

# Missionary Sending Priorities 2018

Navigator leaders are sometimes asked for our strategic priorities for sending missionaries. This document contains priorities established by each region in 2017 for missionaries they would like to receive from anywhere in our Worldwide Partnership, unless a nationality preference is specified in the description. The purpose of this document is to share each region's strategic missions priorities with the Navigator Worldwide Partnership.

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

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## 2018 Global Priorities

These global priorities were selected by the IET from among the regional missionary sending priorities detailed below. Note that removal of global or regional priorities from previous years does not mean that we are withdrawing from those. Sometimes progress made on a priority means that others require more priority attention.

1. Eurasian Country (unreached people group)
2. Southeast Asia Country
3. Croatia
4. US: Nations Within or Atlanta City Ministry

## Regional Priorities

### Africa

1. **Mozambique:** Seeking two couples and one or two singles aged 20-40 years old, to join a pioneering couple in the capital city of Maputo. This pioneering ministry, led by Africans, is focused on evangelism and discipleship in a context that is primarily poor and marginalized. The need is for people with Navigator experience in these types of ministry, and a willingness to engage university students who are part of the ministry on effective ways to reach their communities. The work is conducted in Portuguese, so new team members should already know the language or be willing to study it. Team members need to raise their ministry funding. There are no restrictions to obtaining a religious visa.
2. **Namibia:** Seeking an experienced Navigator couple age 30-50 to support a pioneering ministry in which young believers around the country need help growing in Christ and reaching their friends. The new team members should also 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. The primary ministry language is English, but it would be helpful for these team members to 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 implement the Navigator Calling, Values, and Vision. 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

1. **Country 1:** Seeking pioneering team members (to replace returning missionaries) with the possibility of becoming the team leader in the future. A small group of believers has emerged from the local major religion after 21 years of work. However, since June 2017 only one couple remains in the country. A single man, a single woman and a couple are needed to assist and support the team leader in running this missional coffee enterprise. Barista, roaster, coffee grader or general business management skills are needed. Alternatively, the couple could start another business for which they have the skills. They should be experienced with insider ministry and preferably speak the local language or be willing to learn.
2. **Country 2:** Seeking pioneering leaders for campus ministry among Buddhists. We are asking God for four people, ideally in their 30s, both male and female, single or married to join the small national team. Seeking people with experience in student ministry, a holistic outlook, and a willingness to undertake language training on arrival. Helpful professional qualifications include lecturing at a University, social work with an NGO or business.
3. **Australia:** Seeking pioneering campus leader for Melbourne University and member of the Melbourne City Leadership Team with responsibility for overseeing the student work in Melbourne. The Melbourne work will influence the future strategy of how to reach the 200 major cities of this region. The role includes supervision of two international student ministries that will affect the region's as students come to faith and return to their home countries. A mature staff couple in their 30s or 40s who have experience in campus ministry could fulfill this role. Alternatively, a couple in their late 40s or 50s could lead a young couple in their 20s or early 30s.

## Eurasia

1. **Country 1:** Nav Rep couple(s) to join the country opener in forming a team. This is a pioneering effort among an unreached people group. The goal is to establish a Navigator work among family and relational networks in a way that honors the local culture and carries an indigenous flavor. A period of language and culture learning will be required. Additionally, we need a single female to join the team. This is a very high priority for the Eurasia Region.
2. **Country 2:** A Nav Rep couple is needed to join a Nav Rep couple in pioneering student ministry in a challenging, postmodern context. It is critical for the Eurasia Region to have an effective ministry to 20-somethings, to help generate a new generation of Russian believers, laborers and leaders. Learning the Russian language and culture will be required.
3. **Ukraine:** A Nav Rep couple to join the country leader couple in a multifaceted ministry effort. In addition to developing new contacts, the couple would come alongside key Ukrainian believing couples in their 30s, helping them to mature, develop personal ministry, and emerge as a foundational generation of laborers and leaders.

## Europe

1. **Croatia:** A vibrant and winsome young couple (or team), preferably with campus ministry experience in a highly secularized environment, to invest in students and young professionals (some the children of fruit from The Navigator ministry of a generation ago) who have a passion to reach out to other students but no one to train or lead them. This staff couple also would receive, coordinate, and connect teams from the US who minister with Croatians among the to minister among an unreached people group. The hope is for the couple to move in late 2018 or early 2019 for the purposes of conserving the fruit, beginning to work in the student ministry, and recruiting the young couple (or team). Learning Croatian would not be required.

