

GO!

so all can hear

the ministry options are wide open

the opportunities are endless

the need is great

wide open

MISSIONS GUIDE



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welcome

Thank you for considering Assemblies of God World Missions (AGWM) as the path to follow your passion for serving God! Our desire is to find a place for you to use the specific gifts God has given you.

This guide introduces you to a wide variety of missions opportunities around the world, whether you are considering short-term possibilities or a lifetime commitment. Here you will also find specifics on how to take your first steps in this journey.

AGWM has a team of over 150 personnel dedicated to serving our missionaries. We are ready to respond to your questions, guide you through the application process, and assist you in your journey to fulfill God's purpose for your life in missions.



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Missions



We believe that every human being is created in the image of God – perfectly crafted to fill distinct roles in all walks of life, across the globe.

Living out the purpose God created you for may look very different from what you expected, or from what others expect of you. When you journey through life listening to His Spirit, His "Go" will send you to places unknown – some, as close as your neighborhood; others, perhaps a world away.

Will you face difficult challenges? Yes, but God will sustain you. Your journey may require sacrifice, but He always gives back more than we can ask or think. Those whom God calls, He will – without fail – equip.

In these pages you will find a wide spectrum of roles waiting for someone to take ownership of them. Whether with a team or flying solo, serving long-term or short-term, as a teacher or a builder, an artist or a computer specialist, there is something for you.

Read prayerfully. Ask the Holy Spirit to make clear to you what role He has for you to play. Let Him call you and equip you to use your giftings for the greatest cause of all time – making Jesus known to those who have never heard.

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A photograph of a baptism taking place in a river. A woman in a white shirt is being lowered into the water by two men in white shirts. A large crowd of people, including children and adults, are gathered on the grassy bank to the left, watching the ceremony. The background features a valley with green fields, a small brick building, and distant mountains under a cloudy sky. A large, faint number '5' is visible in the bottom right corner.

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
"Whom shall I send?
And who will **GO** for us?"
And I said, "**Here am I. Send me!**"

— Isaiah 6:8

what is wide open Missions?

Wide Open Missions, operated by the Personnel and Member Care (PMC) Department, is the official placement service of Assemblies of God World Missions.

PMC facilitates missionary training events; processes career missionaries, missionary associates, short-term ministers abroad, short-term teams and MAPS volunteers; and handles responsibilities of member care, the missionary kids program (International Society of Missionary Kids, ISMK), the missionary-in-residence program at colleges and universities, and Pipeline.

WHY CHOOSE AGWM?

By serving with us, you will:

- *Become part of a growing worldwide fellowship of believers in over 250 nations, territories and provinces.*
- *Be able to draw on 100-plus years of established missionary experience, including the security of proven missions priorities and methods.*
- *Receive mentoring from veteran missionaries.*
- *Build on relationships developed with national churches.*
- *Have the prayer, care, communication and financial support of believers who are passionate about proclaiming Jesus and making disciples.*
- *Be assisted by knowledgeable staff on your journey to the field.*

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

Discover and participate in what God is doing around the world by getting involved in missions. Thousands of people serve with AGWM each year, whether assisting missionaries for one month to two years or by dedicating their lives to fulfilling the Great Commission as career missionaries.

A training program is offered three times a year for missionary associates and once in the summer for career missionaries that provides the necessary tools and encouragement to help prepare for the complexities of ministry and life overseas. These are rich opportunities to interact with experienced missionaries and gain insight from missions leadership. This program is required for all missionary associates and career missionaries.

TRAINING

Short-Term and 1-2 years

Pre-Field Orientation (PFO) is a one- to two-week training conference in Springfield, Missouri, that provides the necessary tools and encouragement for successful ministry abroad.

PFO is required for all missionary associates. PFO is not available for volunteers serving less than four months or for team members. This training is offered three times each year in March, June and October. Once approved, missionary associates are added to the next available PFO according to their availability. Families with children accompanying them to the field are encouraged to attend in June in order to participate in the missionary kids program.

Career

Our Missionary Training program is essential to help new missionaries prepare for the complexities of living overseas. Each session is designed to strengthen, inform, encourage and prepare them to handle situations they may encounter on and off the field. This training is mandatory for all career missionaries and is offered each June in Springfield, Missouri.

what is pipeline?



Choosing to take Jesus' name to unreached peoples around the world is a significant step that will change the course of your life. There are countless places to plug into what God is doing throughout the nations, and it can be daunting to know where you fit; however, your journey does not have to be filled with confusion or frustration. AGWM's Pipeline is a team of regional specialists who answer questions you may have as you begin this journey.

Our team is prepared to walk alongside as you take your first steps into missions. We take your gifts and skills into consideration as we explore options available to you. After you have discovered opportunities that fit your talents and background, we connect you with a missionary to begin the conversation about how, what and when. Whether you are interested in short-term missions or have a lifetime calling, there is a place for you to serve.

