



GLOBAL PIPELINE

REACHING THE UNREACHED

INTERSEPT APPLICATION



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PREFACE

Before we offer to train you, we should probably know a little about you. Our interest in asking detailed information of you is to eventually assist and encourage you to progress in all areas of your life, preparing you for the possibility of full-time ministry overseas or preparing you to be an active member of a sending team. We are not looking for saints. Your answers in regard to sensitive areas of your past do **not** necessarily disqualify you from Global Pipeline. God specializes in using broken vessels. He chooses to use us despite our past hurts, habits and hang-ups.

All sensitive information provided in your application is confidential and will only be read by the facilitators and the Global Pipeline Ministry Team members who are directly involved in the interview process. This information will not be shared with others without your express permission.

Please answer all questions completely. We encourage you to turn in applications as soon as possible, but **all applications must be turned in by Sunday, December 5, 2010.**



REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

1. A Holy Spirit prompted conviction that you somehow want to participate, by going or sending, in reaching an unreached people group somewhere in the world.
2. An agreement to be interviewed by the Global Pipeline Ministry Team before acceptance. The purpose of this interview is:
 - a. To introduce you to the members of the Global Pipeline Ministry Team who will be supporting you throughout the internship and.
 - b. To gauge your commitment and readiness for the internship.
3. A firm commitment to all aspects of required training program and the resolve to follow through to its completion.
4. Payment of \$225 before the first meeting for:
 - a. Books (\$75)
 - b. Retreats (\$75)
 - c. Training event in Phoenix (\$75)



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PERSONAL APPLICATION

Full legal name _____

Preferred name _____

Birth date: ____ / ____ / ____

Current Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country: _____

Email address _____

Home phone _____

Work phone _____

Cell phone _____

Place of Employment _____

Please indicate which evenings you would be available for the weekly intern meetings:

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Education

Please check the highest level of education you've completed.

Have not finished high school

High school diploma or GED

Some college

What major? _____

Technical school degree

What major? _____

Bachelor's degree

What major? _____

Master's degree

What major? _____

Ph.D. or professional degree

What major? _____

Financial Information

1. Are you in any financial situation that you can see as an obstacle to your participation in Global Pipeline?

Yes

If yes, please explain: _____

No

2. Do you trust God enough to regularly give a significant % of your income back to God?

Yes No

Family Background

3. Did you grow up in a Christian home?

Yes No

4. What is your marital status?

Single

How do your parents feel about your participation in Global Pipeline? _____

Engaged

Have you discussed Global Pipeline with your fiancé? _____

Married

How does your spouse feel about your participation in Global Pipeline? _____

Divorced

Have you gone through DivorceCare or some form of professional or lay counseling? _____

Widowed

Have you gone through GriefShare or some form of professional or lay counseling? _____

5. Briefly describe your family background.

Your Spiritual Journey

6. Briefly describe how you came to put your faith in Christ.

7. What previous church experiences (outside of First Covenant) have you had?

8. Are you a member of First Covenant?

9. Have you ever been involved in the occult, new age practices, or a cult (Mormons, Jehovah's Witnesses, etc.)?

Yes No If yes, please explain. _____

10. What church ministries have you participated in? What did you like or dislike about the opportunity?

11. Did you ever take the lead in any ministry, work, etc.?

12. In your work, ministry, volunteer opportunities, did you ever have certain personalities that you struggled with?

13. Were you able to be sensitive to that person in a positive way?

14. Describe your personal devotional life.

15. How often do you attend corporate worship services?

16. Why do you want to participate in Global Pipeline?

17. Do you see yourself more likely to GO or to SEND? Please explain.

18. Can you commit to completing the entire Global Pipeline internship?

Yes No

19. What does commitment look like to you? Share something you began and completed on your own.

Medical and Psychological Condition

As you answer questions 20-33, please understand:

Problems in the following areas do not necessarily disqualify candidates. In God's hands, life's greatest struggles offer provide the foundation for our greatest personal assets.

20. How many days were you absent from work (or school) due to illness in the last year?

21. Will you have medical insurance during Global Pipeline?

Yes No

22. Are you currently taking any medication or under a doctor's care? If so, indicate reason and any limitations it may cause:

23. Do you have any disabilities or health conditions that require special care? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

24. Do you have any chronic illnesses or allergies? If so, what are they?

Yes No

25. Do you have a history of any abuse of alcohol or drugs? If yes, how many years of sobriety have you experienced?

Yes No

26. Do you tend to experience strong anxiety? If yes, how often do you experience anxiety? What are your triggers? What do you fear?

Yes No

27. Have you had prolonged problems with depression or mood swings in the past five years? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

28. Have you seen a professional counselor (including career or pre-marital counseling) in the past five years? If yes, when? For what purpose? How was it helpful?

Yes No

29. Have you consulted a psychiatrist or psychologist concerning a mental or emotional condition in the past five years? If yes, when? For what purpose? How was it helpful?

