

God Is Calling You.

Now what?

YOUR GUIDE TO THE SEVEN WINDOWS OF U.S. MISSIONS



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...that none perish.

There has never been a greater need for you to be involved in U.S. Missions.

You may not realize it, but there are great opportunities in the United States for missions work. Every year, more people migrate to our country in search of a better life. Christians no longer need to look overseas for opportunities to reach other cultures with the gospel. God is literally bringing people who need Christ to our doorstep!

Assemblies of God U.S. Missions was originally established to reach people groups that aren't necessarily ministered to through the traditional church format. Through missionary, chaplain, and volunteer efforts, we are at work in the highways and byways reaching the lost for the cause of Christ.

There has never been a greater need for you to be involved in U.S. Missions. No matter which path you choose, you have a place on the U.S. Missions team.

As you read through this magazine, I encourage you to spend time in prayer asking the Lord to guide you into the future He has planned for you. As you listen to His voice, you may have some questions. Don't worry; we have a dedicated team ready to help as you continue the journey God has for you.



Zollie L. Smith, Jr.
Executive Director

Why *U.S. Missions?*

When you think about missions work, you may immediately think of locations overseas—Africa, China, the Middle East. These areas of the world clearly need the gospel of Christ declared to the people who live there.

But what about here in the United States? Aren't there enough local churches to take care of the evangelism needs of American communities?

The short answer is no. While our churches do an excellent job of reaching the communities they are in, there are groups of people—whether bound together by ethnicity, job, or lifestyle—who aren't easily reached through a typical church. That's where U.S. Missions partners with Assemblies of God churches. Our missionaries, chaplains, and volunteers fill in the gap between these people and the local church. Our goal is to bring people into community with Christ and His church.

Whether on the road in a convoy, drinking coffee in the student union, or helping to rescue those caught in human trafficking, you can find a U.S. missionary or chaplain there.

our mission

To fulfill
the Great
Commission
in the United
States through
missionaries,
chaplains,
and project
volunteers

U.S. MISSIONS SEVEN WINDOWS

Chaplaincy Ministries · Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A. · Intercultural Ministries
Missionary Church Planters and Developers (MCPD) · Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.
U.S. MAPS (Mission America Placement Service) · Youth Alive



Our vision is to establish a replication presence through missionaries, chaplains, and project volunteers in every special needs group, ethnic group, and cultural environment in America to execute the Great Commission so that none perish. We are there!



Since 1987, chaplains have led
over 475,000 people to the Lord.
That's about the population of
Kansas City, Missouri!

quickfacts.census.gov (June 2015)



Chaplaincy Ministries

Spirit-empowered service to people at their point of need.

Chaplains are ordinary people who are inspired by extraordinary purpose. They minister to hurting people in hospitals, prisons, military barracks, corporations, and in places like bike rallies, rodeos, racetracks, firehouses, and disaster sites.

Chaplains can turn a Humvee® or a break room table into a pulpit or a place to serve Communion. Sometimes they provide counseling on a motorcycle or on top of a mountain. For chaplains, ministry opportunities and locations change every day.

SOME OF THE PLACES YOU'LL FIND CHAPLAINS...

Professional sports locker rooms
Manufacturing plants | Rescue missions
Truck stops | Motorcycle rallies
Fire and police stations
Veterans' facilities | Rodeos
Military bases | Disaster sites
Large corporations | Racetracks
Airports | Hospitals | Prisons

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Ordinary person inspired by an extraordinary purpose
- Able to provide Spirit-empowered service when needed most

I like being an Assemblies of God chaplain to the prisons because I see the potential. Prison ministry provides a great opportunity to introduce people to God, and give them hope with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

JOHN PAGE | LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS





Chi Alpha Campus Ministries, U.S.A.

To reconcile students to Christ, equipping them through Spirit-filled communities of prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, and mission to transform the university, the marketplace, and the world.

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Laying down an acceptance letter to law school, I followed Christ's call from my university campus, onto campuses in three regions of the United States, into a regional role, and now back into a residence hall. It's a greater adventure than I could have dreamed.

STEFANIE CHAPPELL
WASHINGTON, D.C.

