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REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS
3004 FIFTH AVE.
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

QUESTIONS?

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WWW.RPMISSIONS.ORG

INQUIRER'S HANDBOOK 2006-2007



I INTRODUCTION TO RP MISSIONS

“Devote yourselves to prayer; being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”
Colossians 4:2-6

ABOUT US

RP Missions a short-term missions organization, operates under the authority and oversight of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America (RPCNA, see www.reformedpresbyterian.org for more details). We seek to carry out missions from a consistently Reformed and Biblical perspective. This gives us a uniformity of doctrine which aids in the proclamation of the gospel and its being understood by those who hear it.

Rather than traveling to areas that won't have the capability to do follow-up work after we leave, we always work with established congregations and/or missionaries on-site. Our motto is “To Serve and Proclaim” and everything we do on these missions trips is based on our desire to serve Christ and His Church and to proclaim the gospel. We seek to aid and implement the programs of the host congregations, rather than take our own agendas or programs to foreign sites.

Each project is unique, based on the particular needs and current events of the host congregation, but typical activities might include:

- † assisting with vacation Bible schools
- † door-to door evangelism
- † street evangelism and literature distribution
- † leading investigative Bible studies
- † helping congregations implement their outreach programs
- † providing able hands for manual labor
- † studying the history of Christianity in each respective country/location
- † leading conversational English classes
- † learning about the language and culture of each country
- † working in inner city and homeless centers
- † encourage host congregations by developing relationships and joining them in worship & midweek services.

GOALS

1. To help young people develop a “Servant’s Heart” and to actively seek to serve Christ in their congregations, communities, schools, homes, and workplaces.

2. To introduce young people to missions and full-time Christian service, opening up opportunities for them to use the gifts and talents God has given them to serve in the church and to perhaps consider serving in the mission field in the future.

3. To expose young people to the vast number of opportunities to share the gospel in everyday settings, to dispel fears of presenting the gospel, and to challenge them to provide their family, friends, and community with a consistent Christian witness.

4. To develop leadership skills in young people, and to encourage them to use these skills in Christ’s Kingdom.

5. To build new relationships, encourage one another spiritually, keep each other accountable to God’s word, and develop necessary tools for evangelistic outreach.

6. To encourage existing congregations by joining them in work, worship, and evangelism, and to strengthen relationships between churches in America and those worldwide.

7. To connect team members and host congregations, introducing them to the great variety of witnessing opportunities around them as they work together to proclaim the gospel message.

8. To give young people the opportunity to see how Scripture directs Reformed theology in outreach and missionary efforts.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

As RP Missions enters its tenth year of operation, it has seen many of the young people who have served on summer mission trips move over seas and into the mission field full-time. Currently there is a couple and two singles serving in Airdrie, Scotland. One couple is serving in Geelong, Australia, another is teaching in Kuwait. Still other former short-term mission participants have sought out opportunities in Japan, Ireland, and here in the United States where they might be

used of Christ. As we see these people continue to grow and use their gifts we have realized the need for many things.

We are in the process of creating a program for married couples to develop their talents and better work together in the Church of Christ. Many young couples find themselves at a stage in life that they can contemplate quite large decisions. Will they serve overseas long term? Are they prepared to leave family and friends and strike out on their own to assist the Church in overseas Church plant efforts? Can their college training be harnessed and used to tent-make in a foreign country? These questions are important for any Christian to wrestle with and the opportunity to explore these issues while on a short-term trip will make it easier to truly weigh the costs and the benefits of dedicating oneself to full-time overseas mission work.

Even if a Christian doesn’t eventually feel led to embark on full-time mission service overseas, these short-term missions can help one to better understand the great number of ways they can become more active in their local congregation. They can better understand the characteristics and talents needed by those who would offer their lives in full-time service overseas and these Christians can provide encouragement to other Christians in their congregations to acquire talents that they might become more fruitful members of Christ’s body.

The future of RP Missions, however, doesn’t center completely on the development of missions for couples, but seeks to also put forth opportunities for all those that may be curious about the role they might play in missionary efforts. Plans are in the works to develop shorter missions that will be geared to younger (high school) students to serve in mission efforts in the U.S.A. and Canada. Plans are also being made for short mission efforts for professionals and retirees to serve in the U.S.A., Canada and overseas. God has clearly shown in His word that each member of the body of Christ has an important part to play, and these short-term mission efforts are geared to show people how their gifts might be incorporated into the body (Ephesians 4:1-16).