Our desire at Pipeline is to support you as you begin navigating the ways God can use you in opportunities worldwide.

YOUTH ADVOCACY TEAM

Our team's purpose is to communicate strategically with the next generation. We steward missiologically sound conversations with youth under the age of 18 to introduce missions opportunities and encourage them to discover their role in the Great Commission.

Students who connect with the Youth Advocacy Team discover the many opportunities awaiting them in missions. Through connecting with our team, students will become part of an active community of other young adults who are passionate about missions. Connecting personally with Assemblies of God World Missions and the Youth Advocacy Team gives students information and opportunities to find their fit in missions, both now and in the future.

You're interested in missions but where do you start?

1 GET IN THE PIPELINE

Connect with a Pipeline team leader and share about your skills, interests, and heart to serve through missions.

2 PIPELINE > MISSIONARY

Pipeline will contact a missionary about your interest to serve in their part of the world.

3 MISSIONARY > YOU

The missionary will connect with you and be able to answer your specific questions about their ministry. A positive connection may lead to an invitation to serve with them on the field.

4 APPLY

Once a missionary extends an invitation for you to serve with them, you will need to submit an application through wideopenmissions.org.

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categories



	TEAMS and VOLUNTEERS	SHORT-TERM MINISTER ABROAD	MAPS VOLUNTEER
LENGTH OF SERVICE	<i>less than 1 month</i>	<i>1 to 6 months</i>	<i>1 to 11 months</i>
AG MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS	<i>not required</i>	<i>certified, licensed, or ordained</i>	<i>not required</i>
REQUIREMENTS	<i>receive regional travel approval</i>	<i>receive regional travel approval</i>	<i>receive regional travel approval</i>
RAISING SUPPORT	<i>per district policy</i>	<i>per district policy</i>	<i>per district policy</i>
TRAINING	<i>not required</i>	<i>not required</i>	<i>available at the request of the area or regional director for 4- to 11-month volunteers</i>

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 Specialized Service, Appointed General, Appointed Special



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All first-term missionaries begin as Special Assignment or Specialized Service.
Career call: Assignment does not expire; resignation or termination ends relationship.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE	CAREER MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE	SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT SPECIALIZED SERVICE	APPOINTED GENERAL APPOINTED SPECIAL
1 to 2 years	career call	career call	career call
not required	must be eligible	special assignment must be licensed or ordained; specialized service must be eligible	appointed general must be ordained; appointed special must be licensed
must be invited by AGWM missionary or field fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> complete 3 years as missionary associate ministry agreement validation of call renewable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> all first-term missionaries begin as special assignment 3-year assignment with end-of-term evaluation ministry agreement validation of call renewable 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> appointment after initial 3-year term successfully completed validation of call ministry evaluation at end of each term
per district policy	per district policy	itineration	itineration
attendance is required	available at the request of the area or regional director	attendance is required	attendance is required

ways to serve short-term

TEAMS

MAPS teams are a significant part of AGWM, with approximately 11,000 people serving on short-term trips each year. All teams working with an AGWM missionary are required to process through PMC for approval. Upon receiving an official invitation from a missionary, it is important that teams register right away. This allows adequate time to finish processing before the official deadline, which is one month prior to departure date.

Fill out and submit an application at wideopenmissions.org.

requirements

- *Serving less than 1 month*
- *Be processed through PMC/AGWM*
- *Be a believer in good standing with a local church*
- *Be in agreement with AGWM policies regarding overseas trips*

VOLUNTEERS

Individuals and couples often take vacation time to serve on short-term assignments. Missionaries need people who can serve in many different areas, including construction, evangelism, health care, and compassion outreaches.

For more information about opportunities, contact pipeline@ag.org.

SHORT-TERM MINISTER ABROAD

A Short-Term Minister Abroad (STMA) assignment is for a period of 1 to 6 months on the field and is designed to complement the work of career missionaries. An individual with Assemblies of God ministerial credentials may be led to share expertise from years of ministry experience. Ministry abroad must be properly planned with an invitation from a missionary or field fellowship and approval from the area and regional directors. Each ministry trip is processed through AGWM.

To apply, contact stma@ag.org.

requirements

- *Serving less than 6 months*
- *Be invited by a missionary or field fellowship*
- *Hold ministerial credentials with the AG*



MAPS VOLUNTEER

Discover and participate in what God is doing around the world as a MAPS volunteer for 1 to 11 months. MAPS volunteers connect their areas of ministry interest with needs on the field.

University students can fulfill practicum and internship requirements for cross-cultural courses with an overseas assignment – generally 1 to 3 months in length.

STEP 1: APPLICATION

Fill out and submit an application at WideOpenMissions.org.

STEP 2: INITIAL PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

After initial review, your application specialist will contact you with updates and be available to answer questions.

STEP 3: DISCOVERY PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

References will be compiled and a background check completed.

STEP 4: SCREENING PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

When references and information have been received, your file will be reviewed.

