



## Immediate Positions Open for MIR

The missionary-in-residence (MIR) plays a critical role in connecting us to our university campuses. Five schools are currently seeking an MIR for 2006–2008:

- ◆ Bethany University (Scotts Valley, California)
- ◆ Latin American Bible Institute (San Antonio, Texas)
- ◆ Southwestern University (Waxahachie, Texas)
- ◆ Trinity Bible College (Ellendale, North Dakota)
- ◆ Vanguard University (Costa Mesa, California)

### The MIR Assignment

***Length of Assignment:***

1–2 years

***Purpose of Assignment:***

To provide our Bible institutes, colleges, and universities with qualified teaching missionary personnel who provide experience,

ability, and character and who model behavior, passion, and spiritual qualities that best represent AGWM.

***Qualifications (minimum):***

1. Highly relational.
2. Two terms of excellent service on the field.
3. Bachelor’s degree, master’s preferred.
4. Organizational and teaching abilities.
5. Emotionally and physically healthy.

***Responsibilities:***

1. Teach.
2. Organize outings with students.
3. Be active in missions clubs.
4. Eat and fellowship with students.
5. Provide PFL with a syllabus and class notes.

### Application Process

***Applicant's Responsibility:***

1. Contact your area director for the MIR application.
2. Complete it, and e-mail it back to your area director.

***PFL's Responsibility:***

1. Seek the authorization of the Executive Committee and correspond with prospective schools.
2. Seek district approval and ratification by the World Missions Board.

Please pray about this possibility.

Your brother,  
***Rick Johnson***

## Instilling Passion for the Local Church

I recently taught a session for missionary parents and was drawn to the topic of spiritual leadership. Many missionaries believe the most difficult transition for their children was the move to the mission field; however, most adult MKs will tell you that their toughest transition was the move back to the States! One aspect of that transition is finding a local church.

I want to challenge all of us parents to set the example for our children. I know that sounds silly since we are serving in missions! However, our children need to see and experience that involvement in the local church is important to us. Our children need to see that our relationship with God supersedes our missions calling. We can be involved in evangelism, training, or education and know that we are reaching the world for Christ, but we also need to be purposeful in our passion for the local church. Our MKs will be more passionate about plugging into a local church if

they sense that the local church is a passion of their parents. Do your children see that the simple act of being in church is important to you? Do they see your passion to be with God's people and with God, even when you are not the one in charge? Do they see that you love God more than your missions calling?

When your passion for the local church is evident, I believe MKs will have a stronger desire to plug into a local church when they return. One of the best things an MK can do is become part of a body of believers here in the States. Yes, the church will be different. Yes, the people will do things differently. No, it will not be the same as the church they came from. But a healthy perspective of the local church needs to come from mom and dad.

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*Upper row (left to right): Dargan Phillips, Chad Phillips, Sarah Wiseman, Sarah Friesen  
Lower: Katherine Phillips, Graham Phillips, Bethanie Skipper*

Start preparing your children now for their return to America! It all starts now, when they are 3, 5, 10, and 12 years old. Don't wait until they are teenagers to try to instill in them the passion for the local church. Prepare them to be godly leaders in their own homes, as well as leaders, missions givers, and board members of their local church.

Blessings to each of you,  
Bwana Chad and Bwanita  
Dargan Phillips

## SPOTLIGHT on Brandon and Vicki Forester



*Brandon and Vicki Forester are serving a two-year missionary associate assignment as clinic administrators of Hope Clinic in Vanuatu.*

The end of November saw the official opening of Hope Clinic. There was lots of food (rice, taro, beef, pork, chicken, fish, island cabbage, manioc, laplap, etc.), in typical Vanuatu fashion. The crowd that attended the opening was quite a motley

crew. Several government officials were present, as well as pastors, several missionaries, bush people, townspeople, and even a group of Australian medical students made an appearance.

Peak malaria season has resulted in busy days at the clinic. Almost every day we treat patients with high fevers, dehydration, and anemia from malaria infections. A couple of cases were severe and required intravenous fluids and medications, as well as a couple of days rest, under supervision in the clinic. In addition to treating illness, we have been providing

pregnant ladies with prenatal care and anticipate some births in the coming months at Hope Clinic.

We feel that we are finally starting to become a part of the community. For the first couple of months, we felt like fish in an aquarium, with everyone coming by and looking through the glass to admire us. I don't think we will ever be considered "just like everyone else." It's a little hard to totally fit in when babies scream hysterically because you are the first "white man" they've ever seen. All things considered, however, we are fitting in quite well now.



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