

African American Cross-Cultural Missionary Survey  
Reconciliation Ministries Network 2003

Greetings to you in Jesus' name. Our main ministry focus is to mobilize the African American church for global missions. To highlight the need for African American (AFAM) cross-cultural (CC) missionaries, we're attempting to determine how many are currently serving those who are primarily not AFAM, wherever that might be. In 1998, I completed a dissertation (Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) on the reasons for the underrepresentation of AFAM crosscultural missionaries (available at [www.RMNI.org/dissertation](http://www.RMNI.org/dissertation)). The answer to "How many African American crosscultural missionaries are there?" is yet a mystery. Thanks for your assistance and particularly thank you for giving any referrals to other AFAMs serving cross-culturally. The general results will be posted at our website when complete.

"It is extremely important that we receive accurate information about African-Americans serving in Cross-cultural missions. The information that will be received from this questionnaire is very important for the continual mobilization of African-American Christians into world missions.

African-American Christians have played a pivotal role in world mission in the past but very little about those who have served as missionaries is recorded. We are trying to document our contributions, as an ethnic group, to world missions. Our hope is that, if our people can see that we are involved and have been in years past, church leaders might put a fresh new emphasis on missions in our churches.

Please fill out this questionnaire and pass on to COMINAD and Reconciliation Ministries Network the names of any other African-American missionaries so that we can get a good accounting of our involvement --Brian Johnson, National Coordinator, COMINAD (Cooperative Missions Network of the African Dispersion)

This survey is **only** for **African American** Christian **missionaries** who are **currently** and **primarily** serving those who are **not AFAM**. If using a paper version, please clearly print your responses. The information below is requested to provide needed survey and mission information and your name will be kept confidential. If you do give permission for me to quote you by name, check this box:

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_  
If your spouse also meets the criterion for the survey, what is your spouse's name?  
\_\_\_\_\_ We would appreciate your  
spouse completing a separate survey form.
2.  Male  Female
3. Age 20-29 30-39 40-49 50-59 60-69 70+
4. E-mail address (legibility is necessary) \_\_\_\_\_
5. Best Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Postal code \_\_\_\_\_
6. Fax: country code \_\_\_\_\_ area code \_\_\_\_\_ local # \_\_\_\_\_
7. Best phone number, including any access codes from the US \_\_\_\_\_
8. Denominational affiliation, if any \_\_\_\_\_
9. Does your denomination's mission organization provide **most** of your financial support?  Yes  No
10. With what mission organization do you serve, if any \_\_\_\_\_
11. What is your personal or mission website (URL)? \_\_\_\_\_  
If there is no website, what is your mission's email address? \_\_\_\_\_

12. What ethnic group do you serve, primarily? \_\_\_\_\_  
 13. What is your ministry? \_\_\_\_\_

14. How many years have you served in CC ministry? \_\_\_\_\_  
 15. Do you personally believe that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way to be saved?  Yes  No  
 16. What was the primary means by which you were recruited into CC missions? \_\_\_\_\_

17. Did your mission agency (#16) use a mentoring system as you began work with them?  
 Yes  No

18a. If yes, how beneficial was it to you (check one)? (not beneficial=1) ① ② ③ ④ ⑤  
 (Very beneficial=5) 18b. Any comments on this mentoring system? \_\_\_\_\_

19. What formal education have you had (select one)?  high school/GED  Bible college/institute  college—associate's degree  college—bachelor's degree  master's degree  earned doctorate (Assoc. of Theological Schools [ATS])  earned doctorate (non- ATS)

20. What was your overall GPA in the last school you attended (4 point system)? \_\_\_\_\_

21a. Do you raise your own support?  Yes  No

21b. If yes, what **percentage** of your suggested income level do you currently receive? \_\_\_\_\_

22. What is your current **actual** financial support range (US dollars)?  under \$20,000  \$20-30,000  \$30-40,000  \$40-50,000  \$50-60,000  \$60-70,000  \$70-80,000  over \$80,000

23. What is the biggest challenge that you face? \_\_\_\_\_

24. Do you have any other comments? \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are willing to release your name for similar research by others, please check this box .*

In previous research, missionaries sharing the contact information of other AFAM crosscultural missionaries were most helpful. Any contact information you share (email address, phone number, mailing address) will be deeply appreciated. Or feel free to forward this to them. (Please attach a sheet if more room is needed.) Thank you once more for your help!

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Other AFAM CC missionaries:

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