



World A Communication

One of the most effective ways to deal with security is to understand who you are!

You are a **follower of Christ**, and as a follower of Christ you will make the most of any opportunity to share the gospel. That is part of your **IDENTITY**, not your job description! You should seek to live that out with your family, on your campus, or traveling cross- culturally. If this is your perspective, when people ask you where you are going or what you are doing... you can honestly tell them what you are doing... "I am here to teach English." "I am studying your language and culture." "I am helping with sports camps." "I am doing community development work." You can answer that question honestly when being an "M" is not your job description. Because it is simply a part of being a follower of Christ, you will look for opportunities to share as you teach English, learn the language and make friends. Serve with integrity. Do what you say you are there to do. **Make the most of EVERY OPPORTUNITY to show and share the LOVE that defines your identity!**

In Calls, Emails, Letters, Blog & Facebook

1. Do not use the words, "**missions**," "**missionary**," or "**mission trip**." Your trip is a "**cultural exchange**."
2. Remember you are there as a tourist.
3. Don't use your location (Country, City, Univ.)
4. Don't use names of locals or Americans living in your location. Use a fictitious name to describe someone. Never use last names.
5. Ask your church or BCM not to send letters on church or BCM stationary or envelopes.
6. Everything you write is public information. It can be read by anyone.

Clean Up Your Footprint

If the nationals that you meet have internet access, expect them to do a search for your name. What will they see? Does your church have you listed as a "Missionary to..."? Did someone comment on Facebook about where you are going? Do a Google search of your name. Clean up your Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. When posting ANYWHERE on the internet or social media before you leave or while there anticipate it could be read by someone in country.

Some Tips

- Get a **clean email address** to use while you are gone. This would be a new email address that you have not used before.
- Give this email address **only** to your gatekeeper and SendMeNow staff. In case you do not know, a gatekeeper is a person to whom you can send emails that can be forwarded on to others. This person can also check your old email address and forward anything that is appropriate on to your World A email address. Make sure you give your gatekeeper the communications guidelines.
- Remember new email addresses must be checked regularly or they will be discarded.
Do **NOT** use any spiritual words like TakingJesusToJordan@gmail.com or ChinaMission@yahoo.com.
You must use a web-based email like yahoo, Gmail, etc. Some countries block gmail, so check that it is available in the place that you are traveling to before you create a gmail account. This will be the email address you give to new friends you meet while on the field.



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