

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

Master of Divinity in Missions with Emphasis in Church Planting or Leadership Training

International Program

The Billy Graham School offers a specialized vocational emphasis in our Master of Divinity program. In cooperation with the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention we offer selected students the opportunity to complete their degrees overseas while they work as church planters.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

This program is a four or five year program leading to the Master of Divinity in Missions through the Billy Graham School. Students will complete two years (65 semester hours) at the Louisville campus, and then will travel overseas for two years (ISC) or three years (Apprentice) as church planter interns under the supervision of experienced church planters. The students will complete the final 23 semester hours of seminary studies overseas. At the end of the program, students who successfully complete all the requirements will receive their Master of Divinity degrees and also qualify experientially for appointment for career appointment. **Please note that appointment as career personnel is not guaranteed for those completing the program.**

QUALIFICATIONS

Interested students must interview with Dr. David Sills, Program Director, prior to enrollment. Participants will also be screened and must qualify for ISC or Career appointment with the International Mission Board. For additional information about International Mission Board requirements contact Dan Panter, IMB Candidate Consultant

Email: DPanter@imb.org; CC: RStephen@imb.org

ACADEMIC MATTERS

Students who plan to participate in this program must complete 65 semester hours (categories I-IV) in the Billy Graham School Master of Divinity degree program before they leave for the overseas site. Students will receive credit for language and cultural

acquisition, fieldwork as apprentice church planters (AM), and five missions courses, which they will complete on the field. The seminary will deliver these courses to the students in short-term teaching modules. Field personnel will teach some of the courses and professors from Southern will teach others. The short-term modules will function much like Doctor of Ministry seminars, with work to be done both before and after the time in contact with the professor.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

As ISC or Apprentice appointees the students will receive a monthly salary from the International Mission Board after their appointment. Salary is based on the cost of living in each country and varies by location. The IMB will pay transportation to and from the overseas assignment, provide housing, health coverage, and life insurance. Students will

be expected to pay their own tuition, books and other educational expenses. Orientation expenses will be covered by the IMB.

When children are involved, the IMB will cover the cost of transportation to and from the field and health coverage. The IMB will provide funds for the educational expenses of children at \$750 per child per school year.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you desire further information about this program, contact Dr. David Sills at 502-897-4324 or E-mail: twoplustwo@sbts.edu.

Questions pertaining to International Service Corps' involvement can be addressed to Scott Chafee at 1-800-789-4693 or Email: SChafee@imb.org.