Yes No

30. Have you ever been abused (please check all that apply)?

- Physically
- Emotionally
- Sexually
- Raped

31. If you checked any of the boxes in question 30, have you received counseling to deal with the incident(s)?

Yes No

32. Have you had episodes of rebellion in your life in the last five years (defiance of authority figures, not open to accountability, defiance of rules or laws, illegal activities, etc.?) If yes, please explain.

Yes No

33. Have you ever been convicted of a crime or felony? If yes, please explain.

Yes No

Moral Integrity

Jesus teaches that those in the Kingdom of Heaven can live a different kind of life, one marked by significantly less anger, lust, dishonesty, retaliation, pride, materialism, anxiety, condemnation, etc., (Matthew 5-7). Though God's forgiveness is full and complete, there is a distinction between forgiveness for past sins and necessary, biblical suitability for spiritual leadership. 1 Timothy 3 outlines qualifications necessary for those who desire to be spiritual leaders. In light of this, Global Pipeline is deeply concerned that interns progress as apprentices of Jesus, and become more and more like Him. Because of grace, our past does not determine suitability for the internship. A past problem in any area does not disqualify you, provided:

- (1) it can be determined that your present convictions are strong and consistent with Scripture and
- (2) a sufficient time-tested track record of victory has been established.

34. Briefly describe your struggles and victories with anger and forgiveness.

35. Have you set guidelines for yourself in the area of sexual purity to ensure minimal temptation?
If so, what are they?

Yes No

36. Do you allow yourself to view pornographic material?

Yes No

37. Have you had any sexual relationships in the past five years, real or vicarious, which would not be considered above reproach? If so, when was the last occurrence?

Yes No

38. What is your track record with telling the truth ... all the time?

39. Are you able to turn the other cheek, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you? Without giving names, share an example of overcoming mistreatment in your life.

Yes No

40. Do you practice your good deeds (giving, praying, fasting, etc.) to be seen by people or by God?

41. Describe your prayer life compared to our Lord's Prayer.

42. What and where are your treasures? Do you spend and keep a lot for yourself or give a lot away? What have you given away that was valuable to you, but felt it best served another?

43. How anxious are you when things don't go your way? Give an example.

44. Describe how you tend to condemn others.

45. Do you have any additional comments or clarification about anything on this questionnaire? If yes, please describe below.

Yes No

I have carefully and truthfully answered the questions above. I understand and agree with the purpose of First Covenant Church and of the Global Pipeline internship.

Signature _____

Date _____



EXPECTATIONS FOR INTERNS

Personal Plan for Spiritual Growth

Above all, the internship is designed to help you develop a greater passion for Jesus. In hopes of fulfilling this purpose a great deal of emphasis will be placed on your Personal Plan for Spiritual Growth. Interns will be provided with some training and tools in evaluating their spiritual growth and then will be encouraged to develop a Personal Plan, a working and evolving document establishing goals and practices designed to encourage deeper discipleship. We will seek to strike a healthy balance between spiritual disciplines and openness to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The Personal Plan will be updated throughout the year; a practice we hope becomes a way of life as we continue to seek a greater passion for Jesus.

Quiet Times

The foundation of every Personal Plan for Spiritual Growth is a lifestyle that makes having regular Quiet Times with the Lord a priority. Spiritual disciplines of prayer, study, reflection, solitude, worship, journaling, etc., need to be practiced regularly without falling victim to routine or legalism. The goal is spending time with Jesus because we are passionate about Him. Scripture readings during the internship will focus on multiple readings of all four Gospels and the Book of Acts.

Jesus Stories

Each week during the first semester interns will learn, and practice telling, one of 15 Jesus Stories. The stories will then be reviewed during the second semester. Far from verbatim recitation, the goal is learning to tell stories just as Jesus modeled for us in the Gospels. Learning Jesus Stories can help us gain a greater passion for Him and can be very effective in sharing our faith with not-yet-believers, especially with Cousins whose cultures are often rich in story-telling.

Weekly Intern Meetings

Group training consists of weekly intern meetings on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday nights. Dinner is at 6:30 PM and the actual meetings will start at 7 PM, with an ending time set for 9:30 PM. (In order to honor everyone's schedules and personal commitments, we will be diligent to end at 9:30 or earlier). Near perfect attendance is expected; however it is understood that some absences are unavoidable. In case you need to miss a meeting, please contact the facilitators in advance.

Assignments

In order to nurture a greater passion for Jesus, His kingdom and global missions, the internship includes numerous reading assignments. Most of the readings are on spiritual growth, but others focus on specific ministries and missions. Questions are provided to help you process and apply what you are reading. Responses to these questions are to be emailed to the facilitators each week. The answers do not need to be full essays, but should be complete enough to demonstrate a grasp of the reading. Failure to regularly complete assignments will hamper group discussions and may result in the intern being asked to discontinue their participation in the program.

House Church

During the second semester, in conjunction with the study of the book of Acts, interns will be asked to participate in a three (3)-month House Church experiment. Goals include developing a more biblical definition of "church" and becoming familiar with issues that "goers" will experience on the field and away from an organized church like the ones they are familiar with.