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IS RP MISSIONS
FOR YOU?

WHO SHOULD GO ON A MISSION TRIP?

Perhaps another way to consider this question is to look into God's word and see just who He expects to be prepared to give an answer to the hope that they enjoy in Christ. The answer is clear...everyone! If God has laid it upon your heart to be concerned for those who need to know Jesus Christ, then RP Missions may be the avenue God would have you use to sharpen your outreach skills and grow more bold in proclaiming the wonderful plan of salvation that God has set forth in the Scriptures. Would you like to learn how you might use your gifts in Christ's Church? Then apply with RP Missions and work with one of the many host congregations that labor with RP Missions to train up the next generation of church workers.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES TO SERVE?

The most important thing you need to serve on a mission trip is a genuine understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ. Some may be tempted to think to themselves that a short-term mission may be just the thing to push them over the edge and cause them to truly embrace Christ and make their spiritual life come alive. But the mission field is not the place to experiment. Rather the mission field is a battle ground. Satan does not easily give up the territory he has claimed, instead, the pressures felt by mission team members can often times be extreme. For this reason, RP Missions asks that any who would contemplate participating in a mission team, please spend much time in prayer about the opportunity and also, please spend time looking at the characteristics that should manifest themselves in those who would give themselves to the service of Christ's Church.

The scriptures point to many qualities you as a missionary should have. Here are some that you should be encouraged to develop and RP Missions will labor with each team member to aid them in the development of the following characteristics.

- Attentiveness — showing the worth of a person by listening to him with courtesy and consideration (Phil. 2:4)
- Availability — adjusting my schedule in order to have time to serve others whenever needed (Mark 1:17-18)
- Christ-likeness — striving to be like Jesus in everything I think, do, and say (Phil. 2:5)
- Commitment — giving of myself to a person or cause and enduring to the end of my agreement (Psalms 37:5)
- Compassion — caring enough about the misfortune of others to help them through it (Luke 10:30-35)
- Confidence — assurance that what I believe in is steadfast and that I need not fear opposition (2 Tim. 1:12-13)
- Consideration — believing that what others say and feel is worthy of my attention (Phil. 2:4)
- Consistency — maintaining a constant perspective in a situa-

- tion which is in line with my convictions (1 Cor. 15:58)
- Courage — being undaunted in all circumstances, realizing that God is in control of all that happens to me (Isa. 41:10)
- Creativity — discovering some unique ways in which God would have me accomplish my assignments (Dan. 1)
- Decisiveness — basing my decisions on convictions, then acting on them by faith rather than by emotions (Matt. 26:38-39)
- Deference — courteously yielding my personal freedom to another so as not to offend him needlessly (1 Cor. 8:9-13)
- Dependability — honoring my word by following through on what I have agreed to do (Eccl. 5:5)
- Determination — purposing to finish a task I have agreed to do regardless of the opposition (Phil. 3:13)
- Discretion — demonstrating what is acceptable to the Lord by keeping my words and actions under the guidance of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 5:9)
- Efficiency — organizing my life so that I do not waste time or resources (Eph. 5:16)
- Faith — developing a confident assurance of God's Word for our future even when we don't see things clearly (Heb. 11:1)
- Flexibility — the ability to accept change without losing my joy or peace (Gen. 12:1-4)
- Forgiveness — the willingness to inwardly and outwardly release a person who has wronged me (Matt. 6:15-16)
- Friendliness — reaching out to others with kindness without expecting anything in return (Prov. 18:24)
- Generosity — holding my possessions in an open hand toward those in need without thought of repayment (2 Cor. 9:7)
- Gratitude — showing and expressing to God and others my appreciation for them and what they have done for me (Eph. 5:20)
- Honesty — speaking and living the truth even if I must suffer for it (2 Cor. 8:21)
- Humility — estimating myself honestly according to the measure of my faith (Rom. 12:3)
- Integrity — being above reproach and mature in character by honoring my word (Job 2:3)
- Joyfulness — inner peace and contentment that comes only from obedience to God and is revealed by freedom in my spirit (Psa. 32:11)
- Kindness — showing in my actions God's love and compassion to others (Eph. 4:32)
- Love — the undying commitment to meet the basic needs of another regardless of how I feel about him or his ability to repay me (1 Cor. 13)
- Meekness — conquering with a quiet spirit rather than with force or intimidation (Matt 5:5; Isa. 53)
- Obedience — willingly following the commandments of God, knowing that they've been given for my good (Acts 5:29)
- Patience — accepting the trying of my faith as from the Lord and allowing it to produce Christ-like character in me (James 1:2-4)
- Peacefulness — keeping my thoughts calmly centered on Christ who alone is able to give perfect peace (Isa. 26:3)
- Perseverance — continuing to press toward a goal regardless of physical or emotional obstacles (Phil. 3:13-14)
- Prayerfulness — remaining in constant communion with the Father and seeking His will for my life (1 Thess. 5:17)
- Prudence — using common sense and God's Word to make daily decisions (Hosea 14:9)

- Punctuality — showing respect for others by being on time for appointments and by not overstaying the allotted time (Eph. 5:15-16)
- Respectfulness — holding others in high esteem, realizing that God loves other Christians as much as He loves me (Rom. 12:10)
- Responsibility — doing what I have agreed to do and what is expected of me without need of supervision (Eph. 6: 5-8)
- Sincerity — having transparent motives and a genuine desire to do what is right (Titus 2:7-8)
- Studiousness — disciplining myself to study God's Word and applying His teachings in all that I do (2 Tim. 2:15)
- Submissiveness — yielding myself to the authority of God and others without murmuring (Heb. 13:17)
- Tolerance — accepting others for who they are in Christ regardless of differing opinions (Eph. 4:2)
- Understanding — allowing God's wisdom and the fear of the Lord to be the filter for all of the knowledge I receive in things that are changeable (Matt. 6:19)
- Unselfishness — being more concerned with what I can give rather than what I may receive from another (Phil. 2:3-4)
- Uprightness — being consistent in my adherence to God's principles and commandments (Gal. 5:1)
- Vigilance — being alert to possible danger in order to protect those for whom I am responsible (1 Peter 5:8)
- Virtue — conforming to God's principles of moral excellence (Prov. 31:10-31)
- Wisdom — applying God's teachings that I might judge rightly and discern the truth in all matters (Prov. 16:16)
- Zealousness — working with enthusiasm and energy for the cause of Christ (Titus 2:13-14)

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APPLYING FOR A MISSION TRIP

WHO CAN APPLY TO GO?

RP Missions is open to all professed Christians who are members in good standing at their local congregations. If you are between the ages of 16 and 35, you may apply for any of our North American missions. If you are between the ages of 18 and 35, you are welcome to apply for any of our trips outside of North America. Applicants will need to complete the application attached and give reference forms to their pastor, an academic reference, and a peer (not related). These reference forms should be accompanied with an addressed response envelope with postage. Applicants may also make use of the online application form at www.rpmissions.org.

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I'M ACCEPTED?

Once you have submitted your application and the application deadline has past, you can expect to hear from RP Missions about two weeks after the application deadline. The application deadlines are important as they have been established to make sure that each team member has enough time to prepare for the mission effort and to secure such things as passports, visas, inoculations, domestic travel, and also spend the time in prayer and study of God's word that will see them arrive prepared to work and labor for Christ.

Word of your acceptance onto the mission team will be made either by the Director of RP Missions or your team leader. Once that contact has been made, you are responsible to faithfully accomplish all the assignments given and to regularly (weekly) make contact with your team leader. This contact can be made via e-mail, Instant Messenger, or by phone. This regular contact is important as it will allow you to grow more familiar with the mission and to develop a good working relationship with your team leader. It will also head off potential miscommunications by making sure that questions raised are quickly dealt with and resolved.

From the time you receive word of your acceptance, you are asked to begin your fund-raising efforts. The sooner those have begun, the more likely it is that the precious time before the mission can be used for training and preparation, rather than scrambling for funds. The best way to prepare yourself for fund-raising, is to assemble a list of 100+ friends, family, neighbors, church friends, etc. which can be sent fund-raising letters. Other fund-raising efforts are open to team members, but regardless of how you intend to finance your trip, you should still plan to send out letters to 100 people, that they might elect to support you in prayer, finance or in others ways.

TRIPS AND DEADLINES

Now that you've had a chance to get acquainted with some of the characteristics that are necessary to be a missionary, you've probably decided that you want to go on a missions trip. Now it's time to decide which one.

