anger
 2. Helping those who struggle with depression and anxiety
 3. Practicing Biblical lament for grief
 4. Biblical ways of dealing and overcoming post traumatic stress (PTS)
 5. Biblical peacemaking
 6. Other emotional issues
- OTHER types of topics include:
 1. Purity in a perverse world
 2. A biblical view on spiritual warfare
 3. A paradigm for biblical decision-making
 4. Counseling those in sexual sin
 5. Counseling the suffering and soul care for discouraged servants
 6. Other
- NOTE: We end this module with “Where Do We Go From Here?” and cover Evaluations and Projects for Growth.

Module 4 Topics: Final Review of Things You Should Know About Biblical Counseling

- Session 1: *Preparing the Soil: Developing a Corporate Culture for Personal Discipleship*
 1. Three Foundational Considerations
 - a. How Does a Church Change Its Corporate Culture?
 - b. Three Characteristics of a Disciple-Making Church
 - c. Leadership That Produces Disciples
 2. Questions/ Discussion
- Session 2: *Planting and Growing the Seedling: Selecting and Equipping Counselors Within and For the Local Church*
 1. Three Foundational Considerations
 - a. Who? Identify in and Confirming Future Soul Care Providers
 - b. What? The Essential Elements in a Training Program
 - c. Responding to Requests for Counseling from Non-Members

2. Questions/ Discussion

- Session 3: Managing the Harvest: Establishing a Counseling a Training Center

1. Five (5) Foundational Considerations

- a. Why or Why Not? Good and Bad Reasons to Launch a Training Center for the Community and Other Churches
- b. Churches Helping Church: Building Relationships of Trust in the Christian Community
- c. How Much? To Charge or Not to Charge?
- d. Let's Do It Together: A "Shared" Counseling Ministry Model

2. Evaluation and Testimonials

- a. Ten Reasons I Still Love the Church
- b. Where Do We Go From Here?

E. What You Can Do ... Prayerfully Consider Partnering with BCMW

1. BCMW Provides

- a. Teachers and training for:
 - i. Relationship Building Trips (RBT)
 - ii. CLT Modules
- b. Printed and presentation material (ready for translation - RFT)

2. BCMW Partners Provide

- a. Preparation – marketing and promotion of CLT to pastors and churches
- b. Appropriate facility, technology, and registration procedures
- c. Ground transportation for our missionary teachers
- d. Lodging and meals for the BCMW team
- e. Translation, if necessary, and production of module materials (including student notes and PPT presentations)
- f. Interpretation services, if necessary
- g. Grading of submitted "Projects for Growth" (between meeting assignments) and determining/inviting those participants who qualified to continue in the training.

F. For More Information

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