East Mesa Baptist Church Missions Policy

Just previous to His ascension into heaven, in Acts one, our Lord told His disciples that they would be witnesses unto Him in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. We believe this command to be incumbent upon the local church today also. To fulfill this responsibility, it is needful for a church to help God-called men and women reach those fields of service. This may be accomplished through a local church missions program. For this reason the East Mesa Baptist Church has developed its Faith Promise Missions program. As a part of this ministry we have adopted the following missions policy.

I. MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

A. The candidate considered for support by East Mesa Baptist Church must meet the following criteria:

1. Must be an active member of a local, Baptist church which is also their sending church (Acts 13:1-3). They may also be sent by a mission board in addition to their local church.

2. Must meet the spiritual qualifications of church leaders as found in 1Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

3. Must have submitted a doctrinal statement for approval to the Pastor of EMBC.

4. Must have presented their missionary burden before the congregation of EMBC and meet with the pastor.

5. Must submit a statement of Christian experience or Testimony / resume.

6. If taken on for support, the missionary agrees to correspond with EMBC at least quarterly.

II. MISSIONS SUPPORT AGREEMENT

A. All missionary projects supported by EMBC shall be given a "support termination / renewal date."

1. Each missionary supported by EMBC shall come up for renewal / termination at the end of each four year term.

2. Missionary must have an interview with EMBC during renewal time, preferably in person.

3. Termination will be at the end of furlough (foreign missions) unless missionary has been approved and support has been renewed.

4. Additional information may be requested from the missionary as well as a personal interview.

B. EMBC's Mission Support Agreement may become void when the ministry of the missionary alters significantly such as:

1. Change in doctrinal position of missionary.

2. Change in field of ministry.

3. Changing mission boards or leaving mission board to work independently.

4. Accepting outside employment not related to ministry.

5. Problems of a moral / ethical nature.

6. Failure to correspond with EMBC on a regular basis.

III. MISSIONARY FINANCIAL SUPPORT

A. Missionaries taken on, by faith, for support will have support continue for one four year term unless they are short term missionaries. They will then be reviewed for

support renewal or termination. The missionary must receive 70% of the votes cast in the business meeting.

B. Support level will be determined by faith in the following manner.

1. Church family missionaries-- to be determined at the discretion of the Pastor with the approval of the congregation. (currently a base amount of $200.00 per month.)

2. Foreign missionaries-- currently a base amount of $100.00 per month.

3. Home missionaries -- currently a base amount of $100.00 per month.