



Guidelines for Communicating With students serving in World A Locations

What is World A? This refers to the portion of the world where the majority of the population has never heard the gospel of Jesus Christ. In these countries there are no or few Christian churches and a limited access to printed copies of the Bible. 24% of the world's population lives in World A. Most of these countries are in the 10-40 Window. That is the area that lies between the 10 and 40 latitude lines.

It is not illegal for Americans to go into World A countries. It is not illegal to be a Christian in this country. But, missionary visas are not issued for World A countries. The missionaries are there through "creative access." This means they have legitimate jobs such as teachers, students, businessmen, doctors, humanitarian aid workers, etc. and visas for such jobs. As they build relationships through their work and daily lives, they share the gospel. Student missionaries enter the country on tourist visas. Thus, we use caution in any written or spoken communication. This is mostly for the safety of the nationals your student will meet and the missionaries who will reside there long term. **Please assume that all phone calls, e-mails, and letters can be intercepted by the government and use caution. Below is a list of words that can help you in your communication. Please do not get overly creative in the use of your words, because this only draws attention to the communication.**

When you email, write or call a student in World A:

DON'T SAY...

Missionary
Mission Trip
God
Jesus
Holy Spirit
Bible
Pray, Prayer
Church
Name of People Group

INSTEAD SAY...

M's, Macaronis, worker, leader
Cultural Exchange
Father, Boss, Travel Agent
Brother, JC
Power, HS, Travel Companion
Precious Book, guidebook
Yarp (Pray spelled backwards), Remember, Thinking of you
Family Group
Cousins

- ⊗ NEVER USE THE WORDS "MISSIONS," "MISSIONARY," OR "MISSION TRIP."
- ⊗ NEVER USE THE NAMES OF THE MISSIONARIES IN THE COUNTRY WITH WHOM THE STUDENT IS SERVING IN ANY COMMUNICATION.
- ⊗ NEVER USE THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUAL NATIONALS WITH WHOM THE STUDENT IS WORKING IN ANY COMMUNICATION
- ⊗ NEVER POST THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY OR CITY WHERE THE STUDENT IS SERVING IN PRINT, EMAILS, FACEBOOK OR OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA. USE THE GEOGRAPHICAL TERM ONLY.