STEP 5: PLACEMENT PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

Assignment details are discussed and finalized with the mentor missionary and area director.

STEP 6: APPROVAL PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

When your assignment details have been received, final approval is secured. You will be notified of your approval, and an email will be sent to you with steps to follow before your departure.

STEP 7: PRE-FIELD ORIENTATION

(optional)

Four- to 11-month MAPS volunteers are not required to attend, but it is available at the request of the area director or regional director.

qualifications

- *At least 18 years old*
- *U.S. citizen or able to work in the U.S.*
- *Born-again Christian and growing believer*
- *Consistent in your personal devotional life*
- *Faithful to your local church*

ways to serve 1-2 years



qualifications

- At least 18 years old
- U.S. citizen or valid resident alien permit that allows travel to and from the U.S. with a valid U.S. work permit that allows return to the U.S. after living in another country for a year or more
- Born-again Christian and growing believer
- Consistent in your personal devotional life
- Faithful to your local church
- Limited personal debt

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE

Embark on an adventure-filled journey as a missionary associate (MA). MAs assist a career missionary in areas of their skills and interests for 1 to 2 years. They serve in a variety of ministry capacities and have the opportunity to receive coaching from experienced leaders.

Fulfilling an MA term can be a foundational experience for those considering the possibility of a career in missions. By spending a year or more thoroughly engaged in missions, MAs have time to build stronger relations with local friends, learn the language and assimilate into the culture.

Missionaries and Associates*

Africa	341
Asia Pacific	358
Eurasia	589
Europe	514
Latin America Caribbean	496
Northern Asia**	179

STEP 1: APPLICATION

Fill out and submit an application at WideOpenMissions.org.

STEP 2: INITIAL PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

After initial review, your application specialist will contact you with updates and be available to answer questions.

STEP 3: DISCOVERY PROCESS

(3 to 8 weeks)

Your district will be contacted, references compiled, and credit and background checks completed.

STEP 4: SCREENING PROCESS

(2 to 4 weeks)

When references and information have been received, your file will be reviewed.

STEP 5: PLACEMENT PROCESS

(3 to 6 weeks)

Assignment details are discussed and finalized with the area director and a missionary who will mentor the MA.

STEP 6: APPROVAL PROCESS

(1 to 2 weeks)

When your assignment details have been received, your file will be prepared for presentation to your regional director. Once final approval is given, you will be notified and an email sent to you with your assignment details.

STEP 7: PRE-FIELD ORIENTATION (PFO)

MAs are required to attend PFO. PFO is held three times a year in March, June and October. Families must attend in June to participate in the missionary kids' program.

CAREER MISSIONARY

Dedicate your life to fulfilling the Great Commission overseas as a career missionary. Career missionaries have diverse ministries and represent a wide range of educational and ministry backgrounds, but they all express a clear lifetime call to missions.

CAREER MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE

This is a missionary associate who has served three consecutive years in their MA assignment, and desires to live out his or her lifetime call to missions.

Additional qualifications:

- Recommendation from a regional director
- Submission of a career MA application

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT/SPECIALIZED SERVICE

First-term career missionaries begin at this level.

The special assignment and specialized service statuses allow individuals, couples and families to fill needed positions overseas. Newly appointed missionaries engage in ministry while receiving mentoring during their first term on the field.

APPOINTED GENERAL

An appointed general missionary has a lifetime call to missions and uses ministry skills to engage in missionary work, such as evangelism, church planting, construction, Bible school ministry, and assisting the national church in developing pastors and leaders.

Additional qualifications:

- Ordained Assemblies of God minister
- Two or more years of ministry in a pastoral position
- Successful completion of a three-year term on the field

APPOINTED SPECIAL

An appointed special missionary has a lifetime call to missions and uses specialized skills to fill vocational roles on the mission field – such as teachers for Bible schools, elementary schools and high schools; computer specialists; media technicians; medical personnel; builders; accountants; and administrative assistants.

Additional qualifications:

- Ordained or licensed Assemblies of God minister
- Two or more years of experience in area of specialization
- Successful completion of a three-year term as a special assignment missionary

qualifications

- A lifetime call to missions
- Baptism in the Holy Spirit according to Acts 2:4
- Licensed, ordained, or eligible for AG ministerial credentials
- Limited personal debt
- Endorsement from candidate's AG district missions department
- U.S. citizen or valid resident alien permit that allows travel to and from the U.S. with a valid U.S. work permit that allows return to the U.S. after living in another country for a year or more

