



BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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Fayetteville, NC 28314
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Dear Missionary,

Thank you for your inquiry into the potential of BBC supporting your endeavor to take the Gospel to the world. This letter will guide you as to how BBC considers potential partners for ministry work. We regard our missionaries as our partners and attempt to treat them as such with adequate support. We believe that by doing so we are making a substantial investment in their work.

BBC only interviews and hears from potential partners annually at our winter missions' conference. The 2012 Conference is scheduled for March 4-6, 2012 and the 2013 conference is scheduled for March 3-5, 2013. Missionaries interested in attending this conference must first:

- Get a feel for what kind of church we are by surveying the BBC website and looking at our ministry.
- Carefully review the BBC Articles of Faith and the "Contemporary Issues" page on the website.
- Read the church covenant.
- Watch a sermon online.
- Go to my blog and read three articles of your choosing on issues that jump out at you (a link is on the homepage).

When you have completed the above pre-application work, ask yourself this question:

"If I were a resident of this community, would BBC be a very strong possible candidate for my church membership?"

If your answer is "no", then please don't make an application to attend our mission's conference. If you need more information in regard to answering this question, then send Pastor Bill Sturm an email at bsturm.bbc@gmail.com. Please put "Missionary Support Question" in the subject line of your email and include all of your contact information in your signature block.

If your answer is definitely "yes," then please complete the following application and send it to BBC, Attn: Pastor Bill Sturm.

I appreciate your willingness to follow the specifics of this application. Please understand that a church of our size receives quite a number of requests for support and can only partner with a limited number of missionaries each year. Our goal is not to support hundreds of missionaries with a small contribution; instead, we want to partner with our missionaries. Those missionaries who attend our conference and are likeminded are normally supported at an initial monthly support level of \$200-\$1,000.

Those who do not follow this protocol will not be permitted to present their work to the church. Please know that we are an Acts 1:8 church and don't want to make raising support more difficult than it needs to be. However, we take the idea of partnering with a missionary very seriously and must be good stewards of what God provides. There is no point in wasting your time and resources in presenting your work if there isn't a strong possibility that we would support you. This pre-conference work greatly increases the probability that we will support you financially if you are able to attend the conference.

Proclaiming Christ,


Sean Harris
Pastor



Mission's Conference Attendance Application

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Date _____

Missionaries who attend our conference are compensated financially for their travel expenses, provided lodging and meals at no expense, and remunerated for their preaching and teaching ministry. You will not be disappointed in the reward you put forth in completing this application if you are asked to attend the conference. Please print neatly.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____ DOB _____ Gender _____

Email _____ Cell _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Marital Status: Single Engaged Married - Date: _____ Divorced - Date: _____ Widowed

Spouse/Fiancé _____ DOB _____

Children, DOB _____

MISSION FIELD (BE SPECIFIC) _____

NOTE: APPLICANTS WITHOUT A RELATIONSHIP WITH A MISSION BOARD WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NAME _____

Website _____

Church Address _____

Pastor's Phone _____ Email _____

Briefly describe your relationship with the church _____

SENDING CHURCH (SAME AS ABOVE) _____ City _____ St _____

Sending Church Website _____

Sending Church Pastor _____ Email _____

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Personal website and/or blog _____

Education (High School/College) _____

PERSONAL REFERENCES (INCLUDE THREE NAMES AND THE BEST WAY TO CONTACT THEM)

MINISTRY EXPERIENCE

(LIST THE SIGNIFICANT WORK MINISTRY EXPERIENCE YOU (AND SPOUSE) HAVE HAD INCLUDING SHORT TERM MISSIONS BEGINNING WITH THE MOST RECENT, GOING BACK CHRONOLOGICALLY, AND INDICATING THE YEARS/MONTHS OF SERVICE FOR EACH. YOU MAY PROVIDE A MINISTRY RESUME INSTEAD.

MISSION AGENCY/ ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION

Name _____

Contact Name _____ Email _____

State your required Yearly support \$ _____ Support pledged to date \$ _____

When did you begin raising support _____ When do you plan to be on the field _____

Please answer the following questions: (SPOUSES OR FIANCÉS DO NOT HAVE TO SUBMIT SEPARATE ANSWERS)

1. Please share your testimony of conversion and call to the mission field.
2. Describe your relationship to BBC. Please indicate membership dates, activity in the church and family ties.
3. Why did God create man?
4. What do you believe about the authority and inspiration of the Bible?

5. Why are you a Baptist as opposed to another Christian denomination?

6. What is your position on the King James Bible?

7. What is your position on secondary separation standards?

8. What is your understanding of God's Sovereignty and human responsibility with regard to salvation?

9. Does profession of faith always equal possession of salvation?

Please answer the following questions: (IF MARRIED OR ENGAGED BOTH THE MALE AND FEMALE MUST ANSWER)	Male Yes or No	Female Yes or No
Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ as your Lord?		
Have you been baptized by immersion after being born-again?		
Are you ONLY heterosexual in your sexual orientation?		
Are you sexually faithful to your spouse both physically and in your thought life?		
Would someone have justification in accusing you of being a man/woman of "wandering eyes?"		
Have you ever been accused of child molestation or inappropriate touching of children?		
In the past 24 months, have you viewed any pornographic material of any media type?		
Have you purchased a lottery ticket in the past 24 months?		
Have you participated in any form of gambling in the past 24 months?		
Do you strive to making reading God's Word a daily priority?		
Is there any way in which you manage your finances that will bring discredit to BBC?		
Do you cheerfully give 10% of your gross income to the general fund of a local church?		
Would your wife describe you as the spiritual leader of your family?		n/a
Do you and your wife routinely pray together outside of meals?		
Have you ever struck your spouse or verbally abused her?		
Do you believe God created the heavens and the earth in 6 literal days?		
Do you believe Jesus Christ lived a sinless life while on this earth?		
Do you believe that Satan is real and a literal hell was created for the devil and his angels?		
Do you believe Jesus is the only begotten Son of God born of a virgin?		
Do you believe absolute moral truth exists?		
Do you believe that the Bible is accurate in all that it presents from Gen. to Rev.?		
Would you characterize your use of profanity as very rare?		
Will you commit to the total abstinence of any use of tobacco?		
Are you willing to permit the Senior Pastor to review your credit report if BBC votes to support you financially?		
Do you understand that you have an ethical responsibility to keep BBC informed concerning your status as a candidate or missionary?		

Do you understand it is unethical to continue to receive financial support when you are no longer pursuing the same goals and objectives you communicated to BBC when you applied for support?		
Are you willing to resign your support if your doctrinal position no longer aligns with BBC's doctrine?		
Have you withheld information or are not being completely honest in answering these questions?		

Please attach two prayer cards to this application.

I, _____, have carefully reviewed the church's covenant, articles of faith, and doctrinal positions and believe I would be able to unite with BBC if I were a local resident. I am a fully devoted follower of the Lord Jesus Christ the Son of God as revealed in the Bible. I support the church's understanding of Scripture as articulated in the Articles of Faith and would consider myself likeminded in my doctrine and practice. Please articulate any differences or points of clarification as necessary on a separate sheet of paper. Furthermore, I affirm that all the information I have included in this application is completely honest and trustworthy.

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BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH ACTION STEPS:

Date Received: _____ Telephonic Interview Date: _____ Who Conducted the Interview: _____

Recommendation: _____

Response Letter Mailed: _____ Confirmed for the Conference: _____