The 2007 trips include:

† LARNACA, CYPRUS	† ORLANDO, FLORIDA
† AIRDRIE, SCOTLAND	† KITCHENER, ONTARIO
† INVERNESS, SCOTLAND	† PHOENIX, ARIZONA
† KOBE, JAPAN	† WHITE LAKE, NEW YORK
† AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND	† PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA
† KARAOJA, UGANDA	† MINNEOLA, KANSAS
† KILRAUGHTS, P. IRELAND	† SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA
† INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	

For a complete listing of trips being offered in 2007 and the dates of these trips visit our web site:

WWW.RPMISSIONS.ORG

Deadlines for all summer mission applications is February 15, 2007. Deadlines for all winter mission applications is November 20, 2006. Applications received after those dates will be assessed a late fee.

2006-2007 WINTER/SUMMER MISSION APPLICATION

First Choice of Mission _____

Second Choice of Mission _____

Third Choice of Mission _____

PARTICIPANT'S INFORMATION

LAST FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

BIRTH DATE

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

HOME INFORMATION

STREET ADDRESS, APT. #

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

CELLPHONE NUMBER

SCHOOL/WORK INFORMATION (PLEASE SPECIFY BY CIRCLING EITHER SCHOOL OR WORK)

STREET ADDRESS, SUITE

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

PASSPORT INFORMATION

PASSPORT NUMBER

CITY OF ISSUE

DATE OF ISSUE

EXPIRATION DATE

INSURANCE INFORMATION

INSURANCE PROVIDER

POLICY NUMBER

GROUP NAME

SCHOOL INFORMATION

SCHOOL/COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY NAME

MAJOR

GRADUATION DATE

CHURCH INFORMATION

NAME

STREET, SUITE

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

DEPOMINATION

PHONE

E-MAIL

REFERENCE INFORMATION

PASTOR'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

TEACHER/PROFESSOR'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

PHONE

E-MAIL

FRIEND/PEER'S NAME

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

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MEDICAL INFORMATION

(INFORMATION MUST BE DISCLOSED OR PARTICIPATION MAY BE DENIED)

ANY KNOWN ALLERGIES (USE MORE ROOM IF NECESSARY)

PHYSICAL LIMITATIONS (USE MORE ROOM IF NECESSARY)

MEDICATIONS (USE MORE ROOM IF NECESSARY)

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY, CONTACT: RELATIONSHIP

ADDRESS

PHONE

E-MAIL

QUESTIONS TO SUBMIT WITH APPLICATION

1. PLEASE WRITE/TYPE YOUR TESTIMONY AND DESCRIBE WHEN AND HOW YOU BECAME A CHRISTIAN.
2. PLEASE EXPLAIN WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEND YOUR SUMMER WORKING WITH RP MISSIONS.
3. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY EVANGELISM TRAINING YOU MAY HAVE HAD, OR OTHER MISSION TRIPS YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED.
4. PREPARE A BRIEF OUTLINE OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION AND BRIEFLY DESCRIBE.
5. LIST YOUR SKILLS, MUSICAL ABILITIES, AND SPECIAL TALENTS THAT MIGHT AID THE WORK OF THIS TEAM.
6. DESCRIBE A RECENT EXAMPLE OF A CONFLICT YOU HAVE HAD AND HOW IT WAS RESOLVED.

SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

RP Missions
c/o Matt Filbert
3004 FIFTH AVENUE
BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010

PLEASE INCLUDE A CHECK FOR \$50 TOWARD THE COST OF THE MISSION.
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WINTER APPLICATION DEADLINE IS NOVEMBER 20, 2006.

SUMMER APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15, 2007.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT RP MISSIONS AT:
(412) 901-3553 (BUSINESS)
(724) 964-4453 (EVENING HOURS)
(412) 731-4834 (FAX)

PROCLAIMCHRIST@RPMISSIONS.ORG

OR FILL OUT OUR ONLINE APPLICATION AT:

www.RPMissions.org

TEAM MEMBER CONTRACT AGREEMENT

CONTRIBUTIONS TOWARD THIS SUMMER MISSION MAY BE TREATED AS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE GIFTS IF MADE OUT TO THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA WITH THE SPECIFICATION THAT IT IS TO BE USED FOR RP MISSIONS. CONTRIBUTIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED. AS AN INTEGRATED PART OF YOUR OVERSEAS MINISTRY EXPERIENCE, YOU ARE ASKED TO WORK AT STIMULATING INTEREST AMONG COLLEGE FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND CHURCHES TO SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATE IN FUTURE MISSION ENDEAVORS.