opportunities

— answering the call

	OPPORTUNITY	LOCATION	COMMITMENT
africa	<i>Elementary Teacher</i>	<i>Tanzania</i>	<i>1-11 months</i>
	<i>Business As Mission</i>	<i>The Swahili Coast</i>	<i>1-2 years</i>
	<i>Church Planting and Training</i>	<i>The Forgotten Islands</i>	<i>1 month - 2 years</i>
asia pacific	<i>Church Planting</i>	<i>Thailand</i>	<i>1-2 Years</i>
	<i>Orphanage Ministry</i>	<i>Philippines</i>	<i>1-11 Months</i>
	<i>Island Missions</i>	<i>Vanuatu</i>	<i>1-11 Months</i>
eurasia	<i>Web Designer</i>	<i>Arab World</i>	<i>1-2 years</i>
	<i>Media Specialist</i>	<i>Moldova</i>	<i>1-2 years</i>
	<i>Music Ministries</i>	<i>Central Eurasia</i>	<i>1-2 years</i>
europe	<i>Church Planting</i>	<i>Netherlands</i>	<i>1-11 months</i>
	<i>Construction</i>	<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>up to 1 month</i>
	<i>Home Hospice Development</i>	<i>Czech Republic</i>	<i>1 month - 2 years</i>

* For security reasons, details regarding assignment location are available throughout the application process.

OPPORTUNITY

LOCATION

COMMITMENT

international ministries

Human Resources & Operations

*Stateside Assignment
Builders International*

1-2 years

Administrative Assistant

*Stateside Assignment
Network211*

1-11 months

Bilingual Editor

*Stateside Assignment
CompassionLink*

1-2 years

latin america caribbean

Youth Urban Compassion

Panama

1-2 years

University Ministry

Peru

1 month - 2 years

ESL Teacher

Colombia

1-2 years

northern asia

Business As Mission CAFÉ

1-11 months

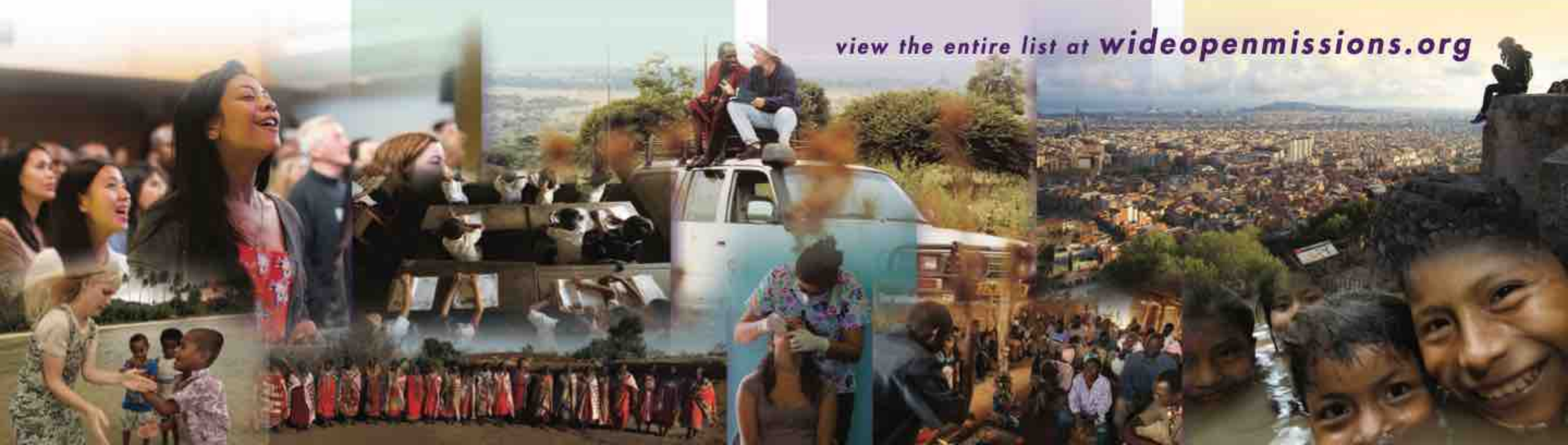
*International Church
Ministry*

1 month - 2 years

University Outreach

up to 1 month

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517,571,000
europe

2,607,

unsaved

latin america
caribbean

543,933,000

africa

899,140,000

total

6,751,871,000

where is God calling

every... **41 seconds:**

*1 new believer is added
to the church*

100 minutes:

*1 new minister
is enlisted*

137 minutes:

1 new church is planted

eurasia
950,000

northern asia
1,302,785,000

asia pacific
880,492,000

short-term
trips

1,144
Teams

196
STMA

279
MAPS

95%

*of AG constituents
worship in a
church **outside**
the United States*

ag world family

256

*Countries, territories, and
provinces. 193 are visa-giving countries.*

69,189,000

AG Constituents

370,844

AG Churches

397,091

AG Ministries

you?



ALL IN for WHEREVER

For *Sam Davis, it's not about the destination. It's about God's call.

"I've told God, 'You show me where You want me to go,' Sam says. "Right now, He has called me to serve in Africa. But someday, it could be to a desert on the other side of the world. It doesn't matter where; the only thing that matters is if God is leading me."

Sam first heard God's call as a boy of 8. He was at a church camp in Guatemala. Campers were asked to take small sticks, representing their lives, and throw them into a bonfire. The clear symbol: Lives given to God's service become consumed by His presence and die to self.

