

Third Way Missionary Support Guidelines

Purpose

- Because God's mission is happening all over the world and because we are to share God's heart and work, we choose to be engaged in local, national, and global missions.
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Vision

- Over time we would like to steward more of our financial resources into mission work.
 - Since mission happens through people we will support the calling and work of missionaries.
 - We choose to focus our support on people and projects that are aligned to the relationships and values of Third Way. Fewer people, bigger impact.
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Values

- Relationship- We value the relational quality of partnering in mission. We support people who go out from us, we choose a relational approach to sharing the need and raising support, we value communication while the missionary is "in the field", and we ask missionaries to spend significant time with us while at home between assignments.
 - Alignment- We value partnering with people who share our vision, strategy and theology. We also value alignment with the mission organization that missionaries are working for.
 - Partnerships- We hope over time to develop a few strategic partnerships where we can have an exchange of people, ministry, and ideas.
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Process

- Application- Missionary or advocate can fill out a simple application for support.
- Relationships- Spend time building into relationships and communicating with people you know about the missions work.
- Meeting- We hope to meet with each missionary requesting support.
- Support- The LT will respond to the requests and can approve formal monthly support, and ask missionaries to share their mission work with individuals with whom they have personal connections.

- Communication- Missionaries will keep in contact and update their requests if their work, location, or needs change. Missionary support will be re-evaluated annually during the budget making process.