

“We have thousands of people who need to leave Canada on mission and hundreds of places that need them for the Cause of Jesus to go forward.”

- Ian Green, Founder of Next Level International



Preparing to send our best.

Is this for you?

PAOC's Mid-Term Mission Program (MTM) is designed to place men and women in various international mission opportunities on a "mid-term" basis.

- Longer than a short-term team (2-8 weeks), and shorter than a long-term commitment, MTM focuses on opportunities between 2 months and up to 1 year
- Anyone 18 and over who wants to use their skills and interests in international work
- Some examples include: "gap year" students, college interns, middle-aged professionals, early retirees, etc.
- Plans are varied: some are investigating long-term mission involvement, some are seeking the adventure of travel, others are hoping to visit and support overseas friends, while many are in the middle of a change in life and are looking for the next steps

Are you looking for great preparation?

What will you do?

Following a positive short-term team mission, you may be inspired to pursue a longer international opportunity. You may have already contacted your former host and inquired about further volunteering. Others are open to new destinations and unknown prospects.

Most MTMs *tend* to volunteer for approximately 2-12 months, are self-supported financially, and go to support the work of a present career missionary or host.

Typical opportunities include:

- Health and Social Justice Issues, HIV/AIDS
- Professional and technical resources, proposal writing and project management
- Teaching, training, school administration
- Building, construction, maintenance
- Orphan care, children's ministry, VBS, youth camps
- Church outreach, evangelism, street ministry

What about training?

New MTMs are often highly motivated and dramatically untrained, their desire outstripping their experience.

We will be requiring all applicants to complete our facilitator-based portfolio method of training before departure.

Each successful applicant will be paired with an experienced facilitator who will work with them throughout the pre-departure preparation, on field mission, and re-entry phases.

Frequently Asked Questions.

Q. How does someone go about starting the process to become a MTM?

A. Complete our short application form. Applicants will be quickly contacted for an in-person or Skype™ interview.

Q. Is there an application fee?

A. No, there is no application fee. However, if the applicant's file is approved for a MTM assignment, there is a \$750 training fee that can be raised as part of the MTM's budget. This fee covers training materials, time with facilitator, administration help, financial covering (receipts), budgeting assistance, and debriefing & evaluations upon arrival home. On top of the initial \$750 training fee, there will also be an administrative fee of \$75/month during deployment for on-field support and check-ups.

Q. Is there an age restriction?

A. Must be 18 years or older at the time of departure.

Q. How long can one be a MTM volunteer for?

A. MTM assignments *usually* range in length from 2 months to 12 months.

Q. How is the mission destination determined?

A. MTM applicants may already have a location worked out. Alternatively, the assigned facilitator can offer suggestions after getting to know the applicant's skill set.

Q. How long does the training process take?

A. Anywhere from 6 weeks to 6 months. This is completely dependent on previous experience,

missionary requirements, and context for the mission, as well as the applicant's free time. Each successful applicant will begin by taking a preparation survey on our web site to determine the depth of his or her previous preparation.

Q. Do MTMs go with a team or group?

A. No, the MTM program is designed for individuals, couples and families.

Q. Who guides the MTM candidate through the process?

A. MTM volunteers are partnered with trained facilitators in Canada right from their initial application, through their time on the field, and until completion of their debriefing upon return. While on the field, PAOC missionaries or national hosts will be the primary support for the MTM volunteer (e.g. organizing housing, on-field care and project objectives).

Q. How much money should be raised?

A. The budget is different for each country and is set by the facilitator with input from the host missionary and PAOC IM staff. It can range anywhere from \$600/month to \$1200/month.

Q. Can donors get tax receipts for donations?

A. Yes. The PAOC will issue receipts at year-end. All MTM Preparation Process Fees are also eligible for tax receipts.

Q. If the MTM has a good experience, is there another level of service they can move into?

A. Yes, a MTM with positive evaluations from their facilitator and missionary host can fast track approval into a long-term assignment.



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“Great preparation will make someone dangerous to issues of injustice, weak preparation will only make someone dangerous to themselves.”

- Mark Crocker (Prepared Just Enough To Be Dangerous, MTM Guide)