

one for Xiao Wang. Audrey became aware that Xishi didn't buy enough drinks for everyone at the table. Should she motion to Xishi to buy a few extra to save her face or should she just go buy a couple extra bottles for herself and Xiao Wang?

After eating, the bill came. Instead of fighting for the check, each of Audrey's teammates pulled out their wallets to pay for their percentage of the meal. Audrey felt uncomfortable with the individualism of paying for

yourself being displayed. Should Audrey step in and fight for the check with her host?

Audrey had never had to talk with her teammates about their behavior when invited to eat with a Chinese host. But now she experienced an almost unbearable tension, and felt stuck in the middle. If she kept quiet and did not correct her teammates, they would continue to dishonor Xiao Wang, their host and Chinese friend. The friendship would not last long

with that type of behavior. Not only that, Audrey herself would be blamed, being associated with these well-intentioned but culturally naïve guests. However, if she did speak up, her teammates might not understand what she was trying to say. In fact, they might even disagree openly in front of Xiao Wang—or, even worse, ask Xiao Wang to settle the disagreement. Audrey was trapped. What could she do?

conflict as they apply in collectivist cultures is such an important skill for a missionary to learn (see Augsburg 1990; Elmer 1993).

CONCLUSION

Crossing cultures and effectively communicating God's call to worship is tricky business. The annals of missionary history are littered with shipwrecks that happened simply because the lines of communication were crossed and misunderstandings escal-

ated to the point where relationships were broken. We encourage you to find appropriate training in intercultural communication even if you have no intention of becoming a missionary. In our increasingly globalized culture the ability to navigate cultural differences successfully is no longer an option. This chapter's case study wonderfully illustrates the ways that cultural values influence communication, and the ways that these values can put missionaries in difficult positions.

Mission Trends and Paradigm Shifts

INTRODUCTION

Many new realities exist for mission today. The primary one that missionaries and mission senders must face at the moment is rapid change. This is the information age, a time when travel around the world is relatively inexpensive, access to knowledge of places and peoples is easily obtainable, and communication with those far away is instantaneous. Important shifts have taken place in mission as a result. What follows here is a partial accounting of the new realities faced in the mission enterprise today. They make mission interesting, challenging, and exciting—sometimes all three simultaneously!

SHORT-TERM EMPHASIS

For many years it has been assumed (and even promoted) that people who go on short-term missions are more likely to come back as career missionaries. However, the tremendous upsurge in the number of short-term workers without any corresponding increase in the ranks of long-term missionaries indicates that the assumption

perhaps is wrong (see Moreau 2006c). As of this writing, we need more data before the validity of the assumption can be proven one way or the other.

The Ups and Downs of Short-Term Missions

Many pros and cons of short-term projects can be noted. On the extreme end of the negative side, career missionaries can be sidetracked by having to watch over a loud, brash group of young people who are insensitive to the host culture and unaware of the images they project. It literally can take years to undo damage done by more extreme groups who fail to take into account the realities of culture and the expectations they bring. On the positive side, however, short-term projects not only can be a healthy vehicle for people to consider long-term service, but also, in the best of cases, they can assist long-term missionaries or nationals in completing significant projects for God's kingdom that would not otherwise ever be done.

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