College is an incredible time of transition for students. For many, college is their first time away from home, whether that's ten minutes away or a seventeen-hour plane ride. The college campus is often the first place that students will encounter ideologies different from their own. If students grew up in a Christian home, college may be the first time their belief system is challenged. If students did not grow up in a Christ-centered environment, this may be their first opportunity to hear the message of Christ and His love for each person.

CHI ALPHA EXISTS TO...

- Connect with individuals who would not otherwise encounter a biblical message of Jesus Christ.
- Impact our world's most influential institution, the college and university campus.
- Reach the seven hundred thousand international students studying in the United States.
- Protect the investment that the Church has made in our youth.

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS...

- Excited to guide college students through their college years
- Ready to encourage students in their walk with God, or help them start their walk with God
- Willing to be part of a family that emphasizes discipleship and friendship for the rest of their life



You can find Chi Alpha
on over three hundred
campuses across the
United States.



(U.S. Census, POPClock March 2015)

One new immigrant comes to the United States every thirty-three seconds.



Intercultural Ministries

To serve as an agency of the Assemblies of God for the evangelization of culturally distinct people groups in America.

Within the United States there are five hundred diverse people groups speaking almost six hundred languages. Intercultural missionaries focus on reaching tribes, ethnic and culture groups, as well as the blind, the Deaf, or disabled among us. Often Intercultural missionaries will spend time learning the cultural norms and expectations of the people they feel led to minister to.

Intercultural missionaries work with these people groups to raise up leadership from these people groups. Their desire is to see these churches and ministries become strong, flourishing bodies of believers that replicate ministry leaders.

SOME OF THE PEOPLE GROUPS YOU'LL FIND INTERCULTURAL MISSIONARIES REACHING...

Alaska Native | Albanian | Asian
Asian Indian | Black | Blind
Cambodian | Chinese | Deaf culture
Greek | Hispanic | Human trafficking
Immigrants | Jewish | Muslims
Native American | Romanian
Persons with disabilities
Slavic and Russian | Vietnamese

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Must be called to a culture group for the purpose of evangelism
- Must have a strategy to accomplish the work of the call
- Must have a willingness to invest time in establishing relationships
- Must have a determination to learn another culture and to become immersed in it

After experiencing villages throughout Alaska with no churches, I found myself crying out to God: "Somebody should do something about this!" Through our partnership with Intercultural Ministries, we now work across Alaska to reach villages with the message of hope. Our goal is to get a presentation of the gospel into every home in Alaska.

TERRY HULL
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA





Missionary Church Planters & Developers

To send missionaries to plant and strengthen churches across the United States.

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I helped plant a church that is now thriving. This has been one of the most exciting experiences of my life!

