

BMW Entry Requirements

What BMW Is Looking For In A Missionary Candidate

The role of a mission agency is to render a "second opinion" to the sending church as to whether a person is ready to leave for the mission field. The candidate process with BMW helps evaluate preparedness. We evaluate a missionary candidate in several areas:

1. HEART: GODLY CHARACTER

We are looking for a heart after God, one that loves Him and is committed to Him, and to being and doing what pleases Him. The qualifications for godly leadership are outlined in 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9, Titus 2:1-10, II Peter 1:5-7, Galatians 5:22-23, and II Timothy 2:1-6, 15-26.

2. HEAD: BIBLICAL & THEOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

BMW is looking for proficiency rather than pedigree. Our concern is whether the individual has biblical and theological knowledge and an ability to handle God's Word, rather than whether he or she has an earned degree.

- We administer an exhaustive written exam that evaluates biblical and theological knowledge in all the major doctrines.
- We have oral exams to determine the person's proficiency in using the Word of God in "real life" situations.

3. HANDS: MINISTRY & INTER-PERSONAL SKILLS

BMW is looking for people with skills developed by experience in ministry. We consider sixteen skills to be of critical importance in being a missionary today, and are looking for churches to develop these skills in the people they are sending overseas.

- Discipleship
- Evangelism
- Exegetical skills
- People skills
- Counseling
- Administration
- Strategic planning
- Writing skills
- Communication
- Time Management
- Finances (personal and church)
- Language aptitude
- Cultural awareness and sensitivity
- Computer skills
- Conflict resolution
- Teamwork