

# MISSION

## TRAINING PROGRAM

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# 2024

Program Information

February 4 to June 10, 2024  
Sydney, Australia

Optional Mission Trip  
June 12 to July 7, 2024  
East Timor

**Elim Missionary College**

An educational institution of the  
Seventh Day Adventist Reform Movement,  
Australasian Union Conference

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## Mission Focus

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Wherever you go in life, you need a *mission* to guide you. In education, career, finances and other life choices, your mission helps you decided what direction to go.

Spiritual life also involves a mission. God has a unique calling for each person, and He has given you a set of gifts all your own, with a circle of influence that nobody else has. No matter what you do in work, study or social life, this calling or mission should be your highest aim.

When the church keeps its mission in mind, and is ready to reach out to others and preach the gospel, it has *mission focus*. Rather than being a social club, the church becomes a place to serve others as Jesus did and help them to follow Him.

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## Why the Mission Training Program

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The Mission Training Program was started in 2008 to provide a short but intensive course of study and practice, enabling development of essential skills in a short amount of time.

Over the years, the Program has been upgraded to meet emerging needs. Today we are taking the next step by integrating additional hands-on skills to prepare for mission service at home and abroad. This experience will culminate in a special overseas mission trip to support and grow a fledgling unit of the church.

If you are a student or plan to enter university, the research skills and mental discipline you will learn in the Mission Training Program will put you ahead of your peers. Learning about the philosophy of true education will arm you with the knowledge to understand the pitfalls of the classical education system.

No matter who you are, the Mission Training Program will help you grow your skills and knowledge to understand your faith, share it with others, and work as Jesus did in whatever trade or profession you enter.



*Class of 2018*

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## What You'll Learn

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### *Foundation*

- Bible Research
- Gospel Workers

### *Doctrine & History*

- Church History
- Daniel & Revelation Essentials
- Righteousness By Faith

### *Evangelism & Ministry*

- Community Health Education
- Foreign Missions Work

- Health & the Gospel
- Literature Evangelism
- Media Production in the Field
- Pastoral Visitation
- Public Evangelism
- The Sabbath School
- Small Group Bible Study
- Welfare Ministry

### *Church Operation*

- Church Administration
- Conducting a Conference

### *Resilience & Life Skills*

- Agriculture Essentials
- Automotive Maintenance
- Healthy Living & Simple Remedies
- Mission Outpost Operations
- Remote Area First Aid (accredited certificate)

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## Prerequisites

There are a few basic requirements if you wish to attend:

- Regular attendance to your local SDA Reform Movement Church
- Reference from your local elder (on the application form)
- Good command of the English language
- Read the book *Gospel Workers* and finish the Gospel Workers homework by the assigned deadline (15<sup>th</sup> of January 2024)
- Tools needed: a laptop computer with Bible and Spirit of Prophecy and word processing software
- Must commit to starting on time and finishing the entire program
- Application must be returned no later than 1 November, 2023

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## Dates & Location

Main Program: February 4 to June 10, 2024

Mission Trip: June 12 to July 7, 2024

Travel should be planned so that you arrive at Elim Heights Youth Camp no later than 3 p.m. local time on Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February.

The Program will be held at Elim Heights Youth Camp, our youth & education facility. Some parts of the program will be conducted at other places, including the Australasian Union Conference headquarters.



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## Cost & Insurance

AU\$3,200 for the entire time, including lodging, meals, textbooks, etc.

If you are travelling from outside Australia, please supply a copy of your travel insurance along with a copy of your itinerary as soon as you purchase airfares. You will be responsible for your own visa into Australia. The optional mission trip will require additional airfare.

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## Application

Complete the application form (download from our web site below) and return via mail, or scan & email (see contact info below). Please note that the application must be completed and signed by the attendee as well as a minister or elder. Deadline to apply is 1<sup>st</sup> of November, 2023.

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## Contact Us

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## Payment Information

Trustee for SDARM AUC Trust  
PO Box 132, Riverstone NSW 2765

Westpac Bank  
227 George Street, Windsor NSW 2756  
SWIFT Code WPACAU2S  
BSB # 032-274  
Account # 498391

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## Mission Trip Option

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Put your training into practice by joining the special mission trip to East Timor! After graduation, we'll board a plane for Dili and spend 4 weeks on the front lines, assisting the East Timor Mission.

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## About East Timor

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East Timor (also known as Timor-Leste) is located in lower southeast Asia, between Indonesia and Australia. It is a short 1-hour flight from Darwin in Australia's north.

After 400 years of Portuguese dominance, East Timor declared independence in 1975, only to be invaded and annexed by Indonesia. A bitter conflict ensued, spanning more than two decades. The war and associated economic impacts resulted in the death of many thousands of Timorese citizens. Much of the country's infrastructure was destroyed. By the time it had regained independence, East Timor was in a critical state.

Today, East Timor provides a fruitful field for labour in educational and humanitarian lines. Within the last decade, a new mission field has been established there, and currently two missionary families are stationed near the capital, Dili.

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## Our Mission Objective

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Our mission in East Timor will be to use the skills and knowledge we have developed to assist in the development of the mission field there by meeting the needs of the local people and assisting with the objectives set by the mission field leadership.

Representatives from Elim Missionary College, Australian missionary volunteers, and the SDA Reform Movement South Pacific Region are working with local mission leadership to identify opportunities for our team to serve the people of East Timor. Needs identified so far include:

- Construction of a rural educational centre
- Agricultural education
- Health education
- English language instruction
- Gospel outreach



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## How to Join the Project

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To join the mission trip, indicate your interest on the application form, when you apply to attend the 2024 Mission Training Program.

For more information, please visit [www.sdarm.org.au/emc](http://www.sdarm.org.au/emc)