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What is a Christian Mentor?

- A Mentor is a follower of Christ, a person who walks with God and has been walking with God. A person who has experienced successes and failures, a person who has life experiences to share.
- A Mentor is a discipler, a leader who helps another live their life in obedience to God, following His will.
- A Mentor is a student of God's word and a pray-er, someone who not only knows what God's word says but how to apply it in life, someone who prays in all situations for themselves and others.
- A Mentor is a modeler, a person who models what it is to live with Christ, living by grace, in humility and in forgiveness.
- A Mentor is an encourager, one who comes alongside another to support, to comfort, to correct and to nudge another towards the Lord and His will.
- A Mentor is a friend, a person who is loyal and keeps confidences. It is a person who believes in the value of their mentoree. One who understands that true friendship, Biblical friendship, includes correction as well as affection, includes struggle and pain as well as joy and happiness. (Proverbs 27:5)
- A Mentor is a learner, always seeking to know more of Christ. A mentor is not perfect, but a broken person in need of grace....a person who recognizes their dependence on God for all things.

Beverly McCaskill with mentorees



One of the core values at the Center for Christian Leadership is relationships. Particularly we have a goal of fostering relationships: 1) staff to staff, 2) students to students and 3) staff to students. To aid in the staff to student relationships, each student is assigned a staff mentor for the 2 years that they attend the CCL. The mentor meets regularly with their student to pray, discuss life issues and also to encourage and challenge them in their walk with the Lord. This has been a source of real pleasure for me. For years as a pastor's wife I have taught and mentored

young women. I enjoy doing the same here at the CCL with the young Albanian women whom God has brought here to study.

(This was presented at CCL orientation in September 2007 by Beverly McCaskill. Comments were collected from a variety of sources including the Bible and authors Eugene Petersen and Ted Engstrom however arrangement of thoughts is original.)

Prayer Requests

Pray for the 8 students that will be graduating on May 17, that God will use them to grow His church in Albania.

Pray that the last month will end well—vocational classes, academic courses, and student activities.

Pray as student recruitment has begun for the fall—pray that God will provide 15 new students.

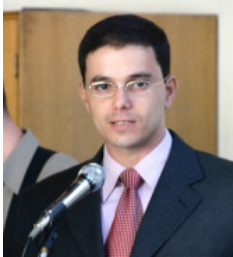
Pray for the staff of the CCL—that God will keep them unified, and for the faculty that God will give wisdom as they teach others to lead the next generation.

Mentoring in the Life of a Student



Being mentored has been challenging and for these past two years I have seen fruit when I have shared about personal things with my mentor. A mentor is just like a brother. My mentor has helped me be accountable in prayer and has taught me how to act towards my brothers and sisters at school. My mentor has helped in my life as a discipline in classes and in practical things in school and church. In our school we do mentoring meetings in a group and discuss the book "Self-Confrontation". This has helped to see how our actions should be righteous before God. Truly, I am very blessed and encouraged by this school and by the students and staff at the CCL. Many blessing and Peace to all of you, Alban

Mentoring in the life of a student



Not that he choose me, but I chose to be mentored by him (that sounds like an echo from the words of Christ when he spoke to his disciples in John 15). I saw a brother/teacher that had Godly characteristics and I wanted to learn from him—to fellowship and listen to what he said. My mentor showed great humility and zeal with teaching the word of God—and the truths he taught were real in his life. His wisdom served as a good example for me to follow. I learned from him how to demonstrate truth in love—sometimes not an easy thing. I learned how to value and honor and respect my pastor and leaders in the church. I have been influenced from the positive role he showed me as head of his family.

I also learned the value of being transparent. I remember in a meeting my mentor shared with me that he was going through a “dry time” spiritually. This was a new idea to me (because I thought that no leader would ever go through a time like that). His transparency helped to knock down the walls in the relationship between mentor and mentoree. It helped me to understand that I wasn’t the only one that had times like that. From his transparency I was encouraged to not be closed in my heart in connection with the spiritual difficulties that I had.

To summarize I can say sincerely that I am very grateful to God for the blessing that I received through my mentor. Genis Myrteza

April 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Parenting Conference		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Parenting Class (Jim and Betsy Bennett)					
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			
	Missions course					

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	Missions Course					
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Outreach		Missions Conf			Graduation
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Upcoming Event

Gradation will be held on May 17, 2008. If you are in the area we would love for you to attend!

Current Needs

- The outside of the CCL is starting to look pretty bad—peeling paint, and the landlord refuses to pay for painting. We would love to paint this summer if the funds are provided—it will cost around \$2000 to do the outside of the CCL
- \$125/month will provide a partial scholarship for a student to attend the CCL for one year.
- The CCL has produced several quality Christian books for the church in Albania. Each book costs about \$6,500 to translate, edit, and print. We could easily double or even triple the number of books that we publish on an annual basis if these funds were made available. The next book in the pipeline is Spiritual Leadership by Sanders. It has been translated, edited and will soon be sent to the printer—we are praying that God will supply the funds.

Recently Met Needs

A friend in the states has offered her time and computer expertise towards updating the list of all Christian literature that we now maintain on our website—Thank you!

Book sales have seen a steady increase this year, bringing in a very small but growing portion of the revenue needed.

6 computers have been provided which includes the needed ones for staff and one for the classroom. Thank you!

A visiting instructor provided a much needed power point projector for the computer lab. Thank you!

- The CCL is looking for someone to update the CCL website periodically, or even give it a new look. If you are interested, please contact Peter at pbowers@pbowers.com

Check out our website:
WWW.CCL-AL.ORG