Six Domains of Missionary Development

Missionary service embraces the whole person the whole time. Therefore, expectations for a missionary include both "ministry tasks" and "life tasks." For the purpose of description, these ministry and life tasks can be grouped in six broad domains. The missionary needs to function well in all six in order to be effective.

SPIRITUAL

- ❑ Maintain a vital relationship with God
- ❑ Maintain an accountability relationship with a local church
- ❑ Endure hardship
- ❑ Do spiritual battle with the forces of darkness
- ❑ Demonstrate fruit of the Spirit in everyday life
- ❑ Practice self-evaluation and make mid-course corrections



INTERPERSONAL

- ❑ Skillfully meet with new people, turning strangers into acquaintances and acquaintances into friends
- ❑ Build relationships with churches and individuals in order to build a support team
- ❑ Build relationships with nonbelievers for the sake of representing Christ to them
- ❑ Maintain harmonious relationships with colleagues that demonstrate the peace and unity of Christ
- ❑ Practice accountability with colleagues
- ❑ Give & receive hospitality

INTERCULTURAL

- ❑ Manage transitions from the familiar to the unfamiliar (including re-entry after a period of absence)
- ❑ Develop cross-cultural understanding
- ❑ Develop communicative competence in the language of the people
- ❑ Fit in as an outsider and become accepted by insiders in a foreign culture
- ❑ Work with and under national leaders
- ❑ Work with colleagues from a variety of countries



MINISTRY

- ❑ Articulate the gospel clearly and regularly
- ❑ Nurture new believers and help them to be functioning members of the local church
- ❑ Encourage the development of gifts and leadership of others for service in the church
- ❑ Exercise spiritual leadership
- ❑ Raise financial & prayer support for your work
- ❑ Communicate effectively in a wide variety of situations
- ❑ Perform specific ministry assignments effectively
- ❑ Minister according to your spiritual gifts

PERSONAL/FAMILY

- ❑ Maintain satisfying friendships
- ❑ Maintain healthy family relationships, including (if parents) raising righteous and resilient children
- ❑ Model a solid Christian marriage (if married)
- ❑ Maintain moral purity
- ❑ Maintain physical well-being
- ❑ Maintain material well-being on a modest budget
- ❑ Maintain emotional well-being in challenging contexts
- ❑ Practice lifelong learning

ORGANIZATIONAL

- ❑ Champion the purpose and core values of the organization
- ❑ Submit to authority of appointed leaders
- ❑ Carry out ministry assignments in keeping with the strategic vision of the organization
- ❑ Function within the procedural structures of the organization
- ❑ Subscribe to the doctrinal statement of the organization.

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