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STAN AND ELAINE



Stan and Elaine Davey are known by many as grandparents of the NSW Global Interaction team. After serving cross-culturally for 10 years in the 60s and 70s, they didn't hang up their boots and get busy playing golf and bowls. Instead, they have been faithfully sharing Global Interaction's vision with churches, mentoring young people and regularly travelling to support cross-cultural teams. We reckon they're fantastic!

How did your interest in cross-cultural mission begin?

Stan: My grandparents were pioneer missionaries for 30 years, so perhaps it was in my blood!

Elaine: The pastor of the country church where I grew up was mission minded and the Junior Girls Missionary Union was strong. As a teenager I was fascinated and inspired by reading and hearing stories of missionaries. My church once put on a play about a Bangladeshi man coming to faith. A handsome young Stan played the lead role!

Over the years you've seen many cross-cultural workers come and go. What makes some people thrive?

S: Flexibility, to adapt to a different way of life. Willingness, to immerse oneself in the culture and build relationships. Diligence, to learn the language and the culture. Persistence, to maintain a close walk with God.

You love to tap people on the shoulder to consider mission. Do you have a strategy?

E: We take notice of people who show an interest. We look at their gifting and their capacity to live and work overseas. We pray and ask God to give us a nudge if we should approach the person, then try to be obedient and do it! God will do the rest.

Some people complain about lack of commitment and mission engagement of today's younger generation. Where do you see signs of hope for the future?

S: Cross-cultural mission will never stop, because God's heart is all about mission. He wants people from every nation to know and praise Him, so He is active in people's lives to see it happen.

E: On a practical level, the greatest things we've seen that ignite passion for mission are pastors going on exposure trips. They return with far greater understanding of what is involved at the coalface, they have enthusiasm for the work, they encourage people to pray and support and they challenge their congregation.

S: Global Interaction is actively seeking to engage young people in thinking about cross-cultural ministry, and some are signing up. It's encouraging!

STAN AND ELAINE'S TIPS FOR AT-HOME SUPPORTERS

TIP 1

Always keep ears, eyes and heart open for who God might be prompting to go.

TIP 2

Have a focus on one people group, get to know their culture, customs and beliefs.

TIP 3

Take a real interest in cross-cultural workers living with this group

TIP 4

Be active in support: go on an exposure trip, raise funds for specific projects and pray regularly

MARINATE YOUR MIND



THE RESOURCE
The End of Greed
by Scott Higgins

SNAPSHOT SUMMARY

The consumer culture in which we are immersed urges us to acquire as many things and experiences as financially possible. But what if our habit of acquiring more is simply a modern manifestation of greed? This book, multimedia Bible study series and preaching guide will help you and your church discover how consumerism can be damaging to your relationship with God, can sap your capacity to be generous, exploits people in poorer countries, wreaks havoc on the planet and inflicts suffering on animals. It also provides simple and practical steps towards a new, Christ-shaped way of consuming.

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THE BEECKS

Kath and Cameron Beeck, with their three young children, have been with the Global Interaction team in Mozambique for about six months. In this edition, Kath shares what's happening as her way of life, not just her place of living, is radically changing.

Before I came to Mozambique, I spent time daydreaming about the prospect of a slower-paced life. Life in Perth seemed far too crammed full of busyness and things to do. There was never enough time to just hang out with people. I had visions of coming to Africa and leisurely walking to places I needed to go, rather than rushing around in the car. I quite liked the idea of having endless hours to fill just sitting with people, talking, listening and doing life together without the incessant distractions. I dreamed about being available to visit or entertain unexpected guests or spontaneously help people in need.

So far, it hasn't worked out that way.

My days are jam packed with language learning, teaching my older kids, looking after my baby, running a household, meeting with teammates, spending time with God, food shopping, keeping in touch with friends, family and our partnership team at home, administrative tasks, spending time with Cam, exercising, cooking meals and trying to get out and about so I can actually practice my Portuguese. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. I enjoy most of those things immensely.

