



NEW LIFE CROYDON'S POLICY FOR REGULAR MISSIONARY SUPPORT

Background

New Life has a long history of missions involvement and commitment. We believe that God's heart is for the nations and that God has called us at New Life to reach out to the nations of the world. A proportion of New Life's offering, as determined by the elders is directly set aside to support missions related activity and a number of our elders are involved in overseas ministry of various kinds. Our 'Reaching out to the Nations' leaflet explains more about our vision and understanding of overseas missions.

A Missions committee made up of a mixture of elders and others who are recognized as having a passion and commitment to missions has been established to oversee missions activity and to provide support and advice to those seeking to serve in Missions and to also act as stewards of the funds available. The missions committee are accountable to the elders who are responsible for the final decisions made in relation to missions.

New Life supports a number of full time missionaries involved in a variety of initiatives including church planting, evangelism, supporting national workers and Christian social action. Our missionaries include overseas based missionaries, UK based missionaries and UK based missionaries operating overseas. Our missions programme also includes pastoral ministry trips and other short term missions trips.

Who will we support?

When considering support of new missionaries the following things will be considered and factored into the decision of committing to financial and/or prayer support. The type of person we would consider supporting...

Home grown - We would primarily look to support those who call New Life their home church and have been regular attendees and active participants over a period of time. We would only consider supporting people from outside the church in exceptional circumstances and we would expect people to fully share New Life's ethos and be actively involved in a local church.

Sense of calling - we would want to see a strong sense of calling and see the journey to that point.

Full of the Holy Spirit and serving the church now - this should be recognised by the church leadership

Demonstration of a Christ like character -

- Interested in people
- Servant heart
- Teachable
- Honest
- Team player
- Under authority
- Patient
- Responsible
- Accountable
- Humble

Evidence of appropriate spiritual gifting/natural ability for the intended ministry

- Heart to share the gospel
- Able to teach others
- Shows initiative/proactive/resourceful
- Demonstrates relevant skills/gifting

We would normally look for someone with a good level of spiritual maturity.

The types of ministry & work we wish to support

We primarily support people from New Life rather than projects. We may however , also consider supporting others who have a direct link with committed people from New Life.

Our primary aim is to release people into a ministry and to support those already in a ministry or participating in a ministry project approved by the elders. We would not normally support the project or organization itself.

The ministry would need to be appropriate for the location and a clear need evident. We would be open to Holy Spirit direction for specific people and ministries.

We would usually expect the missionary to be involved in evangelism and/or discipleship.

The process to be considered for New Life's support

Anyone wishing to be considered for support from New Life will be asked;

- To ensure they have prayed it through beforehand and talk to trusted friends or church members for advice /confirmation.
- To complete the attached missions support application form.

While any application is being processed, applicants seeking support should not make commitments that are dependent on the outcome of the application.

What the committee will do

1. The committee will prayerfully consider the application.

2. We will usually ask the applicant to present their vision to the committee.
3. The committee will make a recommendation to the elders in light of the application and the resources available at that time.
4. This will be followed up with a conversation or meeting with the applicant to discuss the options available and a possible way forward.
5. We will confirm in writing the level and duration of financial support given.

Conflict of interests

To avoid any potential or perceived conflicts of interest, decisions will be made by committee members that are not related to the person(s) requesting support.

Changes to Ministry

Support will be committed for a specific time frame and based on an agreed ministry. If there are significant changes in direction of the ministry, this should be discussed with the Missions committee as this may affect the commitment to on-going support.

Feedback and review

We will ask the missionaries we support to:-

- Send a monthly update and prayer points.
- Complete a review form towards the end of each period of commitment (usually one or two years).

- Ideally attend any New Life missions conference.

Short term Missions

A separate policy exists for short term missions support



Questionnaire for those applying for missionary support from New Life

Personal Details

Name:	
Address:	
Email :	Tel Number:
Family details (ie spouse/children)	
Present Occupation or course studying:	

New Life Involvement

How long have you been attending New Life?:

What Connect Group do you attend:

What teams are you part of at New Life/What tasks do you perform in the church?

Name and contact details of someone from New Life who can give a personal reference:

Your Christian Walk

How long have you been a Christian?

Briefly describe where and how you became a Christian:

What gifts, abilities and talents do you have for your proposed ministry?

What do you feel God is leading you to do?

Describe how God has guided you to this point?

Your call to missionary work

Practicalities

When do you plan to go and for how long?

How are you planning to fund this missions work:

What type of support are you looking for from New Life?

Any other information you feel we should know when considering your application. (Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Please return the completed form to any member of the missions committee.