



## “What does BMM look for in a missionary?”

Recently, I have been encouraged by many individuals that are ready to do missions. However, they are humble enough to question whether they have what it takes to be a missionary. They have asked, “What does BMM look for in a missionary?” I’d like to address that question.

This list does not fully describe the [qualifications](#) of joining BMM. However, perhaps it will help you as you prepare to reach the mission field someday.

### **1. Individuals who have a mature Christian character.**

This is a very general statement and sometimes hard to measure. However, a missionary candidate, as with anyone entering full-time ministry, should reach a level of personal discipline and godly character that is noticed and proven. To help us to determine if you qualify in this way, BMM relies heavily on your pastor and others who know you well to answer questions about your attitude, your habits, your choices, etc. We ask about past struggles or difficulties in your life and how you’ve handled them or how you have grown through them. Other areas of evaluation have to do with personal morality and biblical sexuality. We use these and other parameters to evaluate your Christian character. BMM missionaries are not perfect; but we seek, with the help of the local church, to partner with qualified servants of Christ.

### **2. Individuals who are experienced in Christian service and have a lifestyle of active evangelism.**

Missionaries are entrusted with a mission to make disciples. Churches invest in them to carry out the mission of Christ. We believe you need some track record of effective service for the sake of the Gospel before being sent out to the field. Have you put into practice what you say you want to do with your life? If not, seek opportunities through your church to get experience.



**3. Individuals who have adequate Bible training for their desired missionary endeavor and agree with BMM's statement of faith.**

Again, missions is about passing on the teachings of Christ to others. It is important that you have a good understanding of the Scriptures, how to interpret them, and how to define their doctrinal teaching. We will seek to evaluate with you your level of preparedness in this area as it relates to the ministry you are seeking on the field. Related to this is the fact that we expect all of those who serve with us to embrace our beliefs as expressed in the [BMM Articles of Faith](#). In the meantime, we encourage you to get as much Bible training as you can.

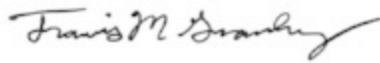
**4. Individuals who hold active membership in a local church that wholeheartedly holds to the same belief and practices of Baptist Mid-Missions.**

We are shaped to serve a unified body of churches and missionaries. No

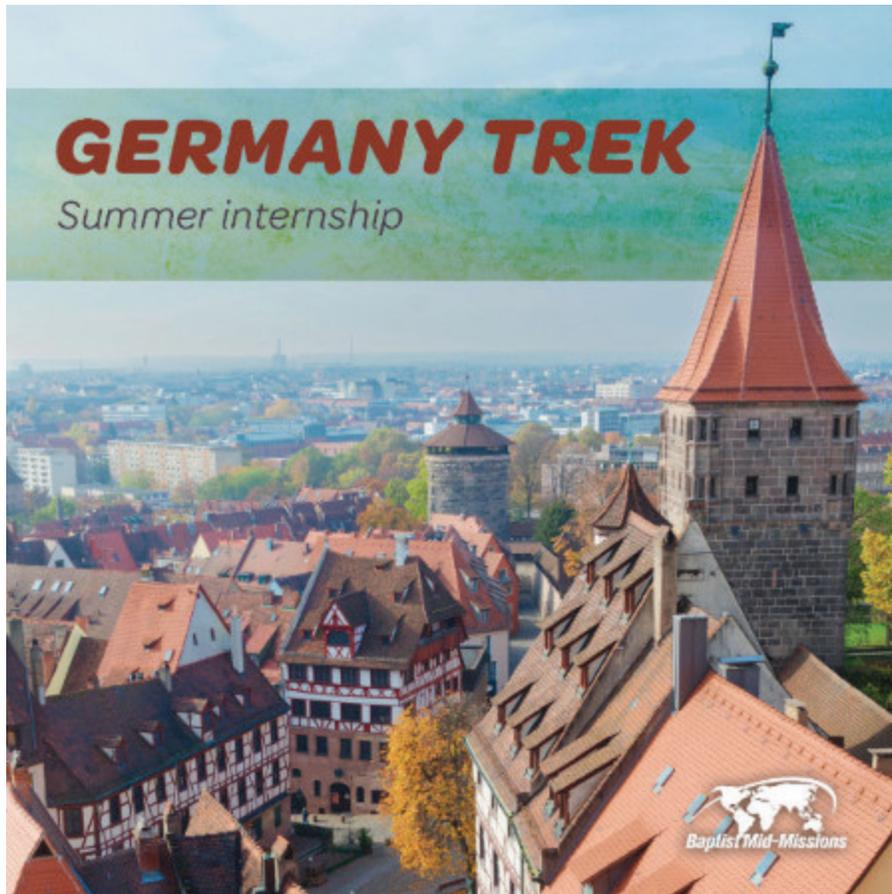
organization claims ownership of BMM; but the workers which serve in our organization, while being diverse in many ways, are all extensions of the same kind of churches, churches that hold to independent Baptist belief and practice.

I trust this gives you an idea of what it takes to join BMM. We would love to serve you and your church. Please let us know how we can help you as you seek to fulfill Christ's command.

For His Name,



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