It has me wondering, even if I could let a few of those things go, could I actually slow down? Can I be content to not 'achieve' much in a day? Therein lies the dilemma. How do I transition my entire lifestyle from a culture so obsessed with being busy and productive to a place where the focus is so much more about relationships and spending time with people?

I remember the time just after the kids were born when achieving one thing in a day (it didn't matter how small) made it a good day. That seems to be the way of life here.

I know some things will change. Right now we're in a very intense period of learning and adjusting. Right now the kids are still so young and demanding. Right now, we're working like crazy just to be able to hold a conversation.

But after the dust settles a bit, how am I going to change my worldview? How am I going to change the way I live so my focus is on investing in meaningful, real, often slow, deep relationships that provide opportunities for

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sharing the love of Jesus? Not just in theory, but in practice.

I'm convinced that being a busy, productive, efficient, successful (in the world's eyes) person is not the be all and end all... even for an impatient, perfectionist, organised, to-do list type person like me! There is something incredibly important about visiting and spending time with people. A lot of the time you don't even have to talk, just sit and be. (I reckon it's important in Australia too, perhaps we've forgotten what it's even like.) It's a real struggle just to slow down, but I think that's what I need to do. I need to take proper notice of others and offer my presence. Sometimes that's all that is required.



DOING LIFE

Together



Ben is 13 and Daniel is 11. They have lived all their lives in South East Asia, where their parents are part of the Global Interaction team. They have spent most of those years living in a remote, sun-soaked island where local kids help their families in fishing and farming trades. Ben and Daniel's environment might be different from that of the average 'backyard Aussie' kid, but boys will be boys, wherever they are.

BEN

One time I got dengue fever. I was missing out on everything that Daniel got to do, but he never gloated about it. He sometimes helped me with things. Before I got better Mum had to leave for a conference and Dad got dengue fever (Daniel got it too, but only half as bad as us). Daniel brought us lots of juice and other sugary things to give us energy. It was a miserable time made bearable only by Daniel's efforts to keep us going until Mum got home. He also prayed for us.

I distinctly remember when Daniel broke my arm. I will never forget the pain, like liquid fire coursing through my veins. We were in Bangladesh for a conference and our parents told us to have a rest. I was lying still on the bed, but it was really hot so I couldn't sleep. I decided to climb up onto a wardrobe to turn on the fan. Then Daniel thought it would be fun to play around on the wardrobe. I told him I was getting down and that we were supposed to be going to sleep. As usual he ignored me and climbed up anyway. He thought it would be funny to push me off! I had to see a doctor in Singapore to get a splint. If we were in another place I would have had a cast instead. A few years later Daniel used the splint when he broke his arm in the same place. All I can say is that God provided.

Nowadays we often fight but we always come together again for at least thirty minutes.

DANIEL

What I like about Ben is that he always gives me something fun to do so I don't get bored. He enjoys making homemade gifts. Once he made shampoo for Mum but Dad drank it thinking it was juice!

We used to go to 'home school', which meant our parents taught us in the house. It was fun and Ben and me had great times messing around. But it was a bit hard to do drama and sport with just the two of us. Now we go to an international school, which means there are kids from all over the world. It is really good because there are a bunch of games we can play and we get to taste a lot of different foods.

Ben and me love reading and often switch books. We get into marathons where we read one book after another in a series. I'm always snitching books from Ben.

One day Ben had eaten breakfast in his room and still had his bowl upstairs. He told me he would give me the equivalent of one dollar if I took it to the sink. I happily agreed. I should have known not to trust him. When I rushed back up I demanded the prize money. You know what he did? He gave me some of my own money! Some of the things he does to me are just not funny!

Despite all the things we have been through, we are still okay with each other. After all, you can't stay mad at your best friend forever, can you?

Listen to the Haters

Thinking caps on! You'll be seeing a regular 'Dig It' article in future *Resonates*, as we dig down into the Bible and learn more about God's heart for mission. To kick us off, Enoggera Baptist's motorcycle-riding, coffee-grinding and gardening-loving pastor, Mark Westhuyzen, digs up what prophets of the Old Testament and prophets of today can teach us about mission.

