

# Before you apply



## Before an application form is requested we suggest the following:

- Discuss your thoughts with your church leadership.
- Decide which of the four ways of engaging with Avail given below best suits you.

1. **Partnership:** A Partner is someone who benefits from the full range of support offered.

2. **Association:** An Associate is either an independent mission worker or someone registered with another mission. The range of benefits is by negotiation but will not include everything available to a Partner.

3. **Community Work in the UK:** This applies to someone who does community work in the UK, for example, teaching English to foreigners. The range of benefits is by negotiation but different from the above.

4. **Employment Overseas:** This applies to someone who is in regular employment overseas but wants to be directly involved in Christian service. The range of benefits is again by negotiation and different from the above.

And please note our position on the following:

### Employment

Avail affirms that all Christians, whatever their role, should consider their lives fully employed in God's purposes. Therefore we welcome those that sense the clear call of God to mission and ministry overseas in secular employment. We recognise the benefits of such ministry and acknowledge that in some countries it is the only way to gain access.

### Health

Poor health doesn't disqualify a person from overseas service. However, conditions in countries where mission workers serve are often difficult and medical services limited. Avail's medical director is happy to discuss these issues and advise.