

*“I have had many opportunities to talk with people trying to discern the will of God for their lives, especially concerning choosing mission boards. A mission board does not replace or usurp the authority of the local church. Baptist Missions To Forgotten Peoples missionaries are sent out of their local church and answerable to them.*

*Our purpose is to aid and assist independent Baptist churches and pastors in caring for their missionaries, both in their pre-field ministries and while they are on the mission field.*

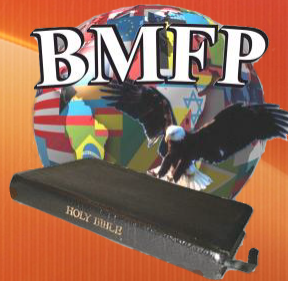
*This brochure contains my advice to people seeking God’s will concerning the choice of a mission board.”*



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Without Giving You  
The Ability To  
Fulfill That Call**

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# **CHOOSING A MISSION BOARD**

**Are You Looking For  
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Or  
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## Are You Looking For A Mission Board Or Mission Family?

- ◆ A Mission Family takes a personal interest in you and your family
- ◆ A Mission Family takes an interest in your ministry and those to whom you minister

### Make Sure Of:

- ◆ Your calling
- ◆ The people to whom God has called you
- ◆ The area of your calling

### Seek Guidance Concerning Your Call

- ◆ Counsel with your pastor about missions and mission boards
- ◆ Counsel with spiritual Christians, especially missionaries
- ◆ Seek advice about working with someone first — on church staff or another missionary

## Find Mission Boards That “Specialize” in the Area of Your Call

- ◆ General Church Planting (Foreign and US)
- ◆ Ethnic & International Church Planting
- ◆ Military (Church Planting & Singles’ Centers)
- ◆ Christian Education, Bible Institutes, etc.
- ◆ Prison & Jail
- ◆ Children Homes & Shelters
- ◆ Rescue Mission & Rehab Farms
- ◆ Ministry Helps
- ◆ Medical
- ◆ Aviation
- ◆ Deaf Ministries

## Check Mission Board Doctrinal Statements, Policies and Personnel

- ◆ Stand on the Bible and use of versions
- ◆ Doctrine
- ◆ Is it Independent Baptist?
- ◆ Relationship with the sending local church
- ◆ Missionary requirements of the board
- ◆ Ownership of properties
- ◆ Separation
- ◆ Support (insurance, retirement, emergency fund and support for headquarters)
- ◆ Services rendered by home office
- ◆ Working relationship with other missionaries of like faith and practice
- ◆ Flexibility to do your missionary work
- ◆ Leadership of the board and board members
- ◆ Purpose, duties, relationships of Administrators and Missionaries
- ◆ Reputation of mission board and missionaries around the country

**If You Know  
God's Will For You  
Is Missions  
Make Application!**