

## Preparing Your Testimony for Cross-cultural Audiences

### Things to Remember:

1. Your delivery time should be approximately 3-5 minutes.

It is important to remember that when you are speaking through a translator, everything must be said twice: once by you in English, then once by the translator. Therefore, what can normally be said in 5 minutes, now takes 10 minutes. Please bear this in mind when preparing your testimony.

2. It is recommended to have two types of testimonies prepared.

First, the testimony of your salvation experience. A simple outline can be helpful: My life before I met Christ; How I met Christ; My life since I met Christ. It is not necessary to recant you life's history.

Second, a testimony of what God is doing in your life today. This may be a truth that you have learned, an eternal principle that you are experiencing, a challenge that God has helped you overcome, etc. Since the nationals assume that you are a believer, these testimonies are extremely effective. Most of them are interested to know what motivated you to leave "the lap of luxury" in the U.S. to travel to their country as a missionary.

3. Think of how your testimony can be applied to your hearers.

Conclude your testimony with a challenge or invitation for your hearers to experience by faith the same joy that you have encountered.