

Missions Policy

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of the New Hope Bible Church Missions Program is to fulfill the Great Commission of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." Mark 16:15 NIV (Matthew 28:19, Acts 1:8)

II. GOALS:

With the above purpose in mind, the following goals are established:

- A. Provide prayer support toward the needs of full time Christian missionaries.
- B. Provide financial support towards the needs of full time Christian missionaries.
- C. Keep all members of New Hope Bible Church aware of the problems, needs and accomplishments on the mission field.
- D. Involve every member of New Hope Bible Church in the missions program.
- E. Encourage members of New Hope Bible Church to become missionaries.

III. POLICIES ON MISSIONARY SELECTION AND SUPPORT:

A. Support - Full time missionaries

1. New Hope Bible Church shall provide no more than one-half of the total support of any missionary.
2. Financial support shall begin the first of the month following the missionary's acceptance under paragraph 3-G and continue until the end of the fiscal year. Support will be reviewed annually. Any missionary who has not departed for the field within twelve months of acceptance must be reconsidered under Paragraph 3-G.
3. Payment of support will be on a monthly basis unless otherwise arranged.
4. Furlough allowances for missionaries serving outside the contiguous United States shall be limited to a maximum of three months for each year of continuous service on the field. Date of leaving the field will be considered the starting date of furlough. The date of return to the field will be considered the end of furlough.
5. Furlough allowances for missionaries serving in the contiguous United States shall be limited to a maximum of one month per year of continuous service in the ministry to which he was called.
6. Termination of support:
 - a. Support will be terminated when a missionary becomes self-supporting or when New Hope Bible Church is notified by the missionary's board that he is no longer serving in the field.
 - b. New Hope Bible Church reserves the right to terminate the support of any missionary for reasons of apostasy, heresy, immorality, etc.
7. Exceptions to these policies may be considered on an individual basis by both the New Hope Bible Church Missions Committee and the New Hope Bible Church Board of Elders, if extenuating circumstances exist.

B. Support - Special Programs

1. New Hope Bible Church may provide full support for a member of New Hope Bible Church for a special program of less than one year duration.
2. Financial support shall begin immediately upon departure for the field and continue until his return or at the expiration of a predetermined period of time.
3. Payment of support will be on a monthly basis unless otherwise arranged.
4. Exceptions to these policies may be considered on an individual basis by both the New Hope Bible Church Missions Committee and the New Hope Bible Church Board of Elders if extenuating circumstances exist.

C. Relationship with Missionaries

1. In selecting missionaries to be supported New Hope Bible Church gives preference to members of New Hope Bible Church and to American Citizens respectively.
2. New Hope Bible Church does not administer the work on any field. Its normal policy is to deal directly with the mission boards, which in turn, deal with the individual missionaries. Letters describing progress,

prayer requests and other matters pertinent to the work are desired so that New Hope Bible Church and its members remain informed and share the prayer burdens of the missionaries. An annual report is requested from each missionary prior to March 1st each year. This report will include a signed doctrinal statement, progress report and future goals. Forms will be furnished by New Hope Bible Church.

3. New Hope Bible Church reserves the right to replace missionaries supported by New Hope Bible Church who are not members of New Hope Bible Church with members of New Hope Bible Church if funds are not available to support both. Termination shall not take effect while the missionary is on the field unless at least nine months written notice is given to the missionary and his mission board.

4. All foreign missionaries shall be interviewed by the Missions Committee during each furlough and all home missionaries at least once every three years. If reasons of distance or other circumstances prevent an interview, a missionary shall furnish such information as may be requested by the Missions Committee.

D. Eligibility for support by new Hope Bible Church

The following conditions must be met before a person may receive support from New Hope Bible Church:

1. All missionaries must subscribe in writing without reservation to the doctrinal statement of New Hope Bible Church.
2. All missionaries must be under a mission board which:
 - a. Is fundamental and evangelical
 - b. Has been established and properly organized with responsible leaders, preferably for a period of ten years or more.
 - c. Presents audited financial reports annually for public examination.
 - d. Has satisfied the Missions Committee that its doctrinal position is in substantial conformity with New Hope Bible Church.
 - e. Has been approved by a majority of the Mission Committee.
 - f. Has been approved by the Board of Elders.
3. All missionaries must be interviewed by the Missions Committee or by the congregation or submit any information requested by the Missions Committee.
4. A missionary under a foreign mission board must receive support on the field outside the United States from New Hope Bible Church for at least three years before he may request continued support from New Hope Bible Church under that board for service in the United States.
5. Missionary candidates will be considered throughout the year, but will be presented for support only at the annual missions conference.

E. Projects

1. New Hope Bible Church may support projects such as radio, television and literature.
2. Projects may be supported only when sponsored and directly supervised by a qualified board as defined in III-D-2.
3. Progress reports must be submitted to New Hope Bible Church annually.
4. Funds may be committed on an annual basis. Each project must be reviewed annually.

F. Allocation of Resources

The following shall be the guidelines for allocation of funds.

1. Total commitments to projects shall not exceed ten percent of the total missions budget.
2. Total commitments to missionaries serving in the United States shall not exceed thirty percent of the total missions budget.
3. If funds become available after missionaries are selected for that year those funds may be used to support short term projects until such time as additional missionaries may be appointed.

G. Selection of Missionaries and Projects

A missionary or project will receive support if the above requirements are met and the missionary and/or project is:

1. Recommended by a majority of the Missions Committee and the Board of Elders.
2. **Approved by the members of New Hope Bible Church.**

H. Memorial Funds

The following shall be the guidelines for use of funds designated as memorial gifts but not specifically earmarked by the requestor or donor.

1. All funds will be applied to a specific project to be selected by the Missions Committee.
2. A list of contributors (if appropriate) will be furnished to the appropriate persons by the Missions Committee and acknowledged when necessary.
3. The project must be approved by the Board of Elders.
4. No memorial gift may be accepted which is earmarked for any purpose not in accord with the policies outlined here.

IV. THESE POLICIES MAY BE AMENDED BY MAJORITY VOTE OF THE MISSIONS COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF ELDERS AND BY THE REQUIRED MAJORITY OF THE CONGREGATION.

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