But there would be personal roadblocks along the way. Sam's teen years in El Salvador were marred by gang involvement and an internal struggle of faith.

"I would still go to church," he says, "but I was doing it out of obligation to avoid God judging me."

Through a friendship with a pastor he met after moving to the United States, Sam recommitted his life to Christ and began to feel God's call to ministry reawaken. Under his pastor's mentoring, Sam completed his Bible studies through Global University and launched into missions ministry through Chi Alpha.

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matter where;
the only thing that
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leading me."*

"My first assignments with missions teams kept me in my comfort zone," Sam says. "I was going back to the Amazon in Colombia and doing Spanish translation for team members."

But when Sam sought his pastor's guidance in identifying a destination for a longer term of service, the man's answer surprised him.

"He had gone to Africa and learned about the need in a region where more than 99 percent of the population is Muslim," Sam says. "The outreach center is actually a school to teach English."

This was far outside Sam's comfort zone, since even today his primary language remains Spanish.

But God's confirmation has been unmistakable.

"When I arrived," he says, "one of the first people I met wanted to learn Spanish!"

Sam's ministry continues to expand, and he has already had the joy of leading one Muslim student in a prayer of salvation.

"God is doing amazing things," Sam says. "I know He will be faithful wherever He might take me."

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from the field:

asia pacific



Nightmare Turned Dream

The stoic little boy stands on the side of a muddy canal. Large brown eyes stare out from an emaciated face etched with fear, hunger and hopelessness. His hands clench tightly in a desperate effort to avoid reacting to the scene before him, to avoid drawing attention to himself.

The boy watches as two teenage soldiers bind another boy from his work group. He struggles not to gag as they ruthlessly draw a jagged sugar palm frond across his friend's neck. The rough, saw-like sides of the frond grip and tear the skin, cutting flesh and ripping open the jugular.

"Don't turn away!" the guard shouts at the assembled children. "You are worthless! Your life is not worth a bullet. To keep you is no value; to kill you is no loss!"

With fists clenching and unclenching, the boy stares straight ahead, willing himself to not see the horror playing out before him. Yet his eyes are drawn to the horrific decapitation. The scene burns itself into his mind. Thirty-nine years later he tells his story, and the image is as fresh as the day it occurred.

That little boy is Dareth Ly. Today, he and his wife, Thida, are AGWM missionaries being used by Jesus to transform Cambodia's long nightmare into a hope-filled dream.

Wedged between Thailand, Laos and Vietnam, Cambodia is home to nearly 16 million people. It is a tortured country whose populace bears a collective emotional scar of the genocide under Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime. Between

1975 and 1978, millions were displaced and over 1.5 million people starved or were brutally murdered.

As refugees of this genocide, Dareth and Thida survived the horror of labor camps and

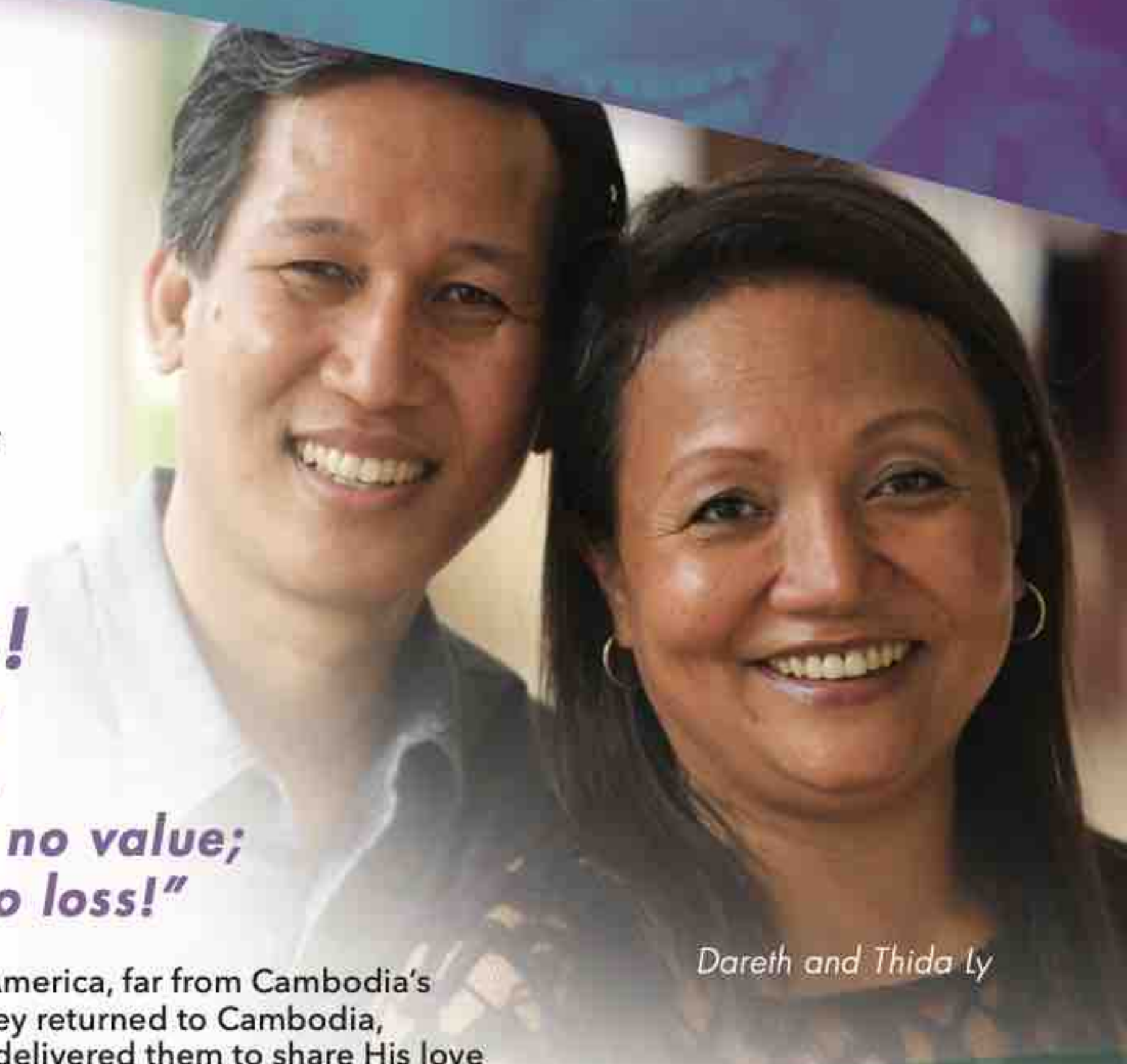
**"You are
worthless!
Your life is not
worth a bullet.
To keep you is no value;
to kill you is no loss!"**

