

# Raising Personal Support: Ministry Development Worker



All missionaries with BCM NI are expected to build a support team, the purpose of which is to provide the missionary with spiritual, emotional and prayer support, usually alongside regular financial support.

BCM International NI is a faith mission; as a result, all missionaries raise their own wage, unless they have sufficient means to live without doing so, for example if they are supported by their spouse or parents.

Once appointed, and before taking up a position, missionaries are expected to build a support team by approaching friends, relatives and churches, inviting them to partner with them in the ministry they are about to undertake - spiritually, emotionally, prayerfully and financially. While some people may choose to support financially via random ad-hoc gifts, most choose to give monthly. As part of their ministry role missionaries are expected to keep in touch with their supporters, sending regular updates so that their support team can journey with them in their ministry. In addition, at times, it will be necessary for missionaries to expand their support team to meet new needs.

The successful candidate will need to raise financial support in order to cover their living expenses. It would be ideal if the Ministry Development Worker(s) could live in one of the ministry areas: Lisburn, Lurgan or Downpatrick, and travel to the others as necessary. BCM UK is responsible for administering the support of missionaries from the UK; administration of support for missionaries from overseas varies depending on their country of origin.

BCM will provide practical guidelines and resources on raising support, alongside mentoring and accountability during the process.