

Global Ministry Policy

First Baptist Church of Lakewood

All of history is moving toward one great goal, the white-hot worship of God and His Son among all the peoples of the earth. Missions is the means to this goal.
--John Piper

The vision of our church is to be a thriving community of fully functioning followers of Jesus Christ. Within this vision is the understanding that following Jesus includes a commitment to world missions, and we encourage everyone in our church to share in some form of cross-cultural ministry.

The purpose of this document is to describe the vision of First Baptist Church of Lakewood in the area of missions. Our philosophy of ministry will explain our driving convictions in global outreach, the core values we share as a Global Ministry Committee (Committee)* in promoting missions at Lakewood, and some specific goals regarding missions involvement by the members of our church. The administrative policies and responsibilities give guidelines for how the Committee will function and make decisions.

* The "Committee" was previously called the "Missions Committee" and is now called "Global Ministry Committee".

Part I: Philosophy of Ministry

A. Fundamental Convictions of our missions vision:

Seven fundamental convictions drive our missions vision. They form the foundation for our philosophy of ministry and shape all that we do.

1. God clearly reveals Himself in the Bible as a missionary God.

God created men and women to fill the earth as His image-bearers. He created us for His glory – and to find our greatest pleasure through the enjoyment of His glory. The happiness we find in knowing God reaches its fullest potential when shared with others. There is a special kind of satisfaction when peoples from very different cultures and languages enter into the same joy of knowing God. A golden thread that weaves its way through all of Scripture, as well as the history of redemption, is God's desire to be known, served, loved, and worshiped by all the peoples of the earth. God is a missionary God and the Bible is a book about missions. God promised in Isaiah 66:19 that He would send messengers "to the distant coast lands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations." This is not an isolated text but reflects the overwhelming message throughout the Bible that global evangelization is a

deep passion in the heart and mind of God. There must be devoted worshipers of the true God from every tribe, tongue, people and nation. Jesus said that the end would come only when the gospel of the kingdom had been preached among all the nations (people groups) of the earth (Matthew 24:14). Thus, any lack of zeal for global evangelization can only reflect ignorance of what God has said or indifference to His purpose.

2. Worship is the fuel and the goal of missions.

Missions is not the ultimate goal of the church; worship is. Missions exists because in many places and among many different peoples worship does not. The goal of missions will be accomplished in heaven when worshipers from every tribe and tongue and people and nation gather around the throne in praise to the Lord Jesus Christ. Thus, the gathering of a worldwide assembly of worship is the goal of missions. At Lakewood, as true worshipers who have tasted the goodness of the Lord, we are not content until we have invited the nations to join us in the feast.

Worship is a contagious joy that energizes evangelism and thus becomes the fuel of missions. Our gladness in God produces in us the yearnings of the psalmist, "Let the peoples praise Thee, O God; let all the peoples praise Thee." Worship energizes our missionary vision; worship is the fuel of missions.

3. Salvation depends on a conscious decision to believe in Jesus as Savior.

The clear teaching of the New Testament is that personal faith in Jesus Christ is required for forgiveness of sins and the promise of eternal life. Having a general faith in a supreme creator and following the moral values of a particular society are not enough to grant salvation. It is necessary to make a conscious decision to believe in Jesus as Savior to be saved. Apart from this conviction, missions has no purpose.

4. In Scripture, the missionary task is focused on peoples.

A careful study of Scripture reveals that the often used terms "nations" and "peoples" refer to "people groups." A people group is a grouping of individuals who perceive themselves to have a common affinity for one another because of their shared language, religion, ethnicity, and common world view. From a church planting point of view, it is the largest group within which the gospel can flow along natural lines without encountering major barriers of understanding or acceptance due to culture, language or geography.

5. The urgent need for additional "Frontier Missionaries" serving among unreached people groups.

It has been estimated that 80 to 90 percent of North American missionaries are working with Christians. We do not diminish the sacrifice and value of these ministries. Yet the utterly critical, uniquely missionary need in the world today is for missionaries who will do the pioneer work of evangelism and church planting

among those with no access to the saving knowledge of Christ. Career missionaries and tent-making professionals who will learn the language and culture are needed to do the deeper work of missions and begin churches in unreached areas.

