

The Recommendations

The following areas are recommended (not required) for all missionary candidates:

- **Missions Education.** The Perspectives course is the most powerful missions education in the world! This 13-week course is available at various churches & times throughout the Bay Area. Go to perspectives.org for the next available course.
- **Missions Resources.** The Neighborhood Bookstore has a missions section that features a wealth of good missions books.

The Provision

The philosophy of 3Crosses regarding financial support for short-term missions is best understood by looking at three roles:

God's Role. God is faithful to supply the finances for missionary work that is in alignment with His will. "Ministry done God's way will not lack God's supply." When God provides the finances for a missions trip, it serves as a wonderful confirmation that the trip is in God's plan. Fundraising guidelines are detailed in our short-term & career missionary applications.

Your Role. Missionaries are expected to provide as much support as they are able of their own resources for their own trip. Where a shortfall exists, 3Crosses has established fundraising guidelines to follow.

The Church's Role. All 3Crosses missionaries receive care from our pastor of missions who provides guidance in helping a missionary prepare for their trip spiritually, logistically, and financially.

The Plan

You may be asking, "Where do I start?" Let me give you the 3 most important steps you can take to go on a missions trip with 3Crosses:

1) Enroll in Life Transformation Seminars and, at minimum, graduate from Seminar 101. (Go to www.3crosses.org/lts for current schedule.)

2) Go to www.3crosses.org/missions to check out a list of our upcoming missions trips and approved missions organizations. Prayerfully find a trip where God is leading you to serve.

3) When you find a short-term trip you are excited about, fill out a 3Crosses Short-Term Missions application.

... and we'll be in contact with you!

Notes

Short-term missionary: a member who senses God's call to serve as a missionary for less than 6 months with an approved missions organization.

Career missionary: an individual who has received a clear call from God and confirmation from an approved missions agency or denomination to serve with a lifelong commitment.

LOOK...

at the nations
and watch,
and be utterly
amazed. For I
am going to do
something in
your days that
you would not
believe, even if
you were told.

Habakkuk 1:5

ARE YOU IN?



3Crosses MISSIONS

life transformation through following Christ

"Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations"
Jesus Christ



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3Crosses Missions

The Priority

Thanks you for your interest in world missions!

Jesus emphasized the priority of missions with The Great Commission: *"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"* (Matthew 28:19-20 NIV).

The apostle Paul underscored the priority of missions by stating, *"The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me to tell people the good news about God's grace."* (Acts 20:24 NCV).

There are many ways to be involved in missions, such as pray, give, write letters & e-mails, but this is written specifically for the person who desires to "get in" and "go" on a cross cultural missions trip with the support and blessing of 3Crosses.

The Program

The World Missions program of 3Crosses is three-fold in its emphasis:

1) **Annual Project Partnerships:** 3Crosses partners with various missions organizations that help us reach countries like China, Vietnam, Cuba, Thailand, Nepal and others with the gospel through Bible distribution, church planting and discipleship. For a current list of our partners go to 3crosses.org/missions

2) **The Christian & Missionary Alliance (CMA)** is our strategic partner in helping us reach countries like Africa, South America, India, Europe, & other countries with the gospel. Through the Great Commission Fund we support over 800 missionaries (cmalliance.org).

3) **3Crosses Missions** is our own short-term & career missions program, designed to mobilize our membership for strategic missions work around the world. We partner with multiple "approved" missions agencies which include: C&MA, Operation Mobilization, Footsteps, Campus Crusade for Christ, Wycliffe, Teen Missions Int'l, Mission Frontiers, Delta Ministries International, YWAM, Emblaze, Faith Comes By Hearing, Samaritans Purse, Vets With A Mission, YUGO...For a complete list, go to 3crosses.org/missions

The People

3Crosses missionaries are **all ages & backgrounds!** From teens to seniors, there are opportunities to serve God through missions work. Each year as many as 15 different missions trips occur through our missions program. Some of these trips are comprised of teams, while others are individuals going out.

The Place

One of the first places we encourage people to experience cross-cultural missions is **Mexico**. Our church partnered with a Mexican pastor and his family to build a church in Santa Isabel, Mexicali. This site provides a great environment for a first time missions experience. 3Crosses sponsors approximately 3 short-term mission trips to Mexico annually. We also work closely with a ministry called YUGO, that specializes in mission ministry in Mexico.

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God's grace"



The Process

Every mission trip is unique, but usually each 3Crosses missionary is required to process through these four steps:

- 1) **Life Transformation Seminars.** These five seminars are designed to prepare a Christian for ministry in the church & a mission in the world. All 3Crosses missionaries should be involved in our Life Transformation process.
- 2) **Membership.** All 3Crosses missionaries should be members of 3Crosses, or have significant history with the ministry of 3Crosses.
- 3) **Short-Term & Career Missions Application.** These applications provide 3Crosses with the information we need to approve a missionary & a missions trip. Download a copy at 3crosses.org/missions.
- 4) **Missions Approval.** The pastor overseeing missions, Mark Teyler, approves, with the aid of our pastoral staff & missions team, all missions trips sponsored by 3Crosses.



Global Vision

With over 7 billion people in the world, 4 billion (or 67%) are not yet saved. THE GOOD NEWS: It's estimated that 82,000 people become Christians everyday!

Spreading the Word

Of the 24,000 different people groups in our world, 14,000 of those people groups have a gospel witness; yet, 10,000 people groups have yet to hear about Jesus.