

## **Caring for our Missionaries in the Midst of Great Need**

*We are going to be the best stewards we can be of the sacrificial gifts we receive. That will ensure we have the resources we need to care for our endorsed NAMB missionaries, as well as encourage and equip pastors through an unprecedented national crisis.*

### **Focusing on current Send Network churches, not launching new ones**

We will not be assessing new planter candidates, at least until September 30. This does not mean we are any less committed to church planting. We are as committed as ever, perhaps even more so. However, we always have to adapt and adjust to the circumstances around us. Because we don't want to set-up our planters to fail, this may not be the time to launch new church plants. Instead, we're going to direct our resources to caring for the planters and missionaries already in our network as they minister in uncertain times. We will continue to equip our missionaries to share the gospel and do the work they have been called to do. Our God is bigger than any virus.

All assessment retreats are on hold through September 30. In June we will look at opportunities for new assessment retreats in the fourth quarter of the year.

We are moving as quickly as possible to reimbursement assessment retreat registration fees, knowing that families likely need every possible dollar.

We will honor candidates' pre-assessment results for up to two years.

All those interested in church planting can still begin registration, application and pre-assessment at SendNetwork.com. Only the assessment retreats are on hold.

### **Financial support for our endorsed NAMB missionaries**

Consistent with our core value to love missionaries and chaplains, we will be continuing support for those the endorsed NAMB missionaries already receiving it.

However, we are suspending new grants for new church launches, buildings, others capital needs, etc.

Anyone who has gone through assessment, passed and been endorsed will receive monthly support, as they otherwise would. However, we are suspending new start-up grants, as this is not the time to launch a new plant.

### **Missionary care**

These are extraordinary times, and we do want to consider emergency care needs for endorsed NAMB missionaries as they emerge. Requests to meet such needs should be first approved by the appropriate Regional Director and then sent to Chandler Lively and Noah Oldham.

### **Events and gatherings of 10+ people**

All events and organized gatherings are postponed through May 31. Working with ministry partners, NAMB's events team is working through the many details associated with these postponements. Please work closely with your events lead to communicate with event participants, vendors, etc. In addition, please DO NOT communicate with any vendors associated with your events without first getting the necessary language from the events team. This includes events you are doing on your own and without events team support.

### **New expectations for field staff**

This is a time to over-communicate and connect. Please be in constant communication—near daily—with the planters, partners and pastors. Encourage them to participate in the local, regional and national virtual gatherings and broadcasts we'll be producing. We're asking you to do whatever it takes to serve our missionaries well as they shepherd through an unprecedented time.