

Church Missions Leader Introductory Meeting

Preface –This document can be used as a guide as you meet with your church missions leader. If you do not know who your church’s missions leader is, call the church office and ask who makes decisions regarding global missions at your church. Then, ask if you can get that person’s contact information to request a meeting.

Note: Using an outline for questions and taking notes are acceptable and possibly preferable. This shows the missions leader that his or her time is well-invested because you are serious and intentional about the information being shared.

- 1) **Introduction:** Take a few minutes to introduce yourself to include: your name, hometown, school, major, cross-cultural experience, and what has led to your desire to serve mid-term or long-term.
- 2) **Church Involvement:** Share how long you have attended the church, how you came to attend the church, and what your involvement has been. Make sure to share why you love your church.
- 3) **Missions Pastor History:** Ask the pastor to share about him or herself, including history with the church, and missions experience. Be a good listener and ask follow-up questions.
- 4) **Church Missions Program/Support**
 - a. What is the church’s philosophy on missions?
 - b. Do you have a specific, strategic missions focus (a certain part of the world, a certain type of global ministry)?
 - c. How do you decide who to support? What criteria are considered?
 - d. Does the church support full-time missionaries? If so, how many?
 - e. What agencies or organizations do you work with and recommend?
 - f. What do you see as the role of the church versus the role of the sending agency?
 - g. How are missionaries cared for by the church?

5) **Next Steps**

- a. What steps would you recommend for my development as a potential long-term worker?
- b. Is there a sending pathway that has been developed by the church? If yes, how can I get involved in this?
- c. Is there a strategic place where you would recommend I serve at the church?
- d. Can you introduce me to others who are also interested in serving mid-term or long-term?

6) **Follow-up**

- a. Do you have any feedback (including areas of weakness or growth) for my life and ministry?
- b. Is there someone in the church you would recommend that I seek out for mentoring in this area?
- c. Do we have any missionaries on furlough (or stateside assignment) that I can get to know?
- d. Can we schedule a future conversation for follow-up and accountability? *Perhaps a monthly or quarterly meeting.*