

*A Reaching & Teaching Long-Term Worker (LTW) is a disciple of Jesus Christ sent out by a local, baptistic, gospel-faithful church, affirmed by RTIM to cross geographic, cultural, and/or linguistic barriers as part of a missionary team focused on making disciples, establishing churches, and training leaders.*

## MENA Team Description

### **Vision:**

New Life Church is an elder-led congregational church in Abu Dhabi, that was planted by the Evangelical Community Church (ECC). God initiated His plans for our church in early 2008 by stirring the hearts of the ECC pastoral leadership, as well as a small group of faithful members, who were living off-island (about 40 minutes drive from the present church compound). Their desires to start a new church for God's glory were realized in May of 2009 when the New Life Church was planted. In January of 2012 the Constitution was ratified, and in May of 2012, Matthew Levant was called to serve as the first pastor. Gareth Franks was called in 2017 and became the second (and current) pastor to serve New Life Church, Abu Dhabi. The church focuses on reaching the growing number of people that have moved into the outlying communities off of the primary Abu Dhabi Island.

New Life Church is a member of the "Council of Evangelical Churches" in the UAE. We are an international, English speaking, family of believers seeking to give glory to God. We like to think of our church family as a snapshot of the Kingdom of Heaven, as depicted in Revelation 7:9. While we are people of different ages, ethnicities, and callings, we are united in our worship of Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, through the saving power of the gospel. The church is currently looking for a new Pastoral Assistant.

### **Current Team:**

New Life Church would be your primary team including the elders of the church. Additionally, RTIM has multiple other global workers in the country that would be available for encouragement and fellowship.

### **Description of Role:**

Candidates for this role must have a clear aspiration to vocational pastoral ministry and desire to test and grow their gifts in the context of the local church.



The most likely PA candidates for our position are usually single, post-undergrad, pre-seminary, or post-seminary guys. The Pastoral Assistant performs a vital role in the health of the church by assisting the pastors and other ministry leaders in their leadership and service of the church.

## **Responsibilities of Role:**

A Reaching & Teaching Long-Term Worker has ample freedom within the mission, values, and supervision of Reaching & Teaching to engage in ministry that reflects the biblical Great Commission priorities listed in our definition.

**Every Long-Term Worker must be an active member of a gospel faithful, credo-baptist local church in his or her place of service. If there is not such a church within a reasonable geographic proximity, the missionary should work, whether directly or indirectly (e.g. if a woman on the field) to establish such a church.**

This position gives final report to the elders and the congregation and is supervised by the Senior Pastor. The general responsibilities of Pastoral Assistant will be as follows:

- Assist in member care: follow up with out-of-the-area members, help elders in ministering to members, help members who are transitioning out, make hospital visits.
- Visitors follow-up and help with new members' process: Assist in planning the membership classes, help baptism candidates write their testimony, and assist with membership interviews.
- Discipleship and Bible studies: Under the oversight of the elders, initiate and carry out ideas for Bible studies, discipleship venues, and trainings.
- Coordinate logistics: Support logistics for Sunday services, trainings, seminars, and other meetings the church hosts. Assist in the preparation of and presentation of the Sunday morning service. Duties would include creating and printing order of service and overseeing the worship PowerPoint/EasyWorship presentation.
- Assist the elders in special projects: Follow-up with ideas/plans as directed by senior pastor or elders.
- Prepare for teaching/training responsibilities.
- Public teaching and preaching (frequency based on readiness/giftedness).
- Manage the Home Group planning and development in coordination with senior pastor.
- Develop processes to connect members and all attendees to Homegroups and ways to assess the health and direction of each group.
- Maintain an ongoing schedule of Home-Groups and engage leaders with ongoing training.
- Manage the Adult Core Seminary curriculum planning and development as well as the Youth Ministry.
- Maintain an ongoing schedule of Sunday School classes and engage teachers for each of those classes.
- Other duties as assigned.

## **Qualifications:**

### **Required:**

- Ministers in a way that is consistent with RTIM core values, vision, and mission
- Maintains a growing, maturing walk with God
- Exhibits a genuine love for people
- Is currently serving in their local church and pursuing intentional discipleship relationships
- Exemplifies humble, loving, servant leadership. Men must be elder-qualified.
- If married, keeps a careful watch over himself and his family
- Is self-motivated, disciplined, and responsible in his personal life
- Humbly works as part of the RTIM ministry team and is willing to submit to those in authority
- Minimum commitment of 3 years

### **Preferred:**

- Previous cross-cultural experience