

SERVANT HEART

Remember that Christ left heaven to be a servant to others. Let Philippians 2 be your guide as you seek to put the needs of others above your own. You should arrive at MMT and on the field eager to do whatever, having a servant's heart.

FLEXIBILITY

While we are used to things being well-planned and working on schedule in this country, it is not so in many other countries. IM will do all we can to make your experience positive. However, things may not go the way you had expected; therefore, be FLEXIBLE and roll with the punches. You must be mentally prepared for this, regardless of how much you plan and prepare. Mentally, you must be like the bamboo, not the oak. When the winds of adversity blow strong the oak will snap, but the bamboo won't because it's flexible and bends. Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not break! Remember, God is still sovereign, even when things don't go as planned.

WORTHY CONDUCT

We expect each person involved with International Messengers to conduct themselves in a manner that is becoming to a Christian. Paul said, "Live a life worthy of the calling you have received." (Ephesians 4:1). As a missionary, you carry a great responsibility. Many people will be watching you. We believe in showing courtesy and consideration to those with whom we will be living and working, as well as the people in whose country we will be guests. We will **NOT** allow the activities and witness of a whole team to be jeopardized by an uncooperative team member. Therefore, International Messengers reserves the right to send home anyone who is unwilling to comply with the conduct guidelines. This will be done at the individual's own expense.

Keep in mind the following guidelines we expect all those serving with IM overseas to follow. Although the next few months of ministry will still be in the US, it is important to begin thinking in these terms:

1. Because North Americans tend to "stand out" overseas, it is important to present ourselves quietly, humbly and positively.
2. Personal appearance and conduct should always be glorifying to the Lord. (1 Cor. 10:31) Men and women should be careful to dress modestly, which includes the following:
 - a. Men's and women's shorts should not be too short (not above mid-thigh) or too tight.
 - b. Women's tops/blouses/dresses should not be too loose or revealing; NO low-cut, braless, sheer, too tight, halter or bare midriff.
 - c. Women's swimsuits should be one piece and modest, men's swimming trunks should not be too tight.
3. The following activities are **not acceptable** at any time during your ministry:
 - a. Using narcotics (prescription medicines are the ONLY exception)
 - b. Using illegal drugs
 - c. Using any form of tobacco
 - d. Consuming any alcoholic beverage
 - e. Profanity or vulgar speech
 - f. Gambling of any kind
 - g. Dating, or exclusive relationships, with team members or nationals
4. Be thankful, appreciative and sensitive to each of your hosts/hostesses at training and overseas. Appreciation and thanks are the responsibility of each team member, not just the leaders.
5. Keep your remarks about what you see, hear, smell, etc. **to yourself!** What is funny to us might be **offensive** to our foreign hosts. If you find the food you're offered is unacceptable, deal with this quietly; find alternatives.
6. Be diligent to avoid any behavior that does not edify the team and glorify God.