

# *Lazy Mountain Bible Church*

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## *Short Term Missions Policy and Standards*

### **Preamble**

The following information in this guideline is to explain to and direct the Missions Committee as to the objectives which LMBC regards as the purpose and functions of a church supported Short Term Mission. It will help define and serve as an understanding for any group, family, team, or individual desiring to answer God's calling of them, to the field of Mission work and desiring to be sponsored by Lazy Mountain Bible Church.

Lazy Mountain Bible Church, being a God fearing, Christ centered, Christian Bible Church, while sponsoring many diverse types of missions and missionaries around the world, is confined to the certain beliefs established in the Church Constitution. The Missions we support shall prove to be in line with that Constitution along with its Teaching Policy.

The criteria we have adopted and the protocol which LMBC uses is the process by which all supported Short Term Missions shall be established. It was established, by reason of uniformity and liability for LMBC.

Missions are to be reviewed, support regulated as to performance, progress, significance and monetary availability by the Mission Committee as deemed so fit.

## *The Process*

*A Team Leader or sole Individual Applicant can go to [www.lazymountainbiblechurch.com](http://www.lazymountainbiblechurch.com) to print off a Short Term Mission Support Packet.*

The process of becoming an LMBC supported missionary is handled in the forgoing fashion:

Contact a Missions Committee member and ask to be put on the agenda for the next meeting. During your meeting with the Missions Committee, be prepared to present your completed *Short Term Application for Missions Support*. Applicants applying long distance “On Line” will be discussed at the following Missions Committee meeting.

Once the Missions Committee has heard and/or read your presentation, it will begin to work on reviewing your information and make their decision as to whether or not they will provide any support for your Mission. This may take up to 3 or more months as they meet monthly, so get started early. If the committee decides to support your Mission, it will be brought before the board of Elders. If the Elders see it worthy, the Missions Committee will then notify you as to their determination, and will make the necessary arrangements. The committee may also give any recommendations and reservations for their decision.

This policy is divided into 3 main categories of understanding. These categories are:

**Section 1. Requirements for Missions Committee Interview**

**Section 2. Required After Approved**

**Section 3. A Missionaries Responsibility When Representing and/or Supported by LMBC**

**Section 1**

***Requirements for Missions Committee Interview***

The following is to be completed for your presentation at the monthly Missions Committee meeting.

The **Team Leader** shall supply for each Team Member, **or** an **Individual Applicant** shall supply and be prepared to discuss -

***\*Application for Mission Support - which will include the following information:***

\*Mission Location, and intended means of transportation to and from that location.

\*A complete description as to mission objective- what you wish to accomplish, expected duration and pertinent dates of activities.

\*Estimated Cost of the complete Mission from start to finish.

\*A request, if any, as to the amount of money you may wish LMBC to supply.

\*Your plans to secure other financing.

\*Contact information and Statements of Faith or Mission Statements from the Mission Organization you are partnering with.

\*All supported missionaries with Lazy Mountain Bible Church are required to agree with the following policies. After reading them thoroughly, if you are in agreement, please check each one separately.

Statement of Faith (found in the LMBC Constitution) \_\_\_\_\_ Teaching Policy\_\_\_\_\_

Mission Policies & Practices (A and B- Scriptural Basis for Missions) \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Covenant (found in the LMBC Constitution)\_\_\_\_\_

## Section 2

### *Required After Approval*

Once the Mission Committee has approved support for your Mission and its cause, the Missions Committee will then bring it before the board of Elders for its approval and recommendations.

On approval of the Elders, the Missions Committee will make its recommendations to the Applicant. The Elders and Missions Committee supporting your Mission and its' objective means the real work is about to begin!

From here on the Mission Committee may decide to govern your progress from then forward, and will require additional information as it becomes available.

*Once the Missions Committee approves Your Mission, it expects to receive in writing:*

#### **Subsection a: For Individuals or Teams where LMBC is not the sending church:**

- \*You will be assigned a Missions Committee member that you will keep abreast of new developments.
- \*Give details of your itinerary once it is formed.
- \*Give a copy of your passport, emergency information, and contact numbers as they become available.
- \*We advise using study materials to educate yourself on the areas you will be traveling in and what it means to be a Short Term Missionary.
- \*Please share with us upon your return what God has done during your time in Ministry.

***Subsection b: For Teams where LMBC is the sending church:***

***The following applies only to the Team Leader.***

- \*You will be assigned a Missions Committee member that you will keep abreast of new developments.
- \*A complete list of your Team Members including changes made along the way.
- \*Copy of Passports and emergency information as it becomes available.
- \*Give complete details of your itinerary once it is formed.
- \*Your Team meeting schedules.
- \*Periodical Team progress including your check off lists before leaving.
- \*Flight schedules.
- \*Team schedules for duration of trip.
- \*Complete contact information while on Ministry site.
- \*Total refined costs for your Mission.
- \*Refined plans for other financing.

We advise using study materials to educate your group on Missionary work and the responsibilities that go with it. The LMBC library is a great resource to start.

- \*Please share with us upon your return what God has done during your time in Ministry.

### Section 3

#### *A Missionaries Responsibility While Representing and/or Supported by LMBC*

When LMBC decides to support you we choose to promote you and your Mission before the church. We will seek those to be praying for you. We will encourage you and are there to answer your questions. We may decide to help you receive monetary support. We believe in your calling and are here to help. We are excited to see the Gospel shared outside our church.

You are representing Jesus Christ, Lazy Mountain Bible Church, and the United States of America. Lazy Mountain Bible Church has entrusted you to carry the Gospel message. What you say and do will have lasting effects in the area you visit for years to come. Your actions speak as loud if not louder than your words, so always be sensitive in what you say and do. Do your homework and know the customs of the area you are visiting so as not to offend. Again, there are study materials in the LMBC library on Short Term Missions to help you prepare for success in the Field.

*“May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”* HEBREWS 13:20-21

PLEASE SEND YOUR PACKET TO:

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