

How to Connect with a Missionary



Engaging with a missionary can inspire and challenge students to consider their role in global missions. Consider scheduling a time for your students to participate in a live interview with a missionary, either in person or virtually.

If you don't have a missionary connection, you can request one by contacting info@imb.org. Depending on availability, a missionary on stateside assignment may be able to visit in person, or you can arrange a virtual conversation with someone currently serving on the field.

Send your questions to your missionary at least one week in advance and make sure to ask them if there are words or phrases you need to avoid for security purposes. Be sure to share only the information the missionary has approved.

To help guide the discussion, consider using the suggested interview questions below.

- Tell us about where you serve.
- Tell us about your ministry.
- Tell us about your family.
- What is the language you are learning?
- What is an interesting fact about where you live?
- What is your favorite thing about the place where you live?
- What is your favorite thing about the people you serve among?
- What is your favorite food in the country where you serve?
- What does your involvement in the Missionary Task look like where you serve?
 - What did/does entry, the first stage of the M task, look like?
 - What evangelism tools do you use?
 - What does it look like to disciple new believers in your context?
 - What does church look like for you?
 - How are you able to engage in leadership development?
 - Do you have a plan for exit to partnership?
- How did you know that God was calling you to serve in international missions?
- What is one thing you wish someone had told you before you moved to where you are serving?
- What was your biggest obstacle to overcome in surrendering to international missions?
- Tell us about one person who has impacted you during your time overseas.
- What is one thing you've learned about God while serving in your context?
- Was there a season where fear or anxiety was a real part of your life? If so, could you tell us about it?
- Tell us a story of where fear was present, but God brought joy or good things out of it.
- What was your major in college? How have you been able to use it overseas?
- What is one thing you would tell students about going?
- Why should students engage in international missions?
- What is the IMB?
- What are some opportunities for students with the IMB?
- Why would you encourage students to go on a short-term trip with the IMB?
- What is an interesting fact about the IMB?
- How did your parents react when they learned you were planning to move overseas?
- How can we pray for you?



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