

Advice to New Missionaries

This week ACTION USA is hosting its autumn orientation for new missionaries. We are grateful to have three families joining our team at this time.

It seems like the perfect moment to share some wisdom for new missionaries, as presented by Doug Nichols, our Founder.

1. No Bible, no breakfast! Do regular daily devotions and be serious about this. "O how I love Your law! It is my meditation all the day." (Psalm 197:97, nasb)
2. Read! Read! Read! Read good books and read the Bible through at least once yearly! "Grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18, nasb). Someone said, "If you do not read, you will not grow."
3. Live by faith. "But my Righteous one shall live by faith; and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him." (Hebrews 10:38, nasb).
4. Build friendships with local believers, unbelievers and fellow missionaries. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1, nasb).
5. Network for the glory of God. "...but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another..." (1 Peter 1:7, nasb).
6. Preach the Gospel to others. "Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures..." (1 Corinthians 15:1-4, nasb).
7. Practice hospitality whether you are single or married and do this often. "Be hospitable to one another without complaint." (1 Peter 4:9, nasb).
8. Learn to love the Savior, love saints, and love sinners. "...You shall love the Lord your God with all you heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is

like it, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Matthew 22:38-39, nasb).

9. Put on humility daily. "... clothe yourselves with humility toward one another..." (1 Peter 5:5b).

10. Be a servant of Christ by serving others. Remember manners are "the kindness of Christ in action." "As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ..." (1 Peter 4:10-11, nasb).