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1. Conference Interaction Paper (20%; due April 6th):

As part of the class, I attended a one-day Northeast EMS Regional Conference. The topics were interesting and informative. I learned about how I acquired knowledge that I can implement when it comes to communications and missions.

At the beginning of the conference, One of the presenters stressed the importance of prayer, which is made me reflect on how prayer is important. It's allowed me to see before I begin to plan any mission trips or do anything; I must consult God because he is the key denominator. We know that if God is the one who calls you to the mission, he should be the driving force of it all. We must stay in an attitude of prayer and always constantly listening to God and obey him when he said to move. God is the one will allow doors and obstacle to progress. He is the one that will speak to people in high places and cause harden hearts to be released.

When it comes to mission, we have to rely on God to guide us because we will increase souls. It is good to know and have marketing skills and knowledge to be interact with influential people, but we can't rely on outside resources and influence to act as the holy spirit. We consistently communicate with God in other words during this time we should practice to walk in the spirit . When we walk in spirit we are eagerly waiting on to hear and trust God. When we

are more likely to trust God without wanting a confirmation to believe what God says. For example, if God says for you to do something that is impossible, you will do it. An experience God work on the impossible . for instant say God say to go to 10/40 window country and do missions . You don't the people , you will you don't have the finances . So instead of going you don't go because you don't that it is possible. But you are in cummication with God the impossible will see possible . Situation or the mountain becomes small and God becomes greater .

Another one of the presenters stated that language is important when it comes to missions. You can't ignorantly go to Africa and speak English to the non-English speaking tribe and expect the people to listen to you and immediately give their life to Jesus Christ. As a missionary, we have to study the language. Have an interpreter who understands the people and can communicate with the people. We can't say let's present the gospel in English to a non-English speaking people and allow the holy spirit to do the rest.

Yes we can pray to as the holy spirit to word upon their hearts, but we must be intentional. And be prepared by having the resources or communicate in the language that the people will understand. That approach will like to cause a disconnect. The people will most likely to be disconnected with missionary and the gospel. I can recall ten years ago when I went on a mission trip to Mexico as much as I knew how to articulate to the people God's love. I didn't speak Spanish, which creates somewhat of a problem. I wasn't able to communicate what I know, which causes a disconnect. I wasn't connected to the people.

I wanted to evangelize, by communicating God's word to the kids, I was unable because of two things. I didn't speak the language, and Another thing was knowledge of the culture. I learned that to be effective; you need to equip to be effective. I knew that part of preparing I I needed to be knowledgeable of the culture and the language.

The presenter also highlights that we need to use the correct doctrine is. As stewards of God's word, we must rightly divide the word of truth. We are to dilute God's word to please people. Wheater they are our family members, coworkers, friends or others. We must take pride in God's word by studying so we can able to teach the word to others. We are living in a society where unsaved people don't like the truth of God's word. For example, what does the bible say about homosexuality?

We should not compromise the truth to please others. We live in a society where we constantly interact with people who are practicing homosexuality. Whether e at work, school , mail , hospital , restaurant our in your home. For example, I worked with a coworker who is homosexual. She was smart, kind and beautiful young lady. I learned that she had a girl friend and her girl friend friend was inquiring about sex change. I work with lady, like her she funny, kind but I knew I had a responsibilty to this lady the truth about God's word. In fact I a responsible to tell everyone I meet about the truth of God's word.

So , I attempted to evangelize to her. I knew that this means I will lose her friendship by telling her the truth. However , I know God wants me to take a stand for his word .It's my job to put God's word before any relationship. So it with missions trips I have to be prepared to rightly divide God's word. I will meet people with different beliefs and morals however, I have to be ready to let them know what God's word says about the situation .

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If your brother becomes poor and cannot maintain himself with you, you shall support him as though he were a stranger and a sojourner, and he shall live with you. Take no interest from him or profit, but fear your God, that your brother may live beside you. You shall not lend him your money at interest, nor give him your food for profit. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

The bible encourages us to One of the Presenter spoke about generosity . I learned when doing missions because of your generosity . We have to be careful of using charity to change people's minds or gain popularity. Generosity can lead the people in your mission and not to God. This something I have to be mindful of. Even though we are doing something right by giving, we have to

be aware of what we do in the mission field. For example, This act can lead people to you the giver instead of Christ . for example , I know my church goes to Jamaica we normally give food and clothes but people ways flock to us. However we have to be careful that of our giving that does persuade people to ourself but act have always view generosity as a good thing . Generosity is The bible encourages to be generous however

One of the presenters informs us that reason why most Islamic people come to know Christ. He stated that one reason is their negative life. Whether is because of their family rejection or life plans fail . These are factors that or second reason, Maybe a Christian challenged them God's word. The third reason is that people are looking for a relationship with God that they couldn't find in Allah. He went on to say that no so much because some went to them and share the gospel with them. It's because of these another factor. I know these factors help with our approach when ministering. For example, I know that a Muslim person is looking for a Relationship with God. They weren't able to have a relationship with Allah. They heard about Jesus how he his kind , compassionate , loving , caring he supplies needs and fights for them. Because all those things sometime it is easy for them to give their live to Christ .

Sometimes we can start by presented God has a God who wants a relationship with his people.

And let the person know that the bible tells us that God loves the world that he has one son sent a son to die for us. We have the life. I accept this son through the one son because I accept now I have eternal life and that eternal life is available for you today. Know why these people came to Christ; we can use strategy to go to them. It good to be aware of these different factors so we can how to approach a Muslim person with confidence. Being knowledgeable of the person that your witness to makes a difference. It helps you to be on the alert with what to say or do.

Another presenter encourages us that we must declare salvation. We must herald the good news everywhere. As missionaries we must take on Isaiah 61 attitude The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort the brokenhearted and to proclaim that captives will be released and prisoners will be freed. Because we are anointed to spread the good news to the poor we have to be strategic when doing so. We are commissioned to heralding the good news.

The gospel is the good news that God loves the world enough to give His only Son to die for our sin ([John 3:16](#)). The gospel is good news because our salvation and eternal life and home in heaven are guaranteed through Christ ([John 14:1-4](#)). "He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you" ([1 Peter 1:3-4](#)). The gospel saves life. For example here are people who are on their way to hell. If I share the good news with them and they accept they will go

to heaven. The presenters reminded me how important is to share the good news . The good save lives . There are people who lives needed to be save . Missionaries are like a firefights who are holding out their net next a burning bulding for the people to jump out.