

# **FIRST BAPTIST THOMASTON SENDING POLICY JANUARY 2009**

## **BIBLICAL FOUNDATION:**

Since the local church is God's primary instrument to evangelize the world, it follows that individual local churches should be the environment for the mobilization of new missionary workers. As Acts 13:1-3 teaches, the local church confirms the call of the Holy Spirit in the lives of new missionaries and then commissions them to their missionary service. Mission agencies or teams, whether denominational or interdenominational, then facilitate the placement and ministry of those sent by the local church, in cooperation and communication with that sending church.

## **STEPS TO CAREER MISSIONS:**

1. Affirm God's Call Through:
  - a. Prayer
  - b. Reading God's Word
  - c. Seeking counsel from the Senior Pastor
  - d. Seeking counsel from others i.e. family, friends, mentors, etc.
  - e. Sensing God's leading through situations and circumstances
  
2. Actively Serve In Your Local Church:
  - a. Attend faithfully
  - b. Participate in outreach ministries
  - c. Inform the Global Impact Team of progress regarding your Career Missions calling
  - d. Build an accountability group around you for prayer and support
  - e. Determine your gifts, abilities, skills, and types of ministry you may be interested in by going through the Personalization Process offered by FBCT
  - f. Attend a short term mission trip offered by FBCT through its Global Outreach Plan
  
3. Prayerfully Investigate Possible Mission Agencies with the following criteria in mind:
  - a. Theological position/ Statement of Faith that aligns with that of FBCT
  - b. Credibility of the organization---financial, reputation, history
  - c. Policies and practices
  - d. Availability of ministry in your area of calling
  - e. Requirements/process to join

## **PROCESS TO GETTING READY TO GO:**

1. Complete FBCT's Application Profile
2. Determine and Finalize Sending Mission Agency
3. Schedule Interview with Global Impact Executive Team
4. Develop a Mission Support Team from Membership of FBCT
5. Create a Ministry Assignment Plan
6. Complete Reading/Viewing Selections
7. Participate in Mission Training Course
8. Be Presented to and Affirmed by Global Impact Team
9. Be Commissioned by First Baptist Church Thomaston