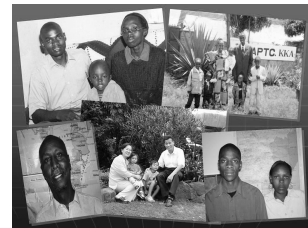




Chapter 2: On Being Called as a Missionary

Your mission field is wherever God would send you for those in need of reaching with the gospel. So in selecting your mission field, you **MUST** be led and sent by God. Do pray first of all for God to show you and lead you along the search.

Every countries and mission fields are different. So ensure that you have enough information and data for various mission fields. (e.g. Operation World, internet, embassy visit, etc.)



As a God-sent missionary, you have been given the kingdom authority just as an ambassador works with a national authority given by his/her government. Therefore, you do not need to be intimidated about where God is sending you no matter how challenging the surrounding may seem (e.g. language, finance, persecution, etc.). The One Who sent you there will be with you and guard you throughout (Matthew 28:19-20). In fact, the promise of His presence is the greatest gift which God gives to His missionaries!

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Enjoy yourself in the service of God. As a missionary, enjoy serving God in a different country. Don't be propelled by ambitions or pressure, but just try to enjoy yourself and your calling.

Here are some helpful suggestions for you to keep in mind as you are preparing to be an oversea missionary.

1. Make plans according to what God can make out of you (vision), *not* according to who you are now.
2. Jesus is concerned with quality not quantity. Quality of ministry is essential.
3. Raise as many intercessory prayer partners as possible at home.
4. Mission is a spiritual warfare. Remember that an average of 130,000 people on earth slip into the hell each day. We must do the missions work with a sense of urgency.

5. Prepare a strategy to reach out to children and women on the mission field.
6. Prepare a good financial plan.
7. Prepare a good teaching plan.
8. Often times God's presence can be more strongly felt when you are on the right mission field. If you are able to visit the field in advance to check it out, it can be a great advantage.
9. Cooperate with other ministries and mission organizations.
10. Your anointing is found in your calling (e.g. If your heart gets moved when you hear other missionaries speak, it is very possible that you are called to be a missionary because the similar calling normally inflames other believers.).