

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

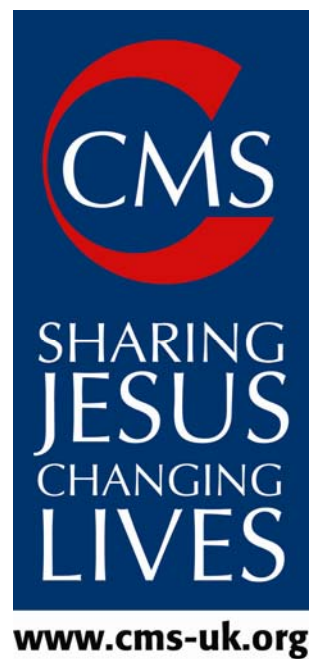
Title (Rev/Mr/Mrs/Ms) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____



Dear Church Leader,

Thank you for agreeing to act as a referee for the person who has handed you this form. This person is applying to join a CMS short term mission 'Encounter' team this year.

Applicant's name _____ Team location: _____

CMS short term mission teams provide an opportunity for young British Christians to live alongside Christians in another country for a few weeks sharing in their lives, witness, worship and hopes and aspirations. The programme enables the participants to discover more about God, the world church and mission. The visit may involve a certain amount of work for the participants, but we see the tasks as forming a structure from which the participants can meet people and develop relationships and understanding rather than as an end in themselves. Visits can be stressful as the team members live in very close proximity to each other and participants need to adjust to a totally new culture.

1. For how long and in what capacity have you known the applicant?

2. Short term visits can sometimes involve long hard travel and hard physical work.

Do you know of any health problems? _____ Is the applicant often ill? **Y / N**

Give details: _____

3. Short term visits may be emotionally demanding. Has the applicant any history of emotional or psychological problems?

Y / N

Please give details: _____

4. How does the applicant respond to authority?

5. How well does the applicant work in a team situation?

6. How well does the applicant relate to those of other cultures or of different social backgrounds?

7. How well does the applicant relate to peer group members of both sexes?

8. Is the applicant adaptable? _____

9. Does the applicant have a sense of humour? _____

10. Does the applicant have the capacity to learn, reflect upon experiences and articulate them? _____

Please give examples: _____

11. Please comment on the applicant's faith development since you have known them:

12. Please comment upon the applicant's Christian life and involvement within the life of the Church.

13. How well does the applicant cope with those who have different theological stances and traditions?

14. The visit will cost between £900 and £1,800 per person, depending on location and flights (less for European locations). Participants also need to cover the cost of insurance, inoculations and personal spending money if applicable. Is the applicant, as far as you know, able to provide or raise the costs of participating in a CMS visit?

15. Please add any further comments you feel may be helpful to us.

Signature _____ Date _____

I realise that you have many demands upon your time, but I would be grateful if you could please return this reference at your earliest convenience to the address below. More information on our Encounter teams can be found at www.cms-uk.org/encounter.

Many thanks for taking the time to answer these questions,

Yours sincerely,



Sarah Truby
Crossing Cultures Team Administrator
Email: sarah.truby@cms-uk.org
Tel: 01865 787494

Please return to: Sarah Truby, CMS, Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ

Church Mission Society
Watlington Road, Oxford, OX4 6BZ t: 0845 620 1799 f: 01865 776375
e: info@cms-uk.org www.cms-uk.org
General Secretary – The Revd Canon Tim Dakin Registered Charity No: 220297