



YOUR SKILLS

Are you a committed Christian with marketable skills, a teachable spirit and a heart to share Jesus? God can use you in gospel-poor places.



YOUR IDENTITY

With a work identity and mission intent, you have wonderful opportunities to introduce Jesus in your everyday life and work.



TOGETHER

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YOUR PROFESSIONAL SKILLS, A DOOR TO GOD'S WORLD

Did you know that many Christians are using their professions in the global workplace to **reach others with the gospel**?

These are artists, architects, doctors, nurses, teachers, tradies, business entrepreneurs, IT professionals, veterinarians, lawyers, managers, homemakers, graphic designers, engineers, speech therapists, audiologists, researchers, HR professionals ...

Have you considered the opportunities that your skills create? Young or old, employee or business creator, do pray about this.

Find out more at **AZTEM - a support network of such believers.**

YOUR IDENTITY AND INTENT

The apostle Paul worked in his trade as **tentmaker** whilst witnessing and teaching (Acts 18:3). He commended this approach—it sets a good model for new believers and helps gospel witness to multiply. Today, as in the past, Christians are finding work or creating businesses in other cultures. 'Business as mission' and 'tentmaking' provide access to countries closed to traditional missionaries. Their jobs are genuine.

Tentmakers meet people in a natural way in work and social contexts. They build a **credible identity** and friendships that grant them the right to be heard. Their gospel intent is key. They prepare for the challenges of this cross-cultural ministry.

JOURNEY TOGETHER

You may discover an overseas job opportunity - will you be ready to live out your faith there? Or you sense that God wants you in global mission and are seeking how to get there. Either way, **plan and prepare** so you are equipped for eternal impact.

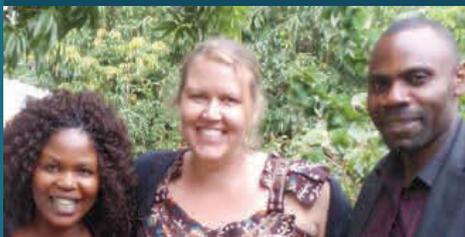
Don't go alone! Talk to us and other mission agencies. AZTEM has extensive experience equipping Christians to witness in the global workplace. Our members are financially self-supporting, serve short- and long-term, with no limit to location or job type.

Accredited member of Missions Interlink Australia since 1987.

INSIGHTS

Our tentmaker members work all over the globe, particularly in gospel-poor countries.

Members recount how they learnt to be God's servants in their cross-cultural context, and how God met people's physical and spiritual needs.



Our members work in NGOs, global agencies, large and small companies, education, development and training or run their own business.

Whether serving for a year or a decade, God's grace and good skills are vital, in work, relationships and ministry.



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PURPOSE

I got a job with a secular company in a closed country. Not knowing what to expect, I joined AZTEM for prayer support and advice on cross-cultural life and sensitivity in sharing. God created opportunities at work and outside. When least expected, through shared hardship or curiosity, I got to know colleagues, neighbours and others. There were many needs. At times I wondered what I got myself into. Times of prayer, waiting, humbled by people around me, their hard-work, generosity and hopes.

I saw many answers to prayers and opportunities **beyond what I could have imagined**. All of a sudden I had an English Conversation club for young professionals, met and heard amazing stories from local Christians and supported local friends during crisis and decisions. Mostly it was just being there, getting to know people, building relationships. Then unexpectedly an opportunity would come up to talk about deeper things. Then, I knew why the Father placed me there.
G, Engineer, Asia.

HUMBLED

The last few months have been amazing - full of joys and challenges. Although we had visited here before, this longer stint is quite different. We love the people who are warm and friendly. We are encouraged by the faith and passion of Christians here, who often have so little in material goods, but such joy in their relationship with God. We are challenged by the poverty and struggle we see for many. Survival can be so fragile. Many have little money to buy food, health care, educate their children

We feel pressure to help as we can, it can be overwhelming at times. We need to **make wise choices**. Guess this is true for all of us, wherever God has placed us. It is just so much more obvious here, so we are **learning plenty** (even after 25+ years in the field). We appreciate the support by Aztem in so many ways – prayer, pastoral care and mentoring through the ups and downs.

L & I, Audiologist and Vet/Project manager, Africa.

PATIENCE AND FLEXIBILITY

I took 2 years leave from my school and headed for an Asian mega-city to teach English. After returning home I sensed God had other things in mind so after 2 years I resigned, and accepted a position as a primary school English teacher back in Asia. My job was full-time, but I was conscious that **God had something else for me to do**. I eventually found a wonderful volunteer job in a charity school for poor rural girls. Over 4 years I helped young women gain basic English as an employment skill, and found many ways to minister to girls and staff.

Work and life needed **time, patience and flexibility** before I settled into a rhythm. I needed the regular prayers of my friends, church and the AZTEM family. I needed closeness with my Father, time to spend with Him and see where He was at work. As Philip Yancey said, we just need to make Him visible.

M, ESL Teacher, Asia