

## **Business DTS – Business Components**

- The Business DTS is initiated by Mark Plummer who has run his own business and been involved with consulting to business start-ups for the last 7 years. He has also been leading the Business As Mission Resource Team for the last 9 years.
- The Business DTS staff team has a number of people with experience in Business. YWAM Chiang Mai also has a number of staff that will be investing into the DTS, and they are either entrepreneurs or business-oriented people. Our other staff members bring years of leadership experience with DTSs.
- The Business DTS and the BAM Course (3 week intensive course in Chiang Mai) join together for 2 weeks. This gives the Business DTS students an opportunity to get to know and learn from people planning to start businesses overseas and who are engaging in Business As Mission specifically.
- The subject of the Biblical Foundation for Business is addressed in week 5 during the BAM Course/Business DTS cross over weeks.
- The topic of doing Business as a Christian in the Marketplace is addressed in week 6, along with Servant Leadership in the marketplace and Success in Business. This is during the BAM Course/Business DTS cross over weeks.
- During the Business DTS, the DTS class will visit 4-6 businesses in Thailand that will enhance their understanding of doing Business as a Christian in a worldly context and cross cultural context. These visits will also help the group understand the opportunities and challenges associated with starting a business.
- During the Business DTS, a number of the teachers invited to speak to the class are entrepreneurs, Business owners, consultants to the corporate context, and these teachers' investment of time in the classroom and one on one time with students is an invaluable part of the Business DTS process.
- As with all YWAM Discipleship Training Schools (DTS), this school is at its core a context for discipleship, and spiritual formation, where you can expect to be challenged on your worldview and the working out of what you believe. Being teachable and open to change is essential on a DTS.

## **What the Business DTS is NOT:**

- A Business school that will teach the student core practical business school topics.
- An opportunity to do business every day on outreach.
- A product we are selling to consumers.
- A school where students are consumers and not active participant and contributors.
- A school that will prepare students **fully** for active engagement in Business As Mission.
- A Business established to make money.
- A course that will guarantee internships in Business As Mission ventures.