

## Short Term Missions Policy for Individuals Parker Hills Bible Fellowship

### **Purpose of Short Term Missions**

The purpose of short term missions at PHBF is twofold:

1. For members of the body of Christ to use their spiritual gift(s) and human talents to help fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ
2. For people of all ages to experience the work of God in another culture, which may in turn open the doors to future mission work and intercultural service

### **Expectations for the Short Term Missionary**

PHBF wants to encourage as many of our members as possible to participate in short term missions. Requirements for those who are seeking support from PHBF:

1. Fill out the Short Term Missions application form.
2. Form a sending team who will pray for you daily, form a communication link to PHBF, and meet other support needs for your trip.
3. Be available to give an update of your experience to the church after your trip.

### **Expectations for PHBF**

1. PHBF will encourage members to pray for our short term missionaries.
2. If the trip is approved, PHBF will financially contribute to the needs of our short term missionaries.
3. PHBF will also be available to help provide equipping and preparation through individuals in the church. This may include help with writing prayer letters, cross-cultural transition orientation, travel insights, medical and safety advice, etc. If you are going with an agency, many of these needs may be covered already.

### **Funding for Missions at PHBF**

At present, PHBF budgets \$3,000/year for short term missions. Funds are distributed from this account on a first-come, first-served basis. When funds are available, they are distributed as follows:

- For applicants who fulfill the requirements below, PHBF will contribute 25% of their total need (not to exceed \$750).
- For applicants who do not fulfill the requirements, the Missions Committee and/or the Trustees will evaluate their request on a case by case basis.

NOTE: These amounts are subject to annual review and may be adjusted as needed or desired.

### **Requirements for Support (all answers must be affirmative)**

1. Are you a member of PHBF?
2. Do the purposes of this trip include advancing the Kingdom of God in some way, both in your own life and on the field of ministry?
3. If you are using a mission agency, is their Statement of Faith consistent with the Statement of Faith of PHBF?
4. Is the purpose of this trip consistent with the missions philosophy of PHBF?

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