



Short-Term Missionary Application

How to Fill Out This Application

Please type or print in black ink.

Your application will be considered complete when:

- You have answered all of the questions and essays in the application (Sections 1-3)
- You have collected all of your completed references (Sections 4a-d)
- Mail the completed original form and references to:

General Baptist International Missions

Attn: Jim Pratt—

100 Stinson Drive

Poplar Bluff, MO 63901

Please note:

Verification of all data contained in this application is required prior to acceptance into the program.

THE SHORT-TERM MISSIONS PROGRAM

GBIM provides a life-changing experience for individuals interested in cross-cultural ministry. While working alongside our nationals and missionaries on the field, short-term missionaries (STM's) will experience the challenges and satisfaction of ministering to people in another culture.

ELIGIBILITY

Ministry-minded adults who want to learn through serving peoples of another culture.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

1-6 month service: dates will be personalized by GBIM for the STM in discussion with field personnel

GOAL:

Live, Go, and Be changed: To introduce STM's to life and ministry in another culture, which will provide opportunities for spiritual growth and calling. STM's will come alongside missionaries on the field for ministerial educational opportunities by establishing new relationships and serving in a variety of capacities as defined by the missionaries based on field needs and the spiritual gifts of the intern.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Pre-field
 - a. Complete formal request
 - b. Attendance at two orientation sessions prior to leaving for the field
 - c. Expenses include travel, room and board, and will be established during the first interview.
 - d. Read books determined by the mission
2. Field
 - a. Daily devotional life.
 - b. Maintain communication with GBIM staff
 - c. Perform ministries assigned by GBIM staff
3. Post-field
 - a. Paper at completion
 - b. Exit interview by GBIM

JOB DESCRIPTION

The mentoring missionary, national leader, or GBIM will provide job descriptions to the STM's in relation to field needs and spiritual gifts and talents of the intern, allowing them to participate in the Mission's ongoing cross-cultural ministries in that country.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TEAM TO THE Short-Term Missionary

Field personnel will work with intern to contribute to his or her successful completion of the program.

HOUSING

Safe and adequate housing will be provided in the field.

Name: _____

Section 1: Basic Data

Please type or print clearly using black or blue ink.

Program(s) to which you are applying:

- Short-Term Missionary
- Particular location desired? _____ Why?

Name: (Ms., Miss, Mrs., Mr., Rev.)

(first)

(middle)

(last)

Present address: (until _____)

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Country _____

Phone (home) _____

Phone (other) _____

Best time to call _____

Email address _____

Permanent address: (person who can always reach you)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip code _____

Country _____

Phone _____

Short-Term Missions Program

Applicants to the STM Program will be required to obtain their own VISA/passport documents to work in their country of origin **and** a foreign country. Will you be able to do this? (yes/no) _____

Spouse: If you are married, does your spouse plan to accompany you? _____

Is he/she applying for service through GBIM? _____

Full name of spouse and citizenship _____

Dependents Do you have any children that will accompany you? _____

If so, list their names and ages _____

Name: _____

Language skills: (use this code: F=fluent; A=adequate; M=minimum)

Language	reading	writing	speaking
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Legal consideration: Have you ever been found guilty of a felony charge? _____
Do you give GBIM permission to conduct a background check? _____

Please explain if necessary

Church Membership

Name of church* _____
Address _____ Denomination _____
City/state _____ Name of pastor _____
Zip code _____ Church phone number _____

Are you ordained? _____ Are you a: _____ lay person _____ clergy (___ elder ___ deacon)

Health considerations: An expectation of STM placement is the ability to work flexible hours and participate in physical activity. Are there health issues prohibiting you from meeting this expectation? *Do you have any physical or mental health issues of which we should be aware or which would determine the location or kind of ministry in which you can serve, including medical or dietary requirements, special medications, or ongoing treatments and counseling? Please explain.*

Financial considerations: Participants in these programs receive stipends and are asked to live at an economic level comparable with those with whom they are working. Given that, do you have any particular financial needs, outstanding financial obligations, and/or family responsibilities that affect your ability to participate? If so, please explain.

Name: _____

Work history (list most recent first): Current occupation _____

Dates	Employer	Address	Position

Formal education (list most recent first)

School/College/University	Program/Major	Degree Received

Certifications/Awards/Continuing Education

Dates	School/Organization	Location	Type

Activities (include *STM*'ships and participation in church, volunteer, and community organizations)

Dates	Organization	Location	Type

Have you been out of the USA in the past? _____ Where? _____

How did you find out about the General Baptist Short-Term Missions Opportunities?

