

POLICY STATEMENT

GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF THE EVANGELICAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

WORK TEAM COMMITTEE

“Our purpose is to identify, approve, publicize, and implement short term work projects as a method to improve missions ministry and increase local church involvement in the Global Ministries impact on missions.”

The following policies have been established as guidelines for those interested in short term work projects.

1. The volunteer must be a born-again Christian with an active personal relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. The volunteer must agree with, and adhere to, the statement of Faith of the E.C. Church.
3. The volunteer must be committed to Christian service, be able to adjust to different cultures where necessary, and be willing to sacrifice personal comfort and convenience for Christ’s sake.
4. The volunteer must be 18 years of age or older. (NOTE: an exception may be made for youth projects during the summer or vacation time when the minimum age will be 14.)
5. The volunteer will be responsible for the raising of all funds necessary for travel, food, lodging and insurance, etc., for the work project and may be asked to assist in raising funds for materials as well. (These may be tax deductible.)
6. The volunteer agrees to abstain from gambling, the possession and use of alcohol as a beverage, tobacco, all drugs (except ones prescribed for medical reasons), and dancing which is wrongly provocative.
7. The volunteer will be expected to have a current Passport where necessary, complete the proper application, and sign the release form provided by the Global Ministries Office.
8. The volunteer is expected to act in accordance with Christian standards as set forth in the Scriptures.

Romans 12-15 the mature believer limits his behavior in the interest of edifying his fellow believers.

1 Corinthians 8 – Love edifies and refuses to offend other believers.

1 Corinthians 9 – Limits own rights in the interest of the ministry.

1 Corinthians 10 – Avoids temptation and harmful associations.
1 Corinthians 13 – The behavior of love.

In addition the Scripture specifically names acts that we should refrain from, which include: sexual sin, homosexuality, profanity, slander, gossip, greed, jealousy, pride, lust, anger, discrimination and prejudices based on race or social/economic status, occult practices, and the misuse of time.

The volunteer is Christ's Ambassador to the people in the area of ministry.