

# **Ministering Couple Profile**

The Eastwood congregation in Haughton, Louisiana is seeking a couple who are members of the church of Christ, who are in the process of raising support to go into the mission field, and who are prayerfully looking for an oversight congregation to partner with them in their mission over the long term.

The couple must be willing to relocate for a period of time to bond with the congregation while assisting us in implementing our current ministry plan of community outreach. A compensatory package including salary, housing, and other benefits is available.

We prefer a husband and wife who are both between 25 and 35 years of age, married for two or more years, and with 0 to 2 children. We prefer that husband and/or wife have a minimum of a bachelor's degree in missiology or applied ministry from an accredited Christian college or university, both having completed at least one internship with an active missionary in a foreign mission field.

The couple must be mature, team players, and willing to work under the mentorship of the consultant and Ministry & Missions Work Group composed of men and women of the congregation. The couple must also be good communicators across generational lines and willing to bring intentionality to bonding with a diverse congregation on a personal and ministerial level.

## **Unique Training & Field Prep Opportunities**

The position includes a unique opportunity to consult with a licensed marriage and family therapist who has 17 years of experience counseling with missionary couples in the field, consulting with missionary teams, and advising overseeing congregations. The consultant will collaborate with the chosen couple to build an optimal training and preparation experience during their tenure of ministry at Eastwood.

As part of their training experience, the couple will be able to be involved with existing urban and local cross-cultural ministries currently operating in the Haughton-Shreveport-Bossier area.

## **Preferred Experience & Skill Sets**

### **Preaching & Teaching**

The husband must have training and skill in preparing and effectively delivering Bible-based sermons as well as teaching Bible classes for ages high school through adult.

The wife must also have training, skill, and desire to mentor and teach Bible classes for young women.

### Community Outreach

Strongly preferred that the couple have basic training and/or experience in developing and implementing community outreach and discipling programming in a local church setting.