

25 Questions to Ask When Selecting a Sending Agency

Mission Statement and Core Values

1. What is the mission statement of the organization?
2. What is the Statement of Faith?
3. What are the core values? How are they demonstrated?

Organization

4. What is your focus? In what part of the world do you work? With what people groups do you work?
5. Is the agency a home- or field-driven agency?
6. Does your agency have an exit plan for each of its ministries?
7. How big is the agency?
8. How old is the agency?
9. What is your denominational affiliation?

Partnership with the Local Church

10. What role does the local church have in my overseas ministry?

Partnership with Other Agencies

11. How does the agency work with other agencies?

Ministry

12. Do you always send people out in teams?
13. What form of church model is practiced on the field?
14. Does the agency encourage new ministry methods and innovate ideas for ministry?
15. Who decides what ministry I will be involved in?
16. What kind of training do you require, and what prefield orientation do you provide?

Member Care

17. How are the team members cared for on the field?
18. How are missionaries held accountable?

19. Who holds the mission accountable?
20. What is the retention rate over the past 5 years?
21. What is the growth rate over the past 5 years?
22. How are children cared for and educated?

Finances

23. How are support budgets determined?
24. What percent of support goes to home office?
25. Does all student loan and consumer debt need to be eliminated before leaving for the field?

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