



## BEREAN BAPTIST CHURCH

Fayetteville, NC 28314

Dear Potential Missionary,

Thank you for your inquiry into the potential of BBC supporting your endeavor to take the Gospel to the world. This letter will guide you as to how BBC considers potential partners for ministry work. We consider our missionaries as our partners and attempt to treat them as such with support. We believe that we are making a substantial investment in their work.

BBC only interviews and hears from potential partners annually at our winter mission's conference. The next conferences are scheduled for February 26 –March 2, 2011 and March 3-7, 2012. Missionaries interested in attending a conference must first:

- Get a feel for what kind of church we are by surveying the BBC website.
- Carefully review the BBC Articles of Faith and Contemporary Issues web page.
- Read the church covenant.
- Watch a sermon online.

When you have completed the above pre-application work, ask yourself this question: "If I were a resident of this community, would BBC be a very strong possible candidate for my church membership?"

If your answer is "no", then please don't send a request for support. If you need more information in regard to answering this question, then send me an email at [sharris.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:sharris.bbc@gmail.com). Please put "Missionary Support Question" in the subject line of your email and include all of your contact information in your signature block.

If your answer is definitely "yes," then please send an email Pastor Bill Sturm [bsturm.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:bsturm.bbc@gmail.com) and [sharris.bbc@gmail.com](mailto:sharris.bbc@gmail.com) introducing yourself and if we want to pursue a relationship we will send you an application. If you do not get a reply call the church and let us know you sent an e-note.

I appreciate your willingness to follow the specifics of this process. Please understand that a church of our size receives a large number of requests for support and can only partner with a limited number of missionaries each year. Our goal is not to support hundreds of missionaries with a small contribution. Instead, we want to partner with our missionaries. Those missionaries who attend our conference and are likeminded are normally supported at an initial monthly support level of \$250-\$800 a month.

Those who do not follow this protocol will not be permitted to present their work to the church. Please know that we are an Acts 1:8 church and don't want to make raising support more difficult than it needs to be. However, we take the idea of partnering with a missionary very seriously and must be good stewards of what God provides. There is no point in wasting your time and resources in presenting your work if there isn't a strong possibility we would support you.

Proclaiming Christ,

Sean Harris, Pastor

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