I HEREBY AGREE TO THE ABOVE CONDITIONS. FURTHERMORE, I CERTIFY THAT MY PARTICIPATION IN THIS SUMMER MISSION TRIP WILL BE VOLUNTARY. IN CONSIDERATION FOR BEING ACCEPTED AND ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MISSION TRIP AND ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATED WITH ITS PROGRAM AND LOCATION, I PERSONALLY ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR MY ACTIONS, AND RELEASE THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, AND THE CHURCH WHICH I WILL BE SERVING AS PART OF THIS RP MISSIONS TEAM, THEIR TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FROM LOSS, INJURY, OR DAMAGE TO MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY; PROVIDED THAT NOTHING CONTAINED HEREIN SHALL EXCUSE THE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTH AMERICA, AND THE CHURCH WHICH I WILL BE SERVING AS A PART OF THIS RP MISSIONS TEAM, THEIR TRUSTEES, EMPLOYEES OR AGENTS FROM RESPONSIBILITY TO ACT WITH REASONABLE CARE FOR THE SAFETY OF MYSELF OR MY PROPERTY. SHOULD ANY DISPUTE OR CONTROVERSY ARISE, I AGREE TO SEEK RESOLUTION ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES THROUGH THE COURTS OF THE CHURCH AND AGREE TO WAIVE ANY RIGHTS TO SUE IN THE CIVIL COURTS, EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT OF AND ONLY IN ORDER TO RECOVER ANY APPLICABLE INSURANCE BENEFITS.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM EXPECTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE PASTOR OF THE HOST CONGREGATION AND TO BE A GODLY WITNESS TO THE REST OF MY TEAM. I WILL STRIVE TO MAINTAIN A SERVANT'S HEART AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MEDICAL COSTS INCURRED WHILE I AM A PARTICIPANT IN THIS PROJECT.

I CERTIFY THAT I AM OF LAWFUL AGE AND COMPETENT TO SIGN THIS RELEASE, AND HAVE DONE SO VOLUNTARILY AND WITH FULL DISCLOSURE AND OPPORTUNITY TO CONSULT LEGAL COUNSEL.

PLEASE PHOTOCOPY THIS INFORMATION AND SIGN BELOW IF YOU ARE PREPARED TO ACCEPT THIS AGREEMENT.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

SIGNATURE OF WITNESS

DATE

FUND-RAISING SCHEDULE

ALL FUNDS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY RP MISSIONS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE IS APPLICABLE TO ALL MISSION TEAMS. IF SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS NEED TO BE MADE, PLEASE CONTACT THE DIRECTOR OF RP MISSIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALL WINTER TEAM FUNDS FOR MISSIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED ONE MONTH PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

WINTER/SPRING MISSION FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

\$50 AT TIME APPLICATION IS RECEIVED
REMAINDER TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE

SUMMER MISSION FUNDRAISING SCHEDULE

\$50 AT TIME APPLICATION IS RECEIVED
\$1000 BY APRIL 15, 2007
\$2000 BY MAY 15, 2007
REMAINDER TWO WEEKS BEFORE DEPARTURE

MEANS OF FUND-RAISING:

1. EACH TEAM MEMBER SHOULD SEND OUT 100+ LETTERS TO FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND CHURCH MEMBERS. THESE LETTERS SHOULD BE SENT OUT 2-3 TIMES OVER THE SPRING MONTHS.
2. IF YOU SECURE A COMMITMENT LETTER FROM YOUR HOME CONGREGATION, YOU CAN BE SUPPORTED BY YOUR CHURCH. THIS LETTER SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMOUNT DEMANDED AND THE SCHEDULE IT IS TO BE PAID.
3. IF YOU INTEND TO PAY THE BALANCE FROM YOUR OWN FUNDS, PLEASE SEND A LETTER ACKNOWLEDGING YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF THE AMOUNT DEMANDED AND THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE.
4. TEAM MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO UTILIZE OTHER FUND-RAISING METHODS BUT SHOULD MAKE THE DIRECTOR OF RP MISSIONS AWARE OF THE WAYS THEY ARE STRIVING TO COLLECT THE NEEDED FUNDS AND FOLLOW A PAYMENT SCHEDULE.