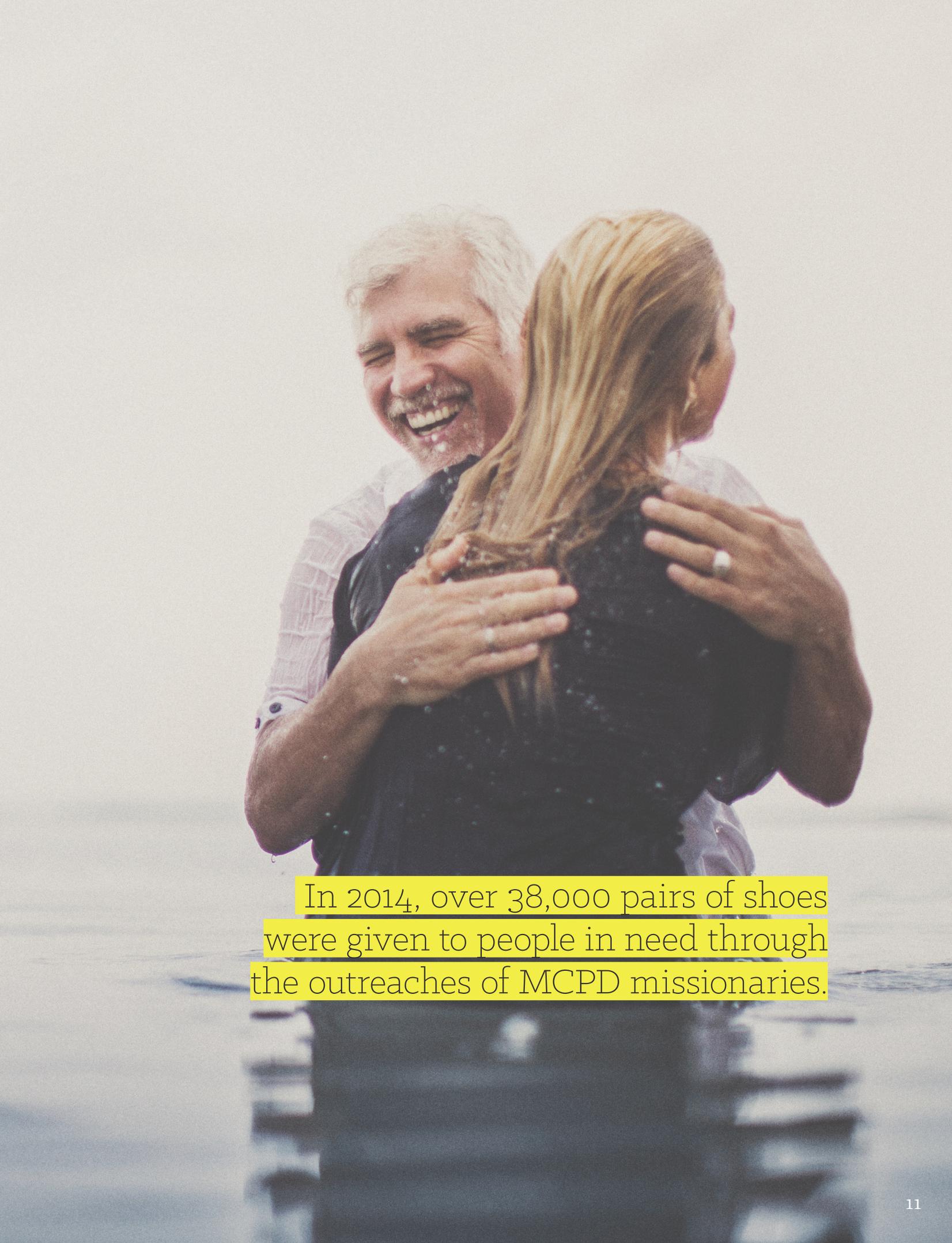
ZACHARY POVEC
GRETNA, LOUISIANA

Missionary church planters often go to places and people that are overlooked by the church at-large. They start many churches in the same time frame, or plant churches in a community or area that needs long-term partnerships.

Missionary developers strengthen existing churches by bringing their specialized knowledge and abilities to churches across the country. Developers help believers look at their communities in fresh ways, mentor pastors, provide discipleship and educational tools, and more. In many ways, missionary developers help to enhance a local church's ability to fulfill the Great Commission.

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Ability to make vision a reality
- Capacity to see a need and meet it
- Gather people to help others

A photograph of a man and a woman embracing on a beach. The man, on the left, has white hair and a beard, and is smiling broadly. He is wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved button-down shirt. The woman, on the right, has long, straight blonde hair and is wearing a dark, sleeveless top. She is also smiling. They are standing on a wooden pier or boardwalk that extends into the ocean. The background is a soft, hazy view of the sea and sky. The text is overlaid on the lower part of the image, highlighted in yellow.

In 2014, over 38,000 pairs of shoes were given to people in need through the outreaches of MCPD missionaries.



There are more than two hundred Teen Challenge programs throughout the United States.

Teen Challenge offers people a place to start over, become a new person, live a godly life, and find freedom. Teen Challenge accomplishes this through classes, individual study, personal mentoring, work ethics training, and involvement in the Christian community.

By applying biblical principles, Teen Challenge helps people become mentally sound, emotionally balanced, socially adjusted, physically well, and spiritually alive.

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Have compassion for the marginalized and outcast
- Willing to meet people where they are
- Willing to model and teach how to be a Christ follower
- Want to empower new followers of Christ to affect their world

Serving at Teen Challenge is a chance to touch a miracle. I love to see God transform those damaged by drug addiction. When I started working with Teen Challenge as a nineteen-year-old summer volunteer, I found a place of ministry where showing God's love to others brought real and dramatic change.

DAVE BATTY
PHENIX, ALABAMA





Teen Challenge International, U.S.A.

