

[Kim Ewell Lanier](#) is feeling thankful with [Eddie Ewell](#) and [5 others](#) at [Sentara Norfolk General Hospital](#).  
4 mins · [Norfolk, VA](#) ·

THANK YOU SO MUCH to Vince and Angela Rodkey whom Alan and I admire and have such fun with. Not only did God provide an opportunity to act but we 4 actually like each other . The doctors, nurses and staff of Sentara Norfolk General. They are truly an amazing force of professionalism and compassion. Thank you to our small group led by Kevin and Jada Miller, who when asks “Let us know if we can do anything for you guys” really mean it and loves on us. What was a “WOW” factor is the way Powell’s Point Christian Church where Vince is the pastor prayed and checked on Alan also. What a proactive group. We feel like honorary members and can’t wait to visit once Covid restrictions are lifted.They did not know us but sent Alan and myself messages and well wishes from day one. Thank you to my brother Eddie Ewell, who was coordinator and the communicator who went back and forth to set this whole process up. Roland French and staff at the Living Donor center. Thanks to Jada’s Jellies, our fab 5 group who are the best group of OGs on the planet. And thanks Doumar’s, whose BBQ sandwich was , well you know amazing after eating old Easter jelly beans found in my purse.

Surgery was a success. Due to Covid restrictions after Alan and Angela were whisked away approx 7:00 am yesterday , Vince and I didn’t get to see them til after they were moved to their rooms after 2:00pm. We were kept kept updated from start to finish. Alan and Angela are sore as expected and Alan feels better today than yesterday

## **Mid-Atlantic Christian University Institutional Policy #20**

SUBJECT: International travel

DATE: May 2010

REVISED: April 2020

NEXT SCHEDULED REVIEW: February odd numbered years, February 2021

APPROVED BY BOARD OF TRUSTEES: October 18, 2013

Policy for: Mid-Atlantic Christian University

Procedure for: Bible and Christian Ministry Chair

Authorized by: President

Issued by: Board of Trustees

---

### I. Purpose

The following guidelines have been established to minimize risk for MACU personnel and students when traveling on official university business in countries other than the United States.

### II. Policy

Working for Mid-Atlantic Christian University (MACU) normally has a very low security risk level, but international travel may inherently involve higher risks. While MACU takes every

reasonable security precaution for its personnel, it cannot guarantee the security or safety of its personnel traveling internationally.

**Definitions:**

1. International travel—when MACU personnel travel to other countries for purposes authorized by MACU.
2. Personnel—includes MACU paid staff, faculty, adjunct professors, and students while on official MACU business. It is understood that each international trip will have a designated leader.
3. Ministry location—any location in countries where MACU-sponsored activities are taking place.
4. Risk—the types of risks envisioned are those related to crime, civil unrest, travel safety, natural disasters, and health.

**MACU CONTINGENCY PROGRAM**

1. For each trip the Chair of the Bible and Christian Ministry Department will provide personnel with a general orientation for the purpose of minimizing risk during international travel.
2. The Chair of the Bible and Christian Ministry Department will require the leader of the international travel to research conditions on the ground at the ministry location and may assist the leader to discover those conditions. The results will be included in the orientation.
3. The Chair of the Bible and Christian Ministry Department will require each person going on international travel to acknowledge the orientation and sign a waiver indicating they are aware of the risks involved.
4. The MACU leadership team will form a crisis management team in the event of a serious problem or incident that occurs during international travel.

**EVACUATION AND PERSONAL SAFETY**

1. MACU recognizes that there are differences of perception when it comes to personal safety. Therefore, if any MACU personnel determines that it is unsafe to remain in a ministry location, they have the right to leave that location without any judgment or coercion to stay.
2. If the MACU leadership team determines that it is necessary to evacuate a ministry location for reasons relating to the safety and security of personnel, including but not limited to terrorist activities and threats, civil unrest, or disorder brought on by a natural disaster or political unrest, all MACU personnel are required to comply immediately. It is no longer a matter of personal decision. MACU respects those who may disagree with such a directive and welcomes discussion after the evacuation.

3. In evaluating risks associated with international travel, priority consideration shall be given to the safety of personnel.

#### **Kidnappings or Missing Persons:**

1. MACU leadership team will work with the United States Department of State to take all reasonable measures to secure the release of a hostage. MACU will not pay ransom for a hostage.
2. MACU leadership will provide a crisis team to:
  - a. Liaise with The US Department of State
  - b. Monitor the ongoing crisis situation
  - c. Communicate with family members
  - d. Provide information to the MACU leadership and membership
  - e. Assist in the resolution of the crisis where appropriate.
3. MACU personnel will not negotiate with any government or non-government entity or make a request on behalf of MACU without the authorization of the MACU leadership team.
4. MACU leadership will provide debriefers for the purpose of offering practical advice as well as emotional and spiritual assistance once the crisis has ended. MACU will encourage hostage victims, family members and members of the crisis team to attend a debriefing, and to seek further professional assistance if recommended.
5. MACU leadership requires that once it is established that a kidnapping has occurred, remaining members of the victim's immediate family will be evacuated to their chosen home country as soon as possible. This is done for the safety of both the victim and the family.
  - a. Should both parents, or a single parent, be kidnapped, their children will be evacuated to the predesignated home country location.
  - b. Other situations may still require family evacuation but will be determined on a case by case basis by the crisis team in consultation with the remaining family member.

#### **Resources for Monitoring Personal Safety**

1. United States Embassy – MACU personnel who engage in international travel should notify and register with the United States Embassy in that country for visits in excess of a month. The Embassy recommends that an individual REGISTER with the Department of State when traveling abroad by accessing [step.state.gov/step/](http://step.state.gov/step/). One can also register to receive travel advisory updates at this website.
2. Overseas Security Advisory Council – [www.osac.gov](http://www.osac.gov).

### III. Procedure

IV. Published: Policy Manual

V. Reason for Revision

VI. Appendices