



UTOPIA - *Urban Target Outreach Project in America*

A ministry of the Eastern District of the EFCA

UTOPIA Urban Missionary Application

Return completed application to:

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A. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name _____

How would you like to be addressed? _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____ Gender Male Female

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth _____

1. Are you a United States citizen or legal resident authorized to work in the United States?
 Yes No If no, please explain your immigration status: _____

2. Current Marital Status: Married Single
Spouse's Name (if applicable) _____

3. Are you bilingual, and if so, what language(s) do you speak?
 Yes...Language(s) spoken _____ No other languages
If you are married and your spouse is bilingual, what language(s) does he/she speak?

4. Are there any chronic conditions or ailment that may cause you difficulty in performing your duties as an urban/intercultural missionary? Yes No If yes, please explain.

5. Education: Start with the high school you graduated from and go to the present.

School	City, State	Dates

6. Finances: Do you have any school debts? Yes No If yes, how much? _____
 (If still a student, some school debts can be postponed during the UTOPIA year.)
 Do you have other debts that cannot be paid off by the time you begin service as an urban missionary? Yes No If yes, How much? _____ Please explain:

7. Ministry Experience: If applicable, list experiences in **2** churches/ministries in which you served, whether volunteer or paid.

Church/Ministry Name _____

Address _____

Your Responsibilities _____

Contact Person _____

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Address _____

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Contact Person _____

8. In what areas of ministry are you most interested?
Please indicate the strength of your preference, with 1 being the lowest and 5 the highest.

- _____ Music and worship.
(Please list your musical abilities. _____)
 - _____ Working with teens in the church.
 - _____ Working with teens on the street.
 - _____ Teaching adult immigrants English. (We provide training).
 - _____ Working with Chinese, Spanish, Korean or Arabic churches or church plants.
(language helpful but not required)
 - _____ Working with sports ministries.
(Please list any athletic abilities. _____)
 - _____ Working with children.
 - _____ Ministering with art or drama.
(Please describe any experience in this area. _____)
 - _____ Other (Please describe.) _____
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9. Ministerial Skills: Evaluate your ministerial skills using the following scale:

- 5 – *One of my greatest strengths*
- 4 – *Strong*
- 3 – *Average*
- 2 – *Weak*
- 1 – *One of my greatest weaknesses*

Leading a new program	_____	Cross-cultural Skills	_____
Caring for people	_____	Preaching	_____
Counseling	_____	Evangelism	_____
Planning Worship	_____	Teaching	_____
Leading Worship	_____	Discipling	_____
Ministering to Adults	_____	Praying	_____
Ministering to Youth	_____	Writing	_____
Ministering to Children	_____	Administration	_____
Interpersonal Communication	_____	Delegating	_____
Recruiting People	_____		

10. Conduct

Note: Committing or being accused of criminal activity will not necessarily disqualify you from consideration as a UTOPIA Urban Missionary.

1. Have you ever as an adult been convicted of or pleaded guilty or no contest to a crime other than a minor traffic violation, or are you now under charges for any criminal offense?
 Yes No (If yes, please explain fully on an additional sheet.)

2. Are you listed in any Statewide Central Registry as a perpetrator of an indicated or founded report of child abuse?
 Yes No (If yes, please explain fully on an additional sheet.)

11. Doctrine Are you unreservedly in agreement with the 12-point doctrinal statement of the EFCA? (See attached sheet). Yes No (If no, please explain on a separate sheet.)

B. CONVERSION AND CALL

Please attach the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Label it "Section B" and list the question number, followed by the answer.

1. Testimony. Please share your personal testimony of conversion covering when, where, and how you were converted. A suggested outline is as follows:

a. Before conversion (briefly).

b. Actual conversion (steps leading to conversion as well as the actual conversion).

c. After conversion (the difference Christ has made in your life).

2. Have you been baptized? If so, when?

3. Give a brief synopsis of how you became interested in being an urban/intercultural missionary.

4. How would you lead someone to Christ as Savior?

5. How have you been discipled? If it was a specific program (i.e. Navs 2:7), please list.

6. How do you disciple others? If you use a specific program, please list.

7. Have you had the joy of leading one person to Christ? Please describe your most recent experience (include the date).

8. What are you doing to develop your relationship with the Lord?

9. Is there any major sin with which you are struggling or have struggled in the past? Briefly describe. Note: answering "yes" does not disqualify anyone but allows us to provide accountability and mentoring as needed.

10. Please describe your experiences (if any) ministering to persons from a significantly different culture or subculture. Feel free to include "short-term missions" experiences or everyday ministry involvement that required cross-cultural skills.

C. REFERENCES

Please give two (2) personal references of persons not related to you who have known you for at least two (2) years.

1. Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

(SELECT ONE) | Waive. . . Do not waive.. . any right to see the information.

2. Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

(SELECT ONE) | Waive. . . Do not waive.. . any right to see the information.

D. WAIVER AND CONSENT

I, the undersigned, affirm that to the best of my knowledge the information provided in this application is accurate and true. I authorize UTOPIA staff to verify the information I have provided on this application by contacting the references and employers and by other means, including contacting others whom I have not listed. I authorize and consent to any person, firm, organization, corporation, or agency whether or not identified in this application, to release and disclose to UTOPIA of the Evangelical Free Church of America (hereafter referred to as "UTOPIA) any and all records and information (including opinions) or records requested for the purpose of considering my church planting application. Furthermore, I waive any rights I may have to confidentiality.

Any person, firm, organization, corporation, or agency, whether or not identified in this application, providing information, opinion, or records in accordance with this authorization is released and fully discharged from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization. I release and fully discharge the UTOPIA it's affiliated organizations and the respective officers, directors, employees and agents of each from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may at any time result to me, my heirs, or family arising out of the making, or use of background check, reference, or investigative report including any errors or omissions contained or omitted from such reference checks or investigations by the UTOPIA, it's affiliated organizations and the respective officers, directors, employees, and agents of each.

I further state that I have carefully read the foregoing release and the entire application, and am fully aware of its contents. I sign this release as my own free act. A facsimile or photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____