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Subject: Short Term Application Process (3 months to 2 years)

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. Interview within one week, with follow up interview(s) as needed to clear up questions, including any up-front costs and necessary support levels
3. Fill out application, with references (4 hours)
4. Get feedback from references, sending church, transcripts, and background checks (up to five weeks)
5. Visit the country where you will be ministering; meet the team (Nominally 2 weeks).  
*Generally this visit is only for candidates ministering from 1 to 2 years.*
6. Complete candidate orientation (one week, or 4-6 hours on-line)
7. Get training in support-raising (3 weeks) *Generally this is only for candidates ministering from 1 to 2 years.*
8. Raise support (from 3 to 65 weeks depending on the length of the mission)
9. Obtain necessary visa (nominally 13 weeks)
10. Complete training in cross-cultural missions and language learning skills (4 weeks)  
*Generally this task is only for candidates ministering from 1 to 2 years.*
11. Complete all necessary administration and legal forms
12. Be commissioned by sending church
13. Depart for country of service when support level is 100%