



Associate Missionary

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The position of ***Associate Missionary*** is for individuals who have made a commitment to join with GDMissions in dental and medical missionary evangelism on a continuing, part-time basis. This commitment formally indicates the individual's willingness to participate actively in short-term foreign field team trips and to faithfully uphold the ministry of GDMissions through their local church. An Associate Missionary with GDMissions will usually be a Christian health care professional with a heart for seeing souls drawn to Christ through use of their specialized skills and experience. An Associate Missionary may also be a Christian without a medical background but with an ongoing desire to serve God by helping medical missionaries and taking the Gospel to foreign countries as part of a short-term field team.

Approval and Renewal Process

Application to GDMissions

- Submit an Associate Missionary application form containing personal and background information.
- Submit a written testimony of salvation and explain why you want to be an Associate Missionary with GDMissions.
- Provide three character references (not including your pastor) who have known you for at least five years, are familiar with your Christian



testimony and ministry in the local church, and who are willing to submit a written recommendation.

- Sign GDM Missions' doctrinal statement.
- Provide contact information for your pastor who will be asked to complete a recommendation and provide comments on your desire to be an Associate Missionary with GDM Missions.

Interview by GDM Missions leadership

Meet with one or more members of the GDM Missions leadership to review your application and references. Be prepared to answer questions about your interest in becoming an Associate Missionary and your ability to meet the obligations of serving with GDM Missions.

Approval by GDM Missions Board or Directors

All applicants must receive a favorable recommendation by the mission leadership to the Board of Directors and receive the Board's approval before becoming Associate Missionaries.

Renewal

Associate Missionaries will request a renewal of their status every two years. Renewal is subject to approval by the Board of Directors.

Participation in Mission Activities

Short term field team trips

Associate Missionaries will participate in at least one short-term field team trip with GDM Missions per year. Individuals may participate in additional GDM Missions activities as their schedules allow. There is no need to apply for individual field team trips but Associate Missionaries must inform GDM Missions of their interest to participate in a trip prior to the cut-off date for regular applications. A valuable aspect of being an Associate



Missionary is working with GDM Missions to help organize short-term field team trips with specialized emphases.

Mission planning information

Associate Missionaries will receive regular information on GDM Missions' advanced planning for future short-term field team trips, long range planning for establishing a permanent mission presence in various foreign countries, and other information about future mission activities. Associate Missionaries may be asked to participate in planning for future trips where they can contribute their skills or experience.

Designated contributions

Accounts will be established by GDM Missions in the name of the Associate Missionary for receipt of tax-deductible contributions. Contributions designated for the Associate Missionary will be used only for approved field team trip expenses and for reimbursement of other approved expenses associated with GDM Missions business. Information on an individual's account balance will be provided to them on a regular basis.

No contributions will be paid to Associate Missionaries as compensation which may be subject to income or FICA taxes.

Public representation

After acceptance as Associate Missionaries, individuals may represent GDM Missions in local churches for the purpose of informing them about their ministry and that of GDM Missions. Any representation at churches or institutions outside of the individual's local church must receive prior approval from the mission office. Associate Missionaries will represent GDM Missions primarily to raise awareness about how God uses medical missions in general to take the Gospel to other countries – and specifically how God can use them as Associate Missionaries. Although one purpose for presenting the ministry at a local church may be to raise individual support for short-term field team trips, this is not the primary purpose for



these presentations. The mission office can assist Associate Missionaries with GDMissions information such as brochures, tracts, and slide presentations. The GDMissions logo may not to be used in a presentation or Web posting without permission from the mission office. Further guidelines on GDMissions presentations in local churches will be provided separately.