

TEXAS ★ BAPTISTS

BAPTIST GENERAL CONVENTION OF TEXAS

CHURCH-SENDING MISSION FUND REQUEST



Please complete and return all information applicable to this request:

- Name of sending church
 - Physical address
 - Mailing address (if different)
 - Email address
 - Website
 - Phone#
 - FAX#
- Contact person representing the church for this request (name, contact information)
- Proof / Statement of churches' voted commissioning of these missionaries as being sent from the local church
- Missionary name(s)
 - Photograph
 - Dates of birth
 - Marital status (wedding date)
 - Physical address
 - Mailing address
 - Email address
 - Website
 - Phone#
 - Cell#
 - Children's names, dates of birth
 - Education
 - Work experience
- Primary funding sources (names, contact information)
- List any ministry partners (agencies, organizations, conventions, etc.)
- Report of funding received in the last 3 years itemizing operating, support, capital, and project funding
- Attach budget itemizing ministry operating, personal support, and capital needs (include a copy of budgets for the proposed year(s) and the last 3 years where applicable)
- Amount requested
- Life history/testimony of call (where applicable)
- Attached ministry assignment/plan including purpose/goal, location, base of operation (if not physically at the specified ministry location), and targeted people group
- Attached ministry project (where applicable)

IN ADDITION, please send any current information possible (website, newsletters, etc.), if this is a ministry that is already ongoing.

Texas Baptists Church Based Sending recognizes that the following issues should be covered by a sending church with their mission personnel. Because we are concerned for the well-being of all missionaries and the success of the church's mission effort additional questions related to these areas may be asked prior to approving funds.

I. Pre-Deployment

1. Ministry competence
 - definition of ministry assignment
 - experience / education / training
 - references
 - background check
2. Motivation
 - how the assignment fits within a larger church or agency mission strategy
 - ministry supervision plan for sending church
 - individual sense of call to mission and assignment (life history/testimony of call)
 - personal/spiritual assessment
3. Physical and mental health
 - physical health assessment
 - emotional health assessment
 - determine limits of health risk
4. Intercultural Readiness Assessment
5. Family Readiness Assessment
 - marital readiness
 - children readiness
 - extended family readiness
6. Finances
 - current financial situation
 - credit background check
 - ministry / personal support budget development
 - financial support raising
 - financial logistics
 - foreign and USA tax
7. Training
 - cross-cultural
 - language
 - strategic planning
 - teaming
 - ministry methodology (i.e. church planting, cross-cultural evangelism)
8. Commissioning / covenant between sending church and missionary(s)
9. Sending church's personnel policies related to mission personnel

II. Field Entry & Monitoring

1. Field logistics
 - travel and documentation
 - define ministry focus
 - define ministry context (i.e. team, relationships)
 - living logistics (i.e. residence, transportation, language study, cultural adaptation)
 - financial logistics

2. Ministry accountability to church
3. Sending church People Group / ministry advocacy
4. Health support (physical & emotional)
5. Family support
6. Sending church spiritual support
7. Crisis intervention

III. Re-Entry

1. US residence
2. Sending church related responsibilities / expectations on furlough
3. Cross-cultural effectiveness assessment
4. Overseas ministry / experience debrief
5. Pre-return to field expectations
6. Preparation for redeployment

A written agreement between Texas Baptists and the sending church will be drawn up. The information provided and the proposed written agreement will be presented to work group for final approval. The funding agreement includes the following items:

- Name and address of the sending church
- Name of missionary(s)
- Name of ministry (where applicable)
- Location of ministry
- Place / entity to which funds will be disbursed
- Amount of total approved funds from CSMF
- Amount of monthly distribution
- Begin date of funding
- Length of time funding will continue
- Cancellation clause
- Provision for keeping contact information updated
- Provision for monthly ministry report to Texas Baptists
- Provision for monthly financial report to Texas Baptists
- Clause for circumstances under which Texas Baptists may temporarily withhold funds
- Signatures of sending church and Texas Baptists representatives

For clarification or further information, please contact:

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