Living The Message

Our heart is to train ministers whose lives truly reflect the message they carry. Like Jesus, who “began both to do and teach” (Acts 1:1), we believe ministry is lived out in both word and action. This means combining Spirit-led teaching with practical service—developing “tent-making skills” such as baking, jewelry-making, carpentry, or welding. Being a minister is walking in love, speaking truth, and being led by the Holy Spirit in everyday life. It is living out the Gospel in both word and power—demonstrating it through healing, miracles, and Spirit-empowered living.

Who We Serve

We welcome Bible college graduates and discipleship program students who feel called to ministry or missions. Our program is designed to help each student walk out their calling with boldness, clarity, and compassion.

Location

Cintalapa, Chiapas is located in southern Mexico near Central America. Chiapas is a launching ground for ministry—rich in culture and spiritual opportunity. Students serve alongside local ministries such as El Faro de Esperanza, El Rebaño del Señor church, and the Potter’s Ranch.

How to Apply

Students may apply directly through our website or be referred by a partner school or ministry. Applications include an interest form, recommendation, and interview.

Let’s Connect

Website:
https://lostandfound-mexico.com/thesower

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We’re here to help you pray through next steps and get you ready for The Sower.

Bill & Tammy Woods, Missionaries & Founders

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Ready to take the next step in your calling and purpose?

DIVING DEEPER

When I was younger, I took scuba diving lessons. The first few months of classes were spent in a classroom learning about diving, equipment, and safety. After hours of theory, we were taken to the water's edge for more instruction. When we finally got in the water, we weren't alone. We had a "buddy."

Whether you have just finished Bible school or have been walking in your calling for some time, I envision the team at the Sower Institute as your "diving buddy" at the water's edge. We are ready to help you explore and deepen your calling and purpose. We want to help you take your next steps into the fullness of your calling so you can establish God's kingdom on earth.

Blessings,

Bill Woods

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Founder, The Sower Institute

Program Structure

Blade, Ear, Full Grain

Inspired by Mark 4:28, our training model walks students through a process of growth—from biblical identity to ministry activation:

Phase 1: The Blade (3 Months)

- Grounding in the Word and Spirit-led living
- Identity in Christ and foundational disciplines
- Service and cultural introduction

Phase 2: The Ear (6 Months)

- Deeper Bible training and leadership development
- Hands-on ministry and practical skill-building
- Growth in community living and outreach

Phase 3: The Full Grain (12 Months)

- Ministry internship or missions launch
- Project development and leadership expression
- Sent out with purpose, confidence, and compassion

What You'll Gain

- **Purpose and Calling:** Gain clarity and confidence in the message and power you carry.
- **Mentorship for Impact:** Learn directly from missionaries with 30 years of experience who have pioneered ministries and planted churches.
- **Practical Ministry:** Gain hands-on experience in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership.
- **Training with Purpose:** Develop valuable vocational skills, from baking to carpentry, that are designed to create new ministry opportunities.
- **Readiness for Global Impact:** Gain the cultural sensitivity and Spanish fluency you need to connect with people around the world.

Life in Community

- **Intentional Rhythm:** Find balance with a daily rhythm of personal devotions, classes, and dedicated time for rest and service.
- **Shared Life:** Build genuine relationships and deep fellowship by living and learning together over shared meals.
- **Purposeful Service:** Put your faith into action with regular opportunities to serve within the community.