

Here are some things you can be doing to prepare you for Media & Business:

- Learn as much as you can about the various forms of media you will be working with. Talk with or be mentored by someone that is an expert in this field.
- Find out about business etiquette and practices where you will be serving: customs, negotiating techniques, acceptable behavior and dress, etc.
- A good book that will help you understand other cultures is *Foreign to Familiar* by Sarah Lanier.
- Set goals for what you would like to accomplish. If you know you will be working to get picture files or business files in order, set a goal of how many you want to finish per day.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith through friendships/relationships you will make.
- 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!
- Develop a clear presentation of the Gospel. Develop or find simple Bible studies on basic discipleship (assurance of Salvation, Baptism, quiet time, sharing your faith, place of Scripture in new believer’s life, etc.).
- Begin collecting small gifts that you can give away. Anything with something USA or TX on it is good. Examples: key chains, bookmarks, stickers, pens, pencils, and postcards. Local businesses may donate these. Your church or BSM may want to help you collect these items. Also take pictures of your family, friends, school, etc. to use as conversation starters.
- Think of 4-5 activities that could be done with the village children. These might be games, songs or crafts. Collect what is needed for them.
- 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
- Work on your scripture memorization.
- You may be living with a host family. Purchase a hostess gift to thank them for letting you be part of their family for the summer.
- Physical exercise—**walking** and a lower fat diet. You need to be in good physical shape.

- 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.
- Regularly be involved in Prayer Walking. Prayer Walk your campus. Prayer Walk your city. If you have never prayer walked before, find someone who has and ask them to go with you.
- If serving overseas, learn common phrases you would use in your field in the language of the people you will be serving with. Go beyond “Hello” and “Goodbye.”
- 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
- 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/>

