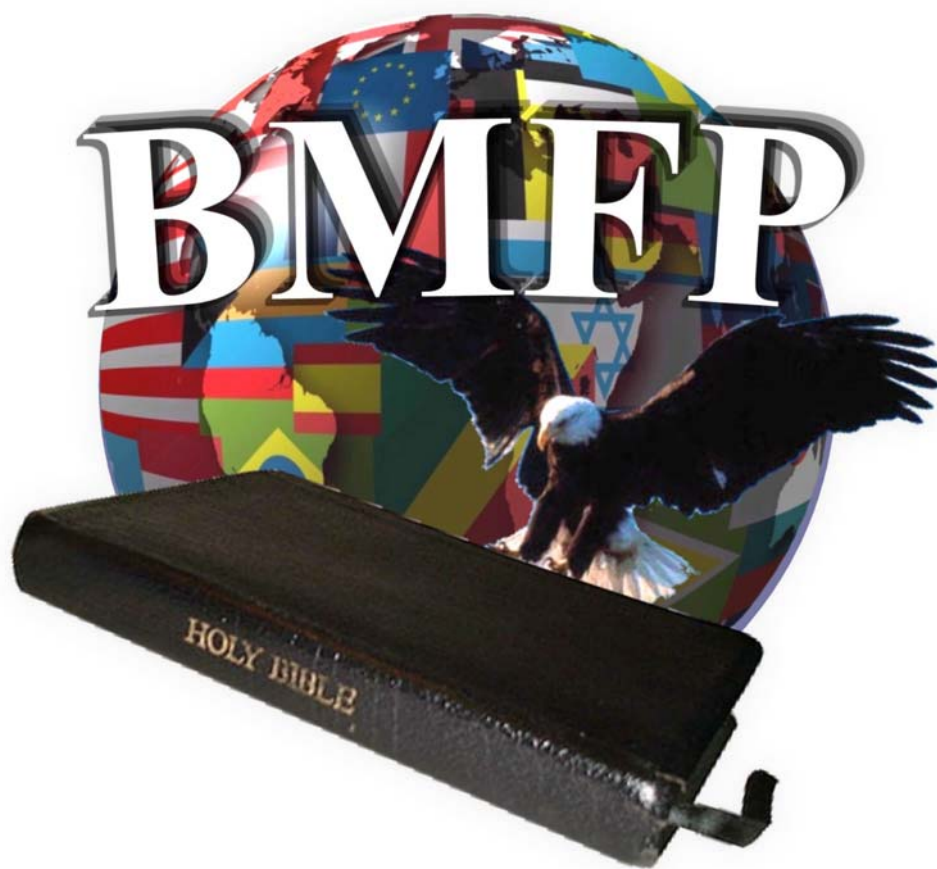


# FORMAL APPLICATION



**Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc.**  
**P.O. Box 37043, Jacksonville, Florida 32236**

# Formal Application

## To The Missionary Applicant:

Inasmuch as the preliminary information you have submitted has proven satisfactory, we invite you to make this formal application for missionary service under Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc. The information contained herein constitutes a permanent record, and we urge you to complete the answers fully and carefully.

Please attach a color photograph of you and your family.

Please assure that the photograph is not older than six months.

**Date of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Personal Information:

1. Applicant's & Spouse's name (s) in full: (Please indicate whether Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Applicant: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse: (First) \_\_\_\_\_ (Last) \_\_\_\_\_ (Middle Name) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse's Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

3. Mailing Address:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt. or Suite# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

4. Home Phone# ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Applicant's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse's Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place married: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Children:

Name	Sex	Age	Birthdate	Social Security #
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

7. Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Phone # 's  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Should the door to the field to which you feel called is closed for any reason, are you willing to look to the Lord to direct you elsewhere? State carefully your conviction on this point.

Effective service on the mission field involves the complete putting aside of personal plans and ambitions. It requires a life that is absolutely yielded to God and to His Will. Missionary service may mean danger, suffering, sorrow, sickness, periods of loneliness and exposure to temptation. Missionary service demands the ability to cooperate sympathetically with others, and above all, it is based on a real energizing love for the souls of the lost. To what extent do you believe that you qualify? Discuss briefly.

## DECLARED POSITION:

### ON ECCLESIASTICAL SEPARATION:

The cause of fundamental Christian missions the world over is confronted with unprecedented peril. The liberal and apostate World Council of Churches and the International Missionary Council has united organically. This brings the entire field of missionary work under their control and operation. It is also a fact that many of the national Christian councils of the world are members of the International Missionary Council and therefore an organic part of the World Council of Churches.

Therefore, the General Headquarters of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., has resolved, "we declare ourselves opposed to affiliation with any of these national Christian councils. We consider the command of Scripture to be explicit in requiring complete separation from any alliance which would make us a part of such councils."

