

## Vision For The Cybermissions Pastorbox Project



The Pastorbox device is a rugged wireless hotspot that shares free pre-loaded Christian training resources to mobile phones, tablets and computers. It can be used at a convention, church service or other training event. It does not require electricity (except for charging) or an Internet or data connection. Pastorbox creates its own wireless signal. It will be like logging onto a portal at a hotel, airport or coffee shop and users will see a menu and be able to select and download free Christian training materials that meet their needs. Pastorbox is a means to deliver theological education to those whom most consider least.

The pre-loaded materials are “generic Christian” resources that are within the [statement of faith of the World Evangelical Alliance](#). They do not push any particular denominational perspective, are not political in any way, and are as culturally respectful as possible.

For instance, Pastorbox could be used by: a bible college with multiple village schools, or a travelling evangelist, or by a senior pastor, or by a senior missionary, bishop or supervisor visiting churches. The idea is that “Pastor Miguel” can go from a doing bible study under a tree to a Diploma in Biblical Ministry, without having to be extracted from his village ministry context. Pastor Miguel will be able to do this without any significant expense because he receives his bible and ministry training on a mobile device that he probably already owns.

The Pastorbox is pre-loaded with free resources in multiple languages on the following topics:

- a) Gospel Resources For Evangelism
- b) Bible Teaching
- c) Discipleship, Counselling, Love and Relationships
- d) Kingdom Economics, Social Issues and Transformation
- e) Prayer and Spiritual Warfare
- f) Youth Resources
- g) The 2-year Harvestime course (which leads to a Diploma in Biblical Ministries)

It is highly desirable that these resources will be studied in a classroom setting or a small group context with a pastor, teacher or group facilitator to encourage learning and discussion.

Some helpful analogies:

The Pastorbox = the School Library full of resources that students and trainers may need

Mobile Phone = the Student's Backpack now full of books from the "school library" / Pastorbox

Small Group = Study Buddies for encouragement and help

Pastor/Facilitator = Teacher or Instructor

Pastorbox is being physically designed by an experienced group of dedicated former aerospace engineers. The Pastorbox is based on the Raspberry-Pi single board computer, has batteries and shutdown circuits and is dust-tight and water-resistant. This will enable the Pastorbox to keep working for five years under adverse conditions. The Pastorbox is somewhat tamper-proof by end users (so that it remains functional). However it is easily configurable by a basic technical person and we will have a Pastorbox manual and instructions on how to do this.

Organizations are free to add or delete resources from the Pastorbox. They may do this as required to achieve their purposes e.g. their own doctrinal distinctive, pastoral practices etc. This editing requires a technical person at their end.

The pre-loaded resources on the Pastorbox are Creative Commons copyright, which means they may be shared freely for non-profit ministry use but may not be sold in any way. This will enable the Pastorbox resources to be widely shared from one person to the next, or from one church to the next, and "go viral".

The Harvestime Course will link to a website where pastors can take exams (on their phones) and get a Certificate of Completion for each Harvestime subject. After all 17 main subjects are completed, a Diploma of Biblical Ministries will be awarded from Harvestime. This again, will be free of cost to the end user. This Diploma is accredited in the State of California under the Religious Exemption.