2. **Italy, Bologna:** One or two couples age 25-45 to start a work among university students. The goal is to reach out to secular, nominally Catholic students, drawing them into a Christian atmosphere and making the Bible, the Gospel, and Christ attractive to them. The effort would be helped by two existing groups of believers whose children would also be among those involved. The eventual outcome envisioned is for people to become believers and be part of fellowships patterned after the “turma” model of the Brazilian Navigators.
3. **Bulgaria:** An American couple experienced in secular campus contexts to join a fruitful campus ministry. The goal would be to eventually replace the campus leaders when they return to the US in 5-10 years. Need good admin and communication skills to contribute to the functioning of the local Nav NGO and a working knowledge of orthodoxy. Bulgarian language learning can happen while serving English-speaking students.
4. **Germany:** We currently have a Navigator presence at five universities. We seek team members to help pioneer a campus work in Dresden among highly secularized people. We also need laborers to strengthen our existing team, so we are seeking young couples and singles (30-45 years old) to work across Germany. These could join existing teams, with the possibility of taking over campus leadership in the future. Learning German is a requirement for these opportunities.
5. **Italy, Verona:** A couple, age 35-45, is needed to team with a veteran Nav couple in Verona to capitalize on the large relational network that has been created over many years. The context is secular Italians, culturally catholic, and the ministry language Italian. Professional competencies are essential for gaining access to the society.

## **Latin America**

1. **Peru:** Seeking one couple or two singles (Spanish speaking) age 20-50 to help the Navigators establish a healthy and sustainable Peruvian team in Lima among students and young professionals. Living and discipling among the Peruvians is highly relational work, so the new couple should be eager and willing to learn from the Peruvians.

## **Middle East**

1. **Country 1:** Seeking undergraduate or graduate students with evangelistic gifting to join an existing student-led team at a major university. The students should be committed to implementing The Core, implementing the Navigator strategy for reaching the lost, discipling them, equipping them and sending them to reproduce their lives in other students. The goal is to sustain a discipleship movement.
2. **Country 2:** This country is perhaps the least reached and least evangelized country in the region. The need is for three or four married couples or singles who can come in pairs with apostolic and evangelistic gifting to pioneer a new ministry under the direction of the country leadership team. The first two years will be focused on in-country language learning. Professions like teachers, entrepreneurs, and post-secondary students are most needed.
3. **Country 3:** Need young men and women or young couples to join existing team. Most needed are people seeking professional jobs as educators, engineers, doctors, health professionals. Over 85 percent of population is expats from the surrounding region. Most of these groups have become permanent residents.
4. **Country 4:** We are looking for laborers to advance the Gospel among the first spiritual generation in this unreached country. These laborers should be called to invest deeply in relationships, to live by kingdom principles, to share the truth of the Gospel appropriately and relevantly, to be committed to prayer, and to be able to find a suitable job (teaching, engineering, etc).

## **North America:**

1. **Puerto Rico**: We are seeking a couple or team to pioneer and lead a university ministry. Spanish is preferred but is not a requirement if the team is committed to learning Spanish. We are eager to see Puerto Rican laborers move into all of Puerto Rico, into the Caribbean nations, and into the world. Recent hurricanes have opened people to the Gospel in new and exciting ways. The commitment would be for 5-7 years.
2. **Ontario**: Seeking a city ministry leader with breadth of vision to pioneer a Navigator ministry in Toronto, Canada's largest and most culturally diverse city. The leader would partner with conventional income Navigators and hopefully pioneer work among Toronto's 200,000 university students at the city's four campuses.
3. **Fredericton, New Brunswick**: Campus ministry leader who could lead the Navigator ministry and collaborate with a number of conventional income Navigators. This campus has no full-time Navigator staff.
4. **Hamilton, Ontario**: Campus ministry leader who could lead our McMaster University ministry, collaborating with staff and conventional income Navigators.
5. **USA**: Seeking an experienced African Navigator leader to help initiate, recruit, and provide leadership for any number of Navigator ministry contexts in our Nations Within efforts. These might include immigrant/refugee populations, urban poor, collegiate, or community ministry. Specific requests have come from Nations Within and the city ministry in Atlanta. A job description can be shaped around the gifts, passions, and qualifications of the individual.