

**Every Child Ministries**  
*A Christian mission for the forgotten children of Africa*

**‘GET ACQUAINTED’ FORM**

This is not an application form and involves no obligation on your part. We are interested in information which will assist us in advising you as to affiliation with Every Child Ministries. Feel free to use more paper if needed or desired. All information is confidential and will be used only to help guide you as you seek the Lord’s guidance about possible service with Every Child Ministries.

Please note that the International Co-Directors are the only American staff that travel to Africa: to Congo at the beginning of each year (January or February), and to Ghana or Uganda each summer and other times when necessary (please inquire). If you are a self starter we welcome missions during other times of the year, but our African staff, because of culture, will not tell an American what to do. Those that need more direction would be advised to go during the time our Co-Directors are present in Africa. Those that are able to see what needs to be done on their own would be ideal for missions at any time.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

What do you like to be called? \_\_\_\_\_

Home Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

When should we use this address? \_\_\_\_\_

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School Mailing Address, if a student \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

When should we use this address? \_\_\_\_\_

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Preferred way to contact you \_\_\_\_\_ Best days/ hours \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

Have you any known physical, mental, or emotional disabilities that could impair your effectiveness? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what are they? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any allergies or food intolerances? If so, what, and how do you handle it? \_\_\_\_\_

**FAMILY & PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Marital status \_\_\_\_\_ Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_

If not married, do you have plans to marry in the near future? \_\_\_\_\_ When? \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever had homosexual tendencies? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please explain in detail on a separate sheet of paper.

**CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE**

On a separate paper, please write a paragraph or more if you like, telling how and when you came to know Jesus Christ as personal Savior and tracing your Christian growth since then. Include problems as well as victories and be specific.

Do you know you are saved? How?

Have you read ECM's Statement of Faith carefully? (Available on our website, [www.ecmafrica.org](http://www.ecmafrica.org)) . \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have questions about it you would like to discuss with us? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you in complete agreement? \_\_\_\_\_

Church you attend \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member? \_\_\_\_\_ How many times a month do you attend? \_\_\_\_\_

Length of time attended \_\_\_\_\_

Former church affiliation(s) and length of time for each:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Christian work you have done \_\_\_\_\_

How much formal or informal Bible training have you had? \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching experience in Christian work \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever served a short term previously? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, when and for how long? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ What did you do? \_\_\_\_\_

What group sponsored the trip? \_\_\_\_\_

What difficulties did you experience and how did you cope with them? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Highest educational level completed \_\_\_\_\_

When? \_\_\_\_\_ Where? \_\_\_\_\_

Major? \_\_\_\_\_ Minor? \_\_\_\_\_

Other studies \_\_\_\_\_

GPA \_\_\_\_\_ Favorite subjects \_\_\_\_\_

Least favorite subjects \_\_\_\_\_

Languages studied or learned, and level of proficiency in each \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Present occupation \_\_\_\_\_ Since \_\_\_\_\_

Other job experience, studies, skills \_\_\_\_\_  
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### **SERVICE INTEREST**

What length of service are you considering?

Career or long term (4 years or more) \_\_\_\_\_

Two to three years \_\_\_\_\_

One year \_\_\_\_\_

Internship of \_\_\_\_\_ weeks

Short term:

6 weeks \_\_\_\_\_

4 weeks \_\_\_\_\_

3 weeks \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ (specify)

(ECM's policy is that long term missionaries serve a short term first.)

What types of work interest you?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

When do you expect to be available for service? \_\_\_\_\_

## SKILLS

Following are skills that can be valuable in missionary service. Please use the letters below to indicate your level of ability and interest.

**E**-you have some Experience

**P**-you are Proficient & could assume major responsibility

**L**-you like doing it    **D**-you dislike doing it

### Pastoral skills

- Counseling
- Planning worship
- Leading worship
- Planning conferences & retreats
- Conducting evangelistic meetings
- Preaching
- Writing
- Presenting devotions
- Leading youth groups
- Training staff
- Motivating others
- Training laymen
- Personal evangelism
- Personal discipleship

### Teaching & Literacy Skills

- Leading discussion
- Teaching classes
- Leading Bible study
- Editing
- Enlisting & training volunteers
- Preschool education
- Elementary education
- Middle school education
- High school education
- College education
- Vocational education
- Special education
- Coaching athletics
- Coaching dramatics
- Directing music
- Teaching keyboard or instrument
- Research
- Translation
- Writing
- Public speaking
- Literacy

### Art skills

- Fine arts
- Design
- Display presentations
- Photography
- Darkroom
- Teaching art
- Crafts
- Dramatics
- Line drawings
- Video
- Studying the art of another culture
- Interior decoration

