

# WHERE IN THE WORLD? WHAT IN THE WORLD?



If you are thinking about becoming a missionary but don't know where you want to go or what you want to do, start by considering these three categories.

A close-up photograph of three young girls of Asian descent, smiling and hugging each other. The girl on the left is wearing a pink top, the middle girl is wearing a pink and white striped top, and the girl on the right is wearing a red top. The image is framed by a blue border.

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## **PEOPLE GROUPS**

What kinds of people do you want to engage with the gospel? Is economic class or education level a factor? Think through if you want to work with unreached people, new believers, or church leaders. What about religion—is there a religious group that tugs at your heart? Also consider age groups or gender. Are you particularly drawn to a vulnerable group, like refugees, orphans, prisoners, or victims of human trafficking?



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## PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Your experience, skills, education, and preferences can also play a role in finding a global fit. Consider any significant life events—have they prepared you to work with people in similar situations? Think about how you have served in ministry and what service has given you the greatest joy. Is there a type of ministry you would NEVER want to do? Are there needs or opportunities you find compelling?



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### GLOBAL SETTING

You may have a strong preference for what type of climate you want to live in—hot, cold, or a mix. Take that into consideration. Are you drawn to large cities, isolated villages, or somewhere in between? Have you learned any languages that would point to a particular country? For women, you should also consider how much freedom of movement and ministry you want. Some contexts, such as Muslim ministry, may impose severe limits.





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As you think through these questions, strong preferences may come to the surface. Follow them. Begin to search missions opportunities that relate to what you have discovered. We invite you to explore.

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