

# Preliminary Questionnaire for Service Opportunities

The focus of Arms of Love International is on partnering with local churches in developing countries and equipping them to care for children at risk in their own communities. Therefore, our focus is on staffing each project with Christians who live in the host country. Nevertheless, there are often ways in which individuals from other countries can work with a project “short term” – whether for several months or several years – and make a valuable contribution to the establishment or growth of that project.

We do not have open “positions” that we are seeking to fill with short-term missionary personnel. Rather, we evaluate the background, education, experience, and gifts of those individuals God connects us with, and seek to determine whether God is calling that person to work with a particular project and if so, in what capacity. All short-term missionary personnel raise their own financial support.

If you are interested in exploring service with Arms of Love International, the form that follows is the first step in the process. This information will help us get a preliminary overview of your background, interests, and goals, which can then serve as the basis for further discussion. The more we know, the better we can investigate ministry options. We want to help you discover your calling and get plugged into kingdom service -- whether that is with us or with someone else. If needed, please continue your answers on additional pages. Spouses who will be serving together should each submit their own form.

## Interest

**Which projects are you interested in serving with?**

Nicaragua     Philippines     Mexico     Senegal  
 Other [please specify: \_\_\_\_\_]

**What length of commitment are you considering (e.g., summer, one year, three years, career) and when do you anticipate commencing service?**

**Why are you interested in serving with Arms of Love International?**

**How do you see yourself potentially contributing to the work of the project(s) you are interested in?**

**How did you learn of our ministry?**

### **General Information**

First Name/Last Name:

Address:

City, State Zip:

Home & Work Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Date and Place of Birth:

Citizenship and Residence:

Social Security Number or Equivalent:

Present Occupation:

Marital Status: (If married, each spouse must submit their own form)

Single

Engaged (enter anticipated marriage date below)

Married (enter date below)

Widowed (enter date below)

Separated (enter date below)

Divorced (enter date below)

Remarried (enter date below)

Date(s):

Name & Birthday of Spouse/Fiancé:

Children (List names/ages):

### **Experience, Education and Training**

**Please summarize your Christian ministry or cross-cultural missions experience (who did you work with, what did you do, when, and for how long):**

**Highest level of education and date completed:**

**Degrees obtained (title of degree, any areas of specialization, awarding institution, year)**

**Any other education, experience, or giftings you believe may be relevant:**

**Any professional certifications or licenses:**

**Please describe any degree or other educational program you are currently enrolled in (*e.g.*, name of degree or other program, field of study, name of institution, anticipated completion date):**

**What is your first language?**

**Please describe any other language skills you currently have (including fluency level for speaking, reading, and writing; *i.e.* a little, well, fluent, etc.):**

### **Christian Experience**

**How and when did you come to know Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior?**

**Current church (name, address, phone, pastor):**

**Denomination:**

**How often do you attend?**

**[For candidates anticipating service of six months or longer:]**

**Have you discussed your plans to enter the mission field with your home church, and to what extent has your church expressed an interest or commitment to supporting you in your plans?**

**If you are appointed for service with Arms of Love, who would contribute toward your financial, emotional and spiritual support?**

## **References**

**Please list the name, address, and telephone of two references (in addition to your pastor, identified above). The best references are those who are in a position to assess your relevant skills and/or your ability to minister to others cross-culturally. If you have previous experience in ministry or missions, please provide at least one reference of someone who worked for or with in that capacity.**

## **Statement of Faith**

Arms of Love International grew out of the missions program at the Vineyard Christian Fellowship of San Jose, and continues to have significant relationship with the Association of Vineyard Churches, which is part of the evangelical Christian tradition. However, we affirm the unity of the body of Christ by working in partnership with churches and individuals of other Christian denominations. Thus, it is not required that you attend a Vineyard church to serve with Arms of Love International. However, to help us better understand your personal theology and convictions, please review the Statement of Faith at the following link and set forth any comments or points of disagreement below.

<http://www.vineyardusa.org/upload/Statement%20of%20Faith.pdf>

\_\_\_ I agree with the Statement of Faith

\_\_\_ I do not agree with the points identified below: