

## Missions Facts

- ✚ IMF Missions is distinct from others in its emphasis on the autonomy and needed freedom of its membership. Yet, at the same time, we provide the accountability and support services that leaders in the Body of Christ need. We work with ministers to help identify ministry goals and strategies to achieve those goals. Then we develop a personalized structure to hold them accountable to those goals.
- ✚ IMF is represented all over the world.
- ✚ IMF Missions has people working in the 10/40 Window, among the least evangelized peoples of the world.
- ✚ IMF Missionaries work with human needs like water testing, community development, refugee protection, orphanages, and medical clinics.
- ✚ IMF Missionaries have a broad variety of backgrounds including graduates from high school, Bible school, seminary, graduate school, medical school, etc.



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## Who Are We?

International Ministerial Fellowship (IMF) is an association of evangelical Christian churches, ministers and lay workers with an emphasis on the centrality of Christ and the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit. IMF offers fellowship, multiple members' resources including appropriate ministerial credentials, ecclesiastical endorsement and the services of a missions sending agency. IMF's ministers come from varied denominational backgrounds, but all endorse the IMF Statement of Faith and have been recommended to us by local churches, ministers, and/or other Christian ministers and laymen who are familiar with their ministry calling and gifts.

The Missions Department of IMF exists to help independent missionaries in their work in God's Kingdom.

Not all missionaries are called to the field in the same way. IMF Missions acknowledges that a call need not be "traditional" or "typical" to be of God. The conviction of our organization is that it is God who calls men and women to His service.

If you are called of God to serve as a missionary, IMF assists in reviewing your call and providing the endorsement, credentials, fellowship, and support services needed to effectively and joyously accomplish your mission.

## Who do we Serve?

The IMF family includes a variety of ministries and ministers including: senior pastors, staff pastors, evangelists, missionaries, ministers of music, chaplains (military, prison, hospital/hospice), directors of para-church ministries, and others.

Currently we serve over a hundred missionaries who minister in over fifty one countries around the world.



## How do we Serve?

As a part of its ministry, IMF is a Missions Sending Agency and provides guidance, counseling, preparation, and appropriate support services to its missionaries.

### Here are some of the ways in which we can serve you:

- ✚ Fellowship, nurturing, partnership, and encouragement.
- ✚ Reception of support checks and depositing donations.
- ✚ Providing Thank-you letters with tax-deductible receipts for your ministry partners.
- ✚ Publication and mailing of bi-monthly or quarterly newsletters.
- ✚ Communication via e-mail, accessible to all members.
- ✚ Personal counseling for ministry and/or family needs.
- ✚ Guidance for fund development.
- ✚ Consultation regarding approved Bible Distance Education programs.
- ✚ Intercessory Prayer Group available to all members.
- ✚ A contact base in the States.
- ✚ Regular correspondence from the IMF Missions Office to all missionaries.
- ✚ Site visits by IMF Field Representatives.
- ✚ Insurance resources for overseas missionaries.
- ✚ 403(b) Retirement program available.

## How can You become a Missionary?

STEP 1: Your first step is to become a member of International Ministerial Fellowship (IMF). IMF offers credentials in seven different categories: Certified Christian Worker, Certified Lay Pastor, Commission to Preach, Special Ministry License, Licensed Minister, Ordained Minister and Associate Member.

STEP 2: While you are working on IMF membership you may also be working on becoming part of our Missions Agency. During this time you can begin assembling a potential donor mailing list.

Contact the IMF office and be sure to ask for both the IMF Membership & Missions Application Packets.

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We look forward to serving with you as you fulfill your calling.

## Personal Testimonies

"The IMF Missions Department has been a tremendous help to our ministry. Their caring and efficient staff do a great job helping with our newsletters, processing our finances, and sending out prompt tax-deductible thank-yous to our supporters. Our communication with our supporters has increased greatly, which in turn has helped to bring an increase of our support levels. I am very thankful for IMF and the way they serve our ministry."

- Missionaries Steve and Martha Fletcher

"I thank God for IMF, and for all their staff, because in a time of loneliness, and when denominations and other missionary agencies requested that we go through a six-month training after we had already been in the mission field for nine years, IMF just received us and helped us with many needs we had.

They are ready to help us in any way they possibly can, and just to know that they are there, ready to help us is a great encouragement to us who are on the mission field year round."

- Missionary Abel Aureli

"We have been IMF Missionaries for several years now, and are very blessed to be a part of their team. The services that they offer help us to be more effective in our communication with supporters and churches. The Missions staff also support us in prayer and by writing to encourage us on a regular basis. It's encouraging to know that whenever we have a need, there is a caring and capable staff in the Missions Department and the IMF office to support us and help us. We would encourage anyone who is thinking of joining the Missions Department to do so."

- Missionaries Brian and Janna Anderson