

Evangelical Friends Mission
Application for Short-Term
Missionary Service

(Less than two years)



- Please attach a personal photo or send one via e-mail.
- One application per person, please. - Use the back for additional explanation.
- Application Fee \$175.00 each, \$350 per couple (non-refundable, applied toward support)

Name: _____ Application date: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Birth date: _____ Gender: _____ Weight and Height: _____

Home Church Name and Address: _____

Church Phone: _____ Pastor's Name: _____

Passport number, place of issue and date of expiration: _____

FAMILY/MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS:

Circle to indicate whether you are: single engaged married widowed divorced

**Note: As a general rule EFM does not deploy divorced persons as career missionaries. Exceptional circumstances may be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you desire to be considered as an exception to the general rule, please attach a sheet with your story. Please include such circumstances as reasons for break-up of prior marriage, whether divorce was before or after coming to Christ, number of divorces, length of time since divorce, if remarried the length of current marriage, involvement with children from prior marriage, restoration process, repentance, involvement in service and ministry since the divorce, how you would counsel nationals about divorce, and any other factors that you feel are worthy of consideration. Please understand that "exceptional circumstances" means that most divorced applicants will not be accepted as candidates. A deciding factor may well be the beliefs of the receiving culture about divorce rather than your personal experience.*

Please list two people we may contact in the event of an emergency:

Name and relationship: _____ Name and relationship: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

INSURANCE: Who will be your beneficiary on your missionary insurance? Give legal name, permanent address, and relationship to you:

IN WHAT COUNTRY DO YOU PREFER TO WORK:

Tentative Dates for departure and return:

Total Duration of short-term service:

Purpose to be fulfilled:

- Prayer Team
- Construction Team
- Evangelism
- Leadership Development
- Vision Trip
- Language Learning
- Other _____

Is this application a first contact with EFM or missionary? If not, please state briefly what plans are in progress.

During and after the trip will you prayerfully seek God's will about becoming a career missionary?

Will you prayerfully consider becoming a regular financial supporter of this mission field in the months and years after your return home?

You will be responsible for all of your travel and living expenses. How much money do you already have saved for this purpose?

Are you willing to raise additional funds?

Do you have debts such as car payments, house payments, school loans, etc. that you will be responsible for while you are away? Have you made arrangements for those to be taken care of while you are away?

WORK/SCHOOL:

Are you attending school?

Where?

What year are you in?

Are you working?

Where?

Position?

GENERAL EXPERIENCE:

Have you ever traveled outside the US?

When, how long, and where?

HEALTH:

Describe any physical handicaps, chronic illnesses, or other health limitations:

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE:

What does Jesus Christ mean to you personally? Do you know Him to be your Lord and Savior and Friend?

What are your personal habits of prayer and devotional Bible study?

In what ways have you helped others find Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior?

When did you last share your faith with a non-Christian?

What are your greatest strengths and your greatest weaknesses?

Explain your call to this short-term ministry. Why do you think God wants you to do this?

List cross-cultural experiences you have had, including within the United States.

During and After Your Short-Term Missions Experience

1. Will you ask God if He wants you to serve as a career missionary?
2. Will you ask the Lord how much He wants you to increase your giving to missions, especially to the field where you served?
3. Will you become a missions mobilizer—sharing your experience, praying, talking, keeping in touch with the county you served?

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The following people will need to serve as references and give their recommendation for this ministry. As a matter of courtesy, you should contact each person whose name you give as a reference. Please include full address, phone number, and e-mail address if they have one.

Pastor's name

E-mail

Address

Phones

Current or last employer's name

E-mail

Address

Phones

Yearly Meeting Superintendent or Missions Director of Regional Meeting

E-mail

Address

One personal reference

E-mail

Address

Missionary Lifestyle Policy

Because EFM bases its acceptable standards of behavior on organizational and individual commitments to God and to the Bible, and is committed to biblically based lifestyles of morality, marital fidelity, and faith, all missionaries will be held to a high standard of conduct. Because these standards are based on biblical principles, acceptable behavior for our missionaries will differ from that considered acceptable by society in general.

a. Believers are commanded to avoid all appearance of evil and we are not “to cause a weaker brother to stumble.” Hence the missionary must conduct himself in a manner that is above reproach and be an example of godly living. This principle is lived out through two different approaches.

The first has to do with behaviors clearly prohibited by scripture—drunkenness, immorality, homosexual behavior, greed, dishonesty and anything that destroys the body are just a few examples. With biblically prohibited behaviors, the Board expects the Director to initiate a disciplinary process that has as its first objective repentance and restitution. This process may include the missionary being placed on leave of absence. It also may include, after consultation with the Executive Committee, the possibility of immediate dismissal.

The second level has to do with conduct not explicitly forbidden by scripture, and may include some behaviors that are practiced by some as a matter of Christian freedom—consumption of alcohol or tobacco, gambling and some aspects of entertainment might be included in this list. The Board affirms freedom of conscience for those who follow Christ. It also recognizes that Christian leaders must embrace the extraordinary privilege of setting aside some behaviors—including those listed above—as a witness to their destructive character and eliminate any chance of being a stumbling block to the weak. It should be clear that because alcohol and tobacco consumption, drug use, pornography and gambling often wreck devastating consequences on both individuals and society; and because Christian leaders have a responsibility to provide models for overcoming those consequences, the Board stands for abstinence from these practices. The Board envisions that the Director counsel with missionaries regarding these (or other potentially questionable) behaviors as a way to examine more deeply this leadership responsibility in the missionaries’ specific context. If necessary, the Director may ask the Executive Board to consider a specific circumstance and then provide direction to the missionary regarding the behavior in question. The missionary is expected to abide by the Board’s decision or resign.

A \$175.00 non-refundable application fee is required when you send in your application. If you are given and accept a position with EFM, the fee will go toward your support.

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I have read the EFM Missionary Lifestyle Policy. If approved for this ministry I will live by it. I understand that if I break any of the policies, go against mission leadership or am uncooperative, I may be sent home.

Signature

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“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts...”

--Colossians 3:15

“Seek God’s peace first, then His direction”

--C. W. Perry

What does it take to become a missionary?

1. God’s call
Samuel, Jeremiah, Saul of Tarsus – dramatic calls
Stephen, Barnabas, Timothy – quiet calls with dramatic results
2. A model or a mentor
Jesus and the Twelve (and the Seventy)
Paul and his team
Philip and his daughters (Acts 21:8-9)
3. A spiritual gift
Everyone has one or more spiritual gifts
Some have gifts for “public ministry”
Apostles = leaders; prophets = preachers; evangelists = witnesses; pastors = shepherds; teachers = instructors

What is my SHAPE? (See Rick Warren, *Purpose Driven Life*, pp. 236ff)

S – spiritual gifts

H – heart

A – abilities

P – personality

E – experience

Have you started anything from scratch? Have you reared a family? Can you sell things? Have you ever coached a team? Have you managed a business? Have you been on a short term missions team?

How do I know God’s will for my life?

1. God’s Spirit
As you surrender fully to God’s will, the Holy Spirit will guide and direct your ways. (Proverbs 3:5-6, Romans 12:1-2, Galatians 5:25)
2. God’s Word
The Holy Spirit never contradicts the written Word of God. The heart of the Lamb is for every tribe, language, people and nation. (Rev. 5, 7)
3. God’s Works
Look for answers to prayer, divine appointments, unique circumstances
4. God’s People
Listen to the wise. Consider a Meeting for Clearness.

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