

— Missionary Candidate Guidelines of Southland Baptist Church —

OUR OBJECTIVE:

- Southland Baptist Church is endeavoring to reach the lost, both at home and abroad, with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our goal is to see souls saved, disciplined and made functioning members of the church. As God calls and directs, we will commission, support, and send forth others to the fields that are ripe unto harvest. It is our sincere desire to be completely supportive of our missionaries and their ministries. We consider our supported missionaries a vital part and extension of our church family, ministry, and purpose as an independent Baptist church.

OUR GUIDELINES:

- We will support only those missionaries who have given a clear testimony to the fact of their eternal salvation through faith in the finished work of Christ; their baptism by immersion after salvation, and their current and continued membership in an independent, Bible-believing, Baptist church.
- We will support only full-time missionaries that have some local church ministry experience and have been ordained by the confirming call of their local church.
- We will support only those missionaries who are in agreement with our doctrines, policies, and purpose at Southland Baptist Church.
- We will support only those missionaries who are presently active in leading others to Christ and discipling converts.
- We will support only those missionaries whose purpose, plan, and call of God is to follow the Biblical Pattern of church planting, church building and soul-winning.
- We will support only those missionaries who have received proper Bible instruction and missionary training for the endeavor for which they pursue.
- We will support only those missionaries who are working with a mission board and/or sending and commissioning church of like faith and practice.
- We will support only those missionaries who have been carefully examined in regard to these statements.

RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE FIELD:

- To send a newsletter update at least once a quarter.
- To notify our pastor immediately of any changes in ministry, location, or doctrinal stand.
- To notify our church of any unusual hardships or pressing needs.
- To submit to reevaluation every four years or during a furlough visit.

I _____, (please print) have completely read and agree with the guidelines stated above. I have read through and agree with the doctrinal statement of Southland Baptist Church.

Signature _____

Date _____