

The Apprenticeship Model for Discipleship



An AMO® Apprenticeship Practicum, Bogota, Colombia

Apprenticeship is a method for training a new generation of skilled craftsmen by receiving instruction and working alongside the master craftsman with his tools. Looking to Jesus Christ, our Master Teacher, as the pre-eminent model for discipling others, the relationship between the “master” and the “apprentice” is the heart of our training programs. It is this mind-to-mind and heart-to-heart connection that enables the master teacher to instruct, guide, and mentor each student. Teaching and learning is not memorizing facts, but changed lives. Chrysalis has two levels of training for adults:

1) A five-day apprenticeship for the Christian who desires to use our curriculum with children: A Christian philosophy of education and biblical principles of governance are taught and each of the six components of the AMO® curriculum are overviewed. The trainer models the reflective methods and tools used and provides time for participants to practice teaching each component. This course is available in the face-to-face format and on video in Spanish and English. A certificate of participation is provided. In addition, it is offered for undergraduate credit by a Presbyterian Seminary in Tabasco, Mexico.

2) A nine-month online course of instruction using the Blackboard Collaborate classroom in real time: Accompanying this course in worldview and the AMO® Program is a practicum in which participants teach and are evaluated by one of our master trainers. This course certifies graduates to train teachers in their nations. It is also offered by a Presbyterian Seminary in Merida, Mexico that awards a Diplomado in Christian Education.

AMO® apprenticeships have impacted thousands of adults and equipped them to disciple tens of thousands of children weekly. School, church, and mission leaders in many nations report that these apprenticeships have proven to be instruments that the Holy Spirit uses to inspire fresh vision, renew minds, heal hearts, and reconcile broken family relationships. Amazing testimonies of changed lives, families, and communities result in the expansion of the ministry and bear witness of how God multiplies harvest that is rooted in His Word.

Chrysalis International Education Institute

*Equipping the Church
to Disciple the Next Generation*



*“The things which you have heard from me
in the presence of many witnesses,
entrust these to faithful men
who will be able to teach others also.”*

- 2 Timothy 2:2

CHRYSALIS INTERNATIONAL

Mission and Discipleship Model

Chrysalis International is called to disciple believers through biblical, Christian education that supplants the poverty of ideas and cultural strongholds that prevent them from effectively discipling their families and communities for Christ. Chrysalis is an equipping ministry based on relationships that nurture the transforming truths of God's Word through teaching and learning. The ministry focus is multi-generational: children and the adults who nurture and disciple them. For the children, it means an early foundation in thinking and reasoning with truth. For adults, it means re-education for a renewed mindset and daily disciplines.

Founded in 2000 by Dr. Elizabeth Youmans, Chrysalis has created and published adult training programs, books, resources, and a turn-key children's curriculum in four languages based on a nation-building paradigm that lays Christ and His Word as the foundation for renewing minds and cultivating Christian character and conscience. This discipleship model is biblical and wholistic. It provides the tools believers need for igniting change, first in their own hearts and minds and then in others, as they engage the culture.

Over the past seventeen years, Chrysalis has served churches, private and public schools, seminaries, international NGO's, missionaries, and families on five continents with God-inspired success. Today, we are primarily serving Latin American nations.

The central operating structure of Chrysalis functions on a low overhead, annual budget by training and co-laboring with "sent missionaries" as national field directors and instructors. Each director is separately supported by networks of partners including individuals, small foundations, and churches called to be transformatively involved in a specific nation or world region.

New partnerships are welcomed and needed in order to extend and provide for this ongoing work.

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Sites of AMO® Apprenticeships and Programs

The AMO® Program



AMO is an acronym for Apacienta Mis Ovejas ("feed my lambs" in Spanish). When challenged by an international NGO to design a principle-based curriculum for at-risk children, Jesus' commission to Peter in John 21 inspired the vision: "Peter, do you love Me? Feed My lambs. . . Feed My sheep." Our divine role as parents, pastors, and teachers with His priceless gift of children is to disciple them for Christ through unconditional love. As it turns out, "amo" is the word for "love" in the Romance languages.

The AMO® Program is both an enriched curriculum for children and Christian worldview courses for the adults who disciple them. It is rooted in the transforming truths of God's Word and imparts His virtues of beauty, truth, and moral goodness. It actively engages the whole child through a variety of learning experiences. Rather than passively amuse and entertain, AMO® inspires both children and teachers through the study of classic literature with coordinating music, arts and crafts, Bible reading for reasoning, providential history, community service, and to celebrate and memorialize learning. Each child's value and potential in Christ is affirmed, while Christian character and self-government are cultivated.



Teacher guides are available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and French



AMO® teacher guides provide everything needed for inspired teaching and learning. Each lesson is scripted and based on a principle and a key vocabulary word found in the readings. In the literature component, the teacher reads the classic aloud to the children. In the Bible reading for reasoning component, children read the Scriptures and are guided to think and reason with truth and apply it to their lives. The children maintain a written record of their learning in a binder. Beautiful coloring pages and maps have been created and vocabulary, memory verse, and parent prayer and blessing cards are provided. Art, music, drama, and festivals round out this enriched, Christian program.