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Things

EVERY MISSIONARY
SHOULD KNOW BEFORE
GOING TO THE MISSION
FIELD

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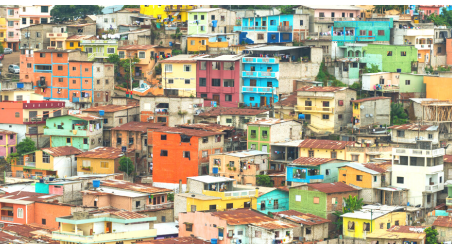
1 Every Culture is Unique

When you leave for the mission field, you may have a set of ideas and standards that are important to you. You may believe these are universally applicable to everyone, however, this isn't true. Don't assume every culture has the same expression of Christian beliefs. For example, in the West, the "big sin " is sexual immorality. In India, the "big sin " is pride. Recognize that there will be differences.



2 God is already working

Though God has sent you to this nation, He didn't want until you arrived to start moving there. The Lord is already moving in that nation. You get to be apart of what he is doing. This is a Great Honor. It is important to remember that you get to be apart of perpetuating the Gospel, the story of God in the nations. Make sure to honor the move of God in the culture. Partner with those within the nation and celebrate God's movement.



3 Humility is Key

You may have a lot of education and experience in ministry and you should never be ashamed of your credentials. However, humility is an important key in reaching the nations of the world. People desire to know how much you care about them. Before heading out to the nations, examine your heart and cultivate God's heart of humility. The culture will be different from you but humility is a language that speaks for itself.



4 Prepare for the Field

Proper Training is essential for going to the nations. Learn the language and culture. Be trained as a missionary to understand how to properly fulfill your position. In addition, you will need to prepare for a new spiritual climate as well. Preparing for the mission field will help you be confident that the work you are doing is making an impact.



5 Build Partnerships

Whether you build a team or you go with a sending organization, partnership is the key to thriving in missions. It will give you the connections to be successful. Building partnerships will give you the ability to accomplish more than you will be able to alone. Building partnerships and even family is going to help serve in a greater capacity. Don't be a lone ranger, find and build partnerships.

