



What Is Happening at New Missionary Orientation

Week-by-Week (Aug 3-Sept 18)

Week 1 (Week of August 3)

New Missionary Orientation begins! Participants will arrive on Monday and programming will begin on Tuesday.

This week is “Onboarding Week” and is aimed at helping new personnel do basic onboarding and get oriented to the organization (how to fill out an ER, etc.). Also, during this week, participants will be learning a meta-narrative of the Scriptures called the Story of the Bible. Participants will begin to serve one another at New Missionary Orientation as part of Ministry Teams. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray as the participants say good-bye to friends and family.*
- *Pray Third Culture Kids (TCKs) will transition well to an on-campus school environment and new schedule.*
- *Pray all participants will have a humble, learning attitude.*
- *Pray the new personnel will connect well with the IMB organization.*

Week 2 (Week of August 10)

This week at New Missionary Orientation will focus on an overview of vision and mission derived from the Scriptures as well as understanding exit and how to enter a new people group or place. During Entry sessions, participants will learn how to map a city or area physically, socially, and spiritually. They will also learn how to find where God is working and find where access points might be. They will be going out into communities and practicing these skills. We will begin discussing mobilization and how to mobilize churches. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray participants will learn to serve others and think of others' needs ahead of their own.*
- *Pray participants will understand the missionary task from the Scriptures and understand what they are being sent to do.*
- *Pray participants will be able to see communities with God's eyes and they find good access points in their communities.*
- *Pray for all participants but especially for the children as they start getting their immunizations at the end of this week.*

Week 3 (Week of August 17)

This is Evangelism Week. Topics include what is the gospel and how to contextualize the gospel. Participants will learn and practice an evangelism method chosen by their field team/affinity. Participants will also be looking at specific worldview issues related to the place where they are going. We will introduce Peace Pursuit, a biblical guide to dealing with conflict. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray participants will grow confident in sharing the gospel and that they would be able to lead people to faith this week.*
- *Pray participants will learn how to do ministry as a family.*
- *Pray participants would grow in faith and expectation that God is at work.*
- *Pray for participants, especially children, as they get their second round of immunizations.*

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Week 4 (Week of August 24)

This is Discipleship and Church Week. Days are also spent helping participants develop their personal spiritual life and understanding how to start a church. The participants will learn how to teach others in small groups and large groups going through a book of the Bible. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray participants will understand how to make disciples and plant churches.*
- *Pray participants will fully depend on God and abide in Christ.*
- *Pray participants will be able to get all their visa requirements done and they would be successful in getting visas to their target country.*
- *Pray for participants as they wrestle with the rights and preferences we have in the USA and which they will have to give up in order to minister overseas.*

Week 5 (Week of August 31)

This is Leadership Development and Security Week. Participants will learn how to withstand interrogations as well as good personal and data security practices. Participants will also learn about mobilizing 20-25 Southern Baptist Churches through Church Connections. Also, during this week, participants will be learning how to set up a prayer strategy. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *There is typically a lot of anxiety this week as participants go through security training. Pray they will rest in Christ and know He is their peace.*
- *Pray participants won't shrink back in sharing the gospel when they realize the cost of boldly proclaiming Christ in hard areas.*
- *Pray participants will connect well with the Southern Baptist Churches (SBC) they are trying to mobilize.*
- *Pray participants will be able to find at least 100 prayer partners to pray for them and their Unreached People Groups (UPG).*

Week 6 (Week of September 7)

This is Language and Culture, Teaming and Family Week. Participants will spend some extra time with organizational leaders this week. The participants will continue to learn to teach others in small groups and large groups going through a book of the Bible. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray participants will learn to team well and give grace and forgiveness to those who offend them.*
- *Pray participants will learn to be good spouses and learn how to lead their families spiritually.*
- *Pray for homeschooling parents who will be learning how to homeschool overseas.*
- *Pray for participants, especially children, as they get their final immunizations this week.*

Week 7 (Week of September 14)

This is the final week of New Missionary Orientation and participants will spend most of the time with their affinity leadership. Commissioning will also happen this week. Specific prayer points for this week are:

- *Pray for participants as they end. Pray for them as they say goodbye not only to New Missionary Orientation but to the USA.*
- *Pray especially for the children as they go through another transition.*
- *Pray for final travel arrangements and visas would go well.*
- *Pray God would use these folks to make disciples and plant churches in the unreached for the glory of God.*