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# Simple Answers



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## What Does GoSendMe Global Do?

- GSM strives to see God's Kingdom expand around the world through the spread of the Gospel, the making of disciples, the planting of churches, and the equipping of the saints for serving the Lord.
- GSM recruits, trains, and sends new missionaries to do the work God has called them to do and to go to the places where God has called them to serve, both in the United States and around the world.
- GSM provides ongoing training, accountability, member care, and a fundraising platform for its missionaries.
- GSM partners with existing Kingdom-minded ministries around the world to:
  - Provide training in making disciples, a nationals-reaching-nationals approach to ministry development.
  - Recruit and prepare short-term missionaries (STM's), short-term teams (STT's) and Interns that serve to further the Mission and Vision (M/V) of the partner ministry.
  - Provide a platform for fundraising for projects or need-specific funding campaigns.
- GSM responds to international issues (i.e. Refugee Crisis) with STM's, STT's and Interns, as the Lord leads.

## Why and How Was GSM Started?

- GSM was founded in early 2016 by its current President, Rob Casey.
- GSM was founded out of a calling to bring healing to the issue of how separate "church world" and "mission world" have become.
- GSM was founded out of a calling to altruistically and sacrificially support the work of God's people who are being called and sent to do a variety of Kingdom works around the world.
- GSM was founded to be a liaison between the Church and Missionaries, providing the necessary training and encouragement to said relationship on both sides, so that the Kingdom advances.
- GSM was founded on the belief that God is an inviting God and is still calling the nations to the Gospel, that the harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, and that we must learn to be a people on mission with Christ.

## Where Does GoSendMe Global Work?

- GSM is not bound by borders, domestic or international. We seek to follow the Lord's direction and leadership into any and all territories that He would have us further the M/V of those He has called and sent.
- GSM currently has Missionaries/Partnerships in:
  - Texas
  - New York
  - Thailand
  - Nicaragua
  - Peru
  - Cambodia
  - Kosovo
  - Sierra Leone
  - Israel
  - Zambia
  - Colorado
  - Greece
  - India
  - Guatemala
  - Kenya

## Leadership

- GSM is dedicated to furthering the M/V of the called and the sent.
- GSM operates completely by faith, setting the culture of the same for our Partners and Missionaries. While those who serve with us will have to raise the costs of serving, sometimes including small fees pertaining to our travel agent or on the ground shared ministry costs, we do not hold back any funds from Partners or Missionaries or Teams through assessments, but are trusting the Lord for what we need to cover the costs of investing in those whom God is calling and sending. Essentially, it is a "100% in - 100% out" ministry model.
- GSM respects and recognizes the unique M/V of each Missionary and Partner, without imposing a separate agenda or expectation but to serve the Lord wholeheartedly, with integrity, a biblical worldview, and always with the agenda of God's Kingdom in mind.
- GSM will provide accountability toward the Missionary/Partner's M/V. For example, GSM will not provide STM's, STT's or Interns without the Partner being able to identify how they actually further the Partner's M/V.
- GSM will seek to be a resource that identifies pitfalls in and opportunities for more effective Kingdom success. Thus, GSM will seek to continually understand the workings and methods of Missionaries and Partners, and provide feedback, without actual authority, but rather as fulfilling the role GSM believes God has called the ministry to in their lives and ministries. How Does GoSendMe Global Serve the Local Church?
- GSM is called to stand in the gap and be a helpful bridge between the local church and the world of missions.
- GSM is a training resource for church teams and those who are called out of the local church into missions.
- GSM assists and trains churches in how to best support those they have sent.
- GSM is an advocate, go-between, and an ally of both the church and the missionary.

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## How is GoSendMe Global Aligned Denominationally?

- GSM is not solely affiliated with any particular denomination, and will seek to work in a loving spirit of unity with all those who are in agreement with our statements of faith.

## What Does GoSendMe Global Believe?

### We Believe:

- the Bible is the inspired, infallible, and authoritative Word of God.
- there is only one God, eternally existent in three persons: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His substitutional and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, in His personal return to power and glory, and in His coming again to judge the living and the dead.
- that for the salvation of lost and sinful man regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.
- in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life and supernaturally gifted to serve and fulfill God's will and purposes on earth.
- in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.
- in the spiritual unity of all believers in Christ worldwide, regardless of skin color, nationality or language.
- in the responsibility of every believer to make disciples, be ambassadors of Jesus Christ in this world, and to love others as Christ has loved us.
- it is the role of every local church to equip, edify and encourage every believer toward their Christ-centered identity and Kingdom purpose.

