

CBC's Missions Policy

We are interested in establishing a partnership with individuals or families who are carrying out the commission of Jesus by utilizing the methodology we believe is found in the Bible and described in our *Missions Philosophy*.

Personnel

We desire that each partnership will be based on:

1. Our partners doctrinal and philosophical unity with CBC. The proposed project will help CBC fulfill Jesus' commission and would best be conducted in unity with CBC's practices, doctrinal beliefs and policies. Our partner will be a representative of CBC extending our reach to another people group. We think it would be strange to send a representative to do in another part of the world what we would not do here in Northern Virginia. Accordingly, we prefer to support missionaries who are:
 - a. Active members of independent Baptist churches,
 - b. Committed to the theological beliefs of Baptists,
 - c. Committed to conservative church growth and Christian life principles,
 - d. Evangelizing with the goal of planting a Baptist church.
2. Our partner is being sent to their field by an independent Baptist church.
3. Our partner is a member of, and working as a ministry of, their sending church. The sending church will be responsible to provide the help, direction and supervision that our partner may need.
4. Our partner will seek the support of enough like-minded churches to enable them to go to, and minister in, their field.

Procedure for Establishing Partnership

1. Contact CBC to determine if there is a possibility of partnership.
2. If requested by CBD, read CBC's *Articles of Faith* (<http://www.cbc4me.org/Beliefs.htm>), *Missions Philosophy* (<http://www.cbc4me.org/Missions.htm>) & *Missions Policy* (this document) to determine if you match CBC for a successful missions partnership. If you think you do,
3. Send promotional literature to CBC, followed up by a telephone contact.
4. If requested by CBC, prepare & submit an *Application for Partnership* (see below).
5. If requested by CBC, attend and present your ministry at our missions conference.
6. Send a family picture to CBC well in advance of the conference – a high resolution electronic picture works best.
7. Send a signed *Website Permission Form* (download from <http://www.cbc4me.org/Missions.htm>).

CBC's Commitment to Missionaries

1. We will provide prayer and financial support.
2. Financial support will be sent to a non-profit entity – the sending church, the mission agency handling finances (i.e. *Baptist Bible Fellowship International* or *Baptist International Missions, Incorporated*), or the church being established – according to the preference of the sending church.
3. For career missionaries going to a foreign country:
 - a. Support will be sent monthly.
 - b. Support will be adjusted annually for cost-of-living increases.
 - c. Support will be sent for an indefinite time period but is subject to review based on the need of the missionary, any doctrinal or philosophical change in the missionary, the financial ability of CBC or for other similar situations.
 - d. Support will begin when approved by CBC and we receive all requested material/information from the missionary.
 - e. Support will end when a missionary retires from active service on the mission field (see “CBC’s Expectations of Missionaries” below).
4. For a church-planter establishing a church in the United States:
 - a. Support will be sent periodically, as God supplies. This may be once or twice per year.
 - b. Support will begin when the church-planter arrives on the field to birth the church.
 - c. Support will end at an undetermined point.

CBC's Expectations of Missionaries

1. To serve God with dedication and commitment.
2. To not solicit additional funds directly from members of CBC.
3. To correspond on regular intervals with CBC (monthly to quarterly).
4. To notify CBC of any change in mission field, philosophy of ministry, doctrinal belief or other information that was considered by CBC in partnering with you.
5. To visit CBC when on furlough.
6. To provide for your retirement via a plan that will enable you to live without receiving support after you retire from active service on the field. Note that God requires that men provide for their family and that a wise man leaves an inheritance to his progeny. This requires that you do not spend all you receive. When you are not able to provide for yourself in old age it is your family's responsibility to provide for your living needs. Therefore, we require that you plan ahead by not spending all you earn and teach your children their responsibility to provide for you in your old age. We will discontinue support when you are no longer active on the mission field. This is the same policy that CBC has for her pastor(s).

Application for Partnership

Missionaries seeking partnership with CBC should submit a document that provides the following information and addresses the following positions. If promotional material provides the information requested in #1-7, simply provide the promotional material.

1. Contact information (name, address, phone numbers, email, etc.)

2. Personal information (family members names, birthdays, anniversary, etc.)
3. Salvation & baptism information (where, when, etc.)
4. Call to the ministry
5. Ministry experience
6. Sending church – name of pastor & church, and mailing address
7. Field and purpose in going
8. If you are planting a church in the United States, are you willing to move to the city and get a job while planting the church?
9. Due to various teachings and practices that have developed during the past 100 years, we are concerned that evangelism has deteriorated and sometimes may not reflect evangelism as we see it in the Bible. Briefly state your belief regarding evangelism methodology. Consider:
 - a. Use of the law in evangelism (do you preach and/or use the *10 Commandments* to produce guilt?).
 - b. Place of repentance in evangelism.
 - c. Practice of having a person repeat a “sinner’s prayer” to be saved.
 - d. High-pressure children’s evangelism.
 - e. Exclusivity of the gospel and Jesus — or are there any other ways?
 - f. “Broader grace” teaching — must the lost hear the gospel message of Jesus to be saved or will all sincere worshipers of any god be saved by Jesus Christ?
 - g. Appropriateness, or lack of appropriateness, of: 1) preaching vs. using other methods which replace preaching (minimizing the importance of preaching), 2) preaching about specific sins that produce guilt or should preachers limit preaching to non-guilt producing subjects, 3) entertainment as the focus of church (minimizing preaching while promoting entertainment at church).
10. Statement of agreement/disagreement with CBC’s *Articles of Faith* (www.cbc4me.org/Beliefs.htm), *Missions Philosophy & Missions Policy*. Explain any point of disagreement.
11. Statement of personal position regarding:
 - a. Historic developments – Modernism, Liberalism, Fundamentalism and Neo-Evangelicalism.
 - b. Current issues – i.e. market-driven Christianity, pragmatism in church work, Roman Catholicism (are they a mission field or our mission partners?), ecumenical evangelism, emergent church teaching/practices.
12. Briefly state your practice of Christian holiness — personal & ecclesiastical separation.
13. If CBC partners with you, who are we being asked to partner with? List sources of financial support other than independent Baptist churches and minor support from relatives and close friends.

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