6. Our aim is not to persuade everyone to be a missionary but to help everyone to be a World Christian.

Only some are called to long term, cross-cultural ministries as missionaries. The majority are called to serve locally, to be salt and light where God has placed them, and to join in sending those who have been called to a life of cross-cultural service. In God's eyes, both the goers and the senders are crucial, and there are no first and second-class Christians in God's hierarchy of values. To have a heart for global evangelization and to highly value the work of winning the nations is to be a World Christian. It is our aim for every member of our church to have some form of participation in global evangelization.

7. Global and domestic ministry compliment each other.

The primary responsibility of the Committee at First Baptist Church of Lakewood is to deal with matters regarding global evangelization and foreign missions. The clear Scriptural mandate for global outreach is taken seriously by our church. From an administrative point of view, the Committee is the only group within the church that is assigned this global focus. Missions education, recruitment for service, missionary support and care, funding, the missionary house, evaluation of special projects, and short term missions are some of the primary activities of the Committee which deal with global evangelization. Within our church structure, no other group or department is positioned or qualified to bear the missionary mandate as is the Global Ministry Committee.

Global outreach and domestic outreach ministries compliment each other. At Lakewood, we are equally earnest about reaching our "Jerusalem" as about reaching "the ends of the earth." We believe that proximity implies responsibility. Our church is responsible for serving the greater Long Beach community by discovering strategic opportunities for evangelism, church planting, and relief of human need and suffering in the name of Christian compassion.

We recognize that the majority of ministries at FBCOL (children, youth, small groups, pastoral care, deaf, recovery groups, Sunday School, etc.) are naturally directed toward domestic ministry of some kind. Yet beyond the natural outreach of these ministries, we see the need for a broader commitment to our community. Domestic ministries which relate to poverty, unemployment, hunger, abortion, crisis pregnancy, runaway kids, family disintegration, child abuse, divorce, drug abuse, AIDS, alcoholics, and service to the homeless are needed. As our culture becomes increasingly secular and post-Christian, the ministries of the church are challenged with reaching people who are different from our church population. Serving international students, immigrants, and local church planting efforts will be valued and promoted. As Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists in greater numbers move into Southern California, we recognize that lines between local/foreign and same-culture/cross-cultural ministry become blurred. The Urban Ministries

Committee (see Addendum 1) is needed to deal with domestic ministries such as those mentioned in this paragraph, concerns within greater Long Beach which go beyond what the departments of our church (children, youth, adults, worship, and Christian education) can normally serve.

The Urban Ministries Committee and Global Ministry Committee work together to enhance the varied outreach activities of Lakewood. Responsibilities are divided with cooperation and understanding in order to assure a total, balanced outreach program.

A final reflection comes from *A History of Christian Missions* (Pelican Series) helps understand the unique work of the Global Ministry Committee:

“Churches in the West have recognized that the task of the Church everywhere is essentially the same . . . but the task is not precisely the same in all parts of the world and in all Christian situations. The first task in the West is the re-Christianization of those immense areas of life that seem to have fallen out of contact with the Gospel. Whether this task is harder or easier than the task of witnessing to the Gospel in a mainly Muslim country it would be idle to dispute; what is important is that it is not the same task. To bring men and women to Christ in the midst of a civilization which has certain roots in the Gospel, in a great city in which there is a church round every corner, is not the same task as the proclamation of the Gospel in an area where it has never been touched by Christian influences. To use the same word for both types of activity can lead only to confusion. Mission has traditionally meant the going forth of the Gospel into those areas where it has never previously penetrated at all – beyond the utmost frontiers of the Church into the wholly unknown (pp. 572-573).”

B. Values shared by the Global Ministry Committee:

1. We believe prayer is foundational to success. It is our desire to mobilize the church for fervent, continued prayer for missions.
2. We seek to be strategic. We wish to get the greatest impact possible from all our missionaries and missions projects. We want to evaluate what ministry opportunities have the greatest potential for meeting critical needs with long-term success.
3. We desire excellence in missions communications within our church. It is our intention that promotion, reports, and educational missions presentations be well done in order to present a positive image of missions at our church.
4. We desire maximum personal involvement. “Hands-on” opportunities are vital in today’s local church climate. Options and opportunities for all to actively engage in some form of cross-cultural ministry are important to our church.

C. Types Of Missionary Outreach:

1. Church Planting: Church planting is the establishing of local, indigenous churches characterized by true worship of God, effective biblical nurture of believers, and evangelization of unbelievers, to the end that these churches will reproduce themselves. Church planting efforts require an initial evangelistic strategy and a strong, ongoing gospel witness and teaching ministry for the effective building up of a living body of believers. Outreach efforts may encompass such activities as gospel team work, evangelistic Bible studies, literature distribution, evangelistic film and broadcast media, campus evangelism/discipleship, camp work, vocational training, and “tent-making.” Each of these activities may be considered as church planting when the clear goal of establishing a new local church is in view.

