

Le Stage 222, Brussels

French-speaking church apprenticeship

2 Timothy 2:2 "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."



Le Stage 222 seeks to train Gospel workers who are eager to work in God's harvest field, by first being transformed by the word of God themselves, in order to be qualified to teach it faithfully. Le Stage 222 therefore offers a year of engaging, Bible-focussed training at [Eglise Protestante Evangélique de Bruxelles Woluwe](#), and provides the opportunity to work within a pastoral team of a growing local church which is engaged in Word ministry. This apprenticeship would typically last a year (or for Year Abroad students, possibly half a year) from Sept-June, and will give apprentices the chance to:

- **get stuck into** a local church, full-time
- **grow** in living knowledge of God, maturity and faithfulness as a disciple
- be **trained to teach** the Bible, **serve** the people of God and **share** the good news
- **try out** full-time Word ministry and work out gifting
- **work** in a French-speaking context

What does Le Stage 222 involve?

Apprentices will be linked to a local church and will work alongside its pastoral team. There will also be others on the programme (although not necessarily all at the same stage or all doing it full time); however it will be tailored according to each person's gifts, interests and specific areas of training desired.

A typical week can be divided into 3 key elements:

- ministry alongside the church pastoral team
 - one-to-one Bible reading
 - joining in the youth and children's work teams and church Bible study and home groups
 - the opportunity to see the workings of a pastoral team close up
- personal training
- one day of training at [l'Institut Biblique Belge](#) (l'IBB - a French-Speaking Bible college in Brussels)
 - training tailored to ministry within the local church (e.g. how to study the Bible, kids' worker training etc)
 - mentoring with an experienced trainer
- practical service
 - learning to serve and help with the running of church
 - cleaning, administrative help and logistics at church

During the course of the year, an apprentice will have the chance to be involved in:

- a training weekend
- a mission week
- a regular area of practical service within the local church
- a regular area of word related ministry within the local church

"A thoroughly worthwhile, challenging, eye opening experience. I have gained much more than I could have given throughout the whole placement. Praise God for this opportunity to serve overseas and I would totally recommend it to any individual seeking to do something similar."

Victoria, 2016-2017



A typical week for a Stage 222 apprentice

Day	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Morning	Team meeting (reports, prayer, Bible study)	Training at I'IBB	Personal study time	Kids Club at church	Mentoring	Day off	Church service
Afternoon	Team training	Training at I'IBB	One-to-one Bible reading	Practical tasks	Study/prep		Hospitality
Evening				Church Bible study	Youth meeting		



"My placement experience was amazing! I learnt so much and I met so many great people. I would absolutely recommend the short-term mission programme to others, particularly if it involved time at a place like the IBB, because I know how much I've grown as a Christian and I want others to have that experience too." Sarah, 2016-2017

Who should do it?

Le Stage 222 is ideal for men and women, around 18-30 years old, who would like to live and serve better within the church and be trained to become future church leaders.

The apprenticeship is particularly for those who would like to see if they are called to train for full-time ministry, but it would also benefit those who would like to deepen their knowledge and application of the Word of God in view of developing their gifts and knowledge of the Bible, so to be able to better serve the gospel.

This apprenticeship could be done as a gap-year after finishing secondary school, as a university year abroad, after graduating or as a first experience in the work place.

What are the benefits for a Stage 222 apprentice?

A Stage 222 apprentice will learn to study, teach and live out the Word of God, all while working in a team and being supported by members of the church. They will discover the joys and difficulties of serving as Jesus served us, and through that will enrich their own personal relationship with the Lord.

If an apprentice comes to the conclusion that they are in fact called to full-time pastoral ministry, this apprenticeship year will most certainly be a good launch pad for further bible training.

What would a Stage 222 apprentice go on to do afterwards?

The mentor's personal monitoring and adapted training will help apprentices to get to know their gifts better and discern how to go on serving the Church.

- Some return to their studies or secular work, better equipped to be witnesses of the gospel and to continue serving the church
- Others will have it on their hearts to pursue full-time ministry, and will be better equipped to approach theological study, having a better understanding of what they need to learn.
- The apprenticeship includes classes accredited by l'Institut Biblique Belgue, presenting an apprentice with the opportunity to continue their studies at the IBB or another bible college for full-time ministry training.

Practicalities

Accommodation: apprentices will need accommodation near the local church in Brussels

Finances: Crosslinks will help apprentices come up with a budget. We ask for you to cover your own living costs, your IBB fees, plus a DBS check, insurance and an admin fee which you'd pay to Crosslinks.

An application form can be provided on request from short-term@crosslinks.org. The candidate will need references and a recommendation from their current local church. Crosslinks will then interview applicants, and will be in discussion with Stage 222 overseers in Brussels.