

MOVING TOWARD MISSIONS

Dear friend,

If you're exploring a calling to missions, you should be talking with your church early and often. But knowing where to start can be pretty tough — especially if you don't have close relationships with your church leaders.

Do you just waltz into your pastor's office and lay out your plans?

Is it OK if this is just a little glimmer of an idea?

And what are you even supposed to ask your church for — besides funding?

We've got answers to your questions! TEAM's director of mobilization, Anna Price, has worked with missionaries and churches alike to build stronger relationships for powerful impact at home and abroad. In this month's feature article, she's sharing [5 questions you need to ask your sending church](#).

The answers to these questions may challenge you. They'll hopefully stretch you. But they're all incredibly easy to ask, right now, wherever you are in your journey.

5 Questions to Ask Your Church



Webinar: Transformational Prayer for the Nations

How can praying for the nations transform your life and clarify your call to missions? Join us on November 3 to hear from Lauren, a TEAM worker whose journey in missions unfolded through prayer and walking obediently with God. We'll have a guided time of prayer and share about an opportunity to go deeper in discovering God's purposes in your life. [Sign up to join us!](#)

Get Resources for Your Church!

Is your church new to the idea of sending a missionary? We have a whole library of free resources to help! Check out our [Church Resource Library](#) to learn how to cast a vision for missions, prepare future missionaries, develop missionary care teams — and much more.



Ministry Opening Homeschool Helper | East Asia

How can teaching missionary kids help reach the Buddhist people of East Asia? As a homeschool helper, you'll join TEAM workers who are currently in language school and are building work opportunities that will open doors for ministry. You'll help provide education for their children, which will allow the parents more time to prepare for the work ahead. Educational requirements are a high school diploma, plus two years of life experience or higher education. [Learn more about this role!](#)



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What does it mean to honor your parents as a missionary?

This question is especially tricky when your parents don't approve of your vision — but we all have to ask it.

What does it mean to honor your parents when they express fears about your future? When they mourn their separation from grandchildren? When they are proud but struggle to articulate their feelings?

As a missions mobilizer, Debbie Stephens walks with future missionaries as they answer these questions. The truth is, she says, the missionary-parent relationship is complex. But there are [four key ways you and your parents can honor each other](#) as you explore God's call and vision for your life.

Get Debbie's insights, and see if you can start a new type of conversation with your parents this week.

Honor Your Parents + Calling



Ministry Opening Evangelism & Storytelling | Chad

Are you a natural storyteller? Do you love keeping an audience in suspense as a plot unfolds? The people of Dar Sila are always eager for new storytellers — and you can share the most important story of all. Help these people by giving them the opportunity to forget hardship and bringing them peace through the Good News of Jesus. [Learn more about storytelling as missions.](#)



Are You Ready for Missions? Find Out with This Guide.

In the missions world, we like to celebrate passion, risk-taking and people who refuse listen to the naysayers. But all of that works best when we've prayerfully looked at where we are in life and what roadblocks we might face on our journey. Our missions readiness guide will help you evaluate your health in eight key areas before you serve abroad. [Get your guide.](#)

Who is TEAM Anyway?

Every missions agency is different, so it's important to know how each one approaches life and ministry. Learn more about TEAM by [exploring our defining values](#). And if we seem like a good fit, talk to a missions coach at team.org/missionscoach/!



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Dear friend,

“Never use the ‘M’ word when you write to me.”

“Don’t share my newsletter on social media.”

“Don’t tell anyone where I am.”

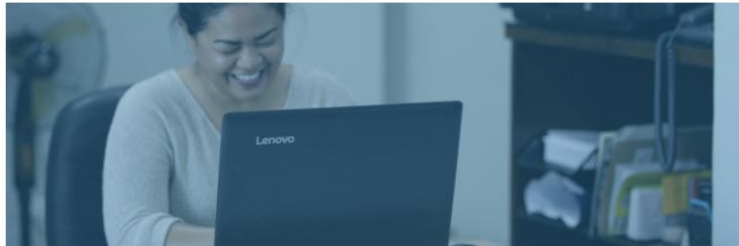
If you know a missionary serving in a dangerous area, you’ve probably heard these or similar rules. In nations where governments are hostile to the Gospel, one misstep can destroy a ministry — and endanger local believers.

So, what happens in a missionary’s mind when someone breaks the rules?

[On the TEAM Blog](#), one of our missionaries shares what it’s like to be endangered by loving communication. She describes the fear — and the gracious lessons God has taught her through that fear.

If you want to serve in a high-security nation, [read this article for key lessons on how to navigate communications](#). Or, read it to understand what our siblings go through for the sake of the Gospel and how you can better support them.

Communicating from Danger Zones



Ministry Opening Freelancer | Central Asia

Freelancing can open doors to countries that are closed to traditional missionaries. If you have a skill that you can turn into a small business, consider taking it to Central Asia! You’ll join a small-but-growing group of expatriates who are doing Kingdom work alongside professional work. As you explore ministry opportunities, you can tailor your work schedule to fit your needs as you follow God’s leading. [Learn more about this opportunity!](#)



Watch: The Church and Your Missionary Journey

Why do you need a church now if you’re just going to leave it to go overseas? If you’ve ever wondered this, you have company. Finding a solid church can be hard and feel irrelevant to your call abroad. But at TEAM, we believe the local church is vital to every part of the missions experience. [Watch this video to find out why!](#)

Start Your Journey Now

You’ve been gathering information about what missions looks like. Are you ready to take the next step? [Talk with a missions coach](#) to learn what your life and ministry could look like with TEAM!



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Dear friend,

The missionary had the best intentions possible. A friend had made her a delicious bowl of couscous, and she wanted to give something in return.

The missionary borrowed a hand mixer and got to work making cupcakes with fresh buttercream frosting. She artfully arranged the cupcakes in her friend's dish, excited to share a piece of American culture.

How could she have known that her thoughtful gift would actually be a major insult?

When you move abroad, cultural mistakes are inevitable. Even missionaries with decades of experience find themselves making faux pas! And that's why good cross-cultural training is so key to successful ministry.

[Read this missionary's personal account to find out how cross-cultural training helped grow her ministry.](#) And discover the TEAM program that can help you build a strong foundation for a lifetime of ministry.

The Power of Cross-Cultural Training

**Missionary kept anonymous due to security concerns.*



Learning Series:

Disciple-Making in Europe and East Asia

What does it actually look like to plant churches and disciple believers? How is it different around the world? Join us for the last two learning calls of this series, where we're asking missionaries about their day-to-day ministries and unexpected challenges.

[Join us on March 25](#) to learn about discipleship ministry in Europe.

[Join us on April 1](#) to explore discipleship ministry in East Asia.



Ministry Opening

Veterinary Ministry | Chad

Have you ever wondered how your love of animals could bring God glory? Do you have basic livestock training or training as a veterinarian or veterinary nurse? The people of Dar Sila, Chad, greatly depend on their livestock for survival, but disease can easily steal animals from vulnerable families. Join our current veterinary worker in providing preventative care and advice while also sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ. **[Learn how to become a veterinary worker in Chad!](#)**

On Instagram: What's the Funniest Cultural Mistake You've Made on the Mission Field?

In honor of the anonymous story up top, we invited missionaries to share their funniest cultural mistakes on Instagram. **[Check out their hilarious answers!](#)** And if you've gone on a short-term mission trip yourself, make sure to share your own.



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