

ABWE SENDING CHURCH PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

ABWE (Association of Baptists for World Evangelism) serves churches and missionaries based on the principle that the local church is the commissioning authority and the mission agency has the delegated task of administration and oversight of missionaries (Acts 13:1-3). Therefore, before proceeding with the candidate process, ABWE asks potential sending churches to enter into a three-fold partnership between the local church, the missions agency, and the missionary.

ABWE'S COMMITMENT

- recognize the God-given authority of the commissioning church to send the missionary
- accept the delegated authority from the sending church to provide leadership, training, advice, direction and accountability for its missionary's personal and ministry well being
- consult with the commissioning church prior to a decision to change ministry role or location of its missionaries
- provide information, consultation, training and resources for local churches in equipping, sending and sustaining their missionary
- provide missionary care ministries from the Global Operations team, field leadership, and the Missionary Care department
- provide all services as outlined in the *ABWE Missionary Handbook* and *ABWE Policy Manual*

THE MISSIONARY'S COMMITMENT

- examine, understand and abide by ABWE's doctrine and practice as defined by the *ABWE Missionary Handbook* and *ABWE Policy Manual*
- participate in all training required by ABWE leadership throughout their missionary career
- actively pursue pre-field ministry and report regularly throughout the pre-field journey
- correspond regularly with prayer and financial supporters
- cooperate with ABWE leadership and the commissioning church regarding initial ministry role and location and consult with the mission and the commissioning church prior to any decision to change role or location
- serve faithfully in life and ministry pursuing holiness, humility, accountability and harmony with fellow ABWE leadership, team members and nationals
- faithfully represent ABWE and commissioning church doctrine and practice in culturally appropriate ways

THE SENDING CHURCH'S COMMITMENT

- embrace its God-given role to equip, send and sustain missionaries
- examine, understand and agree for its missionary to abide by ABWE's doctrine, practice and principles
- entrust ABWE leadership with the delegated authority and responsibility to train, advise, direct and hold its missionary accountable for personal and ministry well-being
- consult with ABWE leadership and the missionary prior to a decision to change ministry role or location of the missionary
- assist, support and hold its missionary accountable throughout application, appointment, pre-field and career ministry
- faithfully pray, communicate, encourage and advise its missionary in cooperation with ABWE leadership

This form certifies that

(church) agrees that

(applicant)

is qualified and recommended to proceed with application for possible missionary service with ABWE.

CHURCH PASTOR/LEADER

MISSIONARY APPLICANT

ABWE REPRESENTATIVE