

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SUGGESTED READING LIST

books on cross-cultural awareness, development, health, teaching and travel

1. **Operation World** by Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryke (7th Edition, 2010, Intersity Press) Important, detailed statistics on every country in the world, including their religions and how to pray! Available as hardback, paperback, e-book or on CD-ROM.
2. **Foreign to Familiar** by Sarah Lanier (2000, McDougal Press) Fun and helpful, gives great insight into crossing cultures more effectively. Classifies cultures as to "hot" or "cold" climates. (128 page paperback).
3. **Travel Well: Maintaining Physical, Spiritual & Emotional Health During International Ministry** by Christine Aroney-Sine, M.D. (<http://www.stemintl.org>) Formerly titled Survival of the Fittest, a great resource for staying healthy while traveling. Paperback.
4. **When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor...and Yourself** by Steve Corbett and Brian Fikkert (2012, Paperback) Provides principles and guidelines for effective and holistic ministry to the poor focusing on a community's assets instead of their weakness.
5. **Walking With the Poor** by Bryant L. Myers (Orbis Books, World Vision, Paperback) Exceptional resource for understanding poverty and transformational mission. Goes deeper into the biblical principles of When Helping Hurts (see above.)
6. **Ministering Cross-Culturally** by Lingenfelter and Mayers (2nd Edition, 2005, Baker Book House, Paperback) Contains the helpful Basic Values Assessment CVM uses to explore how culture shapes incarnational ministry.
7. **Learning Together: The Agricultural Worker's Participatory Sourcebook** by Susan Stewart (1998, Christian Veterinary Mission, Paperback) Tips and techniques for participatory approaches for livestock trainers and community development. (Available from CVM)
8. **Culture Shock-Country Name** "Culture Shock!" country guides are easy-to-read, accurate, and entertaining crash courses in local customs and etiquette. Other travel books on the specific country you are going to can be very helpful.
9. **Daughters of Islam** by Miriam Adeney (2002, Intersity Press, Paperback) Great first hand stories of Muslim women who came to faith in Jesus Christ and how that was lived out.
10. **CIA World Fact Book** (<https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/>) Details on **230** countries. Very handy for orientation and for speaking to churches & groups.

veterinary resources for short-term missions

1. **Where There is No Animal Doctor** by Drs. Peter Quesenberry and Maureen Birmingham (2007, Christian Veterinary Mission, Paperback) Best resource for practicing basic veterinary health care in primitive and remote settings around the world. Based on Peter and Maureen's years of experience ~~overseas~~ as CVM field staff. Available in multiple languages. Simple line drawings to illustrate lessons. (Available from CVM)

2. **Raising Healthy Animal Series** by Christian Veterinary Mission

There are a dozen species-specific booklets aimed at raising healthy livestock under primitive conditions. They can be a useful reference or a meaningful gift to a host family (some are available in Spanish or French). (Available from CVM.)

3. **Foreign Animal Disease**

The online downloadable version of the "Gray Book" with a list of all current FADs is http://www.aphis.usda.gov/emergency_response/downloads/nahems/fad.pdf

short-term missions resources

1. **Mack and Leeann's Guide to Short-term Missions** by J. Mack and Leeann Stiles

Great advice from seasoned leaders about how to succeed in STM.

2. **Short-term Missions Workbook, From Missions Tourist to Global Citizens** by Tim Dearborn

Asks great questions and provokes us toward maturity in our thinking, motives and philosophy of missions.

3. **Maximum Impact, Short-term Missions** by Peterson, Aeschliman and Sneed

Breaks it down technically, but still very helpful.

4. **Before You Pack Your Bag, Prepare Your Heart** by Cindy Judge

Short-Term Mission preparation Guide with 12 Bible Studies plus a trip journal.

5. **Serving with Eyes Wide Open: Doing STM with Cultural Intelligence** by David Livermore

Helps Christians understand the changing face of Christianity and how that affects short-term missions.

6. **Re-Entry** by Peter Jordan

Everyone should read this book so they are equipped to handle the very crucial transition from a missions trip to life at home.

7. **Friend-Raising, Building a Missionary Support Team that Lasts** by Betty Barnett

Good info on the fundraising process; most helpful for long-termers or those who do regular short-term trips.