escaped to new lives in America, far from Cambodia's Killing Fields. In 1996, they returned to Cambodia, convinced that God had delivered them to share His love with a war-broken country.

Dareth and Thida started a school in Ampil 15 years ago. Sponsored by One Child Matters, the Ampil school serves 1,000 children.

Additionally, they oversee a "floating school" of pontoon boats on the Tonle Sap River. Faced with a nomadic community that moved with the ebb and flow of the lake, Dareth and Thida responded with the creative solution of a school operated around the lives of the fishermen. When the village moves, so does the school.

The contrast between Dareth and Thida's childhoods and those of the children they serve is sharp. Because of Jesus, the nightmare has passed. Cambodia's children can dare to dream.



Dareth and Thida Ly

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from the field:

eurasia



A RELATIONAL GOSPEL

Today, after six years serving as youth pastors in Tennessee, *Ryan and Cindy Smith are preparing for a dramatic new assignment – overseeing interns and logistics at a missions training center in Eurasia.

The Smiths explain that years ago, their lives were in a very different place. Their marriage was collapsing, and they were, in Cindy's words, "running very far from God."

They were attending a small church at the time, but do not recall any of the messages or lessons being delivered. What Ryan and Cindy remember are the church's people, who rallied around them, loving them, connecting with them, and investing in them.

The investments of the congregants paid off, and the Smiths feel deeply the power of what Ryan calls the "relational gospel."

"A relational gospel is what God has given us a passion for. The gospel living through people – through us. That's what God has given us," he explains.

Ryan continues, "God put it on our hearts that if we put in our resignation as youth pastors, there would be a stack of resumes to replace us in five minutes. But when we decided that we would serve at this center in Eurasia, we were told that leadership had been praying five years for someone to come and fill this need. Ninety percent of youth pastors in the world live in the United States, but 90 percent of people ages 15-25 live outside the U.S."

The vision of the Eurasia training center is to build up new missions personnel and to send them out to do church planting. Attendees will be learning Arabic, how to plant churches, and how to build relationships with Muslims to lead them to Christ.

"Our years as youth pastors really prepared us for missions and for investing in students. A lot of time and effort must be invested into relationships," Ryan says.

Ryan and Cindy know that they must not only make those investments in interns, they must also teach interns to make those same kinds of investments in the Muslim community.

"These are transformations that do not take place in months – it can take a decade or more of building a relationship with a person of Muslim faith before they begin to understand what it means to be a Christian," Ryan says. "They need to experience a family; they need to learn what it means to grow in a body of believers."

"A relational gospel is what God has given us a passion for. The gospel living through people – through us. That's what God has given us."

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UNIMAGINED OPPORTUNITIES

After going on a short-term missions trip to Singapore in 1988, Gloria D. Young sensed God calling her to full-time ministry after she read Genesis 12:1 in her apartment: "The Lord had said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your people, and your father's household, and go to the land I will show you.'"

"I was a young Christian," Young says. "When God asked me, I said yes."

