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Application for Ministry Support

Good News Church's mission is to lead people to a growing relationship with Jesus Christ by loving God, loving one another, and serving the world. One tangible way to practice this is through our missions which we're called to be involved in and to support financially.

Guidelines (things that are important to us—in no particular order)

- The gospel message is shared
- Opportunities for church members or groups to be involved at different comfort/commitment levels
- Missions close to home that make an impact on the community
- Missions abroad must focus on unreached people groups
- Personal ties, members of our church family answering their call
- Balancing our support among missionaries and ministries in the following categories:
 - Those who provide for Immediate/emergency relief for basic needs (food, clothing, shelter, etc.)
 - Those who develop longer-term relationships that equip and empower those working to change their poverty of resources (financial, physical, emotional, mental, support systems)
 - Those who are working to create change that makes things fairer in our community or world.
 - Those who provide educational opportunities that develop a richer, more comprehensive biblical training

Application

1. Title of Mission/Project:

Youth With A Mission Amsterdam

2. Contact Information

General Phone Number: 020 530 2100

If you would like to be in contact with the base leaders or my team leader specifically, please send me an email and I can share their information with you.

3. Agency's/Applicant's Name:

YWAM Amsterdam
Ashton Sperle

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Kadijksplein 18

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9. City/State/Country(s):

Amsterdam, The Netherlands

10. Church Affiliation (if any):

Non-denominational

11. What is the mission of your organization? (1/2 page maximum):

“Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is a global movement of Christians from many denominations dedicated to presenting Jesus personally to this generation, to mobilizing as many as possible to help in this task, and to the training and equipping of believers for their part in fulfilling the Great Commission. As citizens of God’s kingdom, we are called to love, worship, and obey our Lord, to love and serve His Body, the Church, and to present the whole gospel for the whole person throughout the whole world. We of Youth With A Mission believe that the Bible is God’s inspired and authoritative word, revealing that Jesus Christ is God’s son; that people are created in God’s image; that He created us to have eternal life through Jesus Christ; that although all people have sinned and come short of God’s glory, God has made salvation possible through the death on the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ; that repentance, faith, love and obedience are fitting responses to God’s initiative of grace towards us; that God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth; and that the Holy Spirit’s power is demonstrated in and through us for the accomplishment of Christ’s last commandment, ‘Go into all the world and preach the good news to everyone’ (Mark 16:15 NLT).”

12. Briefly describe the kind of work the organization does. (1/2 page maximum):

As YWAM, we have many ministries. I personally am involved primarily in Discipleship Training

Schools. In addition, we have many ministry teams based in Amsterdam reaching out on a local, national, and international level.

13. Describe the scope of ministry (State the overall major goal(s) and general means for carrying out the mission (1/2 page maximum):

The DTS is an intensive Christian training course beginning with a 12 week lecture/teaching phase followed by a 12 week practical field assignment. The DTS is designed to encourage students in personal character development, cultivating a living relationship with God and identifying their unique individual gifts and callings in God. Cross-cultural exposure and global awareness are special emphases throughout the course, preparing the students to reach current and future generations and answer the call to “go into all the world and disciple all nations” (Mat 28:19). We aim to, during this time, emphasize the importance of reaching the unreached and hope to offer students tools to partner with Jesus in seeking and saving the lost. Time spent in Amsterdam often focuses on the unreached as well as more and more of the tourists we see in the city have heard little, if any, of the Gospel.

14. Intended people group to whom you are ministering?

Primarily the DTS is focused on engaging young people who can be trained in missions in order to take what they have learned into any sphere of society. As a part of the DTS, I lead three month international outreaches. These times are focused on unreached people groups. During the six months I’m not working with DTS, I am based in the city of Amsterdam. On base we have many ministries with focuses on various people groups from the many unreached tourists and locals, to the Dutch church, to anybody in between.

15. Project location(s), Project Management location(s): (Use no more than 3 or 4 lines)

Based out of Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

16. Intended Outcome(s) of the Project Mission:

To welcome people into the Body of Christ and, from there, equip them to invite others to do the same.

17. How is the gospel message delivered?

Over the course of the DTS it is delivered through lectures, one on one mentoring, and hands on training. Throughout the outreach phase, we connect with ministries in the area to partner with them in what they are doing. This can look like street evangelism, relational house visits, sharing in churches, helping with practical needs, running training schools for the locals, etc.

18. Date of Initiation of the Project and Date of Conclusion/Termination:

August 2018 - N/A

19. State the current and potential participation of Good News Church congregation members if any. (Provide names of participants from GNC and the roles they do and/or will play in the mission/ministry project.)

Currently the involvement has been communication and great relational support, especially from Deb. I believe the youth group will also be partnering with me in prayer which I am incredibly excited about!

20. Budget: Itemize the financial needs for this project (One Page Maximum)

As a missionary with YWAM, I do not receive any income. In short, what is required of the Dutch government in order for me to keep my Visa is approximately \$1,400. Of that, I have \$600 in monthly support so I am in need of about \$500 more monthly, some of which I'm praying will come from individuals I am in contact with. These finances cover everything - my rent, food, insurance, travel, outreaches and more. Excess finances go into savings for international outreaches or blessing other missionaries who might be struggling financially.

21. List the name(s) of the organization/person receiving direct financial support from GNC:

Ashton Sperle

22. How will you share with us reasons to celebrate, ways to pray, and additional opportunities for engagements with you and your mission?

I have monthly newsletters I am happy to send to whoever wants to receive them. I would also be happy to send regular video updates to share with the congregation. When home, typically once a year, I'd love to take time to share with the church. I am open to thinking of more ways to involve the church, specifically the young people to engage in world missions from where they stand now!

In addition, one thing I have discovered in the past two years of missions is the importance of coming and going from a church who has agreed to be a "home base" of sorts. I have found that the going was always meant to be done together, and while I am in the nations, I have seen how important it is to make space for others to actively engage in missions from where they are. That being said, I believe that a huge part of sharing with Good News in this journey is simply having my heart open to others walking alongside me - to not claim this as "my" missionary work, but rather, "ours." I want this to not only be my story of seeing the Gospel spread and Jesus rightly known, but the whole of the Church's story, whatever that might end up looking like. :)