### Office skills

- Managing personnel
- Computer data entry
- Computer programming
- Typing (wpm \_\_\_\_\_)
- Proofreading
- Bookkeeping
- Filing/retrieval systems
- Organizing a library
- Receptionist
- Office machines maintenance
- Desktop publishing
- Website design/maintenance
- Search engine specialist

### Management Skills

- Supervising schools
- Supervising groups
- Supervising individuals
- Leading community organizations
- Cooperating with community agencies
- Organizing /guiding committees
- Strategic planning
- Public speaking
- Operating a camp
- Operating a library
- Conducting meetings
- Managing buildings/equipment
- Estimating/administering budgets
- Writing
- Solving problems
- Motivating others
- Fund Raising
- Grant proposal writing
- Financial/investment services
- Public relations
- TV/Radio appearances

- Developing lessons
- Developing teaching aids
- Teaching nationals to read
- Teaching English as a second language
- Training teachers
- Selling
- Marketing
- Negotiating
- Puppet Ministry

**Musical Skills**

- Directing choir or band
- Singing in choir
- Song leading
- Composing/song writing
- Dance type \_\_\_\_\_
- Studying the music of another culture
- Instrument \_\_\_\_\_
- Rhythm band

**Agricultural Skills**

- Flowers
- Gardening
- Composting

**Medical and Health Skills**

- Public health teaching
- Child care
- Nutritional education
- Sexual abstinence education
- AIDS awareness
- Lab tech
- Midwife
- First aid
- CPR
- Emergency/medical tech
- Dispensary/health care
- Nursing RN \_\_\_\_\_ LPN \_\_\_\_\_
- Doctor
- Dentist
- Nurse practitioner
- Dental assistant
- Nurse aid
- Optometry
- Other specialty \_\_\_\_\_
- Sight/hearing testing

**Mechanical and Building Skills**

- Repairing autos/trucks
- Flowers
- Small appliances
- Diesel mechanics
- Carpentry/construction
- Electrical work
- Bicycle repair
- Drawing blueprints
- Architect
- Plumbing
- Cement work, masonry
- Cassette recorder, radio repair
- Manual typewriter repair

**Homemaking Skills**

- Cooking
- Studying the cooking of another culture
- Sewing
- Hand sewing
- Needlecraft type \_\_\_\_\_
- Teach crafts
- Cake decorating
- Baking
- Cleaning
- Planning parties
- Hostess/guest services

**Sports & Hobbies**

- Leading group games
- Teaching sports type \_\_\_\_\_
- Coaching sports type \_\_\_\_\_
- Playing sports type \_\_\_\_\_
- Leading clubs
- Teaching hobby type \_\_\_\_\_

Other skills or interests:

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### **PRACTICAL MATTERS**

The Great African Adventure is a missions service trip, not a vacation. The climate may be hot and uncomfortable. Most hotels have only one or two air conditioned rooms (if any), so there is no way all the team can have air conditioning. Roads may be rough. Facilities may be simple. Hotel rooms may seem dark and dingy, and while basically clean, their standards will probably not measure up to what you are used to. Both electricity and running water may be intermittent. (You fill a bucket with water when it's on and keep a flashlight handy.) Your favorite choices in food are likely to be unavailable and variety is almost sure to be far less than you are accustomed to. Cooking is done for the entire group and individual preferences cannot be catered to. Gripping is not permitted. If you are a fussy eater, you should seriously consider whether God wants you to participate. If He sends you anyway, you need to seriously pray and prepare your heart to eat what is offered with joy.

Are you prepared to accept these conditions without complaint? \_\_\_\_\_

### **MISSIONS**

Why do you believe God is leading you into missionary service?

Do you feel God is leading you to ECM? Why?

How did you learn of Every Child Ministries?

Are you also inquiring into or making application to other mission agencies?  
Which ones?

In faith, each member of the Every Child Ministries team asks God to provide his or her personal and ministry support needs through prayer. Each missionary is responsible to raise funds to cover the anticipated expenses of their ministry. Help, guidance and encouragement is provided all along the way, but the team member must still do the work. Are you willing to assume this responsibility?

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Signature

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Date signed

Please check one:

\_\_\_\_\_ I am seriously beginning the application process. If you feel I can fit in with Every Child Ministries, please send me my official application form.

\_\_\_\_\_ I am exploring at this point. I welcome your evaluation, but I am still thinking and praying for guidance.

Please return for evaluation and suggestions to:

Every Child Ministries  
P.O. Box 810  
Hebron, IN 46341

To ask specific questions, call 219-996-4201 Monday through Friday or 219-736-5421 evenings & weekends.

Or e-mail us at [ecmafrica@ecmafrica.org](mailto:ecmafrica@ecmafrica.org) More info at [www.ecmafrica.org](http://www.ecmafrica.org)

Thank you, and God bless you richly. We will be praying with you that God will guide every step of your search.



*A higher standard.  
A higher purpose.*

On behalf of Every Child Ministries, we hope to hear from you soon.

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