

# FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of LOWELL

## Short-Term Missions Application

### A. Personal

1. Mr./Mrs./Miss \_\_\_\_\_
2. Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_
4. Birth date Month \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_
5. Place of Birth City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_
6. Single \_\_\_\_\_ Engaged \_\_\_\_\_ Married \_\_\_\_\_ Widowed \_\_\_\_\_ Separated \_\_\_\_\_ Divorced \_\_\_\_\_
7. FBC Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Associate \_\_\_\_\_ In Process \_\_\_\_\_
8. Person to contact in case of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

9. Are you bringing any children with you? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
If Yes, please give legal names/birth dates on separate sheet.  
If NO (and you have children), what childcare is arranged? \_\_\_\_\_
10. General health condition (and family if going). Include medical or physical restrictions, allergies, essential prescriptions) \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Education

1. Are you currently attending school? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_
2. List any higher education  
City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Years Attended \_\_\_\_\_ Graduated Degree/Major \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Yes/No \_\_\_\_\_

### C. Experience

1. Currently employed at \_\_\_\_\_ Phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
2. Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
3. List your work skills and hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

### Instructions

1. Please send in your completed form by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Read the enclosed doctrinal statement.
3. Read the Risk Statement before signing this application.
4. Read the FBC Missions Policy.
5. Complete and sign the Health Information form with this

### Experience continued...

4. Vocational plans for next 5 years \_\_\_\_\_
5. List previous and current ministry involvement, including # years and any leadership involvement. \_\_\_\_\_
6. In what ministry have you experienced the most impact? \_\_\_\_\_
7. List any cross-cultural experience (in US or other) \_\_\_\_\_
8. Pastor/Church leader that has observed you in ministry. \_\_\_\_\_

### Travel

1. Have you traveled internationally before? No \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
Name place(s)/Years \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have: a. Certified birth certificate? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
b. Current passport? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_  
If yes, passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

### E. Financial

1. How much is this project estimated to cost? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you plan to finance this?  
Money you saved \_\_\_\_\_ Parental support \_\_\_\_\_  
Part time work \_\_\_\_\_ Church support \_\_\_\_\_  
Gifts from friends \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ if so, who? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What amount to you expect to be able to contribute? \_\_\_\_\_
4. When is the total due? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Are you able to get leave of absence from employment? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Have/will you saved/save funds to cover bills/wage-loss while away?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
7. Will you have medical insurance during this project? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

### F. Mission

1. Why do you wish to do short term missions? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Have you ever been involved in short term mission project? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_  
Where? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Describe your salvation experience, including what you believe caused you to  
realize your need for salvation. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. In what are you placing your trust for salvation? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. Why do you think God wants you to participate in this mission? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What spiritual gifts and abilities/talents do you possess to contribute to this  
project? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Dates for this project \_\_\_\_\_
8. Is there a mission board or agency involved? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ if so, please  
indicate \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, have you read and do you agree with the doctrinal and policy state  
ments of the board/agency? (You may be requested to provide a copy)  
Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_
9. To whom will you be responsible while serving? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What will be your individual responsibilities (and family if going)? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### For those applying from outside the FBC Lowell Church Family:

#### G. History

(A "Yes" answer does not mean that you will necessarily be refused,  
but needs to be fully explained on a separate piece of paper.)

1. Have you ever been involved with illegal drugs? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_  
No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_
2. Do you have a record of a criminal offense in any country?  
No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_
3. Have you ever been charged with or accused of any inappropriate  
sexual misconduct? No \_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

### \*For those applying, from outside the FBC Lowell Church Family (cont'd):

#### H. Church Background

1. Denomination/Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of your Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_
2. Pastor or church leader's name \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Church phone(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_
3. Is your church leader in agreement with your applying for short term  
missions? Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Explain \_\_\_\_\_

#### Signatures below will indicate the following:

- All the information I have provided in this application is true to the best of  
my knowledge.
- I have read the doctrinal statement and agree to respect it in all regards  
and not propagate convictions not contained therein.
- Having read the Risk Statement, I am aware of the hazards and risks to  
my person and property associated with serving overseas in a missionary  
capacity.
- I have read and agree to adhere to the FBC Missions Policy criteria.
- This is to certify that I will not hold First Baptist Church of Lowell liable for  
injury, disease, or delay of return, or any other claims, while under the  
auspices of First Baptist Church of Lowell.
- I understand and accept policy regarding ransom payments described in  
the Risk Statement.

Applicant's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Note:** Parent's or legal guardian's signature is required if you are single and  
under 18.

Parent or legal \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail or deliver your application to

**First Baptist Church of Lowell**

**2275 W. Main • P.O. Box 157 • Lowell, MI 49331**

Please fee free to call if you have any questions! 616.897.7168.

## Risk Statement

*This Risk Statement is to advise participants of the potential risks involved in living and working in third world developing nations and to realize and take full responsibility for the consequences as one assumes those risks. We ask that you gather as much information as you feel necessary and, when you are completely satisfied and confident that this is what God wants you to do, read this form and if you agree, sign and return the signed Risk Statement along with the application form. Please make a copy of this to keep this form for your records. We count it a real privilege to assist you in your desire to participate in reaching our world with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Living and working in a third world developing nation carries with it certain risks not found or associated with work in industrialized nations such as the USA and Canada. These risks can include hazards to both your person and property through cross-cultural offenses, accident, disease, criminal, terrorist acts, weather conditions or inadequate medical services and supplies. There can be added emotional and physical stress due to loneliness, culture shock and long hours.

We realize that it is not possible for us to predict, or fully prepare you for every circumstance you will face. However, it is our goal to advise all members and all participants in missions programs of the assumed risks associated with mission work in a foreign country through this Risk Statement. In addition, we encourage you to prepare yourself for service through a number of ways:

- Prepare yourself spiritually, physically, and mentally for service.
- Read all you can on the potential country of service.
- Talk with missionaries serving in the country and in the specific locale.
- Contact your government office, such as the U.S. State Department to obtain the most up to date information on the area.
- Take any additional steps you feel are necessary.

First Baptist Church of Lowell will not assign any member or participant to a particular ministry or area against their will. The final choice of ministry and area of service rests ultimately with you. Leadership may, in fellowship with you, give direction in areas of need and availability of programs but the final decision on service or participation in the program rests with you. Should you feel at any time that your area of service is no longer appropriate, you have full right to end your service and return to your passport country.

**Special Note:** In view of the fact that many insurgent, guerrilla and criminal groups commit crimes of kidnapping or other forms of criminal extortion as a means for demanding the payment of ransom, it is important that you understand First Baptist Church of Lowell policy in this area. We are deeply concerned for the well being of each of our members, and will pray and labor diligently for the release of any member taken hostage. However, it is the policy that First Baptist Church of Lowell opposes the payment of ransom in any form, cash, commodities, or services. Therefore members and participants in First Baptist Church of Lowell should not assume that ransom would be paid for their release. First Baptist Church of Lowell recommends, in the event of a hostage being taken, that family members be evacuated to the home country. First Baptist Church of Lowell requires that, as part of the post-crises debriefing, all members who were held hostage be interviewed by a counselor approved by the Deacon Board.

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SIGNATURE

DATE

PARENT/GUARDIAN IF UNDER 18