Section 2: Narrative Section

Please answer the following questions for reflection (Do not exceed six typed single-spaced pages for your answers to questions 1-9.)

1. Describe something in your life that has recently affected your faith. How did you see God at work in the process?
2. What meaning does Jesus Christ have in your life?
3. Describe your understanding of racism in both society and the church. How do racism and your struggle with it affect the way you understand yourself and your role in social justice ministry?
4. Describe your understanding of and experience with sexism both in your personal life and in society. How can the church be changed by addressing this issue?
5. Why does poverty exist? How should the church respond?
6. Compare and contrast justice and charity as they relate to social change.
7. The STM program can be mentally, physically, and spiritually challenging. What do you expect to be the most challenging element of your experience?
8. Explain something important you have learned through interactions with communities of a different race, religion, sexual orientation, or culture.
9. How do you understand cultural dominance? Why is it important to consider its effects when doing social justice ministry?

Preference Section

Place:

- Rural
- Urban/inner-city
- Willing to serve where needed

People you would work with:

- Children
- Youth
- Adults
- Combination

Name: _____

Essay: (Please limit your statement to no more than two typed single-spaced pages.)

Share your faith journey, including the person and experiences that have been most significant in your life. Include why you have chosen a particular program and how that decision fits into your ongoing journey of faith. (Please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The information I have given General Baptist International Ministries is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Section 3: Personal Assessment

Answer the following questions by giving yourself a numerical rating and several descriptive words or phrases. Please use the following scale: **5 = Outstanding, 4 = Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor**. If you have not experienced some of the given situations, please give yourself a **U = Unknown**.

Please characterize your ability to...

- ___a. Live out your understanding of social justice and the gospel.
- ___b. Sustain yourself spiritually in times of difficulty.
- ___c. Be conscious of and work with your personal strengths and weaknesses.
- ___d. Adapt to new situations.
- ___e. Learn from your own mistakes.
- ___f. Deal with criticism, rejection, or disapproval.
- ___g. Recognize how your culture impacts your attitudes, assumptions, values and behaviors.
- ___h. Respect and work within communities of different attitudes, assumptions, values, behaviors, and religious beliefs.
- ___i. Listen to other people.
- ___j. Perceive nonverbal communication.
- ___k. Cope in situations where the goals and objectives are ambiguous.
- ___l. Show leadership.
- ___m. Work independently.
- ___n. Work as part of a team.
- ___o. Work with supervisors who may be of a different gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, age or culture.

Section 4: Personal References List

Please give the Confidential Reference Form to the four persons who will serve as your references. This list should include a pastor who knows you well, an employer, a teacher/professor or academic advisor, and one other person.

Please list your references below and return this form with the rest of your papers so that we will know your file is complete. **Make sure your references return the forms to you in a sealed envelope for you to include with your completed application.**

- 4a. Pastoral Reference (pastor or leader of a worship community who is not a member of your family; for clergy, another pastor or member of your ordaining council is also acceptable).

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to you _____

- 4b. Work-Related Reference (an employer, manager, shift supervisor)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to you _____

- 4c. Academic Reference (a teacher, professor, or academic advisor)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to you _____

- 4d. Personal Reference (a friend, colleague, mentor, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Relationship to you _____

Section 4a: Pastoral Reference Form

Please Type or Print in Blue or Black Ink

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1. How long, how well, and under what circumstance have you known the applicant?
2. What has the applicant given as her/his reason for applying to this program?
3. Note specific strengths you have observed in the applicant.
4. If you have noticed any limitation in the applicant, please specify.
5. Our programs often involve considerable contact with people in different cultural settings under different circumstances. Please indicate your observation of the applicant's reactions under stress. Be specific.
6. Answer the following questions by giving the applicant a numerical rating and several descriptive words or phrases. Please use the following scale: **5 = Outstanding, 4 = Good, 3 = Satisfactory, 2 = Fair, 1 = Poor**. If you are not familiar with the applicant in some of the given situations, please give the applicant a **U = Unknown**.

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7. How do you rate the applicant's overall potential for success in our programs? Please check one of the following and then write a summary paragraph. Add any significant information and impressions that have not been brought out by the preceding questions.

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exceptional | <input type="checkbox"/> Superior | <input type="checkbox"/> Good |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Below Average | <input type="checkbox"/> Should be discouraged |

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Signature: _____

Date _____

Thank you very much for your help! Please return this form to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. Applicants cannot submit their application until they have received all their reference forms back. Thank you again!!

Section 4b: Work-Related Reference Form

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Section 4c: Academic Reference Form*Please Type or Print in Black Ink*

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