

# 2017 Navigator Missionary Sending Priorities

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The purpose of this annual document is to share the global missionary sending priorities of our Worldwide Partnership. This list of priorities helps us to know about and pray for the missions strategies of each region. It also helps us match missionaries from around the world with the most important needs in each region.

These priorities were established by the Regional Directors and submitted to the IET by December 2016. They are valid for 2017 and will be updated a year from now. Regions are open to receive missionaries from anywhere in our Worldwide Partnership, unless a nationality preference is specified in the description.

The primary responsibility for recruiting missionaries remains with the regional leaders who request them. *Establishing these priorities does not exclude or discourage other sending initiatives, although such initiatives should be coordinated with the regional team.*

## GLOBAL PRIORITIES FOR 2017

The IET selected the four Global Priorities listed below. They are based on the Regional Priorities (listed below this section). Note that removal of global or regional priorities from a previous year's list does not mean that we are withdrawing from those efforts. Sometimes progress made on an previous year's priority increases the need for attention in other areas.

1. Mozambique
2. Bologna, Italy
3. A nation in Southeast Asia
4. A Middle East nation

## REGIONAL PRIORITIES:

### Africa:

1. **Mozambique:** Seeking a couple, age 20 to 40, to join a pioneering couple in the capital city of Maputo. This pioneering ministry, led by Africans, is focused on evangelism and discipleship. Some Navigator experience in these areas is important. The work is conducted in Portuguese, so the new couple should already know the language or be willing to study it. The pioneering couple will also need to raise ministry funding. Professional skills are helpful, but a religious visa is possible.
2. **Namibia:** Seeking an experienced Navigator couple age 30 to 50 to support a pioneering ministry among young believers who need help growing in Christ and reaching their friends. The new team members should be gifted in identifying and developing emerging young leaders for the future of the work. The optimal commitment for this role is five years minimum. Primary ministry language is English, but it would be helpful if these team members also speak Portuguese and/or German. Traditional missionary visas are difficult to obtain, so professional skills are helpful for gaining visas.

3. **Gabon**: Seeking a Navigator couple age 40 or older with gifting in discipleship and leadership development to work with an established leadership team as they work to implement the Navigator Core. The couple would need to speak French, commit to about five years or more of service in what is now a somewhat politically unstable nation. Ideally, the candidate would be able to serve as a university professor to gain access to the country.

## Asia-Pacific

### **Partnering Priorities:**

1. **Malaysia**: Campus leader for a university ministry (to replace returning missionaries).
2. **Australia**: Pioneering campus leader for Melbourne University and member of the Melbourne city leadership team.

### **Pioneering Priorities:**

1. **Three nations in Southeast Asia**: Pioneering teams and leaders needed for university ministries among people in major religions.

## Eurasia:

1. **Two nations in Eurasia**: In the first nation, a couple is needed to help the country directors to equip local laborers in implementing the Navigator Vision, Core Values, and Calling. In one of the missions opportunities, the work would involve co-hosting meetings with students and alumni. The couple would also host English clubs for students. In the second nation, a single woman is needed to partner with the team of Russians. This person would teach English, disciple young women aged 15-25, school-aged children, and helping with outreach. Loving and having a heart for young kids is very important. Experience teaching English is recommended but not imperative. English teaching training will be provided.

## Europe:

1. **Italy, Verona**: A couple, aged 35 to 45 years, needed to join with veteran missionaries in Verona to capitalize on the large relational network of secular Italians. The ministry language is Italian. Professional competencies are essential to create a credible identity in society.
2. **Italy, Bologna**: One or two couples aged 25 to 45 needed to start a university work. The goal is to reach out to secular, nominally Catholic students. The effort would be helped by two existing groups of believers.
3. **Croatia**: A vibrant younger couple (or team) is needed, preferably with campus ministry experience in a highly secularized environment, to invest in students and young professionals and to lead outreach efforts. This couple also would coordinate and receive short-term US teams who come to minister. Learning Croatian essential.
4. **Bulgaria**: An American couple experienced in secular campus contexts is needed to join a fruitful ministry at the American University of Bulgaria. The couple should have good admin and communication skills and a working knowledge of orthodoxy. Ministry language is Bulgarian but can be learned while serving English-speaking students.

## **Latin America:**

1. **Peru:** Pioneering, long-term missionaries (preferably a couple), needed to help start a campus ministry in Lima. Also needed are medium-term (one or two years) students and graduates.
2. **Argentina:** Looking for a couple with a strong walk with Christ and strong marriage, age 25 to 35, to serve in a pioneering ministry in Buenos Aires. A Navigator background and commitment to the Navigator Core is a must. Fluency in Spanish is required along with a strong sense of calling to minister in Latin America. The ministry commitment is five years minimum.

## **Middle East (four nations):**

1. **Nation 1:** Undergraduate or graduate students with evangelistic gifting to join an existing student led team at a major university. The missionaries should be committed to the Navigator strategy of reaching the lost, discipling them, equipping them and sending them to reproduce their lives in other students.
2. **Nation 2:** Seeking three or four married couples or singles with apostolic and evangelistic gifting to pioneer a new ministry in this unreached nation under the direction of the country leadership team. The first two years will focus on learning the local language. Professions like teachers, entrepreneurs, and post-secondary students are mostly needed.
3. **Nation 3:** Seeking young men and women or young couples to join an existing pioneering team. The missionaries should have professional experience as educators, engineers, doctors, health professionals, or university professors.
4. **Nation 4:** Navigators needed to invest deeply in relationships with local population, as part of a pioneering effort. The missionaries should live by kingdom principles among a variety of new and existing relationships. Candidates with professional capacities are essential for gaining access to the country. Potential careers include teaching (all levels), engineering (specifically oil and gas), and others.

## **North America:**

**Caribbean:** A couple or team, age 20 to 30, is needed to pioneer and lead a university ministry in Puerto Rico. For those who do not speak Spanish, a commitment to learn is required. Missionaries should have a vision for seeing the Puerto Rico work expand into neighboring Caribbean nations, and into the world. Commitment is for five-to-seven years.

**Canada:** Seeking a city ministry leader to pioneer a Navigator ministry in Toronto, Canada's largest city and one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world. The missionary would partner with Navigator professionals who work in the city. Goal would be to reach Toronto's four universities and four colleges, which currently have nearly 200,000 students, but no Navigator ministry.

## **United States:**

1. **Nations Within:** Seeking experienced African American Navigator to lead a work to reach Africans who are living in the U.S. The missionary should be able to help initiate, recruit and lead a group of staff and volunteers who serve among the African population. The missionary will work as part of the Nation's Within ministry of The Navigators, which is a new effort to reach the large and growing population of people within the US who have a primary cultural and national identity distinct from the majority culture.