

MISSIONARY-CHURCH CERTIFICATION

"The Association of Baptists for World Evangelism serves churches and missionaries based on the principle that the local church is the commissioning authority and the mission agency has the delegated task of administration and oversight of missionaries. Therefore ABWE requires the following local church certification of every missionary applicant before proceeding with the candidate and appointment process."

Three-fold Partnership Agreement

ABWE agrees to:

- recognize the God-given authority of the commissioning church to send the missionary
- accept the delegated authority from the commissioning church to provide leadership, training, advice, direction and accountability for its missionary's personal and ministry well being
- consult with the commissioning church prior to a decision to change ministry role or location of its missionaries
- provide information, consultation, training and resources for local churches in equipping, sending and sustaining their missionary
- provide missionary care ministries including Regional Administrators, field leadership and the Missionary Care Division
- provide all services as outlined in the *Principles and Practices*

The Missionary agrees to:

- examine, understand and abide by ABWE's doctrine and practice as defined by ABWE *Principles and Practices*
- participate in all training required by ABWE leadership throughout their missionary career
- actively pursue pre-field ministry and report regularly throughout the pre-field journey
- correspond regularly with prayer and financial supporters
- cooperate with ABWE leadership and the commissioning church regarding initial ministry role and location and consult with the mission and the commissioning church prior to any decision to change role or location
- serve faithfully in life and ministry pursuing holiness, humility, accountability, and harmony with fellow ABWE leadership, team members and nationals
- faithfully represent ABWE and commissioning church doctrine and practice in culturally appropriate ways

The Commissioning Church agrees to:

- embrace its God-given role to equip, send and sustain missionaries
- examine, understand and agree for its missionary to abide by ABWE's doctrine, practice and principles
- entrust ABWE leadership with the delegated authority and responsibility to continue to train, advise, direct and hold its missionary accountable for personal and ministry well being
- consult with ABWE leadership and the missionary prior to a decision to change ministry role or location of the missionary
- assist, support and hold its missionary accountable throughout application, appointment, pre-field and career ministry
- take an active role in the sending process including a significant amount of regular financial support
- faithfully pray, communicate, encourage and advise its missionary in cooperation with ABWE leadership

This Is To Certify That

_____ (Church) agrees that _____ (applicant)
is qualified and recommended to proceed with application for possible appointment
and missionary service with ABWE.

CHURCH PASTOR or LEADER

MISSIONARY APPLICANT

ABWE REPRESENTATIVE

SIGNATURE / DATE

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