



# ALL-NATIONS BIBLE TRANSLATION

Providing an Anabaptist Foundation for Bible Translation & Church Planting

## *Application for Acceptance* *as* **ABT Member-in-Training**

Thank you for your interest in the work of Bible translation and church planting among unreached people groups around the world! This application is designed to help us at ABT get to know you as we all consider and pray about the possibility of joining together in this work.

Joining ABT begins a partnership between ABT and your sending church. For this reason, we will not formally review your application until we have received the Pastor Reference Form. Please give him that form now, and wait to send us your application until we let you know that we have reviewed his reference form and are ready to proceed.

### **Filling Out the Application**

We suggest that you print out the application and fill out sections **A-C** and the last two sections, **M and N**. Then answer the questions in sections **D-L** with a separate document, numbering each answer in order (D-1, D-2, etc.). You are welcome to give a brief explanation with any answer as needed.

If you are under 21, we encourage you to give the Parent/Friend Reference Form to your parents to fill out. If 21 or older, you may give it to your parents or a mature friend.

Mail your completed application to the ABT Office, or scan the necessary pages and email the application to us. If you have questions, feel free to contact us.

### **ABT Office**

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State College, PA 16801

717-831-8228

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**A. Contact Information**

A-1. Full name \_\_\_\_\_

A-2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

A-3. Phone number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

A-4. Email address \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Personal Information**

*Please attach or include a recent photo of yourself.*

B-1. Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

B-2. Marital Status \_\_\_\_\_

B-3. Are you in debt? \_\_\_\_\_

B-4. What time do you normally get up in the morning? \_\_\_\_\_

B-5. Describe your daily schedule. \_\_\_\_\_

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**C. Health and Medical**

C-1. Do you have any known allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

C-2. Do you have any dietary restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

C-3. Are you on any long-term prescription drugs? \_\_\_\_\_

C-4. Do you have any chronic physical condition or sickness? \_\_\_\_\_

C-5. Have you experienced emotional or mental instability in the past? If so, please describe briefly. \_\_\_\_

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## **D. Church Situation**

- D-1. Name of your church
- D-2. Your church's affiliation
- D-3. Your church leaders (Specify "deacon," etc. Give phone number and email address)
- D-4. Which of your church leaders are aware that you are applying to serve with ABT?
- D-5. Briefly describe your church experience since childhood.
- D-6. How long have you been a member of your current church?
- D-7. How well do you feel you know the other members of your church?
- D-8. Describe your relationship with your current church leaders.

## **E. Spiritual Journey**

- E-1. Please give written testimony of God's work in your life since childhood (1 or 2 pages). Describe how you came to be a follower of Jesus and mention what God has been doing in your life in the past six months.
- E-2. Is there anyone you credit as a significant spiritual mentor in your life? If so, please explain briefly.
- E-3. What do you consider your spiritual gift(s)?
- E-4. Explain why you are interested in serving with ABT as part of a Bible translation and church-planting team.

## **F. Character and Integrity**

- F-1. Describe your strengths. Give examples
- F-2. Describe your weaknesses. Give examples.
- F-3. What areas of your character are you currently seeking to develop and improve?
- F-4. Are you morally pure? If you have been enslaved to immoral habits in the past, how long have you had victory?
- F-5. What kind of music do you listen to, and which are your favorite groups?
- F-6. Briefly describe your use of internet and social media.

## **G. Interpersonal Relationships**

- G-1. Describe your upbringing, home, and family life (several paragraphs).
- G-2. How is your relationship with your parents now?
- G-3. How is your relationship with your siblings now?
- G-4. Do you have any strained relationships with others in your church or other close associates? If so, please explain briefly.
- G-5. As a Christian, have you experienced defeat in the areas of anger, unsubmitive attitudes, or failure to forgive? Do you currently have victory in these areas?

## **H. Belief System**

*Please review carefully ABT's Statement of Faith and Practice.*

*(View at [www.AllnationsBibleTranslation.org/about/what-we-believe](http://www.AllnationsBibleTranslation.org/about/what-we-believe) or contact us for a copy)*

Do you agree with our Statement of Faith and Practice? Please explain any beliefs or practices that differ.

## **I. Evangelism and Discipling**

I-1. Describe obstacles and challenges you face in sharing the Gospel with unbelievers.

I-2. Describe opportunities and experiences you have had in sharing the Gospel with unbelievers.

I-3. If you have had opportunity to mentor a new or young Christian, please describe.

I-4. Describe any organized ministry or service opportunities you have participated in. What impact did these have on your life?