Church planting is highly valued for several reasons. New Testament doctrine understands the local church as the fundamental building block in Christ’s Kingdom, and the starting of new churches is foundational to God’s global purposes. Described in Scripture as the Body of Christ, the Temple of God, and the Bride of Christ, the local church is utterly unique in God’s mind. When a church is established in a community, an ongoing presence with ministries of evangelism, discipleship, worship and compassion is created. Experience reveals that church planting is the most effective means for proclamation of the gospel and conversion growth as well as the conservation of new believers.

2. Strengthening existing churches: Church enrichment means equipping and building up existing local, indigenous churches to better evangelize and reproduce churches among their own people. Efforts to strengthen local churches may include such activities as training national leadership and partnering with Christian nationals in outreach ministries. Some of the same activities used in church planting (such as literature distribution, mass media efforts, campus work and camp ministry) might also be used in church enrichment. The difference is that the goal is helping existing churches to grow. Some western missionaries are now strengthening national churches through the strategic role of missionary training. In this way nationals are prepared for cross cultural ministry, often among unreached peoples.

3. Support ministries: Support ministries provide services to aid those engaged in church planting and church enrichment ministries. Support ministries may include such activities as translation, administration, medical work, aviation, community development, food distribution, education and other services.

4. Unreached peoples ministries: We recognize that God’s desire of a strong indigenous church in every people group will require a significant effort in pioneer missions. “Frontier Missions,” taking the gospel to the least evangelized peoples of the world, shall be considered as a special category of missions work. Evangelism, discipleship, church planting, and a wide

variety of humanitarian and relief activities directed toward an unreached people group may be considered the activities of Frontier Missions.

These types of missionary outreach are not meant to convey inferiority or superiority among types of missionary work. We trust that under the Holy Spirit's direction, a healthy blend of diversified ministries will be supported and encouraged. **Within the USA**, resources will be directed toward same-culture evangelism and church planting, ethnic evangelism and church planting, humanitarian and support ministries. **Outside the USA**, resources will be directed toward evangelism and church planting, teaching nationals, and support ministries that take place among reached and unreached peoples.

Part II: Policy and Responsibilities

A. Responsibilities of the Global Ministry Committee:

1. Stimulate the intercessory prayer by the congregation for missionary efforts within our country and throughout the world
2. Educate and inspire the congregation in the field of global evangelization
3. Motivate persons to pursue career and short term missions service
4. Organize a missions conference according to the master calendar of the church
5. Evaluate missionary candidates
6. Administrate the funds allocated to missions
7. Serve as liaison between the church and missions-related organizations, agencies, associations and missionaries
8. Care for the missionaries on home assignment
9. Develop and implement a plan for short-term missions (including debriefing and follow-up)
10. Administer and evaluate the Global Ministry program
11. Be responsible for the missionary house
12. Partner with a local agency (or other local church) to reach immigrants to the greater Long Beach area
13. Develop a friendship program for international students
14. Maintain ongoing communications with church supported missionaries
15. Cooperate with the **Urban Ministries Committee**

B. Interpretation of this Policy:

While this policy is flexible, any major deviations require the approval of the Committee.

C. Makeup Of The Global Ministry Committee And Selection Of Members:

The Committee is to be made up of a deacon, ex-officio members, and members-at-large as follows:

1. A deacon appointed by the Board of Deacons
2. A Sunday School Mission Education Coordinator appointed by the Committee
3. The Women for Missions chairperson
4. Members-at-large nominated by the Committee and approved by the Administrative Board of Deacons. They should represent as many classes or church groups as practical. Members-at-large shall be active members of the First Baptist Church of Lakewood and be age 16 or older.

D. Selecting A Committee Member:

Potential Committee members shall be informed of and agree to the responsibilities of a member.

E. Term Limits:

Members at large serve a two year-term. Ideally, members will serve for more than one term.

F. Responsibilities Of Committee Members:

1. Attend meetings
2. Actively serve on one or more sub-committees as needed
3. Pray on a regular basis for specific missionaries and their needs
4. Maintain communication with supported missionaries
5. Be familiar with the Global Ministry Policy of the church

G. Officers And Manner Of Election:

The officers of the Committee are the chairperson, vice chairperson, secretary and treasurer. Officers will be elected by the Committee at the January meeting of each year to serve for 12 months.

