



Criteria for Missionary Partners Support



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And then he told them, "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone.

Mark 16:15 New Living Translation (NLT)

Purpose

The purpose of this criteria is to provide clarity about Brookwood relationships with Ministry/Missionary partners. This criteria gives structure and definition as to why we do local and global missions. The goals, philosophy and responsibilities outline the Brookwood view of engagement in missions. Any partner considered for support should agree wholeheartedly with the criteria. The desire is for a Ministry/Missionary to become part of the Brookwood family in addition to receiving monetary support.

Prerequisites

- Ministry/Missionary staff and family must continually seek God's guidance through prayer, and have a discipline of listening to God.
- Ministry/Missionary should have a personal relationship with one of the following at Brookwood Church: Outreach Pastor, other Brookwood Pastors, Staff or Brookwood Member.
- Have a desire to reach unreached people groups, and agree that the primary focus is sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ and developing disciples.
- Possess a strong moral character.
- Be competent on the field of service and adequately trained/equipped.
- Be healthy emotionally, spiritually and physically.
 - We recommend reading *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* by Peter Scazzero.
- Ministry/Missionary must have harmony with Brookwood Church Core Values and Beliefs.
- Ministry/Missionary, staff and family should regularly attend a local church in the area they are serving.
- Mission Partner should be affiliated with a Missionary agency familiar to and approved by Brookwood Church.
- The Ministry and Missionary home church must agree with the Brookwood Church Core Values and Beliefs.

Mission Partner Goals

Mission Partners should have a desire to help nationals to be self-sustaining in four areas:

1. Raising the Spiritual Awareness and Development of the people.
2. Meeting Basic Needs (Food, medical, etc.).
3. Education and Discipleship.
4. Revitalization (Home repairs, painting, roof repairs, etc.).

Mission Partner Philosophy

The Ministry/Missionary must agree to the Brookwood Mission Partner philosophy:

- Focus on unreached and/or un-evangelized people groups.
- Share the Gospel.
- Stay grounded in the Word.
- Focus on the key strategy: Planting reproducible churches that are Gospel-centered/saturated.
- Mobilize and multiply local leadership.
- The discipleship of nationals.
- Provide training for pastors and potential pastors.

Mission Partner Responsibilities

The Brookwood Mission Partner will agree to the following:

- Provide a quarterly report of God's work, so we can communicate with Brookwood people.
- Maintain an ongoing positive relationship with Brookwood.
- Maintain ongoing character, competency and culture per criteria.
- Be willing to visit Brookwood periodically to build relationships and share the vision of the current ministry.
- Offer ongoing transparency of finances or a financial statement, including salaries, collectibles and disbursements. A financial plan should be submitted yearly.
- Understand that Brookwood will yearly re-evaluate the partnership with Ministry/Missionary partner.
- Agree that the funds and partnership with Brookwood Church may be redirected or cancelled at any time.

Brookwood Beliefs, Vision and Values

The Essentials

- 1. GOD** is the Creator and Ruler of the universe who exists eternally as a Trinity of three persons: the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Genesis 1:1,26-27; 3:22; Psalm 90:2; Matthew 28:19; 1 Peter 1:2-3 Corinthians 13:14

- 2. THE FATHER** is the first person of the Trinity who controls all things according to His purpose and for His glory.

Isaiah 64:8; Matthew 6:9; 7:11; John 1:12; Romans 8:15-16

- 3. JESUS CHRIST** is the fully divine and fully human Son of God who lived a sinless life and offered Himself as the sacrifice for our sins by dying on a cross. He arose from the dead after three days, ascended to Heaven's glory and will return again to gather all who believe in Him.

Isaiah 9:6; Matthew 1:22-23; John 1:1-5; 14:10-30; Acts 1:9-11; Romans 1:3-4; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4; 1 Timothy 6:14-15; Titus 2:13; Hebrews 4:14-15

- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT** is present in every Christian convicting of sin, convincing of truth and conforming us to Christ's image. After regenerating a person, He provides spiritual gifts, power for living and guidance in doing right.

