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Subject: Long Term (Longer than 2 years) - Application Process

The application process moves an interested person from inquirer to deployed missionary while training and preparing the applicant for the mission field, as well as allowing mutual evaluation by ECMI-USA, the sending church, the leadership of the chosen country of service, and the applicant.

The major steps are:

1. Fill out Get Started form (10 min)
2. Initial interview within one week, with follow up interviews as need to clarify questions, including any up-front costs and the necessary support levels
3. Fill out application and doctrinal statement with references (4-6 hrs)
4. Get feedback from references, sending church, transcripts, background checks (3-5 weeks)
5. Visit the country where you will be ministering and meet the team (about 2 weeks)
6. Complete candidate orientation (1 week)
7. Complete training in support-raising (3 weeks)
8. Raise support (nominally 65 weeks)
9. Obtain necessary visa (nominally 13 weeks)
10. Complete training in cross-cultural missions and language learning skills (4 weeks)
11. Complete all necessary administration and legal forms
12. Be commissioned by sending church
13. Depart for country of service when 100% support is raised