

The Gospel For every culture





In the 1800s, Hudson Taylor was a missionary to China for 51 years! Taylor was a white, British man, whose culture was very different from the Chinese. When he first began his missionary work, the people would have nothing to do with him.

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Eventually, Taylor knew he could not connect with the Chinese because he was so unlike them! Hudson Taylor realized, in order to share the gospel with the people, he would first have to follow their customs. He began to wear his hair in a Chinese pigtail called a queue, eat their food with chopsticks, live with them, and wear their traditional clothes. He even learned their language! Soon, the people began to respond to Hudson Taylor's mission work, and many came to find Jesus. Adopting their culture was the key to sharing the gospel!



A Modern-Day MISSIONARY

Christina Black is a missionary in Taiwan. Here are some ways she has adapted to the new culture.

How are the church services different?

The songs and prayers at church are all Chinese. It is very pretty when the people sing, but at times we miss singing in English. Also they sing softly, and sometimes we miss worshipping in a more enthusiastic way. In your opinion, what was the biggest difference between living in America to living in Taiwan?

The biggest difference is the crowded conditions. There is little extra space in the cities so the houses are very tall.



Is it hard to learn the language?

It is extremely hard to learn Chinese. But it helps if you can sing well because Chinese words have a musical sound to them. The meaning of a word can change depending on the tone (or pitch) of your voice.



What kind of foods do you eat?

We eat lots of noodles, dumplings, and rice. They put beans in our dessert!





MEMORY VERSE

I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:22



What if God called YOU to a foreign mission field? You would most likely have to eat different food, maybe speak a different language, even drive a car on the opposite side of the road! Just for fun, go ahead and practice some "culture changes" in your daily routine. Here are some ideas:

- 1. Eat supper with the lights turned off and only using candles to see.
- 2. Do not use hot water when you shower.
- 3. Eat new, foreign food you have never tried.

A New Way to Say Hello

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Have you ever wanted to learn a new language? Here's your very first Chinese word!

Hello = Nĭ hǎo (pronounced Nee How)

The next time you see your friends, impress them by saying "hello" in this new way.



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