

APPLICATION FOR SHORT-TERM/SUMMER MISSIONS



Application Process

1. Applicant will submit written responses to the questions on the following page.
2. Short-Term applications will be reviewed monthly. Applications for Summer Missions trips must be received no later than May 1st. Applications are to be submitted electronically to the Committee for Local and Global Engagement at missions@sbcommunity.org.
3. The selection process will not be governed by the particular deadlines of the applicant(s).

Missions and SBCC

- ✓ SBCC's Missions Thrust: SBCC desires to support ministries that promote a local church emphasis, clearly proclaim the gospel, invest in and raise up national leadership whenever possible, and demonstrate good stewardship. Furthermore, SBCC hopes to grow missionaries out of our own church body and to send our people out as missionaries both into the greater Santa Barbara area as well as around the world.
- ✓ Mutual edification: our hope is that we will have a reciprocal relationship with each missionary. We want missionaries sent out from SBCC to return to the church to teach, encourage, inform, and stimulate our church body.
- ✓ Long-term vs. short-term: we recognize that God sometimes uses short-term mission trips to cultivate a calling to the mission field; as a result, we will often give some financial support to these trips on a case-by-case basis. Nevertheless, in terms of percentages, the majority of our missions giving will be devoted to long-term missions work.
- ✓ Missions agencies: we affirm the need for missions agencies to assist the church in her sending efforts. The church and the mission agency become partners in training, sending, and sustaining the missionary.
- ✓ Balance: we seek to be balanced in our missionary endeavors between foreign, local, and social justice concerns.
- ✓ Speaking up for the voiceless: we will give priority to places and people who lack a voice, whether through lack of fiscal & social resources (as in a developing country), or through lack of vital church presence (e.g., in most of Western Europe).
- ✓ Prayer: we will pray as a church regularly for missions and missionaries, and encourage the body to grow in missions-mindedness. At one level, every member of the body will be involved in missions.

Application Questions

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. These questions will help us to get to know you better.

- Name
- Dates of service?
- Where will you be serving?
- What Agency you will be serving with? How did you select this Agency?
- What will your ministry entail?
- Funds needed (be as specific as possible)?

- How did you become a Christian?
- Describe your existing connection to SBCC.
- Describe your decision process in regard to becoming a short-term missionary.
- What are your expectations in your relationship with SBCC once you return from the mission field? Please be specific.
- How do you plan on raising your support? Be as detailed as possible.
- How many contacts do you plan on contacting who do not attend SBCC?
- Provide the name and contact information for a reference from SBCC.
- Send completed short-term application to the Committee for Local and Global Engagement at missions@sbcommunity.org

Expectations

As stated earlier, with whomever SBCC sends out, it is our hope to have a relationship of mutual encouragement and support. We ask short-term missionaries from SBCC to agree to the following:

- ✓ Complete a brief report and submit it to the Committee for Local and Global Engagement after you return.



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