

Missionary Support Services, Inc.

Missionary Candidate Guidelines

Missionary Support Services, Inc. Objective:

Missionary Support Services, Inc. (MSS) is a non-denominational Christian non-profit organization committed to helping missionaries stay focused on what they do best — their mission field work. To do this, we connect the missionaries with volunteers who have skills to handle many of their correspondence and accounting responsibilities. We accept and receipt US charitable contributions and facilitate the transfer of those funds to the missionary. We consult with missionaries regarding the promotion of special projects and the organization of short-term mission trips which will enhance their work. MSS can coordinate volunteers from anywhere in the US. MSS provides these services at minimal cost.

*This document contains four sections: **MSS Guidelines, MSS Applications Steps, Missionary's reporting responsibilities in the field** and **Confirmation of the Missionary Candidate Guidelines.**

MSS Guidelines (1-4): May the following guidelines allow us to see if we “walk together” for the cause of Jesus Christ.

1. We will support only those missionaries who are in agreement with and sign a statement of faith with the theological statements below (also documented in MSS Articles of Incorporation, Section 5).

Statement of Faith:

- I. We believe that there is one and only one God, eternally existing in three co-equal and co-substantial persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- II. We believe that the Holy Bible is God's written revelation to man and that it is verbally inspired by God Himself, authoritative, completely reliable and without error in the original manuscripts. Both Old and New Testaments are equally inspired.
- III. We believe in the full and complete deity of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles, His sacrificial, substitutionary death on the cross to provide for our redemption, His bodily resurrection from the dead, and ascension into heaven, His present ministry of intercession for us, and His literal, bodily return to earth in power and glory.
- IV. We believe in the personality and the full and complete deity of the Holy Spirit, that He performs the miracle of the new birth in an unbeliever and indwells believers, enabling them to live a godly life.
- V. We believe man was created in the image of God, but because of sin, was alienated from God. Only through faith, trusting in Christ alone for salvation which was made possible by His death and resurrection, can that alienation be removed. Salvation is God's free gift to us, but we must accept it. Only by trusting in Jesus Christ as God's offer of forgiveness can anyone be saved from sin's penalty.

- VI. People were created to exist forever. We will either exist eternally separated from God by sin, or eternally with God through His forgiveness and salvation.
2. Supported missionaries' primary purpose is to follow the Biblical pattern of church planting, church building and leading others to Christ. We also support Missionaries that may be leading specific activities in the mission field such as bible translation, medical, educational, self-sustaining development, discipleship or other evangelism, as long as the activities are intended to assist in achieving the primary purpose.
 3. Supported missionaries must have received proper Bible instruction and missionary training for the endeavor for which they pursue.
 4. Supported missionaries are to be working with a mission organization, board and/or sending and commissioning church of like faith and practice.

MSS Application Steps (A-E): The following five steps are required of an applying missionary prior to being supported by MSS:

- A. The missionary will submit and obtain MSS acceptance of the MSS Missionary Application.
- B. The missionary will submit a signed MSS Statement Faith by signing this document.
- C. The missionary will attend an MSS interview by the Board of Directors and obtain an MSS endorsement (may be in person or by teleconference). At the interview, the candidate should be prepared to discuss openly the following items:
 - What you believe and your spiritual journey.
 - How will your calling further the kingdom of God?
 - What guidance and support do you depend on for daily decisions and to determine the direction of your work?
 - What kind of support are you looking for MSS to provide?
- D. The sending organization/agency and/or church will attend an MSS interview by the Board of Directors and obtain an MSS endorsement (may be in person or by teleconference).
- E. Once accepted by MSS, the missionary will sign an annual agreement outlining services provided by MSS and any fees that may be assessed to cover the cost of overhead, materials, supplies and/or postage.

Missionary's reporting responsibilities in the field: (1-5): Once accepted by MSS, support will only continue to be provided if all requirements outlined below are completed and submitted in a timely manner. Missionaries agree to:

1. Submit mission progress reports at least quarterly.

2. Submit quarterly financial accountability reports indicating disbursed funds were used as intended.
3. Notify MSS immediately of any changes in ministry, location, or doctrinal stand.
4. Notify MSS of any unusual hardships or pressing needs.
5. Submit to reevaluation every year.

Confirmation of the Missionary Candidate Guidelines: By signing below:

1. The missionary acknowledges and confirms agreement with each of the six items in the MSS Statement of Faith.
2. The missionary understands and meets the MSS Missionary Guidelines herein.
3. The missionary agrees to participate fully in the MSS application process.
4. The missionary agrees to fulfill the Missionary’s reporting responsibilities.

Missionary

(Print Name)

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Date)

(Date)

If you meet and agree to the above guidelines, please sign, complete a missionary application and send with your personal ministry pack of information to:

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