God's heart has always been for all nations, not just little old Israel. We see this so clearly in God's promise to Abram in Genesis 12:3 that all the nations of the earth will be blessed through him. Israel was called to be holy, to be set apart, but not in quarantine or a bubble of protection, but to be, well, salt and light to the nations.

You see God's plan all along was that the Godly living of his people would be an example to the other nations. The surrounding people were to see Israel and think, "Wow! Their God is *insert ancient near eastern slang for really good*, we should follow Him!" The tragedy was that Israel never got it right long enough for the nations to see the greatness of their God. They failed.

It is into the context of failing being a light to the nations that the prophets speak. **One of their key roles was calling unfaithful Israel back to Godly living, precisely so that the Israelites would get back on board in fulfilling God's mission, drawing all nations to Himself.** God's mission never failed, but His people did, and the prophets let them know about it in no uncertain terms.

A personal favourite is the prophet Ezekiel¹. Through his words God makes it clear that He is taking matters into His own hands to vindicate His holy name, which His people have profaned among the nations. Israel's God is famous for all the wrong reasons.

The prophet Isaiah gives us a window into God's heart for the nations. He says, "Blessed be Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork and Israel my inheritance."² Isaiah was calling Israel back to Godly living to show them what was at stake, what the mission of God was all about – His people, all people.

That was then, but this is now. Where are our prophets? I mean think about it, God is still on a mission to get His kids back from the four corners of the world. He still calls us, His people, to be salt and light. Who is stopping us from repeating the mistakes of the Israelites?

Prophets are the people in our churches, small groups and families that ask, "Is this how it is supposed to be? Is this what God had in mind? Wake up! Surely, we can't keep going like that? Something has to change?"

It seems to me that we are too quick to mislabel these would-be prophets as haters, cynics and critics. We don't like to feel uncomfortable or judged. We are taught to let the good vibes in and block the bad vibes out. Yet sometimes we need the bad vibes to snap us out of apathy. It is the critics who can play a prophetic role in rebooting our churches and our lives with a new missional focus. As crazy as it sounds, we need to listen to the haters.

Maybe there are many critics around you, well start listening, not blindly, but seriously. Of course not all critics are prophets, but some are. Maybe others label you as a critic. **Well, my friend, it might just be that God desires to use you to get His people back on track - the track that goes to the ends of the earth.** A word of warning though - don't just critique, don't just deconstruct, do more than that, point to a better future, dream-construct. Our God is a hopeless dreamer, He dreams of a family that extends all around the globe, with kids all over the place, who light flares and wave them as a beacon of hope, our only hope. Who doesn't want to be reminded of that!

¹ E.g. 36:22-24

² Isaiah 19:23-25



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Mission principles

THAT MATTER BOTH AT HOME AND OVERSEAS

Susan Campbell

If you typed the word 'mission' into Google, what images do you think would among the top hits? African children, world globes, churches in rice paddies and translated Bibles? Or Aussie suburban streets, neighbourhood fetes, women talking over coffee and children at a kids holiday club? It seems to me that people have different views about what mission is and where it takes place, but most associate it with either local or global initiatives.

Whatever images come to mind, the fundamental principles of mission are the same the world over. Local and global projects really sizzle when they are informed by the lessons of each other. Advocates of local mission will only miss out if they dismiss the strategies of cross-cultural mission workers as 'over there' and irrelevant. And vice versa.

Of course we need to take context very seriously. We've learnt from history that transplanting mission strategies around the world doesn't work. Building relationships with our tennis friends at a cafe wouldn't quite work in the villages of Mozambique, nor would gathering with neighbours at the local well take off in downtown Melbourne!

However, the nuts and bolts of how to share life and faith with others can be used in all contexts and learning these principles will enhance our mission initiatives.

So, what are these essential principles? What do they look like in the real world? I asked a bunch of people from around the country about the lessons they learnt from one context and how they applied it to mission in another. Here is how they responded.