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE BY A PASTOR

_____ is BEING CONSIDERED TO PARTICIPATE WITH OUR SUMMER MISSION PROJECT. IT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL TO BOTH THE APPLICANT AND THE SUMMER MISSION TEAM IF YOU WOULD BE COMPLETELY FRANK. MANY OF THE QUESTIONS HAVE TO DO WITH PLACEMENT RATHER THAN ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION. THANK YOU! FEEL FREE TO USE MORE PAPER IF ANSWERS DEMAND. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR RESPONSES TO RP MISSIONS, C/O MATT FILBERT, 3004 FIFTH AVENUE, BEAVER FALLS, PA 15010.

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU KNOWN THIS PERSON? IN WHAT CAPACITY?
2. HOW HAS THIS PERSON'S CHRISTIAN POSITION AFFECTED YOU AND OTHERS AROUND HIM/HER?
3. PLEASE DESCRIBE THE APPLICANT'S CHARACTER IN THE AREA OF:
TEACHABILITY:
SERVANTHOOD:
RESPONSE TO AUTHORITY:
BEING A TEAM PLAYER:
FLEXIBILITY:
4. WHAT, IN YOUR OPINION, ARE THE MAJOR STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES OF THIS PERSON?
5. DESCRIBE THIS PERSON'S RELATIONSHIP WITH THOSE OF THE SAME SEX. OPPOSITE SEX?
6. HOW DOES THIS PERSON RESPOND TO UNFAMILIAR PEOPLE IN A STRANGE ENVIRONMENT? WHAT ACTIONS AND/OR REACTIONS HAVE YOU OBSERVED?
7. PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY CONCERNS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE APPLICANT.
8. WE ALL NEED TO GROW IN CERTAIN AREAS OF OUR LIFE. LOOKING OVER YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THIS APPLICANT, WHAT ARE SOME AREAS IN WHICH THE APPLICANT NEEDS TO GROW MOST? IN WHICH AREAS DOES THIS APPLICANT SHOW MATURITY?
9. HAS THIS APPLICANT RECENTLY BEEN OR CURRENTLY UNDERGOING CHURCH DISCIPLINE? IF SO, DOES THIS CAUSE YOU ANY CONCERN FOR HIS/HER SERVICE ON THE MISSION TEAM? PLEASE ELABORATE.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

E-mail

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE BY A PROFESSOR

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9. WHY DO YOU THINK THIS PERSON WANTS TO GO OVERSEAS?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THOUGHT IN COMPLETING THIS REFERENCE.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

E-mail

CONFIDENTIAL REFERENCE BY A PEER

_____ is being considered to participate with our Summer Mission Project. It would be most helpful to both the applicant and the Summer Mission Team if you would be completely frank. Many of the questions have to do with placement rather than acceptance or rejection. Thank you! Feel free to use more paper if answers demand. Please submit your responses to RP Missions, c/o Matt Filbert, 3004 Fifth Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

1. How long have you known this person? In what capacity?
2. How has this person's Christian position affected you and others around him/her?
3. Please describe the applicant's character in the area of:
TEACHABILITY:
SERVANTHOOD:
RESPONSE TO AUTHORITY:
BEING A TEAM PLAYER:
FLEXIBILITY:
4. What, in your opinion, are the major strengths and weaknesses of this person?
5. Describe this person's relationship with those of the same sex. Opposite sex?
6. How does this person respond to unfamiliar people in a strange environment? What actions and/or reactions have you observed?
7. Please describe any concerns you may have regarding the applicant.
8. We all need to grow in certain areas of our life. Looking over your relationship with this applicant, what are some areas in which the applicant needs to grow most? In which areas does this applicant show maturity?
9. Why do you think this person wants to go overseas?

Thank you for your time and thought in completing this reference.

SIGNATURE

DATE

PHONE

ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIPCODE

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PERSONAL EVALUATION

This form is to be used by the applicant to judge his/her own strengths and weaknesses and will be compared to the references obtained from a pastor, a professor, and a peer. (Please type your answers on another sheet of paper.)

1. How have you sought to be a witness to those around you on a daily basis?
2. Describe and defend your characteristics in the following areas:
TEACHABILITY:
SERVANTHOOD:
RESPONSE TO AUTHORITY:
BEING A TEAM PLAYER:
FLEXIBILITY:
3. How do you relate with the same sex? Opposite sex?
4. How do you respond to unfamiliar people and/or a strange environment?
5. What areas in your life need the most growth? What areas in your life exhibit maturity?
6. Have you recently been or are you currently undergoing church discipline? If so, please elaborate.

Thank you for completing this evaluation.

SIGNATURE

DATE