



ORGANIZING A MINISTRY VISIT

From His Fullness Ministries exists to minister to the Lord's people globally, wherever viable opportunities arise to preach Christ in all the Scriptures. We are especially passionate about offering theological and pastoral help to ministers, officebearers, and women's leaders, notably where there is great need of theological and practical support but few resources to obtain it.

Before completing our International Ministry Application Form, we ask that you read and digest the following. This will help you through the process of applying and, where a ministry partnership is agreed, the smooth planning and running of the agreed visit of From His Fullness Ministries. If you are accustomed to organizing a ministry visit from overseas, much of this will be obvious to you. For those new to such a venture, knowing how to organize a ministry visit is important for building three Cs:

- *Comprehension* as to why the visit is necessary.
- *Consensus* as to when and how the visit is best occurring.
- *Confidence* within From His Fullness Ministries that the hosting ministry is invested in the visit, well-intentioned, and well-organized. We look forward to getting to know one another through the process of planning a visit but need assurance that the international visits we make are a good investment of the time and resources God has given us.

The following serves, then, to help you work through whether a visit by From His Fullness Ministries is a good fit for your people.

1. IDENTIFYING THE NEED

When a need is identified, your church, denomination or ministry should consider prayerfully several questions:

- A. *Is there someone from our ministry context or culture who is spiritually and theologically qualified to address the need?* Note that From His Fullness Ministries seeks to support local ministry and not to replace it.

- B. *Is our need material and practical or spiritual and theological?* Note that From His Fullness Ministries, while seeking to exhibit the compassion of Christ, is not a relief agency. If your need is specifically material or practical, you will need to connect with an agency specializing in diaconal care. From His Fullness Ministries majors on preaching, teaching, and publishing the gospel.
- C. *Are we open to receive ministry which, being thoroughly grounded in the Scriptures and offering specifically a Protestant and Reformed take on the Scriptures, conflicts with what we currently believe and practice?* In other words, From His Fullness does not limit its ministry overseas to likeminded brothers and sisters in Christ, but as a matter of stewardship we focus on those wanting to go deeper in the theological, spiritual, and ministry convictions from His Fullness espouses or who are open to learning more of them from Scripture.
- D. *Are we able to host From His Fullness Ministries?* One, maybe two, representatives of From His Fullness will arrive for the visit. Accommodation and transport is necessary, as also, ideally, electrical outlets for the use of a computer, and a gathering of those able and passionate about learning together. While we welcome as many as possible who can gather for the preaching and teaching, the key factor is not the attendance, but the level of passion to be taught the Word of God. Please do not ask us to travel around the globe without advertising the ministry and underlining the importance of turning up on time!

If your church, denomination, or ministry is able, in the first instance, to answer these questions to your own satisfaction, then we invite you to fill out an International Ministry Application Form. There follows advice about how to do so.

2. ADDRESSING THE NEED

To fill out the International Ministry Application Form you will need to answer some essential questions:



- A. *What times of year and specific dates work best for a From His Fullness visit?* Formulate a strong preference, with a couple of alternative options. Factors to bear in mind include seasonal conditions, maximum availability of the people, and the amount of time needed for addressing the required subject matter. Visits by From His Fullness vary in length, from briefer visits of several days (when combined with other visits to the region) to visits of several weeks (no more than three weeks as a rule).
- B. *What subjects do we need addressing and how much time do we need to allot to them?* Visits typically include both preaching and teaching. Subjects need not be assigned for the preaching since these are opportunities to preach the gospel. It will be very helpful in the planning, though, to know the subject(s) requested and the number of sessions needed (for a conference) or days (for an intensive course) to cover the material. These details do not need to be finalized before submitting the International Ministry Application Form, but you will need to have some idea of what you envision. Applications along the lines of just desiring a ministry visit without a clear idea of what your need is, are unlikely to be successful.
- C. *What resources can we commit to a visit by From His Fullness Ministries?* We understand at From His Fullness that many congregations and ministries in different parts of the world are unable to pay for a ministry visit. The fundraising of From His Fullness Ministries to date has largely gone toward funding ministry trips. However, our desire to aid indigenous churches in coming into their own includes encouragement of financial independence. For this reason, From His Fullness Ministries is unlikely to agree to a ministry visit without some financial investment by your church, denomination, or ministry. We encourage you to include in the application a fair assessment of what you can afford. Please do not assume that From His Fullness Ministries will pay for everything. For our financial reckoning, we

need to know exactly what we are to cover financially *before agreeing to come.*

Once in possession of this information, you are ready to fill out the International Ministry Application Form. The form is available through our website, <https://fromhisfullness.com/for-servers> and is to be sent to fromhisfullness@mail.com.

You will first receive an acknowledgement of your application, and, later, a more formal response following any necessary consultation with our board of directors.

Thank you for prayerfully considering a visit by From His Fullness Ministries. It will be our joy to serve you in the name of Christ, should he lead us to do so.

Passed by the Board of Directors, June 29, 2020

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