

River of Life Fellowship
Mission's Department Policy and Guidelines

General Information

A World or Home Mission's Trip will change the life of all who participate! WARNING! YOU WILL NEVER BE THE SAME! Every mission's trip requires much planning, cooperation, pre-trip prayer, prayer support during and after the trip, financial support, time off from work, and most of all, a call by God to "GO". This call to "GO" only comes by hearing from God in times of prayer over a definite period of time. With this call comes a deep inner compassion from God for people in another nation or part of this nation. While you are gone, there must be an anointing and grace upon your life to be in a foreign nation or different part of this nation. A heart for people is so vital, and the work can be very rewarding. But you can also face some very difficult issues and experience some significant inconveniences as you travel in or through certain nations. If you are just interested in traveling to see the world, take a vacation and go do so! World Mission's Trips are a time to focus on reaching the lost for Jesus Christ!

Objective:

It is the intent of River of Life Fellowship to be supportive of both home missions and foreign missions around the world. It is the objective of this policy to establish the guidelines for creating financial support, prayer support, and support for the actual projects (building materials, tools ect) for differing mission trips and ministries. It is the objective of River of Life Fellowship to both send people from the River of Life Fellowship congregation and to support full-time missionaries called by God to serve fulltime in a foreign nation.

Guidelines have been established to help in creating a successful Missions Department. It is the intent of these guidelines to help and insure every World Mission's Trip supported by River of Life Fellowship to be of the highest success. It is not the intent of this guideline to deter, restrain, or discourage any one person from participating.

Guidelines

In-House Missions Trip

These guidelines are established based upon knowledge of mission's trips and experience from actual trips of the past. While guidelines are necessary to help the participants and church prepare for a trip, there may be situations in which certain parts of the guidelines may be set aside or not enforced. These guidelines can only be deviated from or set aside under the direction of the Missions Director and the Senior Pastor of River of Life Fellowship. Each request for deviation will be considered separately and independently of any other request.

In the event that the River of Life Missions Department is led by God to send people on a World Mission Trip, the following guidelines should be followed. Each participant must:

- Be a faithful attendee of River of Life Fellowship for a minimum of one year.

: Should someone not attending River of Life decide to apply for a World Missions Trip sponsored by River of Life, they must meet the remainder of requirements at their church.

: additionally, they must have a letter of recommendation from their senior pastor stating that the person meets all these guidelines below.

- Be faithful, trustworthy, and exhibit a servant's heart as reflected in an active role in serving others in a ministry at River of Life Fellowship.
- Have a cooperative spirit and be in good report with those in authority of the church including the pastor, staff, elders, and leaders.
- Financially support River of Life Fellowship with tithes and offerings.
- Live a life that is exemplary in the community of which they live and that in which the church resides.
- Have a minimum of 3 prayer support partners who will be available to pray during the trip.
- Not be a user of illegal drugs nor have an addiction to legal drugs.
- Abstain from alcohol or tobacco use while participating in any missions activities.
- Be eighteen years of age.
 - If under eighteen the applicant's parent(s) must attend the trip or assign temporary guardianship to an adult who will attend.
 - All custodial parents must sign permission for the child to go.

Finances

- Each participant must do his/her very best to raise their own funds. River of Life may also hold public forums designed to raise funds for sending participants.
- The Mission's Department will help each participant with the writing of support letters.
- Each participant must have at least 3 financial supporters who have an investment in the participant's trip.
- River of Life Fellowship will support each participant with a minimum of 5% of the cost associated with sending the participant. This opportunity is not available for any individuals who are not members of River of Life Fellowship.

NOTE: Applicants who are not members of River of Life must raise 100% of their own funding. However, River of Life Fellowship will help in every way possible.

Support for Fulltime Foreign and Home Missions

This section establishes guidelines to support fulltime World and Home Missionaries.

As missionaries request financial support from River of Life Fellowship, the following policy will be adhered to:

- Each missionary must complete an application form.
: Faxed or mailed upon request.

- With the application, the missionary must include literature, brochures, pictures, and other information (tapes, cd, DVD) describing:
 - a) The country (state if in USA) in which the missionary conducts his/her ministry.
 - b) The mission or vision of the missionary and the call of God upon his/her life.
 - c) Length of service in missionary work in other nations or part of the US that they have conducted their ministry in.
 - d) The family of the missionary (include marital status ect.) and the level of involvement of family members especially the spouse.
 - e) Specific needs of the missionary in regards to the ministry being conducted.
 - f) The date the missionary plans to go back out to the mission field.

- Once all requested information is received by the River of Life Fellowship Mission's Department, the following will occur:
 - a) The senior pastor shall receive a copy of all applications and requests by foreign and home missionaries.
 - b) The Mission's Department will prayerfully consider the missionary's application and request for financial support.
 - c) The information will be reviewed in a meeting conducted by the Mission's Department.
 - : The missionary's application, information, and literature from above must be compatible with the heart for missions, and vision of River of Life Fellowship.
 - : It must also be compatible with our doctrine, and must have a Scriptural balance.
 - d) Once approved by the Mission's Department, the application can be placed on the list for final consideration / approval by the senior pastor.
 - e) If approved by the senior pastor it will be coordinated and scheduled for an appropriate service as decided by the senior pastor.
 - f) In the case that the missionary application is not accepted, the missionary will be notified and will be given a response as to reasons for rejection.

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Approvals

This policy is hereby approved and set in place by the River of Life Fellowship Assembly of God Inc. Board of Elder / Deacons as referred to as the governing entity of River of Life Fellowship.

Signatures:

Jeff Anderson (Elder/ Deacon) date

Roger Shea (Elder/ Deacon) date

Ed Squires (Elder/ Deacon) date

Rick Carlson (Senior Pastor) date

NOTE: Any and all changes, additions, or deletions must be submitted for approval to the River of Life Board of Elder / Deacons.