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MISSION PRINCIPLE: HAVE A GENUINE DESIRE FOR PEOPLE TO KNOW JESUS

Name: Andrew Duncan

About: Pastor, East Fremantle Baptist, WA

Earlier this year I travelled with a small group of pastors to the Silk Road region to catch up with my friends from WA, Harvey and Nahtaw, and learn about their work with Global Interaction. After a full day travelling along an increasingly bumpy and snowy track, we arrived at literally the end of the road in a remote village, nestled in the foothills of an impressive mountain range. Our arrival coincided with a local festival that celebrates the end of winter and the beginning of spring (although as a sun-loving Perth resident I felt the celebration was a little premature considering it was still snowing!) The mayor of this little town and his wife, children and grandchildren showered us with incredible hospitality. We ate and we ate and we ate!

Over the next two days I watched with amazement how well and easily Harvey and Nahtaw engaged with the family.

They spoke the local language fluently, laughed and cried, enjoyed the food (from my perspective no small task), understood the customs and generally took great interest in the people's lives. They were like one of the family.

On the journey home Harvey and Nahtaw bombarded us pastors with questions of how we thought they could better serve and love these people and introduce them to the life-changing message of Jesus. Like, as if I would know?! After much discussion about theoretical concepts and missiological strategies we all arrived at the same point. They should keep doing what they are doing.

Loving people and telling them about Jesus. Why make it any more complicated than that?

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Since arriving home I have continued to pastor a church in a very affluent suburb of Perth. And I guess I have been a little discouraged. **Harvey and Nahtaw's words, prayers and entire life reflect a genuine desire for others to come to know Jesus.** They are intentional in the way they live their lives and their decision to work overseas has come at a great personal cost. Recently, most of my energy has been poured into constitutions, processes, resolving conflicts, change management, staff reviews... if you are a pastor you know the gig! How I wish my church could learn afresh that simple but profound truth that at the core of our faith is the simple but profound challenge to love people and tell them about Jesus.

I am convinced that churches like mine need to engage in cross-cultural mission - it will help us be lifted out of our complacency, our self-absorption and our own selfishness. To rediscover a Jesus who is not just for us but is for the world.

MISSION PRINCIPLE: LET THE PEOPLE AND THEIR NEEDS INFORM THE APPROACH

Name: Cath Johnson

About: Uni student, 2011 Global Interaction intern, Beaumaris Baptist Church, Vic

