

## Connecting to the Pipeline

At a recent mission conference, I was approached by a very bright young missionary candidate. She was interviewing all the different missionary sending agencies and had an incredible list of questions. As soon as we finished our discussion, I asked if I could include a copy of her list in the Pipeline book, to which she agreed. As you meet with your mobilization team to discuss your partnership with a sending agency, these questions should help guide your decisions and interactions with future partners:

- What is your mission statement?
- What is your doctrinal statement / distinctives / foundations?
- How do you go about ministry / what does an ordinary day look like?
- What are your strengths as an organization?
- What are the goals you are working on this year?
- What kind of training do you offer and/or require?
- What is your retention rate / attrition rate?
- Describe your missionary care emphasis?
- Do you have a family support system?
- What are your lifestyle expectations?
- What is your philosophy of support raising?
- What are the administrative fees / percentage?
- What does your retirement savings plan look like?
- How do you partner with the local church here in North America?
- What is your mode of operation concerning women in ministry leadership?
- What is your practice regarding locals taking responsibility of ministry?
- Are you open to different nationalities on your team/staff/membership?
- What is your strategy for contextualization?
- Where do your missionaries live: missionary compound, among the nationals, virtual/commuting?

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