Young gained ministry experience by working as youth pastor at Good News Fellowship in Daly City and Church on the Hill in Vallejo, California. She attended Urban Bible Training Institute in San Francisco, became a licensed AG minister, then became junior high pastor at Harbor Light Church in Fremont.

From there, Young accepted an invitation to lead singles ministry at Christian Life Center in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

"That is a big missions church," Young says. "I saw everything falling into place."

In 2002, Young became an ordained AG minister. Four years later, she graduated from Palm Beach Atlantic University.

At a missions convention at the church, Young learned from Tom and Candi Manning that the African English congregation at Vienna Christian Center in Austria needed assistance.

Once in Europe, despite having the same skin color, Young found congregants resistant.

"The Africans didn't trust me because I was an American," she says. "It took a while for them to begin to trust me."

Young built friendships – inside and outside the church – and led the African fellowship for a decade. She taught a United Nations women's Bible study and ministered to trafficked women in brothels. Young organized a team of women from the church to knock on doors and ask the prostitutes, all from outside Austria, to attend church and the Bible study. Light for the Lost, a Men's Ministries fundraising arm, financed the purchase of Bibles in multiple languages to be given to the women.

Young's new assignment is with a coffeehouse ministry in Berlin. The German-speaking Young will assist the staff of Reset Charlottenburg, where she will assist in leading worship, preach, and disciple new Christians. Young also will be involved in Pink Door Berlin, a faith-based organization that supports sexually exploited women who want to leave prostitution.

"Besides accepting Christ, becoming an AG missionary was the best decision I ever made," Young says. "God has opened doors for me nobody thought I would walk through."

"I was a young Christian when God asked me, I said yes."

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from the field:

international ministries



The Lord answered her questions definitively when, on a MAPS trip in Central Asia, she encountered AGWM personnel who were using agricultural and scientific work as evangelistic opportunities.

Not Always SAFE, But Always PERFECT

"I realized I did not have to choose between science and missions," she says. "I could use science and my love of the earth's processes to evangelize."

Abby then transferred to Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri, to complete her degree in environmental science, and applied for missionary associate appointment with AGWM.

"I didn't know what saying yes to God was going to look like, but am so glad I did. It has been so amazing how He has provided and has definitely called me to this," she says.

After approval, she became a part of Global Initiative (a branch of AGWM's International Ministries that serves the Muslim world), specifically their Say Hello initiative, serving Muslim women.

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One aspect still concerned Abby, however. The Dallas native missed her home, and she felt called to the Arab world. Her appointment with Global Initiative meant being stationed in Springfield. Again, God dealt with her concerns definitively.

Abby says God asked her, "You say you will go where I ask you to go, but will you stay where I ask you to stay?"

Abby admits that, initially, she told God no. But after a month of struggle, she yielded.

"I still have the desire to serve abroad, but am waiting for the right time," Abby concludes. "Two of my biggest concerns in all this, whether serving in Springfield or overseas, were my family and finances. God assured me, 'I am taking care of your family, and I will take care of your finances.' He cares about the smallest things that we assume no one would ever see. All we must do is be willing. His will is not always the safest, but it is always perfect."

On a missions trip in South Africa, Abby was gripped by the sight of fully veiled Muslim women and immediately began researching the need for Jesus among them.

"Then, at the 2012 World Missions Summit (a partnership between Chi Alpha USA and AGWM geared toward helping college students join the cause of world evangelism), I was floored by a sense of how much God loves Muslim women," Abby says. "I realized I needed to love them too."

Yet Abby was unsure of how to proceed, as her interests lay in the scientific field.

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A different journey into missions

Brian Correia's first missions experience came during high school on AIM (Ambassadors in Mission) trips sponsored by the New Jersey District of the Assemblies of God.

"That was the beginning of a process," he says. "After graduating high school, I decided to take the next step and enroll in the AG's Engage program, where college students can spend the first few years of their college experience serving alongside active missionaries while also doing courses through the university of their choice. It's like an AG study abroad program, and really can serve everyone, whether they are certain of a missions call or not."

Brian served for over three years in Guadalajara, Mexico, and Managua, Nicaragua. In Nicaragua, he says, he felt

absolute confirmation that he was created to serve in missions and became especially well-equipped to live a life of missions.

"I began praying for a country of service, and was given Colombia," he says.

Yet Brian's process to full-time missionary appointment was filled with unexpected delays.

"Because this journey took longer than I ever anticipated, the ministry opportunities have drastically increased in Colombia," he says. "Patience is not my strength, but it's something the Lord is painfully working out in me – we may see something as a delay or redundant, but all the while God is really doing something beautiful behind the scenes."

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One of the most beautiful results of Brian's waiting was his marriage to Raquel, who also came from New Jersey to serve with Engage in Nicaragua. Since age 12, she had felt a missions calling to Latin America. Once Brian and Raquel met, they quickly fell in love, sought AGWM missions appointment, and went together to Colombia.