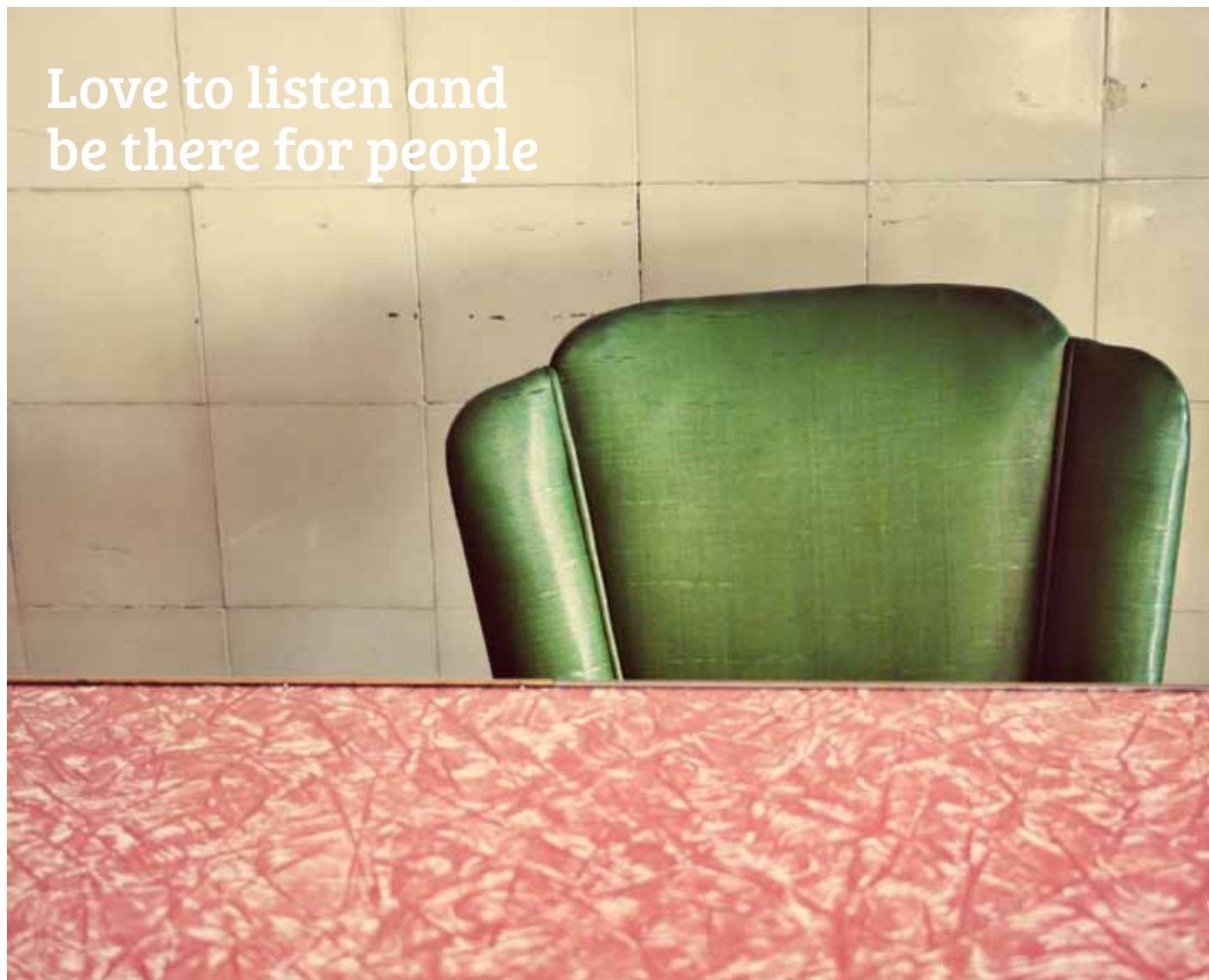
It was a hot afternoon as I sat on the floor with a local man in Phnom Penh. The typical Cambodian house was complete with shiny floor tiles and ubiquitous ceiling fans. The man regaled us with a tale of his involvement with Peace Bridges, an organisation established by a Global Interaction cross-cultural worker and now run and managed by local people. It has a simple goal - to train and equip men and women to be agents of peace in their local communities. They are mediators, leaders and role models who seek to bring healthy resolutions in a culture where familial and community grudges and conflicts can continue for generations.

I was impressed with the way the Global Interaction worker who started the project found a way to meet a need in such a strategic and loving way. He cared enough to listen to the people about what they needed, not what he needed.

He was deliberate enough to work himself out of a job and allow the locals to run the show.

This idea - that mission strategy is informed by those we serve - is one I have brought back from my trip and tried to apply at home. Following my Global Interaction internship and Cambodia trip, my husband and I moved into a disadvantaged estate, a former housing commission complex. **We seek to be truly attuned to the needs of those around us, and to sensitively respond to opportunities that tap into the culture of our community.** For example, a few weeks after we moved into the estate, I got a sense that God wanted me to speak with one of my neighbours. I bought a bottle of wine and some tea (not knowing which she would prefer!!) and knocked on her door. She invited me in straight away, and we spent an hour or two discussing life. It was one of those beautiful God moments, where I got to listen to a single mum with six kids pour out her heart. I got a glimpse of what her life is like. We now have her son around at our house when she needs a break. Jesus is constantly amazing in the way He opens our eyes to new ways of looking at the story of His grace.

Love to listen and be there for people



MISSION PRINCIPLE: LOVE TO LISTEN AND BE THERE FOR PEOPLE

Name: Paula Withers

About: Gateway Baptist, QLD

"Do you believe in magical powers?" Hmm, interesting opening line!

