

## Background

Many members of Trinity Baptist Church, in obedience to Jesus Christ, have had a deep and continuing interest in mission work around the world. As a result, TBC is blessed to be able to provide qualifying member applicants financial assistance when they serve a short-term mission assignment. Long-term mission funding is available for approved applicants committed to serving in a position as a career.

### The purposes of this ministry are to:

- provide limited financial assistance to members of TBC who plan to participate in short-term missionary service.
- provide limited financial assistance to long-term applicants who are candidates to serve with an approved sending agency.



# Missionary Ministry Guidelines



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## Short-Term Missionaries

Requirements for those seeking short-term financial assistance include:

- Member in good standing of Trinity Baptist Church,
- Submit a completed application to the Missions Committee,
- Provide two letters of recommendation with application, and
- Be interviewed by members of the Missions Committee.

### Application Submission:

- Applications are available in the Church Office or online at the TBCK website.
- Completed applications are to be submitted to the Missions Committee Chair through the church office.

### Applicant Approval:

- Applications will be considered at regularly scheduled Missions Committee meetings.
- Applicants will be interviewed, approved by and reported as funded to the church by the Missions Committee.
- Applicants will be notified by the Missions Committee of the status of their application after a decision has been made.
- Assistance to approved individuals will be limited to available TBC Short Term Missionaries funds not to exceed 50% of the required amount that the applicant must provide.

**If a recipient of approved mission funds cancels a trip for any reason, all approved funds are to be returned to TBC within 30 days of trip cancellation.**

## Career Missionaries

Requirements for those seeking long-term financial assistance include:

- Submit a completed application to the Missions Committee,
- Be accepted as a candidate by an approved sending agency,
- Satisfactorily complete Preparation/Readiness sessions with the Pastor where required, and
- Be interviewed & approved by members of the Missions Committee and the church.

### Application Submission:

- Applications are available in the Church Office or online at the TBCK website.
- Completed applications are to be submitted to the Missions Committee Chair through the church office.

### Applicant Approval:

- Applications will be considered in October for a support term of January - December of the following year.
- Long-term applicants will be interviewed, recommended and reported to the church for final approval of funding.
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their request when the Missions Committee and/or church makes a decision.

**Funds are not available until a missionary is on the field. If a recipient of approved mission funds returns before the end of the agreement for support monthly support will cease.**

**An applicant's sponsoring agency must meet the following criteria:**

- Hold to a statement of faith which is in substantial agreement with the Baptist Faith and Message statement of TBC.
- Have a diversified governing board in which the chairperson and chief executive officer are different people and where ownership and accountability is clear.
- Provide a copy of the most recent annual budget and statement of receipts and disbursements as proof of good stewardship.
- Provide a description of the type of ministries in which it is involved.
- Provide satisfactory proof it offers adequate support and oversight of its missionaries.

