



HMI Fellowship

Notes & News

Some of you who came to the 1st *HMI Fellowship* gathering on Monday night may have some questions or just weren't quite sure what you heard, felt, or experienced. (This is what we call 'the messiness of missions!') Sometimes the way you have always thought about something gets turned around in mission work; sometimes you experience strange smells, strange foods, strange languages; sometimes you don't know what you think about anything! Mission work is messy, but there is joy in the messiness. Give it time.

Questions & Answers

What is Harvest Mission International?

Harvest Mission International is a not-for-profit mission agency dedicated to training lay people to reach out to people from other cultures with the Gospel (see enclosed brochure).

What is ESL?

English As A Second Language (basic English instruction).

Why did I sometimes feel uncomfortable the other night when people shared their mission experiences?

You were outside of your 'comfort zone' & experienced what we call a 'jolt of culture shock.'

What do you mean by a 'jolt?'

JOLT:

To disturb, push or shake from an original or normal position;
 To make a person act by giving them a sudden shock;
 To be jolted out of one's apathy or lethargy; to be jolted into action;
 A sudden rough or violent movement; an unpleasant surprise; a shock.
 (Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary, Fifth Ed. Oxford Univ. Press, 1995.)

What if I make a mistake or say something stupid?

Apologize & then realize that you have just endeared yourself to your international friend. Remember, they make mistakes & feel stupid every day. Laugh at yourself & go on!

Ways YOU can be a missionary:

- ♥ Be a friend to someone from another culture
- ♥ Volunteer to drive people to doctor appointments & job interviews
- ♥ Take someone to the grocery store; help open a bank account, etc.
- ♥ Show someone how to use a washer or stove
- ♥ Help someone practice their English by just talking with them
- ♥ Paint, clean-up, shovel snow, etc. at the Friendship Center
- ♥ Pray for the workers
- ♥ Pray for those who don't know Jesus Christ
- ♥ Support missions with your financial gifts

It's New!
 We have a brand new video! If you would like to know more about us, we will be happy to send you a *free* DVD or VHS video. Return the enclosed postcard, call, or email us to order your copy.

Next HMI Fellowship Night:
March 20, 2006—7-8:30 pm
 Aulick Center
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 3425 Crescent Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805
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Remember—If you have any questions or if Harvest Mission can help you find your place in the mission field, call us at **471-5129** or email at **info@harvest-mission.org**.