

A LOVE WITH HANDS AND FEET

Luke 14:16

Our world is tremendously diverse. The different nationalities have their own way of expressing themselves even when they are doing the same things. You can find these differences in the same city or community. How can we go about reaching people of different nationalities? We can learn from the experiences of many who have gone to the field before us. Here are a couple of tips we can put to good use.

Do what is important for the culture to reach its people. A morning brunch? A late evening meeting with cake? No food? Lots of food?

Go where they are, where they live. Jesus came to us. Now it is our turn to go. Many would rather wait for them to come where we are, but the wisest move is to go where they are. Where does their community love to gather? Are there places we should avoid?

Invite the people who need to be there, who would be interested in learning something new, or could use some help. Invite everybody. Don't forget homeless people. As it says in the scriptures, invite everybody to the banquet; do unto the least what you would do unto the Lord; go and save the lost. Invite whoever wants to come.

Dress like they would dress. Get good advice from the locals and don an outfit they would identify with. That way you might avoid being the center of attention or at least you could soften the difference your appearance may strike. Like our Lord, show understanding and concern for ordinary people. And then just pour into their lives. Nothing gets better than that. It is awesome.

Try to get into their world. Ask them questions. Talk about topics you may have in common. Ask them how much they know about your culture. Enjoy their company, have a great time, and just love them. Sit and eat with them. And do you know who will receive the biggest blessing? You and your team.

Praise the Lord in their language.

Share the gospel as clearly as you can.

Show love to all the community with a simple service that may benefit everyone and not just those you are ministering to. Shovel the snow off their sidewalks. You never know where that could take you or who might be touched because you are doing something for their community.

We get to be part of it!

For further study: Matthew 25:40

Additional references: Matthew 18:11

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