

# APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1 Applicant discerns a call to missionary service.
- 2 Applicant fills out an application, which can be found on the Global Missions website at [www.openbible.org/intl/default.aspx](http://www.openbible.org/intl/default.aspx).
- 3 Applicant sends completed application materials to the Global Missions office. A completed application packet should include the following:
  - Cover letter stating interest in missionary service
  - Completed application
  - Resume
  - Transcripts (in sealed envelopes)
  - References (at least five)
  - If necessary, any supporting documentation
- 4 If deemed appropriate, the Director will present the application to the Global Missions Board.
- 5 If a potential placement is identified as matching the gifts, graces, and calls of potential candidates, then Global Missions will contact potential candidates to set-up an interview.
- 6 If, after the interview, Global Missions decides a potential candidate would be a good fit for a particular placement, then the candidate is invited to missionary training.
- 7 Upon completion of training and raising sufficient funds, the candidate is commissioned and deployed to place of assignment.



#### Please Note:

Receipt of your application for consideration and/or movement through the application process does not guarantee placement, nor is it an offer of employment. Files are held for consideration in our office for up to three years, or until you have been selected for placement in mission service. You may decide to update your file with current data (additional transcripts and/or a new set of references) at your own initiative.

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"I feel a call to Missions.  
How do I get started?"



"How do I get the  
training I need to  
be a missionary?"



"We are ready to go.  
Where do you need us?"

BECOMING AN OPEN BIBLE MISSIONARY



# Welcome to **OPEN BIBLE MISSIONS**

**Open Bible Global Missions exists to globally make disciples, develop leaders, and plant churches.**

Recently Global Missions is ministering in 44 countries. Through the outreaches of Open Bible churches overseas, over 266,000 people received Christ last year; over 9,000 people were baptized in water; and over 12,000 people received the baptism in the Holy Spirit. In the past 11 years, over 626,000 people have received Christ as Savior; in that time 525 Open Bible churches were started.

If the Holy Spirit has been directing you toward a commitment to missions, whether it is for a few months, a year or two, or a lifetime, Global Missions stands ready to respond to your inquiries as the Lord guides you in His purpose and will for your life.

## MISSIONARY APPOINTMENT CATEGORIES:

Many people think of Missions as a lifetime calling to a foreign field. However, there are several different Missionary Appointment possibilities:

**Cross-Cultural Experience** (1 week or more) If you are interested in a short, cross-cultural missions experience you can consult the pastor of your local Open Bible church or your Regional Executive Director. One of the easiest ways to get this kind of experience is through Puente De Amistad. You can find more information at [www.puentedeamistad.org](http://www.puentedeamistad.org)

**Short Term Missionary** (Up to 6 months) Short-term appointment is designed for individuals whose assignment overseas is projected to be between two to six months in duration.

**Missionary Internship** (up to 2 years) Missionary Internship appointment is a specially designed apprenticeship for graduates of New Hope Christian College or Level Two INSTE. Applicants may apply upon graduation without previous ministerial experience. Only individuals expressing a clear missionary call and a commitment to a career in foreign missions may apply. Appointees will serve on an Open Bible field under the supervision of a senior missionary staff member for two years. Application for regular appointment may be made after successfully completing the internship appointment.

For more information about NHCC: [www.newhope.edu](http://www.newhope.edu)  
For more information about INSTE: [www.inste.org](http://www.inste.org)

**Missionary Ambassador** (1 - 3 years) A Missionary Ambassador appointment is a short-term appointment for individuals called to cross-cultural ministry and responding to a specific need or request for assistance overseas. The appointment may be up to one year in duration and may be renewed annually for up to three years.

**Regular Missionary** The Regular Missionary appointment is granted to those who meet the requirements of the policies of Global Missions as outlined in the Policy and Principles of Open Bible Churches and the Missionary Policy Manual. This appointment is designed for those committed to long-term or career service.

An appointed Regular Missionary has a proven stateside ministry and believes God has called him or her to a lifetime of overseas missionary service. The Regular Missionary has a track record showing

a passion for the lost; discipleship and leadership development aptitude and attitude; emphasis on church planting, either by enabling or participating; and a desire to nationalize the work in a reasonable amount of time.

All missionaries, regardless of appointment, must raise their own support. Open Bible Global Missions will assist with iteration.

### BASIC REQUIREMENTS FOR MISSIONARIES

People wishing to be missionaries who serve through Global Missions need to meet some basic requirements to apply for missionary service. These include being a professing Christian, having the appropriate education and experience for the position, and the willingness to serve.

**Faith Confession:** All missionaries of Open Bible's Global Missions must be Christians.

**Church Involvement:** Applicants should demonstrate experience in missions and/or active involvement in the life and ministry of a local congregation.

**Educational Requirements:** A bachelor's degree or equivalent life experience is required. However, further educational requirements may vary among placements. If an applicant does not have an academic resume, necessary equivalent vocational and/or life experience will be considered.

If you are interested in becoming a missionary, but do not have the educational requirements yet, you might want to consider The School of Global Leadership – Trinidad. You can find more information at [www.sgl-trinidad.com](http://www.sgl-trinidad.com)

**Experience with Diversity:** A candidate must have a willingness to engage in ministry with people of different racial, ethnic, socioeconomic, and cultural backgrounds.

**Language Proficiency:** Fluency in a language or languages other than English is an asset although not a requirement for application. Language study may be required for particular assignments.



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