H. Missions Education:

Missions Education is generally accomplished through Sunday School classes, Women for Missions circles and events, congregational meetings, weekly worship bulletins, bulletin boards, VBS, ongoing literature from the Baptist General Conference, the Missions Conference, and the teaching ministry of the Senior Pastor.

I. Responsibilities Of The Missionary To Our Church:

The responsibilities of any missionary or missions organization supported by the church shall be

1. Communicate with our church at least three times per year
2. Inform our church about their home assignment plans and when they would be available to visit our church
3. Provide a statement of their budget and financial needs as requested by the Committee
4. Conform to Committee policies in raising support from our church:
 - a. Approach the Committee first for support
 - b. Not raise support through official agencies of our church including Sunday School, church roster, etc.
 - c. May raise support from individuals within our church through contacts outside the church (e.g. home meetings)

J. Preparation And Approval Of Missions Budget:

The missions budget shall be prepared annually by the Committee to be submitted to the Finance Committee by August 1 and may include:

1. Commitments carried over from previous budget (all budget items are to be reviewed)
2. New commitments made during the last year not in last year's budget
3. New commitments for the new year

K. Sources Of Support:

The sources of financial support for our church missions program are

1. The general budget
2. Special fund-raising projects held in conjunction with approval from the Finance Committee, and the Administrative Board of Deacons
3. General missions giving (Missions Fund)

L. Considerations In Determining Support:

1. For a mission organization, the major considerations shall be
 - a. If a member of our church participates in their ministry
 - b. Our relative ability to influence policy and strategy
 - c. Membership in National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), Evangelical Foreign Missions Association (EFMA), or Interdenominational Foreign Missions Association (IFMA)
 - d. Our accessibility to knowledge concerning use of financial and personal resources
 - e. A consideration of percent used for overhead expenses
 - f. Doctrinal agreement in accordance with our statement of faith
2. For an individual, the major considerations shall be
 - a. Acceptance by an approved missions agency
 - b. Spiritual, intellectual, and emotional maturity
 - c. Doctrinal agreement in accordance with our statement of faith
 - d. Adequate preparation for his/her prospective ministry
 - e. Previous experience in his/her prospective ministry
 - f. A minimum of one year of faithful service in an evangelical church
 - g. Home base is on the West Coast

M. Priority Scale Of Applicants Support:

We appreciate diversification and balance, yet we plan and strategize so as to focus on areas of missionary activity which seem to be critical from the perspective of world missions at this time in history. Certain priorities shall take on greater importance since they represent greater need, greater long term potential for kingdom building, and/or a more strategic ministry opportunity. Evangelism and church planting, equipping nationals who will serve as pastors

and church planters, and ministry among unreached peoples will be especially valued by the Committee. It is our hope that FBCOL members will be called to these kinds of service who might consider working with the Baptist General Conference.

Applicants for support are classified according to the following priority scale:

1. FBCOL members serving with the BGC
2. FBCOL members serving with an approved evangelical ministry
3. BGC members in BGC ministry
4. BGC ministry
5. BGC members in approved evangelical ministry
6. Non-FBCOL members; non-BGC members in approved evangelical ministry

N. Procedure For Processing Applicants For Support:

The procedure for processing applicants for support shall be:

1. Applicant fills out the Missions Application
2. An interview with the Missions Committee will:
 - a. Determine the spiritual and moral character of the applicant
 - b. Investigate his/her sense of call in relation to the overall missions strategy and objectives
 - c. Review his/her doctrinal position
 - d. Gain further information on the proposed ministry
 - e. Determine his/her maturity and competence for the proposed ministry
3. Our church does not provide financial support for prospective missionaries and students while preparing for service (such as tuition, books, or housing).

O. Amount Of Support Allowable:

The budget support shall not exceed 25% of the missionary's total support. The amount of support will be based on:

1. The total needs of the missionary
2. Other funds available to the missionary
3. Funds available to the Missions Committee

P. Reasons For Termination Of Support:

1. Requested by the missionary
2. The missionary changes his/her ministry so that it is no longer in accordance with the objectives originally approved by the Missions Committee
3. A missionary fails to maintain contact with the church for twelve months as provided in this policy

4. Within a six month period after a written termination notice has been given to the missionary and his/her mission organization

Q. One Time/Special Expenses Of Missionaries:

One time/special expenses of missionaries are not a budgeted item. The funds needed may be raised jointly with a special fund drive with the Finance Committee or may be supplied through the Missions Fund.

