

ACLAME Support Missionaries for Ministerial Training AGWM - LA/C Region

ACLAME exists to connect and encourage LA/C missionaries as they disciple, teach, mentor and train others for ministry.

Introduction. Historically, the national church in most countries in the LA/C region has placed great emphasis on ministerial training, the result of exponential growth and the demand for trained workers. Current statistics reflect this ongoing emphasis, especially in Spanish-speaking countries.¹ International organizations have been formed by language and geographical blocks. These organizations have in turn created international institutions and ministries that offer or support ministerial training.

Though not all AGWM missionaries consider themselves to be educators, ACLAME encourages all missionaries to be involved in both informal and more formal training ministries as part of the general missionary role to disciple and train. Missionaries, themselves the product of ministerial training, will work within the context of their national church to disciple, teach, mentor and train others for ministry.

ACLAME recognizes the need to support this basic missionary task, as well as the need for coordination and support of both national and international training ministries. As a result, ACLAME proposes the assignment of the task of Support Missionary for Ministerial Training to at least one missionary in each country in the LA/C Region. Following are some basic guidelines that will guide this assignment.

Description. Each country in the LA/C region will have at least one Support Missionary for Ministerial Training who serves as an advocate for and facilitator of ministerial training in his or her country. Serving as an ACLAME Support Missionary is an informal assignment that focuses on encouraging and serving.

Qualifications. Support Missionaries believe in the importance of discipleship, teaching, mentoring and training of others for ministry. They may or may not be involved in formal ministerial training programs. They are willing to serve by encouraging others, becoming involved in and facilitating ministerial training programs and ministries.

Appointment. Support Missionaries are nominated by the ACLAME area representatives, ratified by the ACLAME Leadership Team and approved by the Regional Director.

Responsibilities. Support Missionaries are asked to fulfill the following responsibilities as able:

1. Encourage missionaries in country as they disciple, teach, mentor and train others for ministry.
2. Maintain a cordial, serving relationship with the national Christian education leadership.
3. Stay informed about national and international ministerial and training organizations, programs and ministries that function in country.
4. Get involved in national and international ministerial training programs and ministries.
5. Facilitate communication of national and international ministerial training programs and ministries to other missionaries in country.
6. Facilitate tasks related to international education events in country (orders, payments, purchases, etc.).
7. Assist with the gathering of yearly statistical information for the LA/C Region Office.

¹ The following chart illustrates the emphasis on ministerial training in the LA/C region

<i>2010 Statistics</i>	<i>Spanish-speaking</i>	<i>LA/C Region</i>	<i>Other Regions</i>
Adherents	10%	53%	47%
Churches	14%	66%	34%
Ministers	18%	63%	37%
Bible schools/ extensions	48%	60%	40%
Students	34%	61%	39%