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Missionary Opportunity With Mission Canada

POSITION: Ministry Centre Program Specialist

Fort St. John, BC
Rocky Lane, AB
Hilbre, MB
Thunder Bay, ON

ROLE STRUCTURE: Full-time missionary appointment
2 year term
Shared funded
Facilitated by Mission Canada and SCA International

PARTNERSHIP: Seconded to SCA International (Shantymen's Christian Association)

MISSION ENVIRONMENT:

WHERE: SCA Ministry Centres are situated in remote locations across Canada to serve primarily the Aboriginal people of these communities. SCA Ministry Centres reach out to the people of North America by proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ to those whose circumstances do not provide them easy or traditional access to the Church for a number of reasons, including social, emotional, physical and cultural isolation.

WHO: Canada's Aboriginal population is younger and faster-growing than its non-Aboriginal one. In 2006, the median age for Aboriginal people was 27 years, compared with 40 years for non-Aboriginal people. From 1996 to 2006, the Aboriginal population increased 45%, nearly six times faster than the 8% growth rate for the non-Aboriginal population. Aboriginal people of Canada are among the most in need of the restorative presence of Jesus. SCA Ministry Centres share the gospel message with families through camps and a variety of other methods.

WHAT: The PAOC and SCA believe that a partnership will allow for a new venue of ministry for the PAOC. There are clear potential benefits in ministry for the Aboriginal Community in Canada and in discipleship for Aboriginal Christians across Canada. PAOC-credentialed missionaries, recruited and trained by the PAOC will be provided as resources to SCA on a secondment basis, to work on, or from, one of SCA's Ministry Centres across Canada.

THE MISSION – CORE NEEDS:

- a) **Culturally sensitive.** The Aboriginal community is the primary audience, thus most work and ministry will be with the Aboriginal peoples. A knowledge and understanding of Aboriginal life in the geographical area of the Ministry Centre is necessary. Ability to gain trust and respect in a new community.
- b) **Flexible and open-minded.** Depending on location, work is normally carried out in remote areas of the country with only a few other individuals on-site. This ministry is physical, mental, social, and spiritual in nature. Incumbents become, by necessity, familiar with many things and wear many hats.

- c) **Enterprising and Resourceful.** Ministry will include the development of contacts and networks. Ability to listen, learn, strategize, collaborate, and follow through on the recognized needs of Ministry Centre.
- d) **Accountable in all areas.** Because this is a collaborative initiative, the individual must be able to work with multiple accountabilities to the partners and stakeholders.
- e) **Fundraising ability.** A demonstrated ability or a willingness to learn to raise an approved budget each year.
- f) **PAOC Credential.** Ideally the candidate(s) will possess a PAOC credential. In lieu of that, there must be willingness and ability to gain one.

PRELIMINARY MISSION TASKS:

1. Lead and manage the day-to-day operation of specific Ministry Centre's program, the program staff and volunteers, and program related activities in accordance with the mandate of SCA International, its policies and procedures, as well as the direction from the appropriate Ministry Centre Program Director or his/her supervisors.
2. Assists in the design and development, and actually implements approved programs and activities within the mandate that meet the needs of the specific Ministry Centre's deliverable programs he/she is responsible for. Central to this, is the development of programs with both evangelistic and discipleship content, as well as physical and social development.
3. Helps to acquire and actually supervises the necessary staff to deliver the programs he/she is responsible for. This includes the development and mentoring of staff.
4. Assists the Program Director and Ministry Centre Director in gaining the trust and respect of those in the community in which the Ministry Centre is situated, including local churches, businesses, the Christian community, and those we are trying to reach, by both words and deeds including demonstrating Christ's love practically. He/she participates in or shares in the promotion of the Ministry Centre and SCA. Embraces the vision of SCA and works with it locally but also committed to helping/encouraging it as possible elsewhere in Canada.
5. Responsible for participating in the fund-raising programs associated with the Ministry Centre and its missionaries or other staff as directed by the Program Director and/or his/her supervisor. Does PR work (including fundraising) to build/maintain strong relationship with local/regional Christian communities including pastors, other leaders and businesspersons under the leadership of the Program Director and/or his/her supervisor.

INQUIRIES / INTEREST:

For further information, or to express an interest in this Mission Canada Missionary Opportunity, please email missioncanada@paoc.org or call Mission Canada at (905) 542-7400.

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