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M.A.P.S. General Parameters

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Missionary Assistance Program Services

1. WHAT IS THE CFN M.A.P.S PROGRAM?

- The CFN M.A.P.S. Program exists to assist Christ For the Nations graduates who decide to follow the Lord's calling into overseas missionary service.
- The M.A.P.S. Program serves an approved M.A.P.S. program member by receiving monetary donations on their behalf, issuing a tax-deductible receipt to the donor, charging a service fee, and depositing the balance into the account and financial institution of the member's choice.

2. WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE CFN M.A.P.S. PROGRAM?

- A graduate of Christ For The Nations Institute, having completed:
 - The One-year Leadership Training Certificate
 - The Two-Year Diploma
 - Third Year Majors*A Director of a Christ For The Nations Associated school who has not graduated from Christ For The Nations Dallas will be considered.
- The above-mentioned individual who intends to remain on the foreign field (outside of the United States) as a long-term resident missionary for at least one year. Individuals intending short-term missions outreaches are not eligible to become a MAPS member.
- The M.A.P.S. applicant who is currently residing in the United States must present a plan and have full intent to leave for the foreign mission field within 60 days before a MAPS account may be activated.

3. WHAT ARE THE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS?

- Submit the M.A.P.S. Application Form virtually using this link: International Ministries – Missionary Assistance Program Application
- Send a letter of recommendation from a current faculty member of Christ For The Nations, Institute in PDF form to chris.shay@cfni.org
- An interview will be conducted with the Lead over the MAPS program either in person or by video call.

- An applicant will not be approved for the M.A.P.S Program while they still have outstanding school bills.
- The MAPS applicant must identify a pastor or senior missionary that they will have ongoing accountability with that person.
- The MAPS applicant must have a prayer team they formed for their ministry.
- The MAPS applicant must commit to sending monthly reports via the MAPS monthly report gravity form. [MAPS Monthly Activity Report](#)
- If a U.S. citizen, The MAPS applicant must agree to maintain accident and health insurance.
- The MAPS applicant must identify a support group that can respond to their emergencies, including medical emergencies.
- The MAPS applicant must recognize that Christ For the Nations is not a mission agency with emergency response capabilities.

4. HOW DOES THE M.A.P.S. PROGRAM WORK?

- An applicant is accepted into the MAPS program and then their name is placed on the MAPS giving page. Missionary Assistance Program - Christ For The Nations (cfn.org)
- The Missionary seeks out individual donors and shares the link above so that the donor may send in tax deductible donations.
- Christ For The Nations deducts a 10% administration fee each from the donations.
- Christ For The Nations processes the funds from the donors and then makes deposits to the member's designated bank account or mailing address on the 10th of each month.
- The donors receive a tax-deductible receipt form Christ For The Nations for their donations.
- The donor understands that all MAPS donations are given to Christ For The Nations to administrate. The Missions Committee administers all MAPS funds and seeks to designate funds to MAPS recipients as requested; however, it is understood that monies are distributed at the determination of the Missions Committee.

- At the end of the year a MAPS member (if a US citizen) will receive a 1099 form for the receipt of donations as non-employed compensation to be reported to the IRS.
- You are required to complete an Activity Report each month and submit the annual summary of these reports to this office in January of each year.
- In the event of the death of a MAPS member, donations are suspended, and donors are informed. If Christ For The Nations is unaware of the death and continues to send monies, it is understood that the funds were given to the MAPS members estate. Once Christ For The Nations is made aware of the death, donations will no longer be received, processed or deposited. Donors are permitted to re-designate the funds, but refunds are not permissible because they have received tax deductible receipts.

5. ONCE MY APPLICATION IS APPROVED, WHAT THEN?

- You may inform your donors that they may begin sending their contributions using the following link:
[Missionary Assistance Program - Christ For The Nations \(cfn.org\)](https://www.cfn.org)
- Donations may be made by mail and check using the following information:
Christ For The Nations – MAPS Program
P.O. Box 769000
Dallas, Texas 75376-9000
- Donations made by check must include a note stating:
For (your name) in (country); MAPS)
- It is important that you put the CFN MAPS Program on your mailing list using the address above. This helps us to keep up with address changes and prayer needs.
- Be sure to write a personal “Thank You” note to each of your donors along with your monthly newsletter.

6. WHEN I RETURN TO THE UNITED STATES

- The CFN MAPS policy stipulates that donations for the MAPS member will not be processed for more than 60 days after the member has returned to the United States, unless they have a definite return departure date to the mission field.
- Circumstances for which MAPS may receive and process funds for the participant during an extended stay of up to 180 days, may be considered and potentially approved, include:
 - The Birth of a child.
 - A medical condition requiring extensive care.
 - An approved season of furlough.

