

A church needs a written, taught, and agreed upon policies and principles to use in selecting missionaries. Such a policy protects a church from emotional and regrettable, and hard decisions later.

I wrote this policy for a church who's Pastor came into a situation where he was uncomfortable with the missionaries he inherited.

1. The Missionary or Ministry is sound in Doctrine.
  - a) They should read and agree with our Statement of Faith.
  - b) Romans 16:17 *Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.*
  
2. The Missionary or Ministry is agrees with our position of Separation.
  - a) They do not and will not fellowship with those that compromise the truth of the Word of God and with those that are liberal in doctrine.
  - b) Romans 1:1 *"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God,"*
  
3. The Missionary or Ministry understands and agrees with our Philosophy in Ministry.
  - a) 1Cor. 1:10 *Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.*

4. We desire that each Missionary or Ministry will be performing Mark 16:15 in their work.
  - a) (Mark 16:15) *"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature."*
  
5. We desire that each Missionary or Ministry will do what they presented and promised.
  - a) (1 Timothy 3:2) *"A bishop then must be blameless, ...of good behaviour, ..."*
  - b) We will evaluate this in their letters, home church, missions agency, and when possible visits.
  
6. We desire that each Missionary or Ministry will report quarterly to us of their activities in the work.
  - a) You will not be able to hold them accountable unless you read these letters.
  - b) (Acts 14:27) *"And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles."*
  
7. We desire that each Missionary or Ministry will be on the field performing their work or at least 80% of the year.
  - a) Except in cases of medical or emergency furloughs
  - b) (2 Timothy 4:5) *"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."*

8. The Missionary or Ministry understands that when there is no longer a doctrinal and or philosophical agreement between our church and a Missionary or Ministry, our church will cease supporting that Missionary or Ministry.
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