After serving for one year in Armenia, Colombia, the Correias are preparing to move to Popayan, where they will be the first AGWM missionary personnel.



Brian and Raquel Correia

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Offerings to the **KING of HELL**

by Bryan Webb

Standing in a Buddhist temple in the highlands, I come face to face with the glaring eyes of the King of Hell.

Massive montages line the temple walls. Monks have recreated their visions experienced during meditative trances. The scenes vary from the macabre to the borderline pornographic. Each one dripping with blood and projecting malevolence. The King of Hell dominates. Encircled by a ring of flames, he lifts a blue sword in triumph while trampling on the bodies of his victims. Crowned with a ring of human skulls, his face is a mask of rage.

Sonorous chants in the courtyards below the temple ring through the crisp mountain air. Just outside the door an aged monk mumbles a mantra while simultaneously fingering prayer beads with one hand and swinging a weighted prayer wheel with the other.

In the temple's central aisle, a teenage girl repeatedly prostrates herself before a gilded idol. Her friend kneels, chatting beside her, patiently keeping track of her prostrations with a click counter. Prostration, *click*, prostration, *click*, 150 times each morning and 150 times each evening.

No one here knows Jesus' truth. They only know of the King of Hell. As hard as it is for me to comprehend, for unreached communities in this part of China he is not the personification of evil; he is their one best hope for eternity.

The only god close enough to them, that could hear their prayers, was the King of Hell.

"Only he can hear us."

According to the Joshua Project, not a single organized church exists among this region's 500-plus villages. There are no Scriptures translated into the local language. There are perhaps 40 believers in this tribe of 49,000.

Followers of the local form of Buddhism believe that, yes, there must be more benevolent gods out there, but those gods are beyond their reach. They could pray to those gods, but they are too far away to hear. The only god close enough to them, that could hear their prayers, was the King of Hell. "Only he can hear us," they insist.

Here the darkness is so complete that Satan doesn't even bother disguising his identity. He flaunts his violent nature. He mocks his worshipers as he presents himself as the only hope of a better eternity.

I bow my head and silently plead with the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into this corner of His harvest field.

Maybe He will send you.

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frequently asked questions

What are the age requirements?

Missions applicants must be at least 18 years old.

What if I'm younger than 18?

You can contact our Pipeline youth advocate at youthpipeline@ag.org to find out how you can get involved in missions prior to turning 18. See page 5 for more information.

When will I receive approval?

The length of the application process varies by category. Team registration must be completed at least one month prior to departure. Short-term volunteers typically take two to four months to process, and missionary associates can take up to six months. The application process for career missionaries takes six to nine months.

How will my overseas ministry be financed?

All missions personnel are responsible for raising their funds. A budget will be established based on field of ministry and length of assignment. Career missionaries raise their budget by ministering in churches, where they seek prayer and financial support, as well as enlisting support from friends and family. Missionary associates and short-term volunteers may raise funds through their home church, friends and family, or use personal accounts.

How much personal debt is allowed?

The monthly maximum debt allowance varies for each missions category. There is no debt limit for short-term volunteers. Both career missionaries and missionary associates have a designated debt maximum that takes into account personal as well as educational debt.

With whom will I be serving?

Team members, short-term volunteers and missionary associates serve alongside a career missionary to assist the needs of the ministry. The career missionary will provide guidance and help facilitate ministry opportunities.

What qualifications are needed?

Specific qualifications vary according to category (see pages 8 and 9), field assignment and length of service.

Do I have to learn a language?

This is dependent upon the length of assignment and the field of ministry. If language learning is required, arrangements will be made for you to attend a language school. In some cases, a concentrated year of study is expected.

I'm not from an Assemblies of God (AG) background and/or I do not currently attend an AG church. Can I still apply through your sending agency?

Many short-term volunteers come from various church backgrounds; we simply ask that you be in good standing with your local church. For missionary associates, approval is dependent upon each AG district and the length of service requested. However, career missionary applicants must have an endorsement from the AG district missions director.

What kind of ministry will I be doing?

There are countless opportunities for ministry, such as evangelism; children's, youth or adult ministries; outreaches; camps; student ministry; compassion ministry; relief work; construction; literature distribution; and door-to-door visitation. There are also opportunities to use specialized skills in vocational roles such as teachers, administrators, computer specialists, web designers and medical professionals.


Is AGWM insurance mandatory?

Yes. All teams and individuals working with an AGWM missionary are required to purchase AGWM-provided insurance for the entirety of their approved trips, without exception. This ensures that adequate measures are in place to meet medical or evacuation needs while volunteers travel abroad. Insurance coverage is in addition to (not a replacement for) any personal policy an individual or team member may already have.

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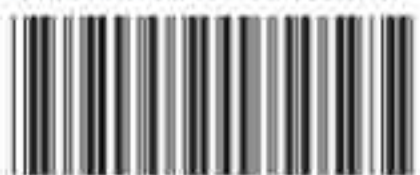
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