## **J. Education**

J-1. Do you have a high school diploma or GED?

J-2. Write a paragraph for each type of higher education that you received. Include all classes, Bible schools, trainings, or seminars you attended or degrees or certificates you received. Mention each institution, how much time you spent there, and the subject matter.

J-3. List some of the books you have read that help prepare you for your life-work in the Kingdom of God (missionary biographies, books on missions, etc.)

## **K. Jobs**

Describe each job you have held (paid or volunteer). Please include the following:

- Who you worked for
- When and how long
- Job description and responsibilities
- Challenges and joys (work-related and interpersonal)
- Why you left each job

## **L. Travels**

If you have lived or traveled in a developing country or area of the world, please describe (if not already described above).



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N-1	<b>Spiritual Life</b>	No interest in spiritual growth	Little evidence of spiritual growth	On a spiritual roller-coaster	Meaningful steady growth	Mature & vibrant
N-2	<b>Victory over Sin</b>	Habitual sinner, careless	Sins but hides it for a time	Sins but repents	Seldom sins, repents quickly	Lives in daily victory
N-3	<b>Joy</b>	Never	On occasion	When things go well	Daily except through crisis	Never loses it
N-4	<b>Consideration of Others</b>	Self-centered, indifferent	Slow to sense how others feel	Reasonably responsive	Understanding & thoughtful	Responds with unusual insight & consideration
N-5	<b>Attitude toward Authority</b>	Unmanageable	Disrespectful, critical	Indifferent or independent	Usually submissive	Respectful & cooperative
N-6	<b>Teachableness</b>	Rigid, argumentative	Highly opinionated	Open-minded	Willing to receive instruction	Eager to receive instruction
N-7	<b>Teamwork</b>	Frequently causes friction	Prefers to work alone	Usually cooperative	Works well with others	Exceptionally cooperative
N-8	<b>Forgiveness</b>	Holds grudges	Finds hard to forgive	Usually forgives	Forgives easily	Prays for, blesses, does good to offender
N-9	<b>Openness</b>	Closed to input, resists accountability	Unappreciative of constructive criticism	Confesses or shares struggles when asked	Open, grateful for constructive criticism	Vulnerably open, voluntarily accountable
N-10	<b>Speech</b>	Inconsiderate or excessive talk	Commonly engages in frivolous chatter	Self-conscious, hesitant to speak	Thinks before he speaks	Gracious, clear, constructive communication
N-11	<b>Slander</b>	Quick to speak evil	Occasionally	Usually not	Seldom	Never Known to
N-12	<b>Spending</b>	Spends thoughtlessly	Buys anything he wants	Buys only what he has money for	Buys little more than necessities	Lives on as little as possible
N-13	<b>Giving</b>	Saves everything and gives nothing	Saves much and gives little	Tithes only	Gives beyond tithing	Gives cheerfully and sacrificially
N-14	<b>Enduring Hardship</b>	Unwilling to leave comfort	Tries to bring comfort along	Willing to suffer but complains	Good sport	Soldier, willing to leave all comfort
N-15	<b>Personal Quiet Time</b>	Never	On occasion, studying to teach	Most of the time	Daily but does not always meet God	Meets with God daily
N-16	<b>Personal Discipline</b>	Out of control	Disciplined when he has the fear of man	Disciplined in some areas	Mostly disciplined	Example of disciplined life

Dear Brother or Sister,

Thank you for filling out this application. We realize honest responses can be difficult at times, and we appreciate your effort to be clear with us.

Once we receive all the reference forms, we will review your application. We may contact you with questions over the next few weeks. We may also share and discuss your application with your church leader(s). Feel free to keep in touch as we together seek the Lord about working together.

Normally a decision is made within two months. If you feel you will need an answer sooner, please let us know that now.

Please sign below to indicate that we may share your application and related forms with our Board of Directors and other administrative personnel as necessary.

*With the promise of loving prayers,*

*ABT's Application Review Committee*

The "romance" of a missionary is often made up of monotony and drudgery;  
there often is no glamour in it; it doesn't stir a man's spirit or blood.  
So don't come out to be a missionary as an experiment; it is useless and dangerous.  
Only come if you feel you would rather die than not come.  
Don't come if you want to make a great name or want to live long.  
Come if you feel there is no greater honor,  
after living for Christ,  
than to die for Him.

— C.T. Studd

*I hereby release All-Nations Bible Translation (ABT) to share any of the information included in this application with my church leaders and any ABT leadership or affiliates as it sees fit.*

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*Signature*

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*Date*