

# **KINSHIP Committee Guidelines**

The KINSHIP Committee is a subcommittee of the CLC Board of Missions., and serves under it and with its supervision and guidance. It normally consists of a balanced membership (5) of pastors and laymen/teachers, plus one liaison member from the Board of Missions. This committee is appointed by the Board of Missions every two years.

The committee serves the Lord at His pleasure, in the interest of His Kingdom, and to the glory of His name; always in humble remembrance that “pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble...” (James 1:27).

## **A – General Organization**

A.1 - The committee has the prerogative to elect its own officers: chairman, secretary and financial secretary.

A.2 - The committee has the authority to assign duties and responsibilities within its body as it sees fit.

A.3 – The secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings, and shall submit copies to the committee members and to the CLC archivist. If there are any decisions made by e-mail vote/consensus, that decision shall be included as an addendum to the preceding committee minutes.

A.4 - No member of the committee has the authority to requisition money for expenditure, which can be done only by the chairman of the Board of Missions.

A.5 - The financial secretary of the committee has no authority to cash or write checks, but serves as the title implies. A bi-yearly financial report shall be submitted to the committee, the chairman of the Board of Missions, and the CLC archivist.

A.6 - The committee shall keep the Board of Missions apprised of all its decisions and discussion via its liaison member and submission of its minutes to the chairman in a timely fashion.

A.7 - The committee has the authority to write news updates, print posters and distribute these and other materials as it endeavors to keep the membership of the church body informed of its actions and KINSHIP circumstance.

## **B – Specific Charter**

B.1 - The primary focus and attention of the KINSHIP Committee will be in helping and attending to those who are in 'bodily needs' in foreign countries. These may and/or will include:

- a. Orphans, the determination of place and number by the KINSHIP Committee.
- b. Adult men attending our seminaries and Bible schools, as requested by the Board of Missions.
- c. Widows of indigenous pastors, as recommended by our on-site missionaries.
- d. Medical assistance, as requested and recommended by our on-site missionaries, the yearly total of which shall be determined by the KINSHIP committee, in consultation with our missionaries and Board of Missions.
- e. Storm relief, as the KINSHIP Committee has been active in storm relief in the past, and stands ready to again assist in this area if called upon.

B.2 - Stateside sponsors for the orphans shall be solicited by the KINSHIP committee from CLC members. Support rates shall be determined and set by the committee, in consultation with our on-site missionaries and the Board of Missions.

B.3 - Stateside sponsors for the adult students shall be solicited by the KINSHIP committee, in accordance with the request of the Board of Missions. Support rates shall largely be determined by the Board of Missions.

B.4 - Both as regards orphans and adult students, committed efforts will be made by the KINSHIP committee to keep the sponsors informed of the general well-being of the individuals being sponsored by a timely distribution of individual pictures and brief biographical information.

B.5. Since the primary responsibility of the KINSHIP Committee shall be the bodily needs of individuals, capital construction projects (such as churches, schools, etc.) shall normally lie outside the purview of this committee.

B.6 - The KINSHIP Committee may partner with the Board of Missions with regard to the educational and spiritual training of overseas orphans (and other non-orphan students), but only at the specific initiative and request of the Board of Missions.

B.7 - The Board of Missions, of course, is not necessarily bound by KINSHIP guidelines, but can request the help and assistance of the KINSHIP committee as it deems fit according to its needs.