



Questionnaire for Cross-Cultural Ministry

This form is for your own honest self-examination as you consider cross-cultural missionary work. It is up to you whether or not you want to share this questionnaire with others, but CMML would highly recommend that you use this as a starting point for thoughtful discussion with your spouse, your family, and your church leaders as you consider and prepare.

PERSONAL

What means do you use to measure someone's spiritual maturity?

How spiritually mature do you think you are?

IF SINGLE

At this point in your life, do you feel called to lifelong singleness?

Are you already engaged or contemplating marriage in the near future? When? Does your future spouse share your missionary call?

Would you ever consider marrying a national believer in the country where you will be serving?

IF MARRIED

What are some aspects of your marriage that you think will strengthen your mission work?

What reasons do you have to believe that your spouse shares your missionary call?

IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN

How do you plan to help your children to make the transition to a new country and a new culture?

Your parent-child relationships will be challenged in many ways on the mission field. How are you preparing yourself to parent there?

What is your plan for your children's education while on the mission field? Will you homeschool? Are there suitable schools nearby? Would you consider boarding school?

EXTENDED FAMILY

How supportive is your family to you pursuing cross-cultural work? What evidence have you seen to indicate this level of support?

How important is your family's support (or lack of support) to you and why?

FINANCES & SKILLS

What financial responsibilities do you have toward family members or others who will remain here?

What is your plan and timeline for eliminating your financial debts before leaving for the mission field?

What assets do you have here that need to be taken care of in your absence or sold before you leave? (house, car, etc.)

What liabilities do you have here that need to be dealt with before you leave? (cell phone contract, car payments, mortgage, etc.)

How will your educational, technical, professional, or other qualifications and skills help you in your cross-cultural work?

HEALTH

How would you rate your general health?

What significant health concerns do you or your family members have that would be difficult to treat in your proposed locations?

What regular medications do you or your family members take that would be difficult or prohibitively expensive to acquire in your proposed location?

If necessary, what is your plan for replacing eyeglasses/contacts while you are at your proposed location?

What history, if any, of mental or nervous conditions runs in your family?

Have you ever struggled with panic, burnout, anxiety or depression and needed help or counseling to get through it?

What is your doctor's opinion concerning your fitness and the fitness of your family for service in your proposed location?

MINISTRY

What ministry work have you been doing in your local church and elsewhere?

What has the Lord taught you through this work?

Do you think of ministry in terms of: (a) a number of hours or (b) a way of life? To you, what is the difference between those two?

MISSIONARY CALL

Reflect on how God led you to cross-cultural service. Where is He leading you to go? What is He leading you to do? Who has He led you through?

What was the response of the leaders of your local church? Did they give you some cautions? What feedback did they give you?

PREPAREDNESS

What does your regular Bible reading and study look like from week-to-week?

How do you live out your convictions about the power of prayer?

What missions specific training have you taken to prepare for the work ahead?

What training would you still like to receive before leaving?

What reasons do you have to believe that you can learn the language of the people you hope to serve?

Are you prepared to trust the Lord to meet your needs and go, even when there is no guarantee of financial support?