

# HARVEST OPC SHORT-TERM MISSION POLICY

## Criteria

- An individual receiving funding must be a *communicant* member of Harvest OPC in good standing. From Scriptures we learn that the Great Commission are for Jesus' disciples (Matt. 28:18-20), that is, to those who had already put their faith in him for salvation (John 13:36). Otherwise, how can an individual go out proclaiming the good news and calling people to put their faith in Jesus if he/she has not professed his/her own faith in him yet? Hence, evangelism requires faith!
- Funding will be given to those members who are actively involved in Harvest's ministries. For instance, he/she must regularly attend worship, and participate regularly in other ministers of Harvest (e.g., High School Theology, Youth Group, College and Career Group, etc.).
- Priority for funding will be given to those applicants who have already been involved in local outreach evangelism.
- All applicants must be able to articulate the gospel. For those who might have some difficulty in sharing the gospel, we will provide some training.
- Funding will ordinarily be given to applicants whose short-term mission project partners with a local Reformed church. For suggested short-term mission opportunities, see the list of Reformed organizations here. ([link](#))
- In order to be considered for funding, a short-term project must include an evangelistic element with the proclamation of the gospel.

(Note: To raise funds for a short-term mission project, a participant is allowed to *directly* and *personally* solicit support from Harvest members by sending out individual fundraising letters (not Harvest mailboxes), but mass mailing or speaking in a class *will not ordinarily be allowed*.)