To provide youth, adults, and families with an effective Christian faith-based solution to life-controlling drug and alcohol problems in order to become productive members of society.





U.S. MAPS

(U.S. Mission America
Placement Service)

To provide a network of dedicated volunteers and associates to assist with construction and evangelism needs, to further enhance the ministries of churches and institutions.

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Work in the exciting ministry in the field God has called you to
- Work with a church, missionary, or leader who can mentor you
- Work with people who are making a difference in the Kingdom
- Be part of something that God has put in your heart

Every year, hundreds of people donate their time, skills, and resources to help missionaries and ministries across the United States through short-term missions projects. From office work to construction projects to evangelism, you can help missions efforts in our country as a volunteer or a missionary associate. There are four types of opportunities with U.S. MAPS:

CHURCH TEAMS: A church group that volunteers a few days to a few weeks. These groups are often involved in construction or evangelism.

MISSIONARY ASSOCIATES: Missionary associates (age eighteen or older) offer their services, talents, and skills in a special field for one to two years. Missionary associates help U.S. missionaries or other approved Assemblies of God ministries.

RV VOLUNTEERS AND ASSOCIATES: RV volunteers and associates are often retirees who give their time, from a few days to a few weeks, to help with construction projects or evangelism ministries. RVers get their nickname because they often bring along their RV (recreational vehicle) to live in while at a project site.

SUMMER ASSOCIATES: Summer associates work on U.S. Missions field projects for eight to twelve weeks at a time. They are assigned to work with nationally appointed U.S. missionaries and a variety of other ministries.



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I became keenly aware of how important U.S. MAPS work is while serving as a U.S. MAPS missionary on a project at Trinity Bible College. The work we did at the college allows students from across America to come be trained and equipped to reach the world with the gospel.

MARK RITTERMEYER
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI





Youth Alive

To present Jesus Christ, the message of hope, to every student at every school.

Youth Alive accomplishes its mission through students reaching students and connecting churches to schools to make Jesus known locally. Youth Alive equips students to effectively spread the message of hope to their peers by emphasizing (but not limited to):

PRAYER: Anyone can sign up to be a Prayer Zone Partner and commit to praying for specific schools as they drive through a school zone.

STUDENT EMPOWERMENT: Students who see their campus as a missions field can become campus missionaries to reach their school with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

STUDENT NETWORKING: By leading a Youth Alive club on campus, Christians can come together to study God's Word and encourage each other as they endeavor to introduce other students to Christ.

OUTREACH: Students can partner with their community and churches through The Seven Project or other school assemblies, as well as service projects within the community.

UNIQUE QUALIFICATIONS...

- Loves students
- Enjoys late-night events
- Lives on coffee and power bars

Through prayer and persistence, opposition to Youth Alive at a high school campus finally broke. Days later, a young man made the commitment to follow Jesus and now is a campus missionary. The students who live their mission at school and do little things every day bring lasting change.

JASON DORSEY
ARKANSAS



You can be part of the movement God is using to reach the changing face of America.

Our Presence

You can find a U.S. missionary, chaplain, or volunteer at work in almost every state and U.S. territory.

In 2014, U.S. Missions was blessed to be part of over **58,000** salvations, **9,000** water baptisms, and **6,500** Holy Spirit baptisms.

Our Family

The U.S. Missions family includes missionaries, chaplains, missionary associates, missionaries in training, missionary interns, and volunteers. Every year, over **18,000** people participate in missions work here in America through Assemblies of God U.S. Missions.



Be Part of the Team

To fulfill the
Great Commission,
it takes people.

There are many ways to become involved in U.S. Missions. For starters, you can become part of our prayer team. When you sign up at www.usmissions.ag.org, you will receive a weekly e-mail with prayer requests and prayer focuses for the coming month. Above all, our missionaries need your prayer support!

You can also support a U.S. missionary or ministry by giving your finances. To sign up, please visit giving.ag.org.

To fulfill the Great Commission here in the United States, it takes people. Often people stop at the “full-time missionary” option and think, *That’s not for me.*

But full time isn’t the only way you can go. You can go as a missionary associate, giving just a short time (up to two years) on an assignment, or you can even go as a volunteer, giving a week or two to help where the work is needed.