Are you willing to accept such a position and defend it? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

### ON PERSONAL SEPARATION:

Believing that salvation involves the believer in separation unto Christ and from the world, (Romans 12:1-2; I John 2:15-16), we deem it proper and profitable to enunciate the following Scriptural principles that govern the believer's life and establish a standard for holiness:

1. The prohibition of all that is harmful to the body, (such as the use of tobacco and the non-medicinal use of narcotics and alcoholic beverages.) I Corinthians 6:19.
2. The prohibition of immodesty, (which may be expressed by dress, decorum or the excessive use of cosmetics.) I Timothy 2:9.
3. The prohibition of improper language, (such as profanity, gossip, obscenity, etc.) James 1:26.
4. The prohibition of everything that is detrimental to positive Christian influence. Romans 14:13; I Corinthians 10:31-32.
5. The prohibition of everything that is not Christ-like. Romans 8:29.
6. The prohibition of questionable amusements and associations that damage spiritual growth and inhibit personal sanctification. 2 Corinthians 6:14.

**I am in agreement with these principles and provide my signature below as a testimony of my agreement:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Husband

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Wife

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION:**

1. Are you liable for any debts? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Monthly Payment</u>
Home Mortgage	_____	_____
Car Payment #1	_____	_____
Car Payment #2	_____	_____
Credit Cards:	_____	_____
Student Loans:	_____	_____
Other Debts:	_____	_____

2. Have you ever filed for bankruptcy? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, give date and total amount of bankruptcy. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

3. Are you presently a co-signer on a loan for another person? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you understand that you must trust the Lord, through your own church and other channels as He supplies for all of your financial needs, equipment, passage and support? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you fully in accord with this Faith Principle? Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

6. If you have any assurance of support at this time, please list the source, amount and interval provided.

<u>Source</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Interval Provided</u> (monthly – quarterly - annually)
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

7. Are you willing to have all of your missionary support submitted through the BMFP home office?

Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Do you agree with the present policy of support for the home office? The present policy is 10% of support raised, with a cap of \$195 per month. This amount will be deducted from your monthly support for services rendered to you by BMFP. Yes: \_\_\_\_\_ No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# **THE ARTICLES OF FAITH OF BAPTIST MISSIONS TO FORGOTTEN PEOPLES, INC.**

## **The Word of God**

We believe the Bible is the divinely inspired Word of God in its entirety, written by men as they were moved by the Holy Spirit and that it is the sole authority for the Christian's faith and conduct. We believe that the King James Version of the Bible, (KJV), is the preserved Word of God for the English-speaking people of the world. (Psalm 12:6-7; 2 Peter 1:20-21)

## **The Godhead**

We believe in one God, eternally existing in three persons: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We believe that they are equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption. (Genesis 1:26; Matthew 3:16-17)

## **God the Son**

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary, a virgin, in order that He might reveal God and redeem sinful men; that He is both the Son of God and God, the Son. (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:26-28; 2 Corinthians 5:21)

## **God the Holy Spirit**

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person, equal with God the Father and God the Son, and of the same nature. It is He who convicts of sin, of righteousness and of judgment. He is the Restrainer of the Evil One until God's purpose is fulfilled. He bears witness to the truth of the Gospel and is the Agent in the new birth, baptizing all true believers into the body of Christ. (John 14:7; 1 Corinthians 12:12-13)

## **Man**

We believe that man was created in the image and after the likeness of God, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy estate. The consequences of which, all mankind are now sinners not by constraint, but by choice, and therefore, under the just condemnation of God, without excuse or defense. (Genesis 1:26, 3:6; Romans 5:12)

## **Atonement**

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures as a representative and substitutionary sacrifice, and that all who believe in Him are justified on the grounds of His shed blood. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

## **Salvation**

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through faith and that Jesus Christ is the only way of salvation. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free by the Gospel, that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel. (Ephesians 2:8-9)

## **Security**

We believe that those who receive Jesus Christ as Saviour are eternally secure. Our security rests in the finished work of Jesus Christ, and that all the redeemed are kept by God's power and are thus secure in Christ forever. (John 3:16; I John 5:12)

## **Christ's Resurrection**

We believe in the resurrection of the crucified body of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His ascension into Heaven and in His present life there as High Priest and advocate. (Acts 1:9; 1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

## **Second Coming**

We believe in "that blessed hope" – the personal, premillennial, pretribulational and imminent return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, when the church will be "gathered together unto him." (1 Thessalonians 4:13-16; 1 Corinthians 15:50-52)

**Bodily Resurrection**

We believe in the bodily resurrection of the just and the unjust, the everlasting blessedness of the saved and the everlasting punishment of the lost. (1 Corinthians 15:50-52)

