Starting your missionary career

Have you ever wondered how a mission agency prepares you for deputation and ministry on the mission field? Have you wondered what’s involved in training once you have joined an agency? Joining a mission agency like BMM is an important process that involves many steps. Once you are accepted, you are considered a missionary candidate. The remaining step is to attend BMM’s Candidate Seminar, an evaluation and training session providing orientation for missionary service with BMM. After successfully completing this eight-day seminar held every July here at our Home Office in Cleveland, you are considered a missionary appointee and can start deputation ministry. It’s the official start of your career as a BMM missionary.

A fuller explanation of this important milestone may be helpful. If you are ready to make the step of joining an agency, why not aim to join us next summer? Perhaps this Candidate Seminar flyover will give you the information you need to make a decision.
It is a welcome
Ask those that know us, and they will tell you that BMM is one big family. It’s important to us to convey this to you. During Seminar we will wholeheartedly welcome you into the family. What does it mean to be a part of the BMM Family? We answer this by including sessions with our president and other leaders about the mission statement and core values we all hold dear. We also spend mealtimes together, play games, and simply laugh together, getting to know each other personally. We’re inviting you into a long-term relationship.

It is the start of deputation
To begin raising support, you’ll need missionary accounts set up and an active status with a mission board. That’s why Candidate Seminar is a necessary prerequisite to deputation. Not only will you get fully set up for support commitments, but you will hear from experienced missionaries on the proper mindset for deputation ministry and the how-tos of going about this challenging process.
It is intense training
Each day is filled with sessions training you on important matters from carrying out deputation to understanding missionary finances. Many of those are followed by “lab time,” where you will start making the training your own. For example, we’ll encourage you to sketch out a prayer card design that can serve as a template for the final product. The time is intensive, because we want you to leave Cleveland having all you need to get started on deputation as soon as possible with momentum and confidence. However, we also recognize this is just the beginning, so we don’t give you everything you’ll ever need to know about being a missionary. We’ll save some for Launch Seminar, a four-day training time you will attend after you reach 75-percent support.

Getting started is often the hardest step in any endeavor. It is our desire to help you begin your missionary career with a warm welcome, a full toolbox, and an invigorated passion.

Make plans to join us in July of 2020. Applications are coming in, but the deadline for starting the application process is February 15.

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Application deadline is January 13.