

Enrichment From Missionary Service

BROADENED WORLD VIEW

- Language acquisition
- Being forced to change views and attitudes
- Feeling at home in two cultures
- Seeing the Bible through different cultural glasses
- Seeing the American culture more objectively
- Differentiation between what is biblical and what is cultural
- Broader education of the children and their ability to relate cross-culturally

DEEPER WALK WITH GOD

- Learning to be a pilgrim
- Seeing God's power in human weakness
- Trusting Him for little things that were taken for granted back home
- Broader vision of God's work in the world
- Learning to grow in Christ from nationals.

FRIENDSHIPS/RELATIONSHIPS

- Deeper levels of friendships with Christian nationals
- unity of fellow workers
- developing a love for the nationals and missionaries of different groups
- having a larger circle of friends among supporters and prayer partners

SIGNIFICANCE OF ROLE

- The privilege of leading people to Christ
- Training national leadership; being in God's will
- Being a part of God's worldwide program
- Deeper world vision
- Being on the front lines
- Seeing the grace of God break through in unreached areas
- Reaching students from many countries in one location

CHANGE IN CHARACTER, LIFESTYLE AND MINISTRY

- More adaptable
- More able to serve
- More accepting of others
- Discovering that the American way is not necessarily the best way
- Freed up to discover new methods of ministry
- Changes in biblical values and convictions

CLOSER FAMILY TIES

- Less competition than in the U.S.
- Away from evil influences like drugs, materialism, profanity, immorality, crime
- A sense of joint mission of parents and children
- Quality time with parents and grandparents when visiting on furlough
- Creativity in making toys when not available to buy
- Creativity in recreation and life in general