

What are the administrative costs of RFH?

Like all mission organizations and churches, there are home office expenses that need to be covered. This includes rent, staff salaries, accountants, legal counsel, required IRS reporting, postage and mailing supplies, operating supplies, travel for field visits, computer programming and maintenance, and the everyday expense of running an office. RFH retains twelve percent for these and other administrative expenses and puts the balance into the work and ministry of the missionary.

How does a person give to RFH?

Simply write a check made payable to *Ripe for Harvest* and send to P.O. Box 487, Monument, CO 80132. If it is for a specific missionary or mission project indicate the designation on the memo section of your check. You will receive a tax deductible receipt and a return envelope.

What steps does one take to join RFH?

Go to www.ripeforharvest.org and click on the Missionary Candidate page and download each of the forms. Fill them out and mail to Dr. Smith at the address above. Upon acceptance by the *Ripe for Harvest World Outreach* Mission Board, begin notifying your prayer partners and donors, along with your supporting churches, and make preparation to go to the field of God's choosing for you!

(You may download this brochure from our web site. Insert your own biographical information and mission project on the blank panel.)

About the Founder and President . . .



Dr. Tim A. Smith has been involved in Christian ministry for 40 years. He was born and raised on the mission field and his parents were faith supported missionaries for over 55 years.

His brother, Dr. Fred H. Smith, is a three term missionary with the C&MA, now serving as head of Toccoa Falls College Missions Department.

Tim has served with several large ministry organizations including assistant to the director of distribution with Billy Graham Films where he set up hundreds of city wide film crusades and was a field director with Paul Eshleman in the Jesus Film Project of Campus Crusade for Christ. He also served with Sports World Ministries where he set up several thousand school assemblies where a retired NFL pro athlete gave his testimony.

Tim received his M.Div. at Bethel Theological Seminary with a concentration in missions. His thesis project for the D.Min. was on "Mission Candidate Criteria." He and his wife Mary are parents of three grown children and reside in the Phoenix suburb of Mesa, Arizona, where he is Senior Pastor of Apache Wells Community Church.

For additional information and details, go to www.ripeforharvest.org to see Statement of Faith, Staff Criteria, Application Forms, President, Board of Directors, Operational Forms, and other information. Call 480-373-9387 or email: TimSmith@ripeforharvest.org.

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John 4:35b (NIV)

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[Ripe For Harvest World Outreach](#) . . .

. . . began in 1979 as *White Harvest Missions* (KJV) but in recent years changed the name to better reflect the newer Bible translations. Our name now reflects the NIV wording of John 4:35b. Jesus said, “*I tell you open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*”

The mission of *Ripe for Harvest World Outreach* (RFH) is to respond to our Lord’s request when he said in Matthew 9:37-38 and again in Luke 10:2, “*The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.*” When the Lord answers our prayer and sends us qualified candidates for mission, we “*send out workers into his harvest field.*”

Ripe For Harvest does not lower the standard for mission candidates and staff members but broadens the opportunities in which many qualified workers can enter the harvest with the gifts and call that God has placed on their heart. Staff members are involved in evangelism, discipleship, church planting, teaching, prison ministries, conference speaking, Bible translation, ESL opportunities, spiritual counseling, music evangelism, house parenting in mission schools and orphanages, and many other ministries that are “ripe for harvest.” Currently there are 125 staff missionaries serving in 30 countries.

Each staff member is responsible for his or her own prayer and financial support. When God calls a missionary, He also calls a support team to surround that missionary with prayer and finances. These circles of individuals, family members, business acquaintances, churches, and Sunday school classes affirm each staff member

in their calling to mission, and assures them that they will provide the necessary encouragement for them to serve in the harvest field.

Ripe For Harvest oversees the ministerial and financial accountability required of a church and non-profit ministry. We require the staff person to account for their time and finances via activity reports and expense statements with accompanying documentation. Periodic field visits, bi-annual staff retreats, written reports, and individual counsel is provided, in addition to compliance with reports required by the government.

Ripe for Harvest takes seriously our obligation to those who donate to our missionaries. We provide tax-deductible receipts for each gift, do not share/sell/trade names or addresses, nor solicit funds for *RFH*. Each missionary shares in the administrative costs of the home office personnel and expenses with 12% of all contributions. As donations are received for missionaries, monthly reports are sent to indicate the source of the funds and how much was given toward particular projects and personal support. Budgets for all mission projects and salaries must be approved by the Board of Directors.



[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[How did *Ripe for Harvest* \(RFH\) start?](#)

The founder, Dr. Tim A. Smith, felt that while there were many mission organizations fulfilling their respective vision objectives, there were very few that gave opportunity for the individual missionary to fulfill his/her personal vision. There are many unique “one of a kind” mission opportunities that were unfilled because they did not fit the profile of an existing mission sending agency. Dr. Smith, raised on the mission field himself, wants the qualified missionary candidate to be able to answer the Lord’s call to “*Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field...*” (Mt. 9:37).

[How are missionaries paid?](#)

Each missionary raises his or her own financial support through friends, family, business, and churches. Donors send their gifts to RFH, where the monies are disbursed to cover salaries and ministry expenses.

[Where do RFH missionaries serve?](#)

Currently there are 125 missionaries representing 30 countries and 15 states in the United States.

[Can one select the country and project?](#)

Yes. If the Lord has called you to a particular country or people group, the role of *Ripe For Harvest* is to help you respond to that call.

[Does RFH have any benefits?](#)

Yes, there is a 403(b) retirement plan; health insurance is through www.missionaryhealth.net.

[What are the doctrinal beliefs of RFH?](#)

RFH is a member of the National Association of Evangelicals and subscribes to its official Statement of Faith.



[Is RFH a non-profit ministry?](#)

Yes, *RFH* is incorporated as a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization and has received a ruling by the IRS as tax-exempt. The Board of Directors governs the organization’s policies and procedures, serving without pay.



[Can one be part-time with RFH?](#)

Yes, many of the missionaries are “tent makers” while they minister part-time. Sometimes it takes years for their support to reach a point where they can go full time.

[What kind of training does RFH provide?](#)

Many of the missionaries are career missionaries transferring from other mission sending agencies, and have extensive training and experience either on the field or in academia. However, for those with limited training or experience, *RFH* helps the individual through videos, books, training manuals, internet sites and articles. Periodic field visits by home office staff add to the training and supervision of the missionary.

[Do missionaries ever get together?](#)

Yes, once every two years an international mission staff conference is held somewhere in the United States.

[Is the missionary considered an employee?](#)

Yes, missionaries receive annual W-2 statements.