

CROSSING CULTURES FOR THE GOSPEL

Challenges, Preparation and Support

We are excited to report that the breadth and quality of the responses we received to the survey reflect that both fieldworkers and senders are serious and passionate about their work and consider Jesus' mandate to the Great Commission as a joint effort between both of them.

Here are some of the key stats...

WE SPOKE TO **137** PEOPLE FROM **21** NATIONS WITH EXPERIENCE IN **40** NATIONS

Challenges on the Field



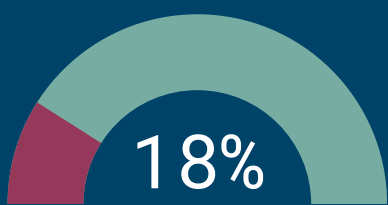
6 in 10 experienced "significant" personal challenges they did not anticipate.

Here are the top 5

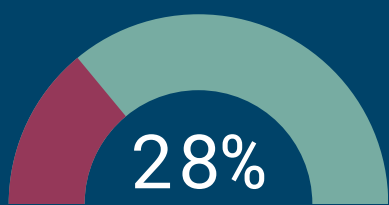


A desire for more training

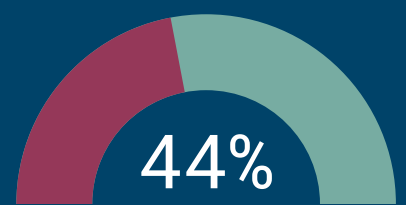
Do you feel the steps you took to prepare you cross-culturally were adequate, or would more training have been preferable?



Very adequate

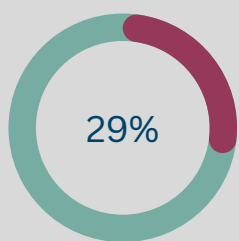


Somewhat but more training would help

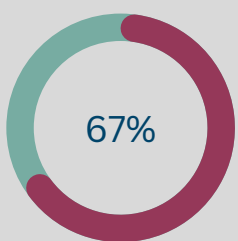


Not adequate - more training necessary

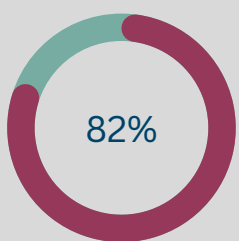
Of those who left the field early...



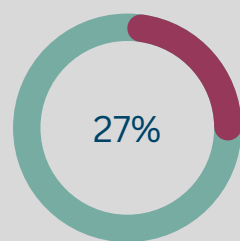
felt they were "well supported"



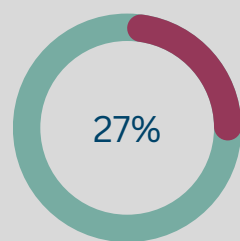
either felt "very pressured" or "somewhat pressured" by their contacts back home to achieve certain results.



felt their training for the field was either "inadequate" or only "somewhat adequate"



had a support team back home with whom they felt they could be "very honest"

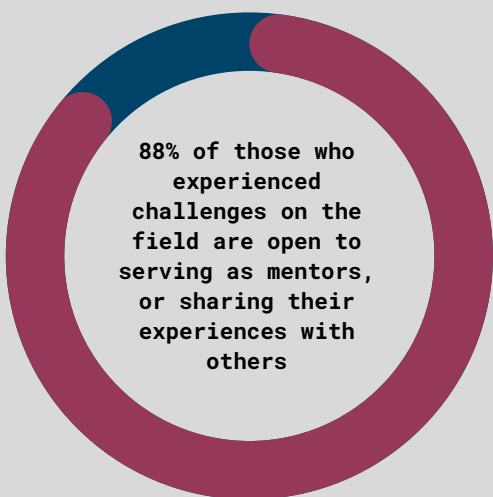


felt they could be "very honest" with mission colleagues or local friends

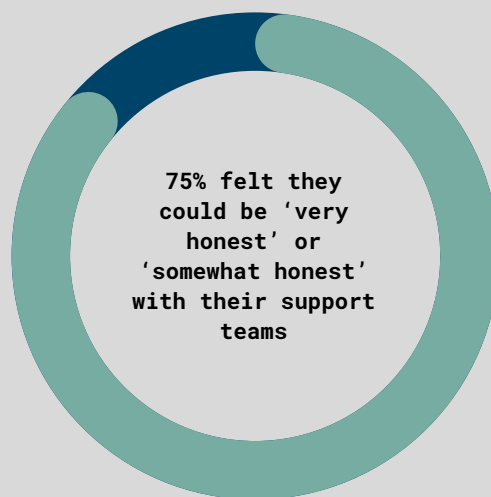
All those without sending churches or organizations felt either "very isolated" or "somewhat isolated"

Good senders are so important!

Positives



88% of those who experienced challenges on the field are open to serving as mentors, or sharing their experiences with others



75% felt they could be 'very honest' or 'somewhat honest' with their support teams



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For the full details, read the full report at fieldpartner.org/survey