

Short Term

1) **Our Mission:** To glorify God by developing fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ (disciples) motivated by a love for God and a love for others. [Matthew 28: 19-20](#); [Colossians 1:28](#); [Matthew 22:42-47](#)

2) Our Convictions

- a) **Biblical Authority:** We desire to stay true to the Word of God. As our partners seek to proclaim, disciple and plant, they will do so in a way that also seeks to stay true to the Bible. Our partners must be able to agree with the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 and/or The Gospel Coalition Confessional Statement (<http://thegospelcoalition.org/about/foundation-documents/confessional>).
- b) **Faith-Filled Prayer:** We believe it is God who draws people to himself through the work of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, prayer must be first and foremost in everything we do.
- c) **Transformational Relationships:** Almost everything we accomplish for God is through relationships. God wants our relationships to go beyond living at peace with one another to ministering to one other.
- d) **Missional Lifestyle:** We were created to serve God and each other. “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” Eph 2:10. As followers of Christ and a local body of Believers, we have a responsibility to share the good news of the Gospel helping people as we go. We base our belief on Scripture: The Great Commission in Matt. 28:19-20, and the Great Commandment found in Matt. 22:37-39.
- e) **Key Personal Practices of Fully Devoted Followers of Jesus Christ:**
 - G** – Grow through personal spiritual growth habits (spiritual disciplines)
 - R** – Right place of service
 - A** – Attend a weekly worship service
 - C** – Connect to a healthy small group
 - E** – Engage in the great commission

3) Our Priorities

- a) We are committed to being a witness for Christ in our Community and beyond (Acts 1:8) (see Appendix A). We witness in word and deed, ministering to the body, mind and soul, in the name of Jesus. Ministry is the responsibility of every member and we equip, encourage and support our people towards that end (Eph 4:11-12). We are most responsible for those closest to us, beginning with those in our fellowship and moving outwards. We are responsible for those least able to help themselves.
- b) **A Focus on Unreached Peoples:** Like Paul (Romans 15), we want to see the church established among peoples where the church does not yet exist or there is no indigenous

community of believing Christians with adequate numbers and resources to evangelize their own people (< 2% evangelical Christian).

- c) **Importance of Career (Long-term) Missionaries:** We believe that church planting among UPGs is best accomplished by those committed for the long term. Therefore, we will focus on sending and supporting these workers. We will also submit to their leadership in any work we do amongst their people group. This includes working with national partners and sending short term teams.
- d) **The Local Church:** We believe the local church, once established, is the primary redemptive organization within its own community and nation. To best facilitate the expansion of the local church we will strive to build and equip local churches that are:
 - **Self-Led:** The indigenous people will be equipped and entrusted to lead.
 - **Self-Supported:** Ministries should receive their primary support from their own people and we will not do for them what they can do themselves. Therefore, we will be very cautious in supporting any work which could lead to dependency on outside resources.
 - **Self-Propagating:** The local church must be contextualized in a way that is biblically sound and culturally appropriate.
 - **Self-Correcting:** The local church must have and demonstrate Biblically based accountability.
- e) **Humanitarian Work:** We are called to meet spiritual and physical needs. Ministries of compassion, though, must run secondary to our primary, God-given mission of making disciples. Therefore, the allocation of our resources will reflect this truth and our ministries of mercy will have an evangelism component.

4) Assistance

- a) We are committed to facilitating the proclamation and representation of Christ in our Community and beyond (Acts 1:8).

Expectations for our partners:

- Communicating with their FBC FM liaison and the Missions Pastor in a timely fashion
- Openness and honesty about their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health so that help can be offered in a timely fashion
- Exploring creative and strategic opportunities for FBC FM to be engaged in your work

FBC FM MISSIONS APPLICATION

I. General Information

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Marital Status _____

Name of Spouse _____ Date of Birth _____

Anniversary Date _____

Name of Children _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Children _____ D.O.B. _____

Name of Children _____ D.O.B. _____

Home Address _____

Home Phone Number _____

Home E-mail Address _____

Mission Trip Address _____

Mission Trip/Team Leader Phone Number _____

Field E-mail Address (if different) _____

Please provide the names and email of three (3) references we may contact in regards to your mission service.

1) Your Pastor: Name _____ Phone _____

Position and church: _____

Email _____

2) Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Relationship: _____

3) Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____ Relationship: _____

II. Mission Board and/or Sending Body

Name of Mission Board or Agency _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Website _____

Should support be approved, please indicate how a check should be made out so it will be properly credited to your account (Note: No checks will be made out to individuals)

Payable To: _____

Account Name/Number _____

Mail To: (if different than above) _____

III. Support Needs

Support needs (recommended by your mission board or church):

Monthly Support Goal: _____

One-time Support Needs: _____ Reason/Purpose: _____

Additional support needs: _____

Amount already pledged to you? Monthly _____ One-time _____

Amount that you are asking FBC FM to contribute: _____

List other churches pledged to support you _____

Your Primary Support Base

_____ Fort Mill Area _____ Southeast _____ Other (where?) _____

IV. Intended Ministry

Please describe your intended ministry. Include the following points: Specific location (not just state or country); Target group; Religion of target group; Your expected relationship to Local Christians; Your primary day to day activities and those of your spouse (if applicable); Whether you will be part of a team; Your intended length of ministry (#of years); Any other aspects you believe should be understood by the team. (Use back of this page if necessary)

V. Personal Ministry Experience

1. Describe your most recent experiences in personal evangelism.

2. Please list your ministry experiences and how they relate to your expected responsibilities on this trip. (Preaching, teaching, pastoring, evangelism, counseling, etc)

4. Where is your church membership? _____

How long have you been a member there? _____

5. How have you been involved/engaged in your local church? _____

6. Have you been commissioned by a local church? _____

If so, what church? _____

7. Please summarize your call to missions and/or reasons for participating in this specific effort. **Include your (and spouse, if appropriate) personal testimony of how and when you came to faith in Christ.**

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VI. Background and Education

1. List post high school institutions attended and degrees earned

School _____ Degree _____

School _____ Degree _____

School _____ Degree _____

2. List any professional experiences, trade skills, special gifts/abilities, etc. _____

3. List any previous related experience you have? _____

4. Other Comments _____

VII. Relationship to FBC Fort Mill

Are you a member of FBC FM? _____ If so, how long? _____

List ministries you have been involved with while at FBC FM _____

If you are not a member, what is your connection to FBC Fort Mill? _____

We do make it a priority to facilitate our active FBC FM members being on mission. As such we may provide up to 50% of the cost of a mission trip for your first trip out of the Fort Mill area and some assistance (typically 10%) for subsequent trips. This is subject to the review of this document by the Mission's Pastor and/or the Missions Team and available funding. Additional support may be available to Team Leaders (they also need to be active FBC FM members).

VIII. Missionary Candidate Profile

A. What are your personal goals, vision, and expectations for your service?

B. What is/are your spiritual gifts?

C. What do you feel are your biggest strengths and weaknesses?

D. What are your hobbies and special interests (and what are those of your spouse and children)?

IX. Miscellaneous

What is your expected departure date for this mission trip? _____

Other special needs between now and departure date? _____

Have you ever applied to FBC FM for support before? _____ If so, when? _____

Ministry

Please describe your desire to serve as a short term missionary.

In what ways do you hope to serve as a short term missionary?

Do you believe you meet the character qualifications for this ministry?

How has God equipped you to serve?