

CHRYSALIS NEWSLETTER

The AMO® Apprenticeship and Its Impact in the Nations

MISSION: To instruct and disciple Christians in the art and skills of biblical thinking and teaching Christianly and equip them to use our AMO program as a model for transformation in two generations

An apprenticeship is a system for training a new generation of skilled craftsmen by watching and working with a master. The nature of an apprenticeship is for the apprentice to be bound by a covenant for a certain time to learn the art, mystery, and skills of the master, who agrees to instruct him. Our AMO Apprenticeship is designed to impart to participants a biblical, Christian philosophy, methodology, and curriculum of education and government and equip them to nurture and disciple the rising generation of youth for Christ. Our teaching and mentoring affect two generations—teachers and parents and children.

Looking to Jesus Christ, the Master Teacher, as our model for teaching and discipling others, we have placed the relationship between the “master” and the “apprentice” at the heart of our apprenticeship. Teaching and learning are first and foremost a relationship, both internal and eternal—the heart-to-heart and mind-to-mind connection of the master and the apprentice. The master must also demonstrate how to use his tools and materials and train the apprentice, thus the dynamic of listening, observing, and practicing is essential. We use an apprenticeship compact by which both teacher and participants agree to govern themselves and their time according to the biblical principles that are imparted in our formal instruction.

Mornings are spent in God’s Word with the principles of reflective teaching and learning, the Christian view of children, Christian self-government, the power of story, how to cultivate the Christian imagination, and the providential view of history. Each afternoon the master teacher models a lesson plan from one of AMO curricular components. Then the participants break into small groups to prepare and practice teaching a lesson.

Over the years, the AMO Apprenticeship has proven to be an instrument that the Holy Spirit uses to renew minds, inspire fresh vision, heal hearts, and rekindle family relationships. We have many amazing testimonies of changed lives, families, and communities.

AMO Apprenticeship Director

Jacqi Gough has been our apprenticeship director for three years. As one of the founding board members of Chrysalis International, she has been actively involved with the ministry for ten years. Jacqi was raised in a Christian home in New Hampshire and responded to the call of missionary at the age of twelve. Upon graduating from college with a teaching degree, she traveled to Finland, where she and her husband, Dennis, served as missionaries with Greater Grace Outreach for fifteen years. When they returned to the US, Jacqi pursued her Masters



degree and taught Christian education courses at the Maryland Bible College and Seminary for eighteen years.

Burdened for the plight of Baltimore’s inner city children, Jacqi and a team of educators founded the Baltimore Academy of Excellence, an elementary school that focused on the needs of the whole child. It soon received an award for excellence from the mayor for the transformation in the children. In 2004 Jacqi and Dennis returned to New Hampshire to care for her aging mother, which is where they continue to live. Jacqi is a student of the Word and an evangelist. She is a gifted teacher and mentor and loves working with youth. She has many spiritual children around the world. Chrysalis is blessed to have Jacqi as apprenticeship director, as well as the support and prayers of her wonderful husband. It is with his blessing that she travels into the nations to teach and evaluate AMO programs.

Our AMO Apprenticeship has grown under Jacqi’s leadership to include two phases:

- 1: The group apprenticeship with classroom instruction, training, and practice in small groups
- 2: The individual apprenticeship by invitation with one-on-one instruction, assignments, team teaching, observations, and evaluations

By using this format, we are better able to disciple and encourage those whom God has chosen for educational leadership in their nations and pass the baton to them.

That which you have learned from me, transmit and entrust to reliable and faithful men, who will be competent and qualified to teach others also. - 2 Timothy 2:2

2010 Apprenticeships

Our apprenticeships this year took Jacqi to Asia, Europe, Central America, the Caribbean, and North America.

January: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

This apprenticeship was hosted by Iglesia Bautista Internacional, which is a large, influential Reformed Baptist Church with an institute called Integridad y Sabiduria that teaches worldview courses. Here Jacqi taught Sunday school teachers, most of whom are professionals and parents. They established 22 Sunday school classes using our AMO curriculum, which serves their mission to lay all learning on the foundation of God’s Word. They just completed their first unit of study and celebrated with their AMO Festival. Teachers are amazed at the children’s ability to think and reason, and parents have engaged with the principles through our AMO parent prayer and blessing cards. Senior Pastor, Dr. Miguel Nunez, told us that he has plans to found the first “AMO School” in the Dominican Republic.



February: Manila, Philippines

Hosted by Food for the Hungry, Philippines and country director, Debbie Toribio, and child development director, Thelma Miguel, Food for the Hungry staff and child development teachers were trained. A pilot program was initiated in Towerville with Food for the Hungry sponsored children.

March: Craiova, Romania

Hosted by the Timothy Institute and its director, Cristi Petricioiu, Jacqi taught young adults and church leaders. The teachings were difficult to comprehend for some, as Romanian Christians continue to be set free from false ideologies after a half century of communism. AMO is being taught in two cities, and Jacqi is coaching two Romanian groups via Skype. Additional curriculum is now being translated for future use.

