

## ECCC Short-term Mission Guideline (08/98)

To provide guidance, to encourage and to support people with a desire for short-term mission, involving in the process of "making disciples to all nations."

1. This body envisions sending people out to different parts of the world, such as Mexico, China and Europe. It is necessary for people to share the vision of the church before considering participating in various mission works.
2. The church body has the spiritual responsibility to be the home base for the sent-out missionaries, since they will be like lambs sent into the wolves. An effective missionary needs the spiritual authority and protection of the church body in order to overcome Satan's attack and personal difficulties.
3. Potential participants are responsible to demonstrate calling or desire for mission, to define the goals of the mission, to testify to the body, and to be obedient to the leadership of the Spirit. The process may take some time, even months before the action.

### **Approach**

1. This body is developing several mission fields, and also coordinates with other mission organizations to provide a range of mission opportunities. Base on the nature and the involvement of the mission, the deacons, teachers, counselors and mission coordinators will work as a team to provide spiritual guidance, prayer, testimony, personal counseling and recommendation.
2. From time to time this church body may elect individuals to meet specific mission callings. These missions will be defined and financially supported by the church.
3. Everyone is encouraged to participate in both ECCC and non-ECCC sponsored mission work. However, it is desirable for anyone who is interested in ECCC mission to first consult with his/her teachers, counselors, parents, and then discuss with deacons and co-workers of the mission. It is also advisable to confirm any non-ECCC sponsored work with deacons and teachers as early as possible. The pre-mission preparation work is critically important for the equipping of saints in matching their calling to their capability.
4. Personal financial contribution is an important part for any mission calling. Other financial support may come from individual donations and church sponsorship up to 50% of the total expenses, determined case by case.
5. During the mission period, close contact with the individual sponsors and the mother church is essential in order to testify and to grow into spiritual maturity.
6. Post-mission work involves testimony sharing, encouragement to others, and commitment to walking with Christ in the future.