

APPENDIX 4

Supported Missionary Selection Process

This document is designed a guide for [INSERT CHURCH NAME] regarding supporting church partnerships with non-members .

Potential candidates will be assessed through a series of ordered screens. An applicant would not be considered if they do not pass all the screens:

Screen 1: Relationship to [INSERT CHURCH NAME]

Screen 2: Basic Qualifications of Applicant

Screen 3: Theological & Missiological Commitments

Screen 4: Communication, Requirements & Expectations

Screen 5: Financial Commitment

SCREEN 1: RELATIONSHIP

[INSERT CHURCH NAME] must know a missionary at some level before we commit to support them. In general [INSERT CHURCH NAME] prioritizes missionaries based upon our relationship with the applicants.

Four relationships [INSERT CHURCH NAME] will consider:

1. Past members of [INSERT CHURCH NAME] would be those best known by us.
2. Strong, long-term relationship with their sending church, or presbytery, since they will be the ones holding them directly accountable to the task.
3. Strong, long-term relationship with our elders who could vet them.
4. Teammates of our sent missionaries due to relationship with our sent members.



If someone does not fit these categories, the elders may, as in the past, offer for them to move to [INSERT CHURCH LOCATION] and join the church and get to know us. However, this would not constitute a guarantee to send or support them.

SCREEN 2: BASIC QUALIFICATIONS OF APPLICANT

If we determine there is a strong relationship, then the following would take place:

1. Contact their sending church to understand why they are being sent and their expectations for church planting in the unreached language.
2. Verify they have been successfully trained by an approved organization and recommended.
3. Confirm that they have been approved by a Sending Agency known to and approved by [INSERT CHURCH NAME].

SCREEN 3: THEOLOGICAL ALIGNMENT

They must hold to the consensus of and remain in agreement with the creeds, confessions, and doctrinal statements of [INSERT CHURCH NAME] and her denomination or network.

SCREEN 4: EXPECTATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR COMMUNICATION, HOME ASSIGNMENT & NEXT STEPS

Our Expectations in Approval for Next Steps

- The same standards apply as to missionaries sent by [INSERT CHURCH NAME] but on an informational basis rather than as an approver of each major junction
- To be informed the missionary will be released by sending church and agency before the next step in the process

Communication

- Liaisons will gather prayer requests once a month and check on language process.
- Once per year check-in with the missions committee leader



Home Assignment

- Present ministry at [INSERT CHURCH NAME] at least once per furlough

SCREEN 5: ONE-TIME OR ONGOING GIVING (DISCRETIONARY)

- The committee must confirm the type of requested funding, either continuing or one-time
- The committee should determine [INSERT CHURCH NAME]'s current capacity to support financially
- Possibly give to a special request (e.g. a launch fund, literacy, or Bible printing)

