



Rural Ministry

- 1) **Course:** MTC017, Rural Ministry
- 2) **Length** – 8hrs
- 3) **Course Description:** This course focuses on the distinct and challenging ministry found within rural contexts. Students will be led into discussing and understanding the distinctive rural worldview. It will address communication and strategies and connect it to God’s mission plan for people living in that context.
- 4) **Instructional Goals and Objectives:**
 - a) **Being (Spiritual Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) exhibit characteristics of a spiritual missionary, whose habit for life and ministry centers in the Lord Jesus Christ found in Scripture.
 - ii) acquire an appreciation for rural living, values, beliefs, and worldviews it brings.
 - iii) evaluate personal desires related to entering rural contexts in order to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - iv) exhibit confidence in the ability to fully participate in another culture as both learner and teacher.
 - v) develop confidence and acceptance that mission work can be enhanced by the removal of cultural and communicative barriers and replaced by bridges for effective Gospel communication.
 - b) **Knowing (Cognitive Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) demonstrate verbally and in writing an understanding and knowledge of the rural contexts as they are developed in the literature, spoken about in class, or witnessed in contexts.
 - ii) articulate communication issues for effective Gospel proclamation in rural contexts.
 - iii) learn appropriate and effective methods and strategies for outreach ministry in rural contexts.
 - c) **Doing (Conative Formation) Objectives:** The student will
 - i) become active and visible in community events, organizations, and gathering places.
 - ii) develop appropriate outreach activities for a rural contexts.
 - iii) interact with professionals and lay persons who have or are working in rural contexts.