Corporate Prayer

Corporate prayer is a wonderful gift that the Lord has given to the Church. It binds us together, encourages us, challenges us, and draws us as a body closer to Him. Corporate prayer is also a key component of every Church Planting Movement (CPM) so if we desire to see a CPM among Cousins here in the Sacramento area as well as among Cousins in Northern India, we need to regularly practice Corporate Prayer. Interns will regularly pray with one another, for one another, and for the world around them.

Outreach

Global Pipeline interns don't talk about outreach, they live it. No matter what our particular gifts or callings are, we all are called to "go and preach the Gospel." Interns will practice sharing their faith in respectful and culturally-appropriate ways among Cousins here in the Sacramento area. Graduate assistants (former interns) will accompany current interns in attending mosque and other activities with a goal of each individual developing significant and lasting relationships with Cousins. This practice may seem a little scary at first, but intentionality and loving patience will reap great benefits.

Retreats

There will be two retreats during the internship: September 17-19, 2010, and January 7-9, 2011. These will be great opportunities for significant self-discovery as well as relationship-building among the intern group.

Commitment to First Covenant Church

The Global Pipeline Internship is a vital part of the Missions Strategy of First Covenant Church. Recognizing that individuals may join the internship from other churches, interns are expected to support the ministries and unity of their churches as best they can. Scripture is clear about submitting to the authority of those placed over us, so we want to genuinely respect church leadership. The experiences of the internship can be very powerful and may stretch us to think in new ways. Those experiences and thoughts should not be used to criticize the Church or other believers, but rather to encourage and lovingly challenge them to a deeper commitment to Christ.

Time Commitment

Please realize the Global Pipeline Internship is designed for people working/studying full time. We anticipate that all internship activities (including the weekly meetings) will require about 10-12 hours per week. Please understand; the internship IS possible, but it requires top priority status for eight months. You may need to sacrifice other activities to accomplish the goals of the internship. The following is the anticipated time commitment:

Eight Month Commitment

- 34 weeks of intensive guided study
- 30 training sessions in homes of interns
- 3 months of House Church
- 2 Weekend Retreats

Weekly Commitment (approximate)

- 3 Hour Intern Meetings and Corporate Prayer
- 3 Hours in Quiet Time and Jesus Stories
- 2 Hours Personal Plan and Assignments
- 2 Hours Outreach
- 2 Hours House Church and Corporate Prayer (February – April)



GLOSSARY

Five Fold Team – a team of five church leaders dedicated to supporting Global Pipeline Interns and the team that will eventually be established in Northern India.

Goer – someone who sees themselves at some point potentially moving to live among an unreached people group in order to share the Gospel with them.

Sender – someone who sees themselves as actively supporting goers long-term by offering emotional, spiritual and/or financial support and by helping to communicate the vision of the goers to the body of Christ at home.

Church Planting Movement – a situation in which indigenous churches are rapidly reproducing themselves among a particular people group or sub-culture.



LEADER REFERENCE FORM

This form is to be completed by a small group leader, pastor, elder, other Christian leader.

I, _____, have applied to be an intern in Global Pipeline. I hereby waive my right to read this reference form after it is completed.

Applicant signature _____

The Global Pipeline internship is a high commitment opportunity to allow participants to engage in specific local cross-cultural ministry and to prepare participants for possible overseas missions. Your prompt cooperation in filling out this form completely and honestly will be greatly appreciated. Be assured that your reply will be held in strict confidence.

Name of person filling out this reference _____

Your occupation _____

Phone _____

How long have you known the applicant? _____

In what relationship? _____

How well would you say you know the applicant?

Very well Well Average Not Very Well Almost Not at All

1. Is there indication that the applicant's decision to participate in Global Pipeline has been significantly influenced by a desire to escape personal, family or vocational situations?

Yes No

2. Does the applicant have the ability to make decisions and follow through on them?

Yes No

3. Does the applicant respond well to authority?

Yes No

4. Does the applicant take responsibility and demonstrate leadership?

Yes No

5. Is the applicant sensitive to needs, feelings and attitudes of others?

Yes No

6. Does the applicant work well with others?

Yes No

7. To your knowledge, does the applicant respond well under difficult circumstances?

Yes No

8. Are you aware of any instance(s) of mental or emotional illness or instability by the applicant?

Yes No

9. To your knowledge, has the applicant ever used narcotics, hallucinogens or drugs not prescribed by a physician?

Yes No

10. Do you have any reservations concerning the financial integrity and/or the indebtedness of the applicant?

Yes No

11. Have you ever had reason to question the applicant's morals?

Yes No

12. Does the applicant have any outstanding ability or talent?

Yes No

13. What degree of confidence would you have in this applicant as a leader?

Yes No

14. Any other information that you think might be helpful in considering the individual's application?

Yes No

15. Does the applicant demonstrate commitment and dedication to the challenges they take on? Does the applicant demonstrate willingness and resolve to see those challenges through to the end?

Yes No

Signature _____

Date _____

**Please mail this completed form
by Monday, July 12, 2010, to:**

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