

■ PREPARING TO GO

We, the Missions Committee at Grace Bible Church, are committed to glorifying God by making disciples and sending out laborers who will do the same.

If you desire to serve in missions, either short-term or career, our desire is to work as a team with God and with you. As providers, our committee distributes funds from Grace Bible Church to approved missionaries. As senders, we want to help you prepare to go with the following suggestions:

1. Seek the counsel and prayer support of the Missions Committee. We will help you find a mission organization that can use your gifts and abilities.
2. Work on your own spiritual disciplines. Is your relationship with God vital and growing? Is being conformed to the image of Christ a priority? Are you being disciplined and discipling someone? Are you involved in a small fellowship of believers? Do you deal with conflicts biblically? Are you sharing your faith? Have you been baptized?
3. Discover and use your spiritual gifts. Are you serving in Sunday School, Awana, the youth, the college ministry, or some other way?
4. Study the Bible. Pursue Bible classes at Grace, Montana Bible College, or another Bible school recommended by our Elders.

5. Get involved in missions at Grace. Read correspondence from missionaries and encourage them via e-mail or letter.

Support a missionary financially. Meet with International Harvesters to learn about missions and hear of God's work from missionaries on furlough. Volunteer to help with our annual missions conference. Pray; the Gleaners, a women's prayer group, meets monthly to pray for missionaries supported by Grace.

6. Read! The Missions Committee recommends reading numerous books on/about missions/missionaries. Please refer to the Suggested Book List at the end of this pamphlet. More suggestions are available from us or the librarians in Grace's library.

7. Expose yourself to other cultures. Be involved in the ISI ministry to international students at MSU. Take advantage of a cultural exchange program. Go on a short-term ministry trip sponsored by Grace or a mission organization.

8. Develop skills and expertise at your job. Learn the value of hard work.

9. Get out of debt. If you have credit card debt, it must be paid before your application will be considered for short-term missions. All debts (except home mortgages) must be paid before you will be approved for a career in missions.

■ Planning to Go

As you discern God's leading toward a place to serve in missions, the Missions Committee wants to consider supporting you financially. Please follow these steps in this order:

1. Set up a time to meet with the Missions Committee through our church secretary or administrator to share your purpose and plan. Notify us three months prior to a short-term ministry and at least one year prior to a career ministry. The sooner you communicate your plans to us, the better we will be able to assist you.
2. Prepare for your interview with the Missions Committee:
 - A. Ask the church secretary for a missions application packet.
 - B. Examine the doctrinal statement and missions policy of Grace Bible Church. Do you agree with both?
 - C. Submit your completed application to the church secretary two weeks before the scheduled interview.
3. Meet with us. After your interview, we will consider your application and decide if and how Grace Bible Church will support you.
4. Be willing to be accountable to us. If Grace Bible Church sends you, we expect you to report to us regularly during your missionary service and share with us what you learned when you return.

~ SUGGESTED BOOK LIST ~

- By Searching..... Kuhn
- Christian Missions in Biblical Perspective. . Kane
- * Desiring God..... Piper
- * Eternity in their Hearts..... Richardson
- Holiness of God, The..... Sproul
- Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret. Taylor
- Humility. Murray
- In the Arena..... Kuhn
- * In the Shadow of the Almighty..... Elliot
- * Jerusalem to Irian Jaya..... Hunter
- * Let the Nations be Glad!..... Piper
- * Life-Style Evangelism. Aldrich
- Mere Christianity. Lewis
- Missionary Methods: St. Paul's or Ours?. Allen
- Peace Child. Richardson
- * Perspectives Exposure. Ed. by Meg Crossman
- Perspectives on the World Christian Movement
..... Ed. by Winter & Hawthorne
- Pursuit of Holiness. Bridges
- * Serving as Senders. Priolo
- * The Peacemaker. Ken Sande
- Trusting God: Even When Life Hurts. . . Bridges
- When People are Big and God is Small Welch
- * Your Finances in Changing Times.... Burkett

“*” Designates Highly Recommended Reading



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The Missions Committee reserves the right to accept or refuse applications on an individual basis. We are under the leadership of the Grace Bible Church Elder & Deacon Boards. Applications from people involved in other like-minded churches will be considered on an individual basis after applying and meeting with the Missions Committee.

Missions Procedures

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Interested in
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Missions

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 or long-term with
 Grace Bible Church,
 then this pamphlet
 is for you.*