

S.M.I.L.E.

Short-term Missionary Intern Loaned for Evangelism

INTRODUCTION

Christ Evangelical Free Church in obedience to the Great Commission of our Lord, and as modeled in the early church when it sent out missionaries to evangelize, purposes to be directly involved in sending those called of God from within its body. We purpose to support through a variety of means and methods those who will go out on full-time and short-term missions. Our support will include prayer and financial assistance, and involve preparation that satisfies our church's Mission Policy.

S.M.I.L.E.

S.M.I.L.E. is an acronym for **Short-term Missionary Intern Loaned for Evangelism**. It is our objective that any mission endeavor result in people hearing the gospel and having opportunity to respond to God's grace.

ORGANIZATIONALLY

The following policy will comprise the expectations of those who will go out with the blessing and support of CEFC. An application must be made to the CEFC Missions Committee (forms available) and interaction with the appropriate pastoral staff and the Missions Committee will be part of the process prior to acceptance.

A) PREPARATION...the application process.

1) The APPLICANT'S PART

It is the desire of CEFC through S.M.I.L.E. that the missionary experience be positive in every way. We believe that adequate preparation will assist in making this a reality. The following are CEFC requirements for application to S.M.I.L.E.

- A sense of God's call to serve. This ought to be a known reality for the person, and should be articulated and supported as part of the interview process with the CEFC staff and missions personnel.
- A written testimony that includes references to salvation and growth that has led to the sense of God's call to this unique missionary service.
- Application to and acceptance by an established missionary agency approved by CEFC under whose guidance and organization the applicant will officially serve. (Exception would be when CEFC assembles its own group)
- The applicant will be expected to be exposed to and acquainted with the country, customs, and culture of the peoples they plan to serve. Some reports of these that increase understanding of the culture, minimal language preparation, and other agreed upon preparations will be encouraged for a maximum missions experience.
- Financial resources are the responsibility of the applicant. S.M.I.L.E. will serve as a supplemental resource to personal support and that required by the Mission Agency.
- Application is encouraged by five months prior to the year S.M.I.L.E. ministry will be in effect. This will facilitate processing.

S.M.I.L.E Missionary Candidate Selection Procedure shall include:

1. An initial application submitted to the Associate Pastor or Youth Pastor and from them to the Missions committee.
2. An interview with a missions committee representative along with the Chairperson and AP or YP.
3. A presentation / recommendation made to the Missions committee and a second interview with the entire missions committee when necessary.
4. Approved by Missions Committee
5. Presentation to congregation at Missions Sunday or other venue.

2) the CHURCH'S PART - official responsibilities

- **EVALUATION & APPOINTING** - it will be the responsibility of the appropriate pastor staff person and the CEFC Missions Committee to evaluate applicants and officially accept and appoint S.M.I.L.E. missionaries for sending.
- **SUPPORT** - it will be the responsibility of the 'sending body' [CEFC] to support our missionaries through:

> **PRAYER:** we will covenant to pray with them while they are in preparation and during their ministry time on the field.

> **FINANCES:** The S.M.I.L.E. ministry of CEFC will be funded in part through the general Missions Budget. These funds will serve as a resource for S.M.I.L.E. missionary support during the year - to be distributed with pastoral and Mission Committee oversight.

The **applicant's part:** Those serving under S.M.I.L.E. will be expected to raise their own support raising funds from sources other than the CEFC family.

Christ EFC may contribute to their support in a supplemental way (up to 50% of their need) from the S.M.I.L.E. portion of the Missions budget.

In addition to this approved applicants will be presented to the church family during a designated Missions Sunday when they will be asked to share briefly their testimony and mission plans. The church family will have the opportunity to be involved personally in their support beyond what S.M.I.L.E. contributes.

3) the MISSIONARY'S PART

- **CORRESPONDENCE:** it will be desirable for the S.M.I.L.E. missionary to correspond regularly with the church family and with those who have committed personally to their support when this is possible.
- **THANK YOU'S:** at the conclusion of the missionary experience it is advisable to thank those who have stood with them in support.
- **FOLLOW-UP REPORTS:** Upon returning from the S.M.I.L.E. mission experience, a report must be given and a debriefing scheduled with the appropriate pastor. For student and others away at school, this can be worked out.

S.M.I.L.E. APPLICATION

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Please complete the following as part of the application process for being accepted in to the S.M.I.L.E. ministry of Christ Evangelical Free Church. This application should be in process five months before you plan to serve. Other requirements will include:

1. An interview with a Missions Committee representative along with the Missions Committee Chairperson and / or the Associate Pastor of Missions. If this is a trip being organized by the Youth Pastor, he may conduct the interview.)
2. A presentation / recommendation will then be made to the Missions Committee by the interviewers, and a second interview with the entire missions committee may be required.
3. Final Approval must be made by the Missions Committee after the previous requirements have been met.
4. The applicant should be presented to congregation prior to the trip for prayer support, and after the trip for a report.