R. Criteria Of Support For Short-Term Candidates:

The criteria for supporting candidates for short-term service (two years or less) shall be

1. Timely receipt of the short-term application requesting support
2. An understanding that some form of report back to the church (such as Sunday School classes or other small groups) and the Committee is required
3. Parental support or approval (if applicable)
4. A high school diploma preferred
5. Proven responsibility and maturity as demonstrated through service in our church

S. Handing of Surplus Or Insufficient Funds:

If budget income is insufficient, the available funds shall be used first to provide for salary support for the missionary personnel and the remainder then pro-rated for the balance of the missions budget.

Surplus funds designated for missions over and above the budget shall be distributed by the Global Ministry Committee.

T. Global Ministry Committee Goals:

The following list of goals is intended to give broad, long-term direction in goal setting. Annual goals will be determined as steps in reaching the following list of long-term church goals in missions.

1. **Praying:** Twenty percent of our adults would be praying at least weekly for world evangelization. This would be accomplished either individually, in Sunday School, or in small groups. Intercession would include, but not be limited to, our missionaries.
2. **Giving:** Fifteen percent of our total church budget will be designated for missions. The missions budget will designate 30% for domestic ministry and 70% for non-USA ministry. Funding by the as yet to be created Urban Ministry Committee activities is separate from this goal. The designations within the domestic and foreign categories will reflect our priorities.
3. **Going:** One percent of our active membership will be preparing for a ministry of three months or longer on a foreign field.
4. **International Students:** At least ten percent of families attending Lakewood will be involved in friendship relationships with international students.
5. **Education:**
 - Each Sunday School class and small group in our church will participate in an annual, church wide missions emphasis explaining biblically why our congregation is involved in world missions and what we are doing nationally and internationally.
 - Additional training emphasizing outreach to groups such as Muslims, Hindus, and Buddhists neighbors will be offered.
6. **Adoption/Sister Church:** We will either adopt an unreached people group or develop a sister church relationship with a church outside the USA.
7. **Ethnic partnership:** We will participate in an outreach/church planting opportunity with an ethnic community within one hour driving time from our church.

Part III: Addendums

Addendum 1: Formation of an Urban Ministry Committee

Domestic ministries include all the ministries that we should do among the people in our own culture and context. Examples are ministries relating to evangelism, poverty, medical care, unemployment, hunger, abortion, crisis pregnancy, runaway kids, pornography, family disintegration, child abuse, divorce, hygiene, education at all levels, drug abuse, aids, alcoholics, environmental concerns, moral abuses, and service to the homeless. Concern for the poor is a recurring subject in all of Scripture and must be reflected in the ministries of our church. Concern for the poor does not occur naturally or spontaneously, thus ministries of compassion must be planned intentionally

To effectively handle the total outreach program of Lakewood, a separate **Urban Ministry Committee** (UMC) shall be formed to be a partner with the Global Ministry Committee. One member of the UMC team would attend all meetings of the Missions Committee. In some cases, domestic ministry, (friendships with international students, ESL, ministry to immigrants, etc) may be a different way to impact a foreign country where the spiritual needs are very great. It will be necessary for the Urban Ministry Committee and Global Ministry Committee to determine the best division of responsibilities where the lines between domestic and global outreach are blurred. An understanding of the E-scale in the following addendum will provide a guideline for helping to understand the distinctive role of each committee.

Addendum 2: CULTURAL DIFFERENCES IN EVANGELISM

Without the understanding and appreciation of culture and its vast implications in all of Christian ministry, there is no need for missions, much less for a Global Ministry Committee. Culture is the integrated system of learned behavior, beliefs, feelings, values, associated symbols, and products shared by a group of people. Recognition of culture, that which makes people groups fundamentally different from each other, is basic to the purpose of missions.

The **E-Scale** (Evangelism Scale) helps compare the cultural distances that Christians need to move in order to communicate the gospel with others. E0 refers to evangelism for those already associated with the church. E1 refers to evangelism of people having a common language and culture but having no contact with the church. This could be called “near neighbor” evangelism. E2 refers to evangelism of people in a different culture. Language and world view are different, and outsiders will feel “culture shock” during the process of becoming true “insiders.” Insiders have learned to live successfully within the new culture and can comfortably communicate the gospel in an understandable way. E3 refers to evangelism in a very different culture. A significant cultural

distance must be bridged to develop the understanding and trust necessary for successful evangelism.

It should be noted that different sectors of a particular society, or sub-cultures, are not included in the **E-Scale**, which takes a larger perspective on culture. People in E1 evangelism who are moving from a particular age group, level of education, etc. to a different age group, level of education, etc. may feel in some measure the disorientation and stress associated with E2 and E3 evangelism. The **E-Scale** helps to understand the process of leaving one's "comfort zone" in order to reach out to others who are different or very different for the sake of the gospel.

Until every tribe and tongue has a strong, evangelizing church, thus an E1 witness within it, E2 and E3 efforts from outside are essential and urgent. At Lakewood, ministries dealing with E1 and, to a lesser degree E2 evangelism, will most likely be assigned to the **Urban Ministries Committee**. Ministries dealing with E2 and E3 will be assigned to the **Global Ministry Committee**. This is not meant as an inflexible rule but as a general guideline to suggest how to handle outreach assignments within the total Global Ministry/Urban Ministries Committee structure. By recognizing that E2 evangelism mostly corresponds to the Global Ministry Committee but may also be assigned to the UMC team, we recognize the growing complexity of evangelism in our own "Jerusalem."

Addendum 3: Short-term application:

General Information

The Missions Committee believes it is important for people to experience missions first hand. We encourage people of all ages to become involved home and foreign missions. In many cases the short-term experience may assist one to make a decision for a career in missionary service. In other cases, short-term missions can be the best way for one to serve God on the mission field.

Therefore, the Missions Committee is willing to assist a variety of people to experience missions first hand by helping with training, finances and debriefing after the trip. We do not provide financial assistance for trips that are taken for educational credit.

In order to gain the most from your short-term missionary experience, we believe it is important to see how your experience can apply to your home church. Prior to applying to the Missions Committee each applicant needs to contact a church staff member to determine an area within the church where their experience will relate when they return. Suggested areas include:

- Childrens' Sunday School
- Children's mid-week activity
- Women for Missions Circles
- High School or College.

Each applicant is expected to:

1. Receive training before departure from one of the following:
 - the sending organization
 - FBCOL
2. Take part in a dedication service prior to departure
3. Take part in a debriefing session upon return either from the sending organization or from FBCOL
4. Take part in a church service that highlights short-term missionaries sent during the previous summer or year.
5. Share your experience in a small group setting (as suggested previously: Sunday School, Children's mid-week event, WFM circle, youth group).

Date _____

Name of applicant _____

Destination _____

Purpose of Missionary Trip _____

Your specific assignment _____

Sending Organization _____

Length of Trip _____ Beginning Date _____ Ending Date _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone _____

Date of birth _____ Male Female

Are you a member of First Baptist Church of Lakewood? ____ If yes, how long? _____

If no, name and address of home church _____

Marital Status (Please check all that apply)

Single Separated, but not divorced

Married Have you ever been divorced? Yes No

Has your spouse been divorced? Yes No

Widowed separate page If either you or your spouse have been divorced, please give details on a

Divorced

Name of Spouse _____

Number of children _____ (Give names starting with oldest)

Name	Sex	Age

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

List all schools attended, graduation date and degree

received.

SPIRITUAL BACKGROUND

Date and place of conversion _____

Briefly recount your conversion experience and circumstances _____

MINISTRY DETAILS

Briefly state how God has led you to this service opportunity. _____

What preparation and experience have you had for this ministry?

What do you believe are your spiritual gifts?

Do you agree with our Statement of Faith? _____ if not, please state and explain areas of disagreement.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Total support required \$ _____

How much have you raised \$ _____

difference \$ _____

Date you need funds _____ Amount Requested \$ _____

Estimated amount from other sources \$ _____

Who should the checks be made out to _____

Mailing address _____

INFORMATION ABOUT SENDING ORGANIZATION

Attach the following (not required for BGC, Campus Crusade, Wycliff. MAF, YFC, Inter-Varsity, YWAM, and Christian colleges/universities):

- Statement of faith of the organization
- Current budget of organization
- Percentage of funds used in administration of organization

Does the organization belong to one of the following:

- National Association of Evangelicals Yes No
- Evangelical Fellowship of Missionary Association Yes No
- Interdenominational Foreign Missionary Association Yes No

Does it have a tax-exempt status Yes No

Does the sending organization provide;

- Orientation Yes No
- Training Yes No
- Debriefing Yes No