



The Missions Toolbox

Missions Today

Challenges in the Work of Missions

The New Testament indicates that Paul engaged in various types of missionary ministry. He faced many challenges in the work. II Corinthians 12:22-29 reveals a staggering list of his troubles. He also encountered financial needs, disagreements with ministry partners, travel issues, and eventually imprisonment and death. None of these challenges quenched Paul's passion to preach Christ and to minister to people. Modern missionaries also face a host of problems and challenges. Consider a few of the following issues:

Issues

The mission field is different than the missionary's home country and culture.

The missionary's relationships are different on the mission field.

Potential Challenges

Location	Food
Language	Time
Climate	Pace of life
Money	Friends
Religions	Communication
Culture	Ministry

Minister through own family.
 Work with a mission board.
 Learn a new government and laws.
 Live with nationals.
 Minister to believers.
 Cooperate with fellow missionaries.
 Communicate with supporting churches.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

Acts 20:24