Name _____ Date of Birth _____
Home Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email Address _____

If you are living at school, please also provide:

Address at School _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone at School _____

If you are under 18 or living with your parent(s)/guardian(s):

Parent(s)' / Guardian(s) Name(s) _____
Address (If different from above) _____ City _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
Email Address _____

Please provide the contact information for the Mission Agency under whom you plan to serve.

Mission _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Contact person _____ Phone _____
Email _____
Website _____

1. *If you are under 18 or living at home, what is your parent(s)'/guardian(s)'* attitude toward you going on this trip?

2. *Share the details of the ministry in which you plan to be involved. Be sure to include the location, and what you anticipate doing.*

3. *Planned Departure Date* _____ *Planned Return Date* _____

4. *Share your full financial obligation (total costs: \$ _____)*

5. *Describe your plans to raise your part of the total. (Note: S.M.I.L.E. will serve as a supplemental resource only)*

6. *Write out your salvation testimony.*

7. *Have you been baptized after committing your life to Christ? _____ Would you like information about Baptism? _____*

8. *Have you been discipled to any degree? _____ If not, would you like to be? _____
If yes, tell us about it (Who discipled you? How long? What was done? What material was covered?)*

9. *What do you consider to be your spiritual gifts? Would you like more information about Spiritual Gifts? _____*

10. *In what church activities do you now serve? In what activities have you previously served, and when?*

11. List and briefly describe any cross-cultural exposure or experience you have had. Please include any cross-cultural mission experiences you have had.

12. List and briefly describe any non-cross-cultural mission experiences you have had.

13. What is your spiritual growth experience since you have been saved? Please include information regarding your personal devotions/Bible study and prayer.

14. Why are you going on this trip?

15. Do you believe the Lord is wanting you to serve in a career ministry position? _____ If so, please explain.

16. Are you willing to work under the direction of missionaries, nationals and team leaders to accept and perform any and all assignments cheerfully? _____

17. Are you willing to conform to stricter standards of dress and conduct while on this trip, even during travel and “off times”? _____

18. List two references of people **not related** to you who know you well:

a. Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

b. Name _____
Address _____

Phone _____
Cell Phone _____
Email _____

19. *Do you understand and agree unreservedly to CEFC's Doctrinal Statement? Please read it carefully, and complete the rest of this application below.*

We believe the Scriptures, both Old and New Testaments, to be the inspired Word of God, without error in the original writings, the complete revelation of His will for the salvation of men and the Divine and final authority for Christian faith and life (2 Timothy 3:16-17; Titus 1:2; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

We believe in one God, Creator of all things (Colossians 1:16), infinitely perfect (2 Corinthians 5:21), and eternally existing in three persons, Father (Isaiah 43:12-13), Son (1 Corinthians 8:6), and Holy Spirit (Acts 5:3-4).

We believe that Jesus Christ is true God and true man, having been conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He died on the cross a sacrifice for our sins according to the Scriptures. Further, He arose bodily from the dead, ascended into heaven, where at the right hand of the Majesty on High, He is now our High Priest and Advocate (John 10:30; Hebrews 9:27-28).

We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living and service (John 14:16-17, 26; 16:7-15; Ephesians 5:18).

We believe that man was created in the image of God but fell into sin and is, therefore, lost and only through regeneration by the Holy Spirit can salvation and spiritual life be obtained (Romans 3:23; 6:23).

We believe that the shed blood of Jesus Christ and His resurrection provide the only ground for justification and salvation for all who believe, and only such as receive Jesus Christ are born of the Holy Spirit and thus become children of God (John 3:3-5; Colossians 2:9-15).

We believe that water baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be observed by the Church during the present age. They are, however, not to be regarded as means of salvation (Matthew 28:19-20; 1 Corinthians 11: 23-26).

We believe that the true Church is composed of all such persons who through saving faith in Jesus Christ have been regenerated by the Holy Spirit and are united together in the body of Christ of which He is the Head (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

We believe that only those who are, thus, members of the true Church shall be eligible for membership in the local church (Ephesians 4:3-6).

We believe that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Head of the Church and that every local church has the right under Christ to decide and govern its own affairs (Ephesians 1:22-23; 5:23).

We believe in the personal, premillennial and imminent coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and that this "Blessed Hope" has a vital bearing on the personal life and service of the believer (1 John 2:28; 3:2-3).

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the dead; of the believer to everlasting blessedness and joy with the Lord; of the unbeliever to judgment and everlasting punishment (Matthew 25:46; John 3:36).

Yes, I Agree

No, I Disagree

If you disagree, please explain your reasons.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please return to Pastor Mike or the Missions Committee Chairperson.