

### **What are its key principles?**

1. To honour and glorify the Lord Jesus Christ

I.M.P. desires above all to bring glory to the Lord Jesus and to do His will. To this end, all who are involved in its work need to be conscious of the need to listen to the Lord and then believe and obey Him; as Scripture says: "So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God" (Rom.10:17).

2. To recognise the autonomy of both the sending and the indigenous church

Although I.M.P. is registered in a number of countries, it believes that the sending church bears a unique responsibility for the prayer, financial, and pastoral support of its missionaries; its aim is to assist the sending church in fulfilling its responsibilities in this area and not to overshadow it.

Where a missionary is not linked to a sending church, I.M.P. can often help in identifying a church that is willing to take on this role.

3. To affirm the integrity of the individual missionary under the authority of the Lord Jesus  
The role of I.M.P. in the missionary's life is solely one of support, and the missionary is left in all circumstances to follow the personal leading of the Lord. I.M.P. is always willing to give its assistance, and it will give its counsel if asked to do so, but it does not seek to enforce that counsel in any way.

4. To serve the Lord's people at home and abroad  
Serving the Lord's people is the essence of I.M.P. This service may take different forms or come in a variety of ways, but I.M.P. always stands ready to help in any way possible that is consistent with its trust document.