

## Digital Mentoring: The New Missions

**Missions** is the call of everyone, not just for International Workers or a designated team in your church. God is very clear on this. It's His heart and His plan that we share our faith with those who need to hear it and make disciples. But there's a disconnect here...

To put it plainly, many Christians struggle with how to effectively talk about their relationship with Jesus. The concept is simple: Introduce my best friend, Jesus, to my friends and neighbours who don't know Him yet. But in practice, it's a lot less intuitive.

- How do you talk to people from cultures and backgrounds different from my own?
- What if they ask me tough questions about God?
- How do I bring spiritual ideas into a normal conversation?
- And how can I support and engage in missions with people across the globe?

This is where Digital Mentoring can help.

Our partners in the GATEWAY Region are Power to Change. They have created an online platform where anybody can write in to talk about their struggles with an online mentor—Christians who walk alongside them in a loving, compassionate way.

As a mentor sends messages back and forth to the mentee, they can empathize, share their own experiences, share a prayer and talk about how Jesus changes their life in a natural conversational manner.

### How can your church get involved?

After a simple spiritual reference and a criminal record check process, and an accessible, 4-part Basic Training course, with easy-to-use templates and a whole library of resources, individuals or groups can engage with people in Gateway. We can, and already are, walking with 1150+ people from this region giving them access to Jesus.

Anyone can be an online mentor, although it's not for everybody.

This platform is very flexible and fits in with your schedule. You can control how many new messages you see and what days you're available to reply to these messages.

The hope is that each church will have a "Point Person" who can be an advocate for the Digital Mentors Team, inviting new mentors from your church. This point person can also be the one who acts as a mentor coach—someone who oversees a group of mentors and answers any questions or concerns those mentors have. The vision of the Digital Mentors Team program is multiplication, continually raising up and equip more mentors and mentor coaches to meet the growing need for encouragement in Gateway and even in your own neighbourhoods.

Now, missions isn't **ONLY IN** the realm of the International Worker. It's in our homes. It's practical. It's simple. It's safe. And it's effective.

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