

## Here are some things you can be doing to prepare you for your agricultural ministry:

- Learn as much as you can about sustainable farming. Google the topic, see what you find.
- If possible, visit the World Relief Hunger Farm outside of Waco to learn about sustainable farming. <http://worldhungerrelief.org/>
- Physical exercise—**walking** and a lower fat diet. You need to be in good physical shape.
- Develop relationships with students on your campus or in a local church that may be from the area you will be working. If they are from another country, become a conversation partner with them and meet with him/her weekly.
- The basis of your ministry will be building relationships through which you can share your faith. Read one of the books below to help you prepare for sharing through your relationships:

*Just Walk Across the Room* by Bill Hybels

*Becoming a Contagious Christian* by Bill Hybels

*Peppermint-Filled Piñatas* by Eric Michael Bryant

*Questions to all of Your Answers* by Roger Olson

*Searching for God Knows What* by Donald Miller

*More Ready Than You Realize* by Brain McLaren

*God's Blogs* by Lanny Donoho

*Getting Your Feet Dirty: A down-to-earth Look at Following Jesus* by Don Everts

*The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel

*What's So Amazing About Grace* by Philip Yancey



- Pray for opportunities to share your faith through friendships/relationships made while on the field.
- Read a good book on Prayer Walking like: *Prayer Walking: Praying on Site with Insight* by Hawthorn and Kendrick or *Walking the Talk* by Dan Crawford and Calvin Miller.
- Read up on the predominant religion in your area. You need to have a basic understanding of what they believe. See our resource links at [www.GoNowMissions.com](http://www.GoNowMissions.com) for more information on world religions.
- A good book that will help you understand other cultures is *Foreign to Familiar* by Sarah Lanier.
- Work on your testimony, practice communicating with International students on your campus, who use English as their second language. Develop a clear presentation of the Gospel. Avoid church words and phrases. Instead, think about what an International student will understand. For instance, if you use the phrase “walking the aisle”—that means nothing in other cultures or people who have never been to church, except going from one part of the building to another!
- Find ways to involve your home and local church. By asking them to:
  - Pray for you and your people group
  - Help collect small gifts for you to give away
  - Conduct a Prayer Walk at your church
- Work on your scripture memorization.
- Visit these websites to find out about your state or country and people group:
  - <http://www.joshuaproject.net/index.php>
  - <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/>
  - <http://www.infoplease.com/states.html>
  - <http://www.peoplegroups.info/>