

Park Street Missionary Categories

Staff Missionary

The Staff missionary is a member of Park Street Church who proclaims the gospel to an unreached people group overseas for at least a five year period. Staff missionaries:

- Shall have a long-term calling to cross-cultural missions among unreached people groups that is in line with Park Street Church's mission priorities and have a relationship to the church similar to that of the church's ministers. They shall be employees of a sending agency approved by the Missions Committee.
- Shall have been members of Park Street Church for a minimum of three years, having served in lay or ministerial leadership for at least one year at Park Street Church and having shown a commitment to prayer.
- Shall have an undergraduate degree, appropriate certification for their field of employment, or extensive experience in their planned area of ministry. If not already achieved, there should be a plan for additional formal education to be determined by the Minister of Missions and the Staff Missionary Subcommittee. Areas of study include theology, biblical studies, team dynamics, spiritual formation, cross-cultural ministry, concepts of language acquisition, the history of the target people group, the primary religion of the target people, as well as missiology. The Perspectives course would satisfy the missiology course requirement.
- Ideally, the Staff Missionary will receive up to 80% of their financial support from the church.

Staff Missionary Associate

The Staff Missionary Associate shall have the same definition as the Staff Missionary but with the provision of a 1-3 year discernment period, which will include living among the target people group, beginning language acquisition, and exploring ministry opportunities. Ideally, a Staff Missionary Associate will receive up to 50% of their financial support from the church.

Mid-term Missionary

The Mid-term Missionary shall serve in an international, cross-cultural missions context for a period of one to five years. A mid-term missions assignment can be a time to discern a long-term or global professional missionary calling, or be a time of volunteer mission service. The primary purpose of the project shall be to spread the gospel in people groups where the gifts and calling of the missionary meet the needs of the people. Projects involving unconventional applications (i.e. science, engineering, entrepreneurship) are highly encouraged. Candidates should be members of Park Street Church, but those in the membership process can still apply, though final approval will not be granted until their membership has been finalized.

Although priority will be given to candidates serving unreached people groups, Mid-term Missionary candidates are not restricted to such contexts. A mid-term missions assignment can be a time to innovate and develop new ideas for reaching unreached people groups, and/or

serve as a time of spiritual and practical skill development towards becoming a self-supporting missional worker. Mid-term Missionaries may also serve in a supporting role with our Staff missionaries on the field. Mid-term candidates are encouraged to consider working under the umbrella of one of Park Street Church's partner organizations, alongside a Park Street Church Staff Missionary or Global Professional. Mid-term Missionaries shall be expected to raise their own funds for their period of mission service. As funds become available, Park Street Church may contribute to the support of a Mid-term Missionary. Designated giving shall be accepted by Park Street Church on behalf of our Mid-term Missionaries. Such giving shall be forwarded to their sending agency.

Global Professional

The Global Professional is a Park Street Church member who engages in disciple-making missions outside the USA using their profession. Global Professionals follow the Apostle Paul's model to "present the gospel free of charge" (1 Cor. 9:18), witnessing, and modeling discipleship at their workplace and local community in a foreign country. They integrate into the host society through professional work or business. They will be supported by a Global Professional Network coordinated by Park Street that offers care, prayer, and practical help. While Global Professionals are financially self-supported, they may be eligible for some limited funding for language learning or counseling.

Short-term Missionary

The Short-term Missions program of Park Street Church provides opportunities for Park Street congregants to advance the long-term goals of our missionaries and partners. Through the Short-term Missions program, congregants may also learn more about global missions and explore their own calling to the mission field. Short-term mission trips, whether local or abroad, will give people the opportunity to use their gifts to advance the gospel through evangelism, practical helps or works of mercy. Short-term trips will be of a time frame up to one year in duration. Short-term missionaries are responsible for raising their own support.

Interested in finding out more? Contact missions@parkstreet.org to schedule an appointment with the Minister of Missions.