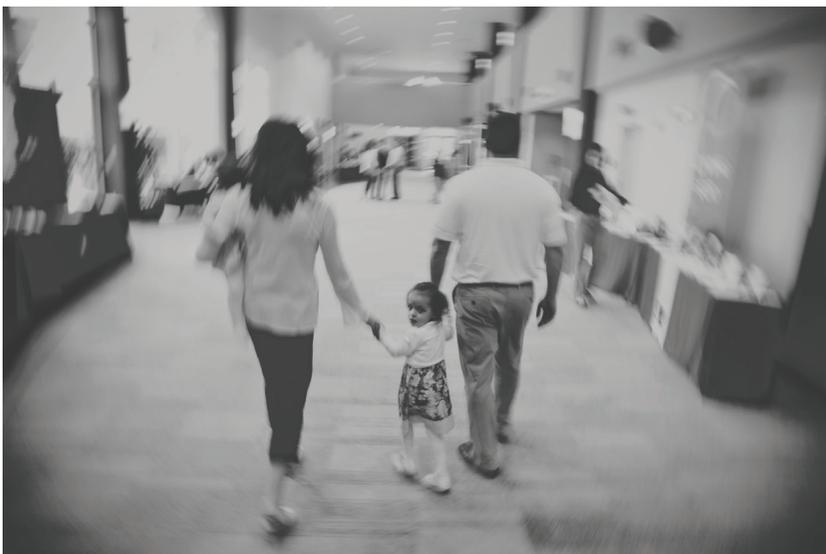


Appointed General Missionary

An appointed general missionary is a person who is a career missionary who has raised their full budget and is a licensed or ordained Assemblies of God minister. Appointed general missionaries are proven ministry leaders who have responded to the call of God on their lives to fulfill the Great Commission among ethnic and special needs groups in the United States.

WHY BECOME AN APPOINTED GENERAL MISSIONARY?

- Help provide personnel, vision, and ministry tools to the entire Assemblies of God fellowship
- Exposure to over twelve thousand churches
- Broaden the Church's vision for a changing United States
- Participate in the Fellowship-wide giving and receipting system for financial gifts and contributions
- Itinerate in Assemblies of God churches to increase the number of people involved in financing, prayer support, and ministry involvement
- Provide access to resources unique for missionaries (BGMC, Speed the Light, Light for the Lost, etc.)



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God opened the door for me to become the very first Assemblies of God Orphan/Foster Care U.S. missionary. I have the joy of reaching thousands of foster children and youth, connecting with local governments, and working with churches to help change the lives of children who are fatherless and motherless.

GARY WEBB | PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Appointed Certified Missionary



An appointed certified missionary is a person who has district approval and certified minister credentials. These missionaries are able to itinerate in churches. Appointed certified missionaries are expected to become licensed and move to general appointed status within two years.

WHY BECOME AN APPOINTED CERTIFIED MISSIONARY?

- Help provide personnel, vision, and ministry tools to the entire Assemblies of God fellowship
- Exposure to over twelve thousand churches. You help broaden the Church's vision for a changing America
- Participate in the Fellowship-wide giving and receipting system for financial gifts and contributions
- Itinerate in Assemblies of God churches to increase the number of people involved in financing, prayer support, and ministry involvement
- Provide access to resources unique to missionaries (BGMC and Light for the Lost)

“ Being an Intercultural missionary has given my family an avenue through which we can fulfill God's call on our lives. Seeing people miraculously delivered and forever changed is why my family and I serve as U.S. missionaries.

PHILLIP J. BOSWELL | ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

Missionary in Training

A missionary in training is a person who is an Assemblies of God credential holder who serves in a two-year apprenticeship on the field under the supervision of a qualified U.S. missionary or minister. A typical missionary in training is usually a recent Bible school graduate.

The Missionary in Training program places divinely called people in apprenticeships to gain valuable field and ministry experience for a future life in missions as a career missionary. Missionaries in training are not considered fully appointed until they move to appointed general status.

WHY BECOME A MISSIONARY IN TRAINING?

- Receive practical experience
- Receive ministry recognition by a section and district
- Establish your prayer and support base



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Being an MIT gave me the opportunity to jump in with both feet into the Bosnian community of St. Louis. Now I am transitioning into fully appointed status with the skills and experience necessary to be a more effective missionary.

