

RE: Missionary Pre-Screening Packet

Dear Potential Missionary Partner,

We are excited to learn of any person who feels that God is leading them into the powerful ministry of world-wide evangelization. We understand that you anticipate your arrival on field just as soon as possible.

Now, because our process for financially partnering with missionaries abroad may be foreign to the process used by most independent Baptist churches, we wanted to provide you upfront with our *process* for fulfilling the missions *purpose* of Hope Baptist Church.

Furthermore, your contact point from this point forward will be with the director of our Missionary Support Team. His name is **Jerry Williams**. Email would be his preferred method for communication at missions@hopebaptistcolorado.org. But if necessary, you can also reach him on his cell phone at (970) 685-9085.

We have included the following enclosures in our packet:

- Our Initial Scheduling Process
- Our Pre-Screening Questionnaire

Sincerely,

The Missionary Support Team
Hope Baptist Church
Loveland, Colorado



Our Initial Scheduling Process

Following, we have outlined the beginning points of our process for determining calendar and ministry compatibility with potential missionary partners.

Tentative Scheduling. We would be honored to have you present your burden for your field as God has laid it upon your heart to our church family. However, before we go any further in this process and so as not to waste your time, our desire is to tentatively review our calendars to determine if our calendars align enough to make further investigation on our part and additional work on your part worth the effort. Please do not consider this tentative schedule to be a firm meeting appointment.

HBC Ministry Staff, please enter our understanding of the tentative meeting dates discussed:

Pre-Screening Check. If your dates can match our available church-calendar dates in a tentative manner, please complete our pre-screening questionnaire as instructed below. If we feel that your responses are a match for our doctrinal statement and ministry philosophy, we will reach out to you to confirm a meeting. This process involving our Missionary Support Team reviewing your literature, video, and responses to our questions typically takes about one week.

Firm Meeting Date. If approved by our Missionary Support Team members, you will receive notification confirming dates, times, and services; plus, we will also provide additional information concerning your opportunity at Hope Baptist Church.

Our Current Financial Support Climate. We also desire to be upfront with you concerning our financial prospects related to long-term, ongoing financial support. Our intentions based upon our initial understanding of your field and ministry is indicated below. **[HBC Ministry Staff, please check one.]**

- We could book your meeting and provide you with lodging and a love offering for your time serving with us; however, financial support at this time is unlikely. Knowing this, you are welcome to seek other meeting opportunities where you sense a better chance of acquiring long-term, financial support.
- Right now, we are intending to take on a new missionary partner for monthly support during the next 12 months whose field and goals are similar to yours. Following your meeting with us, we would be willing to consider whether or not God may lead us to partner with you from a financial perspective. This decision for us is always based upon a number of objective and subjective factors we believe help us remain balanced in our overall missions approach.

Pre-Screening Questionnaire

Thank you for showing an interest in presenting your ministry to Hope Baptist Church. At Hope, our Missionary Support Team oversees our church's missions endeavors. Because we understand that we have a tremendous responsibility before God and to our church concerning our selection of missionaries and ministries with which we will consider financial partnership, part of our screening process is to determine the level at which your values are in line with those of Hope Baptist Church.

In light of this understanding, we have a few questions that can help us determine the degree to which your ministry philosophies are congruent with those of Hope's views concerning contextualization and theology. A simple statement of position summarizing your personal view is all we require.

Please enter your name here:

Provide your best email and phone information:

1. Describe to what extent you intend to use the *King James Bible* for ministry in English and to what extent you desire to utilize the *Textus Receptus* as a foundation for New Testament translation work in any other language.
2. Please state your position concerning irresistible grace and limited atonement.
3. Clarify your view of social drinking.
4. It is important to our ministry that we seek to support missionaries who endeavor to raise near all of their anticipated, necessary support level. Explain to what degree you would be willing to move to field with less than 100% of *your* pre-determined level of financial support.
5. Because it would help us greatly to have all of your presentation information in one medium we can distribute to our team, include any links to presentation videos, brochures, recent newsletters, and doctrinal statements as you desire. Please provide those links here.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Our pre-screening process typically takes about one week from the date we receive your responses to our questions; however, two weeks is not uncommon. Feel free to email me for updates during this process.

Sincerely,

Jerry Williams
Director, Missionary Support Team
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