"Well, I know that people access spiritual power from different sources and in different ways, some good, some bad. Why? What's happening in your life that makes you ask?"

For the next hour and a half I listened to a story of pain and anger, suspicions of a spell and a curse. As she spoke, the young woman's face was an impassive mask. Any expression of emotion was held in check, betrayed only by the tears that spilled from her eyes. A cloud of depression was hovering over her, already obscuring joy, threatening to cut her off from everything good and beautiful in her life. She was reaching out for help.

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"I have no-one to talk to about this. I have no family in Australia. If I talk to someone in my community who speaks my language the story will go around to everyone. I don't want anyone to know. I'm glad I can come here and talk."

We brainstormed ideas together. Although she began with tears, after some time there was also laughter. Gradually a little hope returned to her eyes and she was obviously energised towards finding resolution in the situation.

"When you go to the church, pray for me."

"Let's pray together right now. Is that OK with you?"

"Of course."

And so we prayed. I closed our prayer in the name of the Holy God who created us and she ran her hands over her face in a closing gesture from her own prayer convention, sealing the blessing received.

Though my husband and I spent years working in the Philippines where conversations like this were common, this interaction took place just twenty minutes from our Brisbane home. Our years overseas are today an unseen backdrop to cross-cultural ministry close to home.

My experience living as a 'foreigner' has shaped the way I see and relate to migrants in our home country. I love being able to listen to people working out life in their new home. I love being able to help newcomers understand the way things work around here. I find I am often privileged with stories and revelations told to someone who is 'safe'. I find that God is part of every person's story.

MISSION PRINCIPLE: PRACTICE THE CULTURE AND WAY OF LIVING TO GAIN UNDERSTANDING

Name: Des Ong

About: Pastor, NewHope Kellyville, NSW

We were weaving between cars and trucks along the road between Siem Reap and Poipet, a town on the Cambodia/Thai border. The horn was getting a workout and we felt an awful bump as we ran over a duck and her babies crossing the road! Yet that was not my most significant memory of that car trip. It was actually a conversation with Global Interaction cross-cultural worker Pip Miner that had the most profound impact.

I asked her: "How did you find the experience of learning and understanding Cambodian culture?" She replied: "To be honest I tried not to think much about it. When I arrived here I just lived with a local family. I didn't question their culture or ask them why they did what they did. I didn't try to understand or compare the world I was used to with the new culture I was living in. I tried not to analyse or ask 'why?'"

She paused and it was what came next that caught me off guard.

"I guess I just copied them. When they got up at 5am I got up too. When they ate, I ate. When they socialised, I socialised! **I just practiced their culture and their way of living and as that happened, I slowly began to understand.**"

This conversation challenged my paradigm on ministry and mission. Pip's words reminded me of the Hebraic way – the Israelites would practice their way into right thinking. The Ten Commandments were an expression of God's holiness and as Israel practiced these commandments it became apparent to them who they were called to be: God's holy people. **Could it be possible that as Christians we are invited to just copy Jesus without questioning why? What would happen if we practiced the ways of the Kingdom and eventually our understanding, beliefs and attitudes aligned?**

As a new church our congregation has developed a set of missional practices taken from the life and example of Jesus. The reflection and learning from my Cambodia trip has reaffirmed how important these practices are: reading God's Word, eating with others, practising blessing others, listening to the Holy Spirit and yielding to the mission of Jesus. These principles form our picture of what following Jesus looks like. Our hope is that by committing to these principles, our understanding of the Kingdom of God will be enhanced. And as Kingdom-aligned people, we will be effective in mission to our local community.

Perhaps we sometimes think about mission too much, trying to work it all out, instead of just copying Jesus! Maybe that's the greatest mission act of all!

