

# 1. Challenges

## Introduction

It is hard to under-estimate the importance of being prepared for relocating to another nation and culture.

Often people will focus on gaining knowledge about the place, the people and the language of where they are going. Also significant investment is made in learning about evangelism, apologetics and church planting among the host people group.

All of this is important but we cannot afford to neglect the vital area of being inwardly prepared. That is spiritually and emotionally.

## Challenges



Many challenges are faced in cross cultural ministry and whilst knowledge and expertise are helpful, in the end they will not sustain us in the long haul if we do not have spiritual and emotional resources.

Most of the challenges people face in relocating to another culture and looking to share the gospel and start communities of Jesus followers are not physical challenges alone but impact us emotionally.

From learning a new language, to finding your way around a new city or understanding the correct way of addressing people: all of these take an emotional toll to say nothing of missing home and family!

Part of being well prepared is knowing what to expect.