April: Nuevo Laredo, Mexico

Hosted by the Presbyterian Border Ministry, Proyecto Amistad, and its directors Chris McReynolds and Roberto Medina, Jacqi and Cristina Inchaustequi, our director of AMO, DR, taught Presbyterian church leaders and teachers. Cristina was fulfilling an individual apprenticeship requirement by team teaching with Jacqi. All those that attended were planning to initiate their Amistad Clubs in August with our AMO curriculum.

June: Norfolk, United States

Hosted by Becky Padgett for a group of parents she has been working with for several years, this shortened Apprenticeship imparted the spirit and methods of the AMO curriculum for parents to use to enrich family time in their homes.

July: Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic

Hosted by Cristina Inchaustegui, the venue for this Apprenticeship was Iglesia Bautista Internacional. Nearly 100 teachers and staff from NGOs such as World Vision, Vision Trust, and Food for the Hungry attended. Many AMO Programs were established.

August: Kathmandu, Nepal

Due to the sensitive nature of teaching Christian education in Nepal, we are unable to share the details of this Apprenticeship, except to say that many minds were renewed and principles for writing Christian curriculum were imparted and practiced.

Other Chrysalis News

Parent Book

Chrysalis is collaborating with Disciple Nations Alliance on a book for Christian parents that is based on the biblical principles that both organizations teach for individual and cultural transformation. Since families are the building blocks of nations, it is our desire to equip parents with tools for growing healthy families and producing Christian culture. Scott Allen, Jill Thrift, and Elizabeth Youmans are contributing writers with Gary Brumbelow as our gifted editor.

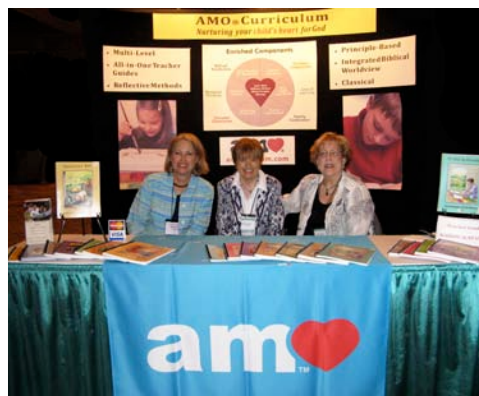
II Global Summit of 4-14 Initiative



At the invitation of our longtime friend and colleague, Jose Gonzalez, Elizabeth Youmans and Cristina participated in the Seven Spheres-Biblical Worldview Task Force that he facilitated. We presented AMO as a model of transformation twice with translation into Spanish. There were 800 delegates from 85 countries gathered in New York City. 4-14 is a demographic window to call the Church to view and fund children as mission for 21st century transformation. We met many leaders, participated in other sessions, and were both challenged and affirmed in our educational endeavors.

COICOM

Cristina Inchaustegui was invited by Jose Gonzalez to speak at his Consultation at COICOM, a Latin American Congress of 3,500 Christian communicators held in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. She and her son, Rafael, manned an AMO booth, meeting many ministry leaders and sharing the AMO mission and program with them.

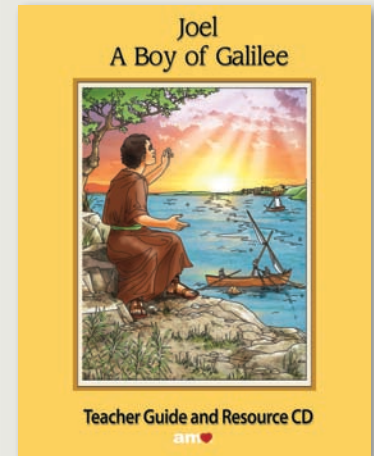


Home School Conventions

We introduced our AMO Teacher Guides to America this spring by participating in three homeschool conventions — San Antonio, Richmond, and Orlando. Most all of our Chrysalis board members helped market our resources to many dedicated parents.



New Teacher Guide



Annie Johnston's 19th century classic was inspired by the New Testament Gospels and takes place in Israel near the Sea of Galilee. Fellows weaves two stories into one—the tender narrative of an embittered, lame boy who lives in Capernaum and the account of the ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

This Guide contains 20 scripted literature lesson plans plus a small unit on Israel's geography that includes a reading, map work of modern Israel, and four biosphere coloring pages that highlight Israel's unique terrain, flora, and fauna. There are also readings on the seven biblical feasts and Jerusalem, the city of the Great King.

Accompanying these lesson plans are 8 coordinating arts and crafts lessons, an additional 8 coloring pages, student graphic organizers, vocabulary cards, and instructions for producing the Festival of Pentecost. **\$ 24.95**

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Upcoming Events

October 8-9: Wilberforce Worldview Conference, St. Paul, MN

November 15-19: AMO Apprenticeship in Spanish and English, Guatemala City, Guatemala

January 13-16: AMO Encuentro II with Darrow Miller, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic