



## Defining Missions Service

By missions service, we are referring to those individuals and couples who are ministering cross-culturally, either directly or in a support role, with a purpose of evangelism.

**Missions Service:**  
*individuals and  
couples who are  
ministering  
cross-culturally.*

Missions service takes many forms including relief and development, medicine, literature, radio, video, Bible translation, leadership development, church planting, and several others.

Regardless of the type of service, the primary purpose and end result should always be evangelization.

*After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb.*

**Revelation 7:9**

## Preparing for Cross-Cultural Ministry

### GLOBAL MINISTRIES

*"...all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."  
Gen 12:3*



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in the World*

## Requirements

Preparation for missionary ministry is a very serious matter and it is The Chapel's desire that our *Missionary Candidates* be as thoroughly prepared as possible. We believe that there are several critical areas of preparation, which need to be addressed in order for the Missionary to have a fruitful and fulfilling ministry.

Individuals seeking financial support from The Chapel should be well qualified and prepared for the ministry they intend to enter. The following guidelines outline the general requirements of The Chapel for those requesting support. Additional or specialized training for specific missions service may be necessary and will be evaluated on an individual basis by the Global Ministries Office.

### Spiritual

#### ➤ *A Consistent Daily Walk with God*

This area focuses on the individual's belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, character development and a personal walk with God; including meditation on Scripture and prayer.

#### ➤ *A Proven Record of Effective Ministry*

The *Missionary Candidate* should be able to give evidence to the Global Ministries Committee or Pastoral Staff of faithful and effective service in the local church.

### Leadership

#### ➤ *Chapel Doctrinal Statement and Leadership Agreement*

Candidates must agree with our doctrinal statement and abide by our qualifications for leadership.

## Knowledge/Training

#### ➤ *One Year (or equivalent) of Formal Bible Training*

This includes Biblical and theological knowledge, studies in missiology and cross-cultural issues, and other studies pertinent to the proposed ministry. Most agencies require a minimum of one year of Bible and mission studies (for example: Moody Bible Institute, The Chapel's Extension of Trinity Seminary, etc.)

The Chapel requires the completion of the 16-week *Pathways to Global Understanding* Course (or its equivalent), offered annually.

#### ➤ *Specific Training in Evangelism and Discipleship*

The Candidate should know how to lead someone to Christ, do follow up, and disciple them to be fruitful Christians (training through local evangelism Bible study groups, Chapel evangelism training, etc.).

#### ➤ *Specific Training in Cross-Cultural Ministry*

It is vital for a Candidate to have some experience in ministering cross-culturally before going overseas. This may involve working with The Chapel's *International Student Ministries, International English Classes, Urban Ministries, Muslim Friendship Team*, or serving locally with ethnic congregations or minorities.

## Support Guidelines

In order to be considered for monthly financial support, the following requirements must be met. Preference will be given to individuals who are members of The Chapel for at least 12 months.

◆ Candidates must enter a ministry consistent with the purpose and essential emphases of the Global Ministries program. This decision is best made in collaboration with the Global Ministries office.

◆ The purpose, doctrine, practices, and methods of the chosen agency's board must be consistent with those of The Chapel.

◆ Candidates must refrain from blanket solicitation of Chapel members. This restriction does not apply to friends or relatives. Please check with the Global Ministries office if there is a question regarding this.

◆ Support amounts shall be recommended by the Global Ministries Committee based upon the priority of the ministry and individual need.

