

STUDENT REQUIREMENTS

During class and assignment time, BVBINZ needs each students' total commitment. The work of the church is the greatest work on earth, so laziness or partial commitment are not tolerated. If you would like to join the programme, head to the website, or contact Lance Mosher or Trevor Major as soon as possible to receive an application.

To God be all the praise and glory!

2 TIMOTHY 2:2

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.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:25

Brethren, pray for us.

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Bear Valley Bible Institute - New Zealand has had a great start and has a bright future! Begun in August 2016, BVBINZ became Bear Valley Bible Institute's first extension school in the South Pacific.

Since 1965, BVBI has worked to accomplish the commission of 2 Timothy 2:2 – entrusting the pattern of sound teaching in the gospel to faithful men who will then in turn be equipped to teach others.

BVBI currently has 23 extensions in 19 different countries. There are more than 300 students enrolled full-time in these extensions. In 2015, these students were involved in 1,979 baptisms, planting 61 new congregations, conducting 173 campaigns and gospel meetings and restoring 10 wayward churches.

Today, as much as ever before, the church needs dedicated men and women for work in the Kingdom. As the world's population has grown to over 7 billion souls, the need to sow the seed of the gospel in the hearts of people has never been greater.

In the last several years, some congregations have been forsaking the pattern of sound words contained in the Scriptures in hopes of attracting larger crowds and pleasing more members. This worldly approach, by necessity, takes the emphasis off of God, our Creator, and puts greater trust in man's ability to give people what they want. But what man wants will not save him. We must serve God rather than men.

Could you become a part of the solution?

STUDENTS

We at BVBINZ are looking to enrol more New Zealand Christians, both men and women, into our two- and four-year training programmes. The emphasis during these years will be to train the students to be effective workers in the Lord's church for the rest of their lives.

At their graduation, the men will have been trained to teach and preach for congregations for the Lord's church. Both men and women will have been trained in personal evangelism and virtually all other areas of Christian living.

“WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO BE A PREACHER?”

Though each student will be trained to preach, we do not expect all (or even most) of our students to graduate and go into full-time ministry. Instead, we see some of them resuming their careers and being indispensable aids to their local congregations. However, if a man would like to plant a congregation where one does not yet exist, or help an existing congregation full-time, he will have the training needed to do so.

STRUCTURE

SCHOOL YEAR

The school year is August-July every year, but students can enrol at any time of the year.

PART TIME

Fully-committed part-time students go through the programme in 48 months (four years), completing one course per month, on average. The classes they take meet two weekends per month, Friday evening and all day Saturday. Meeting on the weekends allows part-time students to keep their jobs or other studies going while enrolled in BVBINZ. Part-time students are required to complete all assignments and exams given by their instructors.

Part-time courses are also available to those who cannot commit to the entire programme, but would still enjoy taking courses when they have the time to do so.

FULL TIME

Full-time students are not permitted to have outside jobs or schooling. They go through the programme in two years, completing two courses per month, on

average. In addition to attending all of the courses previously mentioned, they also take weekday courses that meet once or twice a week.

COURSES

Each course is taught with university-like intensity, including practical and writing assignments, plus exams. The training courses, such as Personal Evangelism and Sermon Preparation & Delivery require active engagement and *doing* what is learned.

By the end of the programme, each student will have studied every book of the Bible in depth, completed over 1,000 hours of classroom time, been involved in up to eight campaigns for Christ and participated in up to four lectureships.

LOCATION

BVBINZ is based in Wellington, but is available to Christians throughout New Zealand. Classes are hosted at the Wellington church of Christ's building at 95 Webb Street. For instructors and teachers outside of Wellington, video conference and other technologies are used to keep the class active in real time.

STAFF

BVBINZ currently has seven instructors in New Zealand and one in the United States. All staff, in addition to having completed programs offered by similar schools or Christian universities, are also experienced preachers and teachers of God's word.

MONEY

One of the best parts about BVBINZ is that it is **tuition-free!** Of course, it is not free to run the school. The funds needed are provided by faithful brethren from around the world committed to seeing men and women trained in the gospel. Some funding is also available for full-time students' living needs.