2 Corinthians 3:17; John 14:16-17; 16:7-13; Acts 1:8; 1 Corinthians 2:12; 3:16; Ephesians 1:13; Galatians 5:25; Philippians 2:13; Ephesians 1:13; 5:18

- 5. THE BIBLE** is God's Word to us, written by human authors, under the supernatural guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Bible is the basis for what we believe and the way we live.

2 Timothy 1:13; 3:16; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Psalm 12:6; 119:105,160; Proverbs 30:5

EXAMPLE: Marriage is the uniting of one man and one woman in an exclusive relationship; it is the only relationship appropriate for sexual intimacy.

Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6; Romans 1:18-28; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; 7:1-3

- 6. HUMAN BEINGS** are created in the spiritual image of God, to be like Him in character, but are born with the fallen sin nature of Adam. Sin separates people from God and one another.

Genesis 1:27; Psalm 8:3-6; Isaiah 53:6a; Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:1-2

- 7. SALVATION** is God's free gift to us which we receive by trusting in Jesus Christ for forgiveness. We are born again by faith alone, not by any good works that we do.

Romans 5:1; 6:23; Ephesians 2:8-9; John 14:6, 1:12; Titus 3:5; Galatians 3:26

8. ETERNAL SECURITY is sealed by faith in Jesus Christ who died for all of our sins—past, present and future. Once we have been born again we cannot lose our salvation. We did not earn our salvation through good works and we cannot lose it through bad ones.

John 10:29; 2 Timothy 1:12; Hebrews 7:25, 10:10, 14; 1 Peter 1:3-5

9. ETERNITY exists for all people who will either live forever in God's presence in heaven or forever separated from Him in hell.

John 3:16, 14:17; Romans 6:23; 8:17-18; 1 Corinthians 2:7-9; Revelation 20:15

What Are We Seeking to Do?

Encourage everyone to pursue relationship with Jesus. (John 15:5)

How?

By Faith. (Romans 1:17; Hebrews 11:6)

Through:

Communicating with God. (John 15:7)

- We give communication by giving God our lives and resources, as well as praise and thanks.
(Psalm 95:2; Romans 12:1)
- We receive communication through the Bible and prayer.
(John 8:31-32; 1 Thessalonians 5:17)

Connecting with Christians. (Matthew 18:20)

- Engage in relationships through acceptance and gathering in groups.
(Romans 12:16)
- Encourage spiritual growth by assisting with next steps and being transparent.
(Romans 1:12; Hebrews 10:24-25)

Caring for Others. (Matthew 25:40)

- Serve alongside others. (Romans 12:4-5)
- Share what Jesus has done. (1 Peter 3:15)

Why?

So everyone can experience transformed life. (John 10:10; Ephesians 3:19)

Transformed life is evidenced by:

1. Loving God. (Matthew 22:37-38)
2. Loving people. (Matthew 22:39)
3. Living like Jesus. (1 John 4:17)

Brookwood Values

Jesus First.

Because everything begins and ends with Jesus.

(Colossians 1:18, Revelation. 22:13)

So we ask God,

What are You doing? (John 5:17, 19-20; Hebrews 12:2)

What do You want? (Matthew 6:33)

What will honor You? (1 Corinthians 10:31, Peter 4:11)

Dignity of All.

Because God created all, and gave His Son to die for all.

(Genesis 1:27; John 3:16; Luke 15:7, 19:10; 2 Peter 3:9)

So we ask ourselves,

How am I showing that all people matter to God?

Partnering with Purpose.

Because God uses His followers to help each other grow more like Jesus.

(Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, Acts 2:42-47, 1 Corinthians 12:27, Ephesians 4:15-16, Philippians 2:2)

So we ask each other,

How are we pursuing Jesus together?

Agreement

I/We have read all of the terms and beliefs above, as a potential Mission Partner of Brookwood Church. We agree with the terms and beliefs as set forth above. By signing and submitting our application we will abide by those terms and beliefs. Further I/we understand that Brookwood Church has a right to limit or cancel any financial support at any time. I/We understand that this is not a binding contract and is not enforceable as a contract.

Name

Date