-Please note that a request for continued funding through MAPS during an extended stay must be made and approved via email before returning to the United States or within 30 days after arrival.
- If the MAPS member does not plan to return to the mission field (outside of the United States) they must notify this office immediately.
- If the MAPS member is residing in the United States for an extended time (beyond 180 days) their account will be designated as inactive, until they notify this office that they are intending to return to the mission field and provide proof of travel.

7. IMPORTANT THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

- As a member of the Christ For The Nations, MAPS Program, you are considered a self-employed missionary.
- You are personally responsible to report your taxable income to the IRS (if you are a U.S. Citizen).
- You are responsible to submit your own tax return each year. In January each year Christ For The Nations will issue a 1099 to each active member, which you will then submit together with your tax return.
- You are required to complete a Monthly Activity Report using the following link: <https://forms.cfni.org/maps-activity-report/>
- Christ For The Nations reserves the right to make any changes to the program that it deems necessary. You will be notified of any such changes.

GUIDELINES FOR PREPARING A MISSIONARY NEWSLETTER

1. Give a brief background of how you came to be interested in the particular area of the world which you are going.
2. Give information about who you will be working with on the field (name of the Missionary or national worker, name of organization, and type of ministry involved). Be very specific about the kind of work you expect to be doing. Mention whether you expected to learn the language, etc. It is no enough to say “Please support this ministry of taking the gospel to the lost people of Africa.”
3. Be as specific as possible about your expected departure date, and mention how long you expect to remain on the field working in the ministry project for which you are appealing.
4. Remember that people are interested in NEED, plus OPPORTUNITY, plus VICTORY in the Name of the Lord. Almost everything in a good ministry is in one of these three areas.
5. Please note that you are not authorized to use the Christ For The Nations letterhead, logo, nor may you state that you are affiliated with CFN. Instead, you may state you have attended or graduated from CFN and include following paragraph toward the end of your letter:

“Christ For The Nations will be happy to receive your donation and send you a tax-deductible receipt. All donations processed in this way will be forwarded to me each month. Make your check payable to:

Christ For The Nations
P.O. Box 769000
Dallas, Texas 75376-9000

Be sure to enclose a note stating:

“For the **MAPS** support of _____ (your name) _____ in _____ (country) _____ .”

*****Include the following link if you send your newsletter or report virtually:**

[Missionary Assistance Program - Christ For The Nations \(cfn.org\)](https://www.cfn.org)

6. It is a good idea to include a recent photograph of yourself (and your wife and family, if married).
7. Use your own return address on the letterhead and ask people to use that address for correspondence. Only donations should be sent to the Christ For The Nations address, please do not have them send correspondence for you to CFN.
8. Please contact us when you plan to leave the country (when you plan to be in the United States) for any period of time and/or you have a different mailing address. If you plan to leave the country and return to the United States for an extended period, we can only receive donations for you for 60 days past your departure date.

MAPS ACTIVITY REPORT EXAMPLE

Use this link <https://forms.cfni.org/maps-activity-report/> and complete the form in a similar fashion to the example below:

Month: _____

Country: _____

Feb. 1-4	Antigua	Teach Parables of Jesus – Bible School
Feb. 3	Guate City	Home Group Meeting
Feb. 4	Guate City	Worship team rehearsal and prayer
Feb. 6	Guate City	Sunday Service: Worship team
Feb. 7-11	Antigua	Work at Model School
Feb. 7	Guate City	Home Group Leaders' Meeting
Feb. 10	Guate City	Home Group Meeting
Feb. 11	Guate City	Worship team rehearsal and prayer
Feb. 13	Guate City	Sunday service: Worship team
Feb. 14-18	Antigua	Teach Praise and Worship – Bible School
Feb. 14	Choluteca	Street Ministry Team
Feb. 17	Guate City	Home Group Meeting
Feb. 18	Guate City	Worship team rehearsal and prayer
Feb. 20	Guate City	Sunday service: Worship team
Feb. 21	Antigua	Teach at Bible School
Feb. 22-23	Managua	Outreach team to Nicaragua – Street Ministry
Feb. 24	Antigua	Speak in Ministerio De Su Gloria Church
Feb. 25	Antigua	Teach Prayer and Intercession – Bible School
Feb. 27	Guate City	Sunday service: Worship team
Feb. 28-29	San Miguel	Showed Jesus Film – Buen Samarantana Church
Feb. 28	San Miguel	Evangelism and Preaching – Buen Samarantana Church

Description of Missionary activity:

I teach in the Ministerios de Su Gloria Bible School and help with clerical work as well. I train and take teams of students on evangelistic outreach to other countries in Central America. The teams are involved in preaching in churches as well as street ministry. I am Home group leader in my church and minister in song with the worship team on Sunday mornings.