## What Does GoSendMe Global NOT Do?

- GSM does not run short-term teams for churches who only want an organization to administrate it for them.
- GSM does not seek to lead tourism-focused opportunities of any kind.
- GSM does not provide fundraising training apart from our approved Missionaries or Partners.
- GSM does not provide international internships without the request of Missionaries or Partners on the field.
- GSM does not provide a "vehicle only" approach for those hoping to go to the field through GSM.
- GSM does not limit the location or various kinds of ministries God may be sending people to serve in.
- GSM does not guarantee that we can provide access or a way to serve in every location around the globe.
- GSM does not send anyone without first discerning a sincere Kingdom purpose, mission, vision and calling.
- GSM does not claim to be the best choice for everyone, but instead seeks the best interest of the applicant.
- GSM is not primarily focused on one key area of ministry over another (i.e. evangelism, discipleship, church-planting), as we are called to a broader spectrum of ministry that balances all aspects of missional life and ministry in a healthy and effective way.

## What Does Partnership Provide?

- Partners are provided the opportunity to raise support through GSM for reimbursable purchases made toward ongoing ministry projects on the field. Funds raised through GSM will not be assessed any fees, except for transaction costs incurred through our online giving software, iDonate, which can be paid by each donor by checking the box for this when a contribution is made. Campaigns can be run for non-cash gifts through GSM website (see site for full description of acceptable donations). GSM will assist in the campaign management with Partners, providing online space and advertising.
- Partners can request short term missionaries (STM's), short term teams (STT's), Interns and specialized training venues from GSM. GSM will work toward recruitment, vetting, training and fundraising efforts with the above mentioned to strive toward solid Kingdom success in mutual endeavors. GSM cannot guarantee fulfillment of requests, but will strive with integrity to fulfill agreed upon expectations.
- GSM will open access to our ongoing training site (currently in a Facebook group), which provides weekly video training on a variety of topics. GSM is responsive to interaction and requests for particular training topics.
- Partners with existing STM, STT or Intern relationships may request for GSM to manage pre-field, onsite and debrief training and management.



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### Process to Become a GSM Partner:

1. Initial conversation over phone or Skype to recognize potential for common ground in approach, Kingdom centeredness, overall sense of being able to work together, and to obtain a ministry overview.
2. Potential Partner is invited to send in M/V of Missionary/Ministry by email.
3. GSM President and Board review M/V and prayerfully decide if Partnership is how the Lord is leading.
4. GSM offers partnership.
5. Partner agrees to partnership relationship.
6. GSM opens giving account for Partner, and gives access to online training group.
7. GSM extends request for Partner needs for the next 12 months.
8. GSM builds recruiting and training process for meeting Partner needs as requested.
9. GSM hopes to be onsite alongside Partner once per year (unable to guarantee).
10. GSM offers onsite training/encouragement of Partner personnel.

### By Comparison to GSM Missionary/Ministry:

- GSM Missionaries are required to raise their full support through the organization, or a satisfactory equivalent.
- GSM provides either 1099 or W2 handling of the Missionary's salary, with direct deposit and access to tools that make international banking simpler and less expensive.
- GSM Missionaries are provided holistic Member Care, monthly accountability to M/V and consistent ongoing training specialized to the M/V, location, and culture of the Missionary.
- GSM works to set up necessary budget amounts to raise, receive fundraising training and ongoing support in developing their support networks (including letter editing, speaking engagements, giving campaigns, etc).

### Process to Become a GSM Missionary:

1. Initial conversation over phone or Skype to recognize potential for common ground in approach, Kingdom centeredness, overall sense of being able to work together, and to obtain a ministry overview.
2. Candidate is invited to start long-term missionary application.
3. GSM President and select staff review application, references, life history questionnaire, background check, child safety course results.
4. GSM Board interviews Candidate.
5. GSM Board prayerfully agrees that the Lord is calling GSM to Appoint Candidate as Missionary.
6. GSM opens giving account for Missionary, and gives access to online training group.
7. GSM works with Appointee to organize fundraising plan, M/V, and steps to the field.
8. GSM helps to prepare Appointee for life on the field through Pre-Field Training.
9. GSM works with Appointee to achieve launch date goals.
10. GSM continues plan of accountability, training, partnership, encouragement, and advocacy.

