

10 Steps to Becoming an OMS Missionary

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Calling

Receiving the missions 'call' is step 1 to becoming a missionary. Before ministry on a field can begin, the ministry of spiritual preparation must occur. Once you settle into God's call on your life to serve as a missionary, excitement becomes reality.



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Searching

Thoughts that run through your mind range from eagerness to sheer terror. Eventually, your emotions level out, and then you're ready for step 2, **searching for a mission organization** that's a good fit with what you believe, where you want to serve, and what you plan to do.



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Connecting

Once you land with OMS, you will **connect with the OMS Mobilization team**. Your mobilizer walks alongside you, guiding you through every step of the process. This is their call as support missionaries, to help get you to your ministry destination. With great care, your mobilizer follows up on the details of your application, including calling and talking with your references and your pastor.



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Testing and Assessment

During this part of this process, you will take a **personality test and complete an occupational and behavioral assessment** to help determine the best fit for you.



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Interviewing

After these assessments are completed, you move to the **interview process**. If everything runs smoothly, this leads to your acceptance as a full-time OMS missionary!



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Orienting

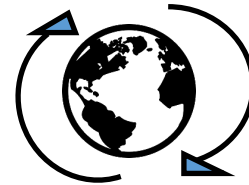
Next, you **attend Orientation** to learn practical lessons to continue your journey, as well as the rich history of OMS and the legacy of our founders.



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Ministry Partner Training

Then, you move on to ministry partner development training. This training teaches how to build your **prayer and financial support** team. Once completed, you set up meetings with potential supporters, inviting them to partner with you in your calling.



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Cross Training

As you approach your support goal, you will be invited to **participate in Cross Training**, which includes cultural, relational, organizational, spiritual, and skills lessons. This three-week training prepares you for what lies ahead. And those tests you took during the application process are now used to help you understand how to function at your best in any situation.



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Learning

Now, you're ready to go... almost. If your new ministry includes working outside your first language, the next step is **learning the language** of the people the Lord is sending you to. The language learning can take place in your country of service or by attending a quality language school in another location.

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Waiting

Psalms 27:14 says "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!" The excitement and enthusiasm to serve the Lord is tempered by waiting, but the waiting is not without purpose. **In the waiting, the Lord is preparing you.** The process takes time. You will learn a lot about yourself as you wait, which will help you launch into your exciting new ministry.