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Introduction to Global Engagement

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Interview

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International missionary Evangelist Regina Walker-McKay

1. What's the best way to prepare for missions overseas?

The best way to prepare is to learn about the area that you were going to serve in. You should try to learn some of the common words in their language and most of all just pray that God will prepare the way of opportunity to share the gospel and to meet others' needs.

2. What is most helpful to you while overseas?

What is most helpful to me, is just taking in every moment. Don't think about home but just embrace every moment that you can in that country; just be there present.

3. What were some of your biggest challenges during your last trip?

Some of my biggest challenges on my last trip were definitely the weather. It was very cold in those areas, so especially when I was sleeping it was very intense. Also, it was an area of poverty and it was hard for me to process at the time to see the condition the people were living in.

4. How did God lead you to become a missionary?

I definitely believe that you have to have an open ear to hear his voice and to just obey when he says to go or not to go.

5. What is the best part of being a missionary?

The best part is meeting Christians all over the globe and knowing that we have one goal, which is to spread the gospel and to be ready for the coming of Jesus. It is amazing to immerse in the culture and to develop friendships.

6. What advice would you give somebody who felt that God might be leading him or her to become a foreign missionary?

I would say to keep praying and also get in contact with an organization that aligns with your values.

7. What are some cultural differences or barriers that you have had to overcome during your last trip? Where was this?

My last trip was to Ethiopia and some of the cultural challenges or barriers were definitely the religion. Orthodox religion that does not put Jesus at the center challenges a true Christian to share the gospel with someone who thinks they have the truth. It teaches you how to speak and to deliver the gospel in a way that is simple yet eye opening.

8. Tell me a funny story about something that has happened to you as a missionary?

Well one time in Zimbabwe I was challenged to bungee jump over Victoria falls. I looked and it seemed kind of easy when I went to the edge. I almost lost it, so I jumped off and all I was screaming was Jesus, Jesus, Jesus!!

**Interviewing Pastor Joshua Brooks of the Gospel Assembly Church of Jesus Christ on
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1. How would you mobilize a church overseas? (Globally)

In order to mobilize a church overseas the first thing I would have done is to pray, fast, and ask the Lord for direction of where and what His desire is for me before I proceed. Once the Lord gave directions I would have several street meetings, revival meetings and organize the brethren to distribute tracks on the street in preparation for overseas. This would attract fundraising and visiting friends at home to assisting to mobilize the trip.

2. What are some of your big goals and desires for your future ministry overseas?

In order to evangelize, there must be staging of a plan and to organize with different corporations to assist in fundraising. One must know the gospel, know the truth and invite people. We must invite the media to ensure that the gospel would reach people in their homes.

3. How will we accomplish what we are supposed to be doing in gaining souls Globally?

The Apostle Paul demonstrated evangelism as an example to follow. Our job as Christians is to go out and spread the gospel. The Bible said “And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation” (Mark 16:15). And also Jesus said, “Also go and make disciples of all nation” (the commission Matt 28:18-20). Knowing the lack of

resources, and fulfilling the needs of the people. The objective would be meeting their needs through the media outlet such as NBN.

4. What are the Keys for Effective Global Missions Engagement for Local Churches?

The church must be prepared for battles, must be prepared for war on the enemy. The church must remember, “We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world” Ephesians 6:12. Therefore, we must be fully armed with the power of the Holy Spirit.

In all things we must seek the Lord. First we must pray fervently and fast and ask God for the power to destroy any unforeseen obstacle. It is very helpful to speak more than one language in order to communicate with different cultures. We as Christians, It is important to gain the trust and comfort of individuals in the ministry. It is necessary to have dialogue with them and to be able to communicate with them in order to win their hearts to God. One must be called by God to do mission ministry. When Paul and Barnabas went on the mission field they were prepared and returned with a good report of victory. Today the church needs to be at the place where they constantly pray and live at the feet of Jesus to discern good from evil. Being on the mission field one must be full of Jesus and be serious in taking on the name of Jesus to the world.

5. How would I know I am called as a missionary, how would I be able to identify my calling?

Everyone has a calling and a purpose in the kingdom. In order to know your calling one needs to pray, fast and ask to the Lord help you to discern your purpose in Him. Make sure your

life is aligned with God's principles and know your passion in the church and He will direct your path. Make sure you read the Bible and ask God for knowledge, wisdom, and understanding and follow His directions. We must remember all members of the body works together as 1 Corinthians 12 mentioned. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit" He is a giver of compassion. Faith is a fundamental part of the functioning in the body of Christ.

6. What is the best way to serve as a missionary?

To be a good missionary, walk just like the apostles, be harm and dangerous in Jesus, know the words of God. Whatever we do we should execute in love, meekness and be willing to suffer for Jesus. As Christians it is essential to imitate the qualities of Jesus, because the devil will discourage our spirit. Therefore, it is imperative to be fully armed and dangerous for God as a soldier getting ready to go to war. Always keep in mind "You are the Son of God and divine power".

7. What advice can you give me as a young up coming aspire minister?

You ought to be of strong faith in God and be willing and ready to be prosecuted for your salvation. We must be willing to face the oppositions in all cases for Christ sake. It is absolutely necessary to be a people's person, build relationships with the community, serve them with love and gradually cater to them with the words of God. You should respect everyone's religion, to prevent hurting him or her emotionally that is very important. Always avail yourself for God to use you and preach Jesus only and embellish the spirit of the people. Also never forget to trust God as Abraham trusted Him and He provided a lamb for sacrifice.