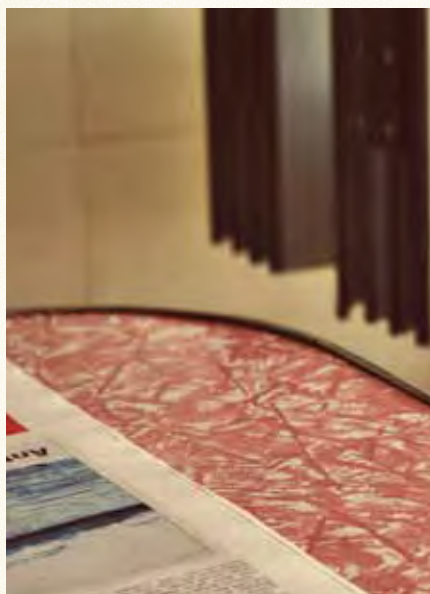
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These insights are a great start and there are many more. I'm excited by our easy access to stories and ideas about mission from Christians working all over the world. We can subscribe to blogs, listen to podcasts, follow tweets and read news from people working in hundreds of different contexts.

Stories inspire us. Lessons learned equip us. Cultural reflections prompt us to see our own culture differently. The most amazing outcome is that we learn more about our God who is present in all cultures and we can respond and relate to Him in new and creative ways.

Let not the local mission enthusiasts huddle in one corner while the global mission buffs cluster in another. Let not a mission forum only be attended by cross-cultural workers. Let not the local pastors only meet with other local pastors. Let not the mission books weigh down the overseas section of the bookshelves. Let not the average-Joe in the pew dismiss the global mission sermon as irrelevant to his life.

Instead, let's embrace the global village we live in, as God's people in community with each other. Let's listen and learn and apply. For the sake of the fulfillment of God's mission all around the world.



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A TRUE SOCIAL REVOLUTION

Global Interaction team leader Morris loves to think about culture. He's thought about it a lot during his 30+ years of cross-cultural work; he's written hundreds of pages about it in his PhD thesis and he's taught about it to dozens of classes of mission students over the years. We're glad he also shares some of his thoughts with us.

Some years ago I realised that only someone who loves their own culture deeply can be truly counter-cultural.

This means that foreigners to that culture cannot be authentic counter-culturalists because they are 'outsiders'. Conversely, those who are 'insiders' but, for whatever reason, are disenchanted with their culture or are critical of it and anxious to find a way out of it, are also incapable of bringing about sustainable and effective change. Their criticism and alienation generates resentment among their people. They become isolated and marginalised.

My friend from South Asia, Mordecai, was someone who was always an advocate for his own culture. Many times I experienced his belligerent side when a visiting 'outsider' criticised the way things were done in his culture. He would stoutly defend and quickly point out the faults in the critic. **However, being a lover of his own culture and background did not mean that he was a slave to it. He was a promoter of appropriate change.**



An example of this is the way he arranged eye camps: mobile medical camps where villagers with cataracts could have simple operations to restore sight.

Other organisations such as service clubs also hold similar camps. It is usual cultural practice to stage an opening ceremony for the camps at which a visiting or local official is invited and the elite people in the community attend. As part of the proceedings official guests are fed and then everyone else also expects to be fed a meal. By doing this, significant expense is incurred, almost as much as the cost of actually treating the patients!

To avoid this Mordecai devised a clever system. He made it a custom that instead of an official, a poor woman from the community or a patient from a previous eye camp would be the ceremonial 'opener' of the camp. This change meant that local political figures and power brokers had no interest in being present. It did away with the need to provide a big meal to already well-fed people. It allowed most of the finances to be spent on the treatment of patients and defused the need to satisfy the status and power conscious elites.

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My social revolutionary friend's triumph and pleasure was to see a little old lady with a pair of thick

glasses cutting the ribbon! Counter-cultural indeed!

As we read the Gospels we see how deeply set

within first century Jewish Palestinian culture Jesus was. He attended the synagogue regularly, He respected the law, He loved his nation. He was an insider. Yet from this insider's perspective, he was also a social revolutionary. For example, while it's was Jesus' habit to attend the Synagogue on the Sabbath¹, He challenged the religious leaders with the radical statement, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath."² For the people of his day this was totally revolutionary.

