

HARVEST OPC SHORT-TERM MISSION PROCESS

Introduction

Every year, the Witness Ministry Team (WitMT) offers financial support to those going on short-term mission trips to share the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. This funding policy, therefore, gives a framework for administering available funds in the Short-Term Missions account to on short-term missionaries from Harvest OPC.

Process

- To obtain funding from the Short-Term Missions Fund (STMF), an individual must complete an application (Appendix 1) and present it to the WitMT two months prior to the travel date. Members of the WitMT will consider all applications on an individual basis.
- All applicants must submit a reference from a group leader at Harvest to the WitMT (e.g., youth leader, College and Career leader, etc.).
- All applicants must submit the Personal Questionnaire Form as part of the application process (Appendix 2)
- All applicants must meet individually with two or more members of the WitMT for an interview.
- If compatible with this policy and with favorable support of the applicant's references, the committee will vote to approve the financial request of the individual. The candidate will then receive written confirmation of monetary support. If support is denied, the WitMT will inform the applicant by letter.
- Upon approval, WitMT will consider providing funding support. The support will ordinarily be up to one-third of the financial expense, the individual will provide one-third of the cost, and will seek one-third of the financial expense from others. The WitMT will arrange to have funds distributed to the individual. Upon finalization, we will ensure that funding will be forwarded to the appropriate individual or organization/church.
- Applicants receiving funding must submit a written report to the WitMT, as well as possibly give a verbal report to the congregation after returning from the short-term mission experience. A short-term mission report should include:
 1. A brief history of the mission work.
 2. The work accomplished by the team.
 3. How the local people were affected or influenced by the visit.
 4. How you were affected or influenced by this trip.
 5. Any special needs or prayer requests.