**Scriptural Ordinances**

We believe that the Scriptural ordinances of the church are Baptism by immersion and the Lord’s Supper, and are to be administered to believers only as a symbol of their belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ; and as a testimony to the world of that belief and of their death, burial and resurrection with Him; and that the Lord’s Supper should be partaken of by believers only to show forth His death, “till He come.” (1Corinthians 11:23-26)

**The Church**

We believe that the visible church is a congregation of baptized believers, practicing the New Testament principles, believing its doctrines, observing its ordinances and exercising its autonomy. We believe that it is the responsibility of the local church to propagate the Gospel to the world. Every church and Christian should have a part in this ministry. (Acts 2:41-47)

**Present trends in Doctrine and Practice**

We take a stand against any trends in doctrine and practice which lead to discrediting the Bible and undermining the fundamentals of the faith.

- A. Neo-orthodoxy – This theological persuasion is a result of a futile attempt to reconcile “the higher scientific Biblical Criticism” with the true Biblical interpretation. Such an appeal to Biblical revelation is based upon half-truths and as such is false and deceptive. We utterly reject this method and position.
- B. Neo-evangelicalism – This movement, while claiming to be fundamental in theology, has actually compromised the underlying principles of the Christian Faith. It questions inspiration, literal interpretation, accepts liberals as Christians, takes a new attitude toward the ecumenical movement, promotes ecumenical evangelism, denies both ethical and ecclesiastical separation, restructures eschatology, and over stresses the social aspects of the Gospel. We hold this position to be unscriptural.
- C. Ecumenical Movement – The attempt to unite the different faiths today on the basis of the least common denominator of doctrine is a betrayal of the true unity of believers based upon sound doctrine of the historical Christian faith. Its dialogue with other religions is dialectic. Its method of operation is subversive and shows a tendency of totalitarianism. Scripture does not support its concept of an ecclesiastical kingdom. We reject all cooperation with this movement.
- D. The Tongues Movement – We believe that the gift of tongues was given as a sign to Israel and like the gifts of Apostleship and prophecy, which were for the founding of the church, (Ephesians 2:20; 1 Corinthians 14:21,22), and is therefore not being given today. While we recognize that God may give any gift to the Church at any time, we believe that the current resurgence of the practice of the tongues that is not Scripturally regulated and which is usually divisive is not the Scriptural gift of tongues. We, therefore, urge that members of the Mission base their experiences on the written Word of God, seek to use the more important gifts (1Corinthians 12:28), and cultivate Christ-likeness, (Galatians 5:22-23), none of which requires the use of genuine or spurious tongues. BMFP will not accept, or tolerate, a staff member or missionary who practices or encourages the practice of speaking in tongues.

**To the Administrative Management Team:**

The information contained in this formal application has been prepared and submitted prayerfully. **I am in complete agreement** with the Articles of Faith and gladly affix my signature as a testimony of my agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Husband

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature - Wife

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT FOR MISSIONARY SERVICE

## Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc. Jacksonville, Florida

The church of which you are a member has recognized the call of the Lord in your life. They have authorized you and indicated a willingness to commission you to the missionary ministry of the church. The Executive Management Team of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., has approved your church authorization and has endeavored through the Pre-Field Training Seminar to acquaint you with its principles and practices. Therefore, if you believe that you can put these principles and policies into practice on your field of service, you will so indicate by signing and dating the following Articles of Agreement for Missionary Service under Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc.

### **I agree to:**

1. The doctrinal position of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., and I will sign the Articles of Faith as a true expression of my own beliefs.
2. The Biblical faith principle of the mission and will look to the Lord to supply all that is needed for my ministry and the work.
3. The separatist positions of the mission board and will support and maintain this position by the grace of God and to the best of my ability.
4. The historic Baptist principles and will be personally responsible to uphold all of the Baptist distinctives as I understand them.
5. The fact that as a missionary I am fully committed to carry out each part of the Great Commission, thereby to win souls, baptize converts and teach them all things commanded by the Lord, seeking to bring all converts into a church of our faith and practice.
6. The indigenous church principle as defined by Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., and will seek to implement this principle at all times as it is applicable to my ministry.
7. The property holding policy of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., and will consider it applicable to my ministry at all times.
8. The policies of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., in regard to divorce and polygamy and will be guided by these policies.
9. The financial policies and procedures established by Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc., and will cooperate with the home office to the best of my ability to implement these procedures and will seek to keep the testimony of our work above reproach at all times.

### **I also agree to the following:**

If I should fail to go to the field or should return before the agreed expiration of the first term of service, (normally four years). I shall be guided by the home office in the disposition of all properties and finances which have come into my possession as a missionary approved by the Executive Management Team of Baptist Missions to Forgotten Peoples, Inc.

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**Signature**

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**Date**