When working in cultures other than our own, we need to work alongside local people who do not pride themselves on identifying closely with foreigners and do not slavishly follow what they consciously or unconsciously demand. We don't want people to become more like us foreigners, we want them to become more like Jesus! **It is an incredible experience to work alongside those who love their own culture. Only then will the message of Jesus change the culture from within to look more like the Kingdom of God.**

¹ Luke 4:16

² Mark 2:27

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

'Your Kingdom come, your will be done..'

Each edition of *Resonate* we ask a cross-cultural worker to reflect on what this phrase means to them. This time it's Catherine Rogers, a South Australian living in Cambodia.

I am sitting on the grass with a group of a dozen girls and boys listening to a message about safe migration.

We've spent the last half hour running relays and laughing our way through some stretches. The girls and boys live in a slum community. They want to be kids, yet daily they face adult responsibilities.

Into this, God's Kingdom comes. Four incredible women teach 270 of these children in a local 'slum' school. A kid's club program runs on Saturdays, sharing games, conversational English and Bible stories. I coach volleyball to some of the girls, we learn skills and sing songs. They share stories about their life and ask me to pray for them.

From the outside none of this looks overly glitzy or spectacular. Look closely, though, and you will see that it is people of God loving Him and showing that love in the world. **It is intentionally, actively and persistently living out the love of God in words and actions and building relationships.** It is sitting on the grass, sharing stories and praying together. It is pouring out God's hope, light, love, justice and freedom in the midst of running relays and learning about safe migration. This is what 'Your Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven ...' means to me.



COOKING

CULTURALLY



SWEET CORN FRITTERS

African

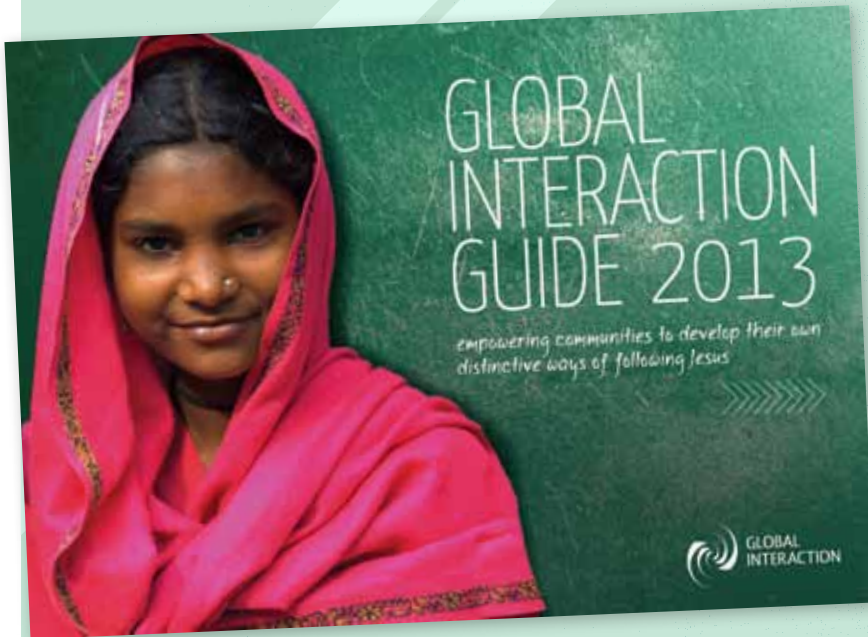
Makes about 20

Buy it

½ cup plain flour, sifted
½ cup milk
¼ teaspoon bi-carb soda, sifted
¼ cup polenta
1 teaspoon salt (optional)
¼ cup water (if required)
1 large can of corn kernels or 1½ cups of frozen corn kernels
vegetable oil for frying

Do it

- combine all ingredients except oil together, adding the corn last, mix well
- heat oil in a large frypan and drop one teaspoonful of the mixture at a time into the pan. Use spoons to spread it out. When golden brown on one side turn and cook the other side. Cook the fritters in batches so there are a few in the pan at a time.
- serve with fruit chutney or spicy sauce



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