



Christian Mentoring

JOHN MALLISON MINISTRIES

JOHN MALLISON – BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

As an **internationally known Christian educator**, John Mallison is a specialist in enabling Christian leaders to develop personally and spiritually, and in equipping them for service. A key aspect of this is mentoring, which John is passionate about. He **mentors a broad cross-section of Christian leaders** nationally and internationally.

Before entering the ministry John had a **technical and business background**

His **broad parish ministry** in Australia spanned 17 years full-time in rural, industrial, developing urban areas and 3 years part-time in an experimental inner-city parish. Balancing evangelism and social concern were characteristic of his ministry.

John's involvement in service to the community has included the founding of both the **Port Kembla Blue Nursing Service** and the **Newcastle Youth Service** and membership of numerous community movements. He was **National Chair of LinC** for 12 years, an agency of **World Vision**, enabling non-professional carers to serve the needy throughout their local communities.

He was **Moderator of the NSW Synod of the Uniting Church**.

For 14 years he was a **full-time Christian educator** for the Uniting Church in NSW, during which he founded and directed the U.C.A. lay training centre in Sydney.

From 1986 to 2007 he directed his own Christian leadership development organisation, **John Mallison Ministries**, serving all sections of the Christian Church both nationally and internationally. Mentoring, equipping others to mentor, teaching and the preparation of leadership resources are the main thrusts of his ministry.

John has **special skills and wide experience in cross-cultural ministry**, having conducted leadership-training events in **30 different countries**.

He has made a major contribution to the **small group movement across Australia** through his extensive & creative use of small groups, his writings and training of thousands of leaders. He also founded the Australian Small Groups Network, a national movement involving all denominations.

For 8 years, until 2002, he was the **National Director for Mentoring for the Australian Arrow Leadership Program**.

John is a prolific writer having **23 published books**, and numerous articles that aim to make Christian disciples and leaders. A number of these are published in various languages.

His **best selling book on mentoring**, ***Mentoring to Develop Disciples and Leaders***, has a UK edition, and Polish and Cambodian (abridged) translations. Other translations are being negotiated.

John's **popular training manual** to equip small group leaders, ***The Small Group Leader***, (a revision and expansion of *Growing Christians in Small Groups*) has been widely used internationally, with special editions and translations in UK, France, Poland, Malaysia, Korean and Indonesia.



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John has been awarded the **Order of Australia Medal** by the Australian government for his services to the community. He also has a **Doctorate of Theology** from the Australian College of Theology.

He is **married to June**. They have 5 children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys walking, drinking cappuccinos (especially with his wife) fixing things and the maintenance of his own and family's houses.

He believes that **the secret of his ministry is the amazing grace of God, the health and opportunities God has given him, the power of prayer and a godly wife and family.**

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