

## Volunteer Family and Couple Counselor

This role will be performed **Part-Time** and it is a volunteering position. It is suitable for **Pastors, Counsellors, Retirees or Mature Married Persons** who are passionate about family and couple ministry.

### **The Role**

The Barnabas Mission (TBM)'s vision is to be a reliable organization for the supply of essential support for individuals and families in order to promote: blissful relationships and marriages; responsible parenting; fulfilled individuals that will promote productive people; functional homes; responsible children and a better and peaceful society. We do this by providing guidance and counseling on, family wellness, pre-marital and marital counseling, and parenting.

People in need of counsel; young and old, male and female, walk into the TBM's Blissfulmates Life Centers (BLC) from time to time and so there is the need for male and female counsellors and experts in different professions e.g. mediation, human rights, mental health etc. to offer counselling and help in resolution of their cases. Experts in their fields can also offer training services to other partners of TBM to better equip them.

The TBM volunteer counsellors enable those in need to access counselling free of charge or on a sliding scale basis depending on TBM service and their ability to pay.

Becoming a Family and Couple Counsellor volunteer with The Barnabas Mission is a long-term commitment that is rewarding for both the volunteers and clients. The volunteer counsellors will have access to training and other resources to further develop themselves to discharge their responsibilities.

TBM is currently seeking volunteer couple and family counsellors for the TBM BLCs in Lagos, Ibadan, and Port Harcourt.

***Responsibilities may*** include but not limited to:

- a) Provide support, guidance and counseling on, family wellness, pre-marital and marital counseling, and parenting.
- b) Responsible/Report to the Director of counseling and relationship resource centers or his/her delegate

### ***Requirements***

- a) Good written and verbal communication skills in English language and any additional Nigerian dialect (Required)
- b) Counselling Skills (Advantage)
- c) Registration with the Counselling Association of Nigeria (CASSON) or willing to do so (Required)
- d) Ideally will have experience of working or volunteering with a Christian Non-for-profit Organization or NGO. (Advantage)
- e) This is mostly a 'virtual' role with one day per week in the Ibadan TBM center. The suitable candidate should have access to the internet, a Laptop or smart telephone and be

- able to work from home. Hours are flexible and meetings will often be held virtually except during the yearly TBM Annual General Meeting in February.
- f) The time commitment would be between 6 - 12 hours per week. (Required)
  - g) A long-term commitment of at least 1 years is required. The expectation is that the volunteer will commit for many years due to the relationships they will build and the personal benefits of being involved in the work of The Barnabas Mission. (Required)
  - h) Christian, Married and God-fearing Christian (Required)
  - i) Tertiary academic qualification (Advantage)
  - j) Honesty/Integrity/Care for people (Required)

***Remuneration:***

Stipend/Honorarium will be paid to cover travel and other expenses like internet etc.