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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Next Step Ministries International, Inc.

Division of Corporations:

Enclosed, please find all forms required for a newly incorporated non profit organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlina L. Lowrie".

Charlina L. Lowrie
Registered Agent

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
NEXT STEP MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
Domestic Nonprofit Corporation

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SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of Act 162, Public Acts of 1982, execute the following Articles:

Article I

The name of this Corporation shall be: Next Step Ministries International, Inc.

Article II

1. The purposes of Next Step Ministries International, Inc. are:
 - A. To minister to the churched and unchurched nationally & internationally. To spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ, through education, edification and exhortation. To mentor lay persons for the ministry God has called them to perform. To admonish the church in the doctrine of faith.
 - B. To propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the world by means of: an evangelistic ministry: revival meetings, the written word, a mission organization, personal counseling, training groups, church meetings, and ministry to train and equip believers, publish and/or distribute Gospel tracts and curriculum, other forms of literature, proclaim the Gospel through means of media; radio, television, internet, recorded messages, DVD, cd, and by every adequate communication means throughout the world as may be determined by the Board of Directors.
 - C. To establish, maintain and operate ministry centers, camps, seminars and Christian outreaches to teach, train and prepare people for an effective life of ministry in the Kingdom of God, including marriage counseling, divorce counseling, family counseling, and crisis counseling.
 - D. Training and equipping believers, both nationally and internationally toward leading closer personal lives with Jesus Christ, bringing them to maturity in their Christian walk that they may effectively carry out the will of God for their lives, and demonstrate the love of God to others.

- E. To receive contributions, gifts, legacies and endowments, consisting of money or other means, or acquisition of other properties from anyone consistent with the purpose of the corporation.
 - F. To establish Christian training centers for educational purposes, each of which shall constitute an integral and inseparable part of this corporation.
2. Except as otherwise limited herein, the Corporation shall have all powers necessary and convenient to effect or transact any or all of the business or purposes for which the corporation is organized and shall likewise have the powers provided by the state law.
 3. The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and literary purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and qualified foreign mission organizations.
 4. The Corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its directors, officers or other private persons; no part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or distributable to its directors, officers of other private person or persons, except the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in this Article. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under section 501(C)(3) of the Internal revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (C)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

Article III

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

Article IV

The registered office of the Corporation shall be located at 9450 Swan Way, North Fort Myers, Florida 33917, mailing address the same, and the registered agent P.S. Barbara M. McKeathon.

Article V

The name and address of the incorporator of the Corporation is as follows: Barbara M. McKeathon, 9450 Swan Way, North Fort Myers, Florida 33917 and Charlina L. Lowrie, 2962 Parkside Drive, Jenison, Michigan 49428.

Article VI

The management, conduct and control of the business of the Corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three members and not more than a maximum number as provided for in the Bylaws of this Corporation. The qualifications, term of office, method of election with cumulative voting specifically prohibited, powers, authority and duties of the Directors of this Corporation, the time and place of their meetings, and such other provisions with respect to them as are not inconsistent with the express provisions of these Articles of Incorporation shall be as specified in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Board of Directors shall have the right to amend, supplement or otherwise alter these Articles or the Bylaws of this Corporation by majority vote of those present at any duly noticed meeting of the Board of Directors, subject only to the limitations now provided by the laws of the State of Florida.

The Directors constituting the first Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be three (3) and the tenure in office of such first Board shall be as long as practical or until successors are elected and qualified at the first annual meeting.

The name and address of the first Directors are:

Charlina L. Lowrie
2962 Parkside Drive
Jenison, MI 49428

Barbara M. McKeathon
9450 Swan Way
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

William C. Hildreth
4274 Thompson Road
Muskegon, MI 49441

Article VII

Neither its Board of Directors, its Incorporators, nor its members, if any, shall be personally liable for any of the corporate obligations incurred by this Corporation.

Article VIII

- This corporation is organized upon a non-stock basis.
- Description and value of its real property assets: none.
- Description and value of its personal property assets: none.
- The corporation is not to be financed under any general plan.
- The corporation is organized on a Directorship basis.

Article IX

This Corporation shall have no members other than the Board of Directors.

Article X

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provision for payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501 (C)(3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) as the Board shall determine and no assets shall be transferred to or in any respect whatsoever inure to any member of this corporation or director of this Corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of common Pleas of the county in which the principle office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Notwithstanding anything apparently or expressly to the contrary hereinabove contained in this Article, if any assets are then held by this Corporation in trust or upon condition of subject to any executor or special limitation and if the condition or limitation occurs by reason of the dissolution of this Corporation, such assets shall revert or be returned, transferred or conveyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of such trust, condition or limitation.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the named Incorporators sign their name on these Articles of Incorporation on the 2nd day of February, 2006.

Charlina L. Lowrie I accept the duties of Registered Agent
Charlina L. Lowrie / Registered Agent for said corporation.

Barbara M. McKeathon
Barbara M. McKeathon

Name of person or organization remitting fee: Next Step Ministries International, Inc.

Preparer's name and business telephone: _____

Sarah Snip
Notary

