

20. MISSIONARY STRATEGY and DUTY STATEMENT

This is the mission strategy and duty statement that Liberty Baptist Church (LBC) requires of missionaries and pastors it sends out to a foreign mission field. LBC intends to have field representatives to visit and encourage affiliated pastors and churches.

Our missionaries' duties are to:

1. **Meet key national Independent Baptist pastors** in foreign countries.
2. Give a copy of our LBC **Statement of Faith** to every pastor to see if they can agree to work with us on the basis of full agreement with our doctrine and outreach strategy.
3. **Translate and print STOP tracts, train pastors**, showing workers how to use them properly, and distribute them to local churches in our fellowship free of charge.
4. Conduct a **pastors school** to teach pastors, workers, and students:
 - a) how to use the STOP tract to do soul winning;
 - b) LBC Bible Doctrine and Statement of Faith;
 - c) answers to major false doctrines in their area;
 - d) how to disciple their people, and get their people discipling by multiplication;
 - e) how to use the ANSWERS book as a teaching tool; and
 - f) how pastors can become self supporting.
5. **Visit existing churches** to teach soul winning, to distribute STOP tracts, and start soul winning outreach programs.
6. **Visit new churches** willing to affiliate with LBC to assist them with tracts, Bibles, etc.
7. Endeavour to **start a Bible College** to be taught and administered by national workers.
8. If LBC sends and supports a missionary, he must be **100% loyal to** and **under the authority** of LBC and not under the authority of any other religious organisation. If he is not willing to work according to these strategy guidelines, he disqualifies himself from LBC support. If he changes his doctrinal position after going to the mission field, his support is to be cut off after 2 unheeded warnings.
9. LBC members shall **review annually** the activities, efficiency, and appropriate level of financial support of each missionary.
10. The missionary must **present the gospel in one session with unsaved people** and not spread the one gospel presentation over months or years. Every effort must be made to make the gospel his first message to unsaved people. He **must challenge unsaved people to receive Christ as Saviour after each gospel presentation**. Sharing the gospel to unsaved people must take precedence over teaching other Scripture unless the other Scripture is used as a brief background to the gospel message. **He must not delay giving the gospel** to unsaved people lest they die and go to hell.
11. He shall conduct **individual and group discipleship Bible studies in churches**.
12. He shall **coordinate nationals to start other Independent Baptist churches** of the LBC doctrine.
13. The missionary must **only use tracts approved by LBC**.
14. The "Jesus" video shall be used where possible in outreach to other areas.
15. He shall **challenge believers to be baptised** as soon as possible after salvation in the local Independent Baptist church.
16. He must **present the gospel using the STOP tract at least once every week**.
17. The missionary must sign that if he stops doing or believing these things that he shall tell us so we can assess if his support is to be continued or not. He shall be asked to show evidence of his missionary activities to substantiate his adherence to LBC doctrine.
18. He shall keep a missionary journal including - daily narrative, summary of events, living conditions, new needs; statistics, name and number saved and baptised; date of Bible seminars; contacts, resources available (eg. clinics, transport); financial records; interesting events (eg. chief getting saved, new areas of opportunity).
19. **Each national church** shall be independent and Baptist in doctrine, solely responsible for their own decisions. There shall not be an external hierarchy telling local churches what to do. LBC shall act in an advisory capacity to the local church and supporting the local church by providing tracts, workers handbooks, Bibles and other doctrinally sound material.

In return, LBC fellowship expects local churches to:

 - a) fellowship **in harmony** with other churches in the fellowship;
 - b) **use STOP tracts** (or other LBC approved tracts) to rapidly spread the gospel to their people
 - c) seek to **train new pastors** in the LBC Bible College, not in other Colleges unless LBC approved
 - d) **be loyal** to other LBC churches; and not to sow **discord** among the brethren. (Prov. 6:16-19)
20. He shall communicate with LBC at least every 3 months to give an update on the mission work and to advise of any activities in his mission area that may influence or restrict him in conducting his mission work - these activities could be political, military, social, environmental or religious. He must inform LBC immediately of any activities that place his ministry or health at risk.
21. He shall provide accurate and **reliable records** of all expenditure.
22. He shall keep records in a book of the **names of people saved** to assist him in their follow up, to see them baptised and regular in church attendance. This record could be extended to include the names of potential converts.
23. Members of LBC may designate special offerings to specific needs such as printing of tracts, Bibles, buildings, books, and national pastor support.
24. Missionaries sent and supported by LBC must have a **proven track record of leading people to Christ** in Australia using our soul winning approach. Each national church should contribute to another country's LBC church missions project.