



## SAMS Bridgers

Society of Anglican Missionaries and Senders

### Internship Program

Dear Friends,

Has someone in your parish between the ages of 18-88 expressed a desire to serve as a missionary but can't commit to a three-year term? SAMS' internships were developed to meet the increasing desire for missionary service longer than a traditional short-term mission of two weeks, yet shorter than a service of three years.

Our program called Bridgers, places individuals in missionary service from two months to one year in countries where SAMS long-term missionaries are established. Bridgers serve independently, yet meet regularly with their SAMS missionary mentor. Our internships are not limited to summer months and can begin any time of the year that is satisfactory for the Bridger and the missionary mentor.

We send as many retired people as we do young people. We have sent several retired married couples whose service on the mission field has been invaluable to the receiving diocese. To be considered for a SAMS internship it is necessary for the applicant to have completed high school or the equivalent of high school. We look for Christians who are seeking God's will for their lives and we consider life experiences, especially church life experiences, as indicators of the applicant's qualification to serve as a SAMS Bridger.

Individuals seeking to serve as SAMS Bridgers must complete our application process which includes the recommendation of their home church leadership. They must also be able to pass background checks and child abuse clearances. Upon acceptance, Bridgers will be required to attend a Bridger Training Workshop. The primary focus of this workshop will be to build our relationship with the Bridger in order to serve them as they serve Christ in their host country.

The next workshop will be held in January in Ambridge, PA and the deadline for application is November. If you know someone who may be interested in pursuing an internship with SAMS, please have them contact Lynn Bouterse in the SAMS office at 724-266-0669 or at [LynnBouterse@sams-usa.org](mailto:LynnBouterse@sams-usa.org).