

How to set up a Tentmaker Support Centre

Some suggestions

Gather around you a group who are keen to develop the ministry who have been called, are committed, have some experience of tentmaking ministry already, and have time and energy.

Have a prayer group meet regularly who believe in 'launching out into the deep' (Luke 5) and that 'Jesus in the boat' makes all the difference. The group to meet with them regularly and discern the way forward under God, in the detail as well as the broad strategy .

Identify someone (maybe yourself) who can work with individual tentmakers to encourage, guide to helpful agencies, guide to appropriate training etc. They will need to understand all aspects of spiritual and practical preparation.

Produce some publicity to explain the ministry.

Organise a centrally located seminar to promote the tentmaking concept and show the next steps for those God is calling

Organise follow-up training

(The experience of existing organisations, and particularly those in the West, may not be very relevant to Africa, but the following may be of interest:-

Most TI support organisations started as part of an ongoing body. Many remain so, and there can be advantages of shared costs, higher profile etc). In UK the work of TASK started as part of the ministry of a Conference Centre; this was a useful 'launchpad' for setting up an independent charity later. However, now TASK has joined with the much larger Global Connections so as to enjoy a higher profile among the Christian public in UK.

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