

Mountain View Church – Missions Philosophy & Guidelines

Mountain View Church desires to support disciple making churches in high population areas of the world that have had little or no exposure to the gospel.

Mountain View Church plans to do this by:

- 1.Supporting international and cross cultural mission works at a minimum of \$200 a month
- 2.Supporting international, in country missionaries (A majority of our missions support will go to international missionaries who reside in the country they are working in to plant a/or church(es) and make disciples)
- 3.Supporting groups, agencies, or people that work to spread the gospel, alleviate suffering, and connect people with a local church.
- 4.Supporting varying projects around the world with one time gifts to help launch ministries, pay for buildings, fund a micro-business that allows a foreign national to have ongoing self-support for their ministry, etc....
- 5.Give to special needs as they arise in the world
- 6.Pastoral field trips to evaluate and assist in global ministries
- 7.Mobilizing the pew (Get people into the world to help with missions on short term trips)
- 8.Encouraging our people to connect with missionaries and give support to them
- 9.Encourage and train our own people to commit to local missions and consider if they should go to a foreign field as missionaries

As we bring on regularly supported missionaries for support we expect the following from them:

- 1.The missionary will meet the biblical standards set forth for a deacon as found in 1 Timothy 3:8-13
- 2.They agree with our statement of faith, mission, vision, and values
- 3.They have cross cultural training or practical experience that shows they are capable of interacting and sharing the gospel with a divergent group of people
- 4.They have solid Biblical or Theological training (Bible College, Seminary, or selected classes that would give them a solid biblical foundation)
- 5.They would give updates to the church every two months with prayer requests and needs
- 6.They have a displayed passion for the ministry they are involved in (If the missionary makes a major change to the mission they presented to Mountain View Church when asking for support, we reserve the right to alter our support level)
- 7.They will give a yearly review of what is going on (We will commit to 3 years of support after which we will review our support level, our ability and desire to continue support, and the missionaries connection with Mountain View Church)
- 8.They have a willingness to assist and facilitate on occasion a short term trip for the people of Mountain View Church to see, help, and participate with your mission work
- 9.Ideally we would like our supported missionaries to be from our region of California. Our expectation is that they will spend significant time with our church when home from the mission field.

*Missionaries that work in an area considered a closed field would be handled differently as all communications and updates are sensitive.