



VISION. INTERN. APPRENTICE.

YOUR MOVE IN THE GREAT COMMISSION

## PASSPORT TO PURPOSE

### A rewarding missionary experience

Missionary service can be both a rewarding and enjoyable experience for people throughout their various stages of life. Those who are passionate about taking the gospel cross-culturally are needed in locations around the world, providing you the chance to immerse yourself in a new and different culture. As a missionary you are in a unique position to not only impact the lives of those in need, but to follow God's calling and cultivate your own growth spiritually.

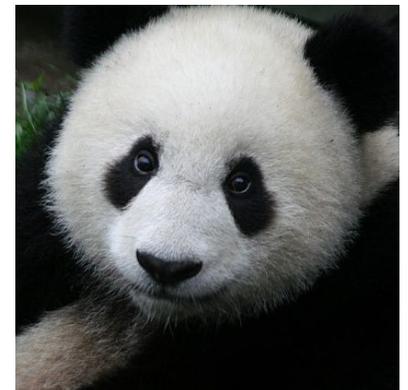
So, how do you know if this is right for you? Biblical Ministries Worldwide has created the VIA Program (Vision. Intern. Apprentice.) in order to help you discover in progressive visits to the field whether God is calling you to do this longterm. This informative document will answer some of your initial questions.



## 8 THINGS TO KNOW

### 1 What is the VIA Program?

Our VIA program is designed to assist aspiring missionaries in gaining an overview of local culture, religions, worldviews, and past mission efforts in key areas. Each trip exposes participants to the land, the mission team, national believers and leaders, the climate, the climate, local foods, real living conditions, typical transportation and basic elements of the culture, with various trip commitments.



### 2 What do I need in order to become a missionary?

Passion! It is one of the driving forces behind missionary work. Having a passion for helping others and for your calling is key to working in the field. Humility, tenacity and flexibility are vital traits to possess while being surrounded by new experiences and cultures.



### 3 What factors are considered in placing a missionary?

You! If you have a willingness to learn and develop as a missionary, we will be able to help guide you to the right location where you can flourish and further your growth. As with any position, your level of previous experience and training will be considered as well.

**4 How much education is required of missionaries?**

No formal Bible college or seminary degree is required to become a missionary. We believe that the local church can be a great training ground for developing motivated individuals who are ready to take on this opportunity to make a difference in the world. If you pursue the Internship and Apprenticeship levels of VIA, you will be studying and learning-by-doing in the context of ministry.

**5 How does BMW keep missionaries safe in emergencies?**

Your safety is top priority for us. We have trained a specialized team that stays updated on worldwide news and US State Department bulletins. In an event, we are able to initiate our Emergency Management Plan that involves the coordination of activities in the field and in the office.

**6 Do you have to be married to be a missionary?**

No! Although typical placement of young married couples is common, singles make great assets as missionaries by offering an enormous amount of mobility and flexibility. We have single men and women around the world who do amazing work in evangelism, discipleship, and leadership development, especially with children's and youth ministries.

**7 Where are the VIA programs located?**

Love to travel? The VIA program is making a difference in Argentina, Hong Kong, Jordan, Mexico, South Africa and even here in the United States. BMW is in over 45 countries with new opportunities being developed, so just ask!

**8 How long are the mission trips?**

VIA offers 3 opportunities that can accommodate your availability.

Vision Trip (7-12 Days)	Internship (8-12 Weeks)	Apprenticeship (6-12 Months)
The Vision Trip is perfect for those who are beginning to explore if missions would be a great fit for them. This program allows you to get a glimpse into the life of your host missionary out in the field. You will have the opportunity to be exposed to other religions, climates, foods, and living conditions of other cultures.	The Internship program is designed for those who believe they sense a call from God to take part in missions, and want to explore a specific country in greater detail. You will be provided with a mentor and meaningful exposure to language learning with a national tutor.	The Apprenticeship program was created for those who feel the Lord calling them to serve Him with this team, but desire further training. You are given a mentor to guide you spiritually, emotionally, and mentally through this more intensive and structured apprenticeship.

*"Every day in Indonesia bore lessons in humility, patience, faith, dying to self and living for Christ. During our seven months overseas the Lord allowed my husband and I to see the need for the gospel firsthand, to establish lasting friendships, and to see our niche in ministry more clearly."*



Sarah Young

*"South Africa was a life-changer for me, so I went back. Playing with orphans, teaching the youth some worship songs, sharing the gospel in a public school, staying with godly followers of Jesus, and even sitting in on the meeting of a Chinese church stretched us and forced us to rely on Christ. But there is so much more to do."*



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