



JERSEY SHORE

BAPTIST CHURCH

Missions Policy **Updated March 25, 2014**

Jersey Shore Baptist Church Missions Statement

Believing that the great commission was given to the Apostles as representatives of believers of all ages and therefore believing that it is the duty of every local church to evangelize the world, we commit ourselves to the task of encouraging each member of the church to be totally involved in praying for, giving to, and being willing to go to the uttermost parts of the earth, if called upon by the Lord.

Our Church Desire

Along with effectively reaching our community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the people of Jersey Shore Baptist Church have a burning desire to see the Word of God brought to the lost around the world. We are currently supporting around forty missionaries on a monthly basis, which is made possible by the sacrificial giving of God's people in our church. We believe that if we are faithful to do as much as we can to reach this lost and dying world around the globe, God will also bless us here at home.

What is Missions?

There is a great difference between the words *mission* and *missions*. The mission of the church includes its entire scope of activities. It includes the *upward aspect* or what we classify as worship. It includes the *inward aspect*, which is building up the believers, also called edification. The *outward aspect* of the church's mission is the evangelization of the lost. The word *missions* is a specialized word and indicates the ministry of the church beyond its borders.

I Church Missionary Personnel

A Pastor

B Missions Director

C Missions Committee

1. Made up of Ministry Team leaders
2. Individual members interested in missions
 - a. Committee to meet quarterly
 - b. Consider needs of missionaries
 - c. Consider the progress of each missionary
 - d. Pray for laborers and for missionaries on the fields
 - e. Encourage involvement of members with

missionaries

II Missionary Personnel

A Qualifications

1. Must be recommended and supported by his or her sending church.
2. Must be approved by and affiliated with a reputable mission organization.
3. Male missionaries must meet the qualifications for a pastor as stated in 1 Timothy
4. Must be in agreement with the doctrine and philosophy of our church.

B. Expectations

1. To maintain regular communication with the church
 - a. Letter or other correspondence at least once per quarter
 - b. Report to church while on furlough when able
 - c. Keep the church informed as to any change in ministry such as changing fields, sending church, or missions agency, etc. Note – changing any of these will result in a review in order to determine continued support.
2. To be faithful to perform the ministry as was stated to the church when seeking support.

3. National church planters both here in the U. S. and abroad will be supported for two years maximum for each church plant, which will be considered individually. Any support beyond the first two years will have to be considered on an individual basis.

III Missions Organizations

A Must be compatible with church in doctrine and philosophy

B Must show proof of financial accountability and integrity

C Must recognize and honor the authority of the local church

D Must communicate with church concerning missionaries and missionary issues

E Missions organizations must recognize that they are service organizations that have only designated authority. (Designated by the local church.)

IV Missionary Support

A. To start the month the missionary is approved by the church.

B. To end when the missionary ceases to be an active missionary or in some way becomes disqualified as a missionary of our church.

C. Amount

1. For missionaries for whom we are the sending church:

a. First year on deputation: \$500 per month.

b. After first year: \$500 per month.

2. For other missionaries: \$50 per month

3. For retired missionaries (minimum of 30 years of service)

a. Continued full support for those who remain active in missions service or full-time Christian service.

b. For those who are not actively involved in missions, the support will be decreased fifty percent.

D. Projects and Organizations

1. American missionaries to foreign countries

2. Missionary support organizations

3. Church planters in the U.S.A.

4. National Church Planters

5. Evangelists

6. Prison Ministries

F. Since we believe that Biblical missions is evangelism, edification of believers, and the establishing of indigenous Baptist churches, a minimum of fifty percent of the missions budget will be used to support church planting missionaries.

V Missions Conference

- A. To be conducted annually
- B. Personnel
 - 1. A minimum of 3-4 missionary families
 - 2. A conference speaker or speakers
 - 3. Special music
 - 4. Possible Representatives from Bible colleges
 - 5. Possible Representatives from missions organizations
- C. Activities
 - 1. Preaching nightly
 - 2. Missionary presentations
 - 3. Missions Banquet
 - 4. Youth activity with missionaries / soul winning
 - 5. Scripture Assembly Project – (needs to be funded separately)
- D. Offerings and expenses for the conference
 - 1. Budget \$250 each month for conference from missions budget
 - 2. Each missionary to receive love offering and expense check
 - 3. Speakers and other guests to receive love offering and expense check
- E. Meeting of Missions Director, Pastor, and key ministry leaders immediately after the conference to evaluate the effectiveness of the conference and to consider changes that need to be made in future conferences