### GSM cares about Donor, Partner, Missionary and Participant Feedback:

As stated previously, GSM is dedicated to furthering the Mission and Vision of the called and the sent. That is our calling. We believe that we are to be the arm of the Church that is your support, encouragement, accountability, mentor, and resource that your local church(es) and even sending agencies either cannot or do not provide. We see too large a gap between the world of the church and the world of missions, whether one serves in their own backyard or around the globe, and we believe that the Lord has called us to make up the hedge and stand in the gap. Therefore, we remain in a learning and listening posture, always wanting feedback and to constantly improve the what and how of this ministry toward our Missionaries and Partners. If at any time, you believe there is an area where we can better further what God has called you to, we sincerely want to know.



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## A Word About How GSM Budgets for International Trips, Teams or Internships:

It is our philosophy that those who serve under our banner in any context should be a blessing to the people they go to serve, either alongside or under the supervision of, and should not require extensive resources from the local church, indigenous ministry leaders or partner ministries. Therefore, it is our policy to intentionally ensure that each line item has margin for unexpected costs, incidents and accidents for each person, within reason. Some will find that they required every penny raised to do life and ministry over the course of their stay, while others may feel frustrated that they raised more than they needed. Experience has taught us that not having enough is far worse than having too much.

It is our hope that short-term workers will utilize those funds to bless others, serve and encourage local ministries. Funds that are utilized on the field are to be accounted for with receipts, should GSM be audited for its spending. Hence, funds not used on the field are to be returned to the organization for use in future projects. Individuals that will serve on more than one short-term trip in the same calendar year may request that unspent funds be allocated to their next trip, but must apply for said trip within six months of returning home. Otherwise, accounts will not be created for short-term missionaries beyond this and remaining trip funds will be absorbed for continuing operational costs, international projects or for sponsorship of future team members. Per IRS regulations, we cannot guarantee or designate gifted funds or returning funds to any one person. We are grateful for team-members' cooperation on this policy, as it both protects the organization legally and also allows us to ensure that we are a blessing to the fields we serve in.

## Ten Practical Reasons Why Donors Should Invest in the Kingdom through GSM:

1. **We are Kingdom first.** Our application and screening process has no other goal but to ensure that those who work with us and are under our care are above reproach and sincerely called by God to accomplish Kingdom purposes.
2. **We are committed to Christ's commands.** We live by faith, spread the Gospel, make disciple-makers, start church-planting movements, and reveal the Kingdom of God in every nation where He sends us. We are driven by no other measure of success but our sincere love for the Lord Jesus Christ, and our desire to hear Him say, "Well done."
3. **We are a 100%-in / 100%-out not-for-profit ministry.** You can trust that your gift goes in full to what you designate it for. We do not withhold anything from anyone who serves with us in order to run the mission, but instead we live by faith, trusting God to provide for our needs through GoSendMe Global-designated contributions and our giving partners.
4. **We are called to serve the missionary.** We exist to make the mission and vision of those whom God has called a reality, to meet their needs. Those who serve with us know we exist to help them accomplish their calling, not to serve our organization.
5. **We are one in purpose and diverse in global impact.** We are operating from an "every nation" burden. Your Kingdom investment can target specific areas of need or the scope of your global impact can grow as we continue to come alongside God's servants in an increasing number of differing ministries and locations around the world.
6. **We are serious about a holistic approach.** Missionaries need ongoing training, accountability and pastoral care, but your investment helps us equip missionaries and their families toward biblical health in an emotional, physical, and spiritual sense.
7. **We are responsive to "the least of these."** We respond to God's call to "pure and undefiled religion" by seeking out what God is doing in the global picture and joining Him at work, especially among those experiencing international humanitarian crises.
8. **We are dedicated to discipleship amongst nationals.** We agree from Scripture in the creation of a Christ-centered missional culture among people groups in every culture and context that results in nationals reaching nationals.
9. **We are adamantly opposed to missional tourism.** We do not provide romanticized mission trip opportunities. Thus, more is accomplished for the Kingdom, more long-term relationships are built, and more life-committed missionaries are called to serve in true ministry environments.
10. **We are faithful to the call.** We hold our partners and missionaries accountable to their God-given mission and vision. Even when a team or intern is requested, we ensure that every person we send will actually serve to accomplish what the missionary has told us they are there to do.