



Sending a Volunteer to Hands at Work in Africa

Hands at Work has a network of international churches and organisations who participate in this vision and partner with our communities by supplying resources, sending short-term teams and sending individuals for mid-term and long-term service. We believe it's part of the churches role to be a 'sender' of people.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, "How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news" Romans 10:14-15 (NLT)

So what do we mean by send...

We would love to see the whole church corporately journeying with the volunteer throughout their time in Africa, offering encouragement, prayer support as well as any practical help needed. We're asking that the church stand for this person and endorse them to come and serve with Hands at Work. Different from a reference though we ask that rather than this being a once-off "filling out of a form" we ask that this becomes an ongoing relationship between the church, the volunteer and Hands at Work. We ask that the church be a go-to place for good news and for the times we want to celebrate the volunteer. We also ask that the church be a point of contact for both the volunteer and for Hands at Work when things get tough or in the unlikely event of a disciplinary issue. We've seen this work well when the church designates a representative or "point person" to lead this.

So who would make a good church "point person"?

Ideally...they should hold a level of spiritual leadership in the life of the volunteer (preferably a church elder or leader of the church that the volunteer is part of). They should be known to the family and would be comfortable communicating with them.

We recognise that not everyone will have the advantage of having a church that is able to provide this level of support or endorsement. If this is the case we'd still like to identify someone that fits the profile of the "point person" to fulfill this role.

We would ask that the point person not hold a role with Hands at Work so they can be fully independent. We've also found that it's very difficult for a family member to play this sort of role.

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Personal Information

Date: _____ Contact me by: ☐ Email ☐ Phone
Name: _____ Church: _____
Address: _____
Email: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Please reflect on your relationship with our new volunteer(s)

Name: _____ How long have you know them: _____

In what context? :