ANDREW AUSTIN
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

Missionary Associate

A missionary associate is someone who is eighteen years or older, and who wants to serve in U.S. Missions full time. A missionary associate receives on-the-job training and works under the supervision of a nationally appointed U.S. missionary or other ministry leader in a variety of ministry roles.

WHY BECOME A MISSIONARY ASSOCIATE?

- Great opportunity to work with and be mentored by a U.S. missionary
- Explore missions as a lifetime pursuit prior to obtaining credentials

HOW WILL I RAISE MY SUPPORT?

- You are able to raise support from individuals and churches where you have family and friends. You are not able to itinerate.



It excites me to know that God is always at work building the next generation of disciples who have completely given their lives over to Jesus and are living with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. I am humbled that Chi Alpha has given me the opportunity to be a part of this awesome work of God to continually build the next generation of Christian leaders.

DAVID EVANS | UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA

Missionary Intern

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Discipleship requires time, love, patience, prayer, authenticity, and letting the Holy Spirit work in and through you. When I get to see students taking these same steps to reach out to their peers, I praise God for letting me play a part in the process!

BETHANY BROOKS, CHI ALPHA
REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA



A missionary intern is often a person who is considering full-time missions. A missionary intern receives supervised, on-the-job training to prepare for a variety of leadership roles. A typical internship is at least ten months, but can go longer, depending on the Window's requirements.

WHY BECOME A MISSIONARY INTERN?

- On-the-job training
- Mentorship with experienced missionaries

HOW WILL I RAISE MY SUPPORT?

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How do I become a credentialed minister with the Assemblies of God?

There are three levels of ministerial credentials that meet the requirements for full-time missionary appointment: certification, license, and ordination. The category you choose determines the level of credentials needed (see chart on page 28).

You will need to contact your Assemblies of God district office as a first step. The district office is the local leadership you will be working with throughout your credentialing process. You can find your district at www.ag.org. (Search for “District Council.”)

The complete credentialing process varies by district. The district office will provide you with a list of the requirements needed to obtain credentials in your district. For general guidelines that are common to all districts, you can download a copy of the Assemblies of God Bylaws at www.ag.org. (Search for “AG Constitution and Bylaws.”)

In order to receive credentials with the Assemblies of God, you must meet basic education requirements. You can meet these requirements in several ways:

- Bible credits through an affiliated Assemblies of God college or university
- Online study through Global University
- A local approved church-based Bible institute
- A college or university not affiliated with the Assemblies of God. (You are required to take two courses through Global University: “Assemblies of God History” and “Missions and Governance”.)
- District-approved schools of ministry

For a complete list of requirements, please contact your district council. For more questions about the credentialing process, please contact the General Secretary’s office: (417) 862-2781, ext. 3235 or e-mail secretariat@ag.org. You can also visit their Web site at www.gensec.ag.org.

Does AGUSM offer training to become a missionary?

Twice a year, we offer training for missionaries. As a candidate missionary, you will learn the nuts and bolts of how to raise your support, interact with pastors and other donors, and more. After you’ve raised your support, you will receive a second round of training. This time will help you focus on where you are going and what you will be doing when you get to your missions field.

Overview of Requirements

	Appointed General	Appointed Certified	Missionary in Training	Missionary Associate	Missionary Intern
Credentials?	Licensed or Ordained	Certified	Licensed	Varies by Window	Varies by Window
District Approval?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No
Budgets?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Low	Low
Itineration in Churches?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No



The opportunities for involvement in missions in the United States is endless. Nothing should hold you back; you don't have to wait. If you want to be part of U.S. Missions, we have a place for you on our team.

RAMONA EDGMAN | ADMINISTRATOR, U.S. MISSIONS

A person wearing an orange sweater and a checkered shirt is holding a dark book. The background is a soft, out-of-focus white.

Empowering students to change America.

AGUSM offers college students the opportunity to pursue a degree while participating in on-the-field missions.

Through your time on a student internship, you will discover and clarify what God is calling you to by immersing yourself in a ministry environment with hands-on training.

For more information, e-mail usmissions@ag.org or call (417) 862-2781, ext. 3254.



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