

A Pre-Assignment Education Discussion Paper for Parents

Edition for Europe Area W.O.s

The purpose of this paper is to help you as a Wycliffe family consider what your educational hopes and expectations are for your children. Once these issues are considered, you should be able to discuss, along with your Wycliffe Organisation (W.O.) what assignment options may be suitable for you as a family.

Parents' Names: _____ W.O.: _____

Children's names

Ages

Dates of birth

It would be helpful if parents completed papers individually then discussed their answers together before meeting with a WO person. For each statement below, except the last, please mark how strongly you agree or disagree.

agree disagree

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| 1....2....3....4....5 | 1. Our children should be able to communicate and interact in the host culture where we will work. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 2. Our children should become as fluent as possible in the national language. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 3. Our children should study at the same academic level as their peers in our home culture. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 4. Our children's secondary schooling should prepare them to enter higher education or similar training in our home country. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 5. The education our children receive on the field should match education at home in terms of technology, and resources. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 6. It is important that our children identify our home culture as their home culture. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 7. Most of the teachers of our children should be from our home culture. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 8. Most of the teachers of our children should be Christians. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 9. At least one of us parents should have significant time to assist our children educationally. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 10. Wife as well as husband should have a significant role in our ministry. |
| 1....2....3....4....5 | 11. Special Education facilities and other specialists should be available |

for my children's education.

1....2....3....4....5 12. I am confident in my ability to teach my children with minimal professional assistance.

13. *In the following list, indicate with Y for yes, P for possibly or N for no the educational options which you would be prepared to consider for your children at primary and secondary school level*

	a. Primary school age (5-11 years)	b. Secondary school age (11-18 years)
Home schooling with a correspondence course		
Home schooling without a correspondence course		
National school		
Mission school		
International, secular school		
Boarding school		
Small school with several age groups per class		
A school across an international border		

Date when questionnaire is completed: _____

W.O. person consulting with parents: _____ date discussed:

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Educational profile

Please complete a separate profile for each of your children. This first page can be updated regularly over the years to give an easy reference of your child's education.

Parents' Names; W.O.
 Child's name: Nationality:
 Date Profile begun; Child's age at this date

Educational Background

Age at beginning of school year	Location	Name of school	School type
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1. What is this child's attitude towards your hopes/plans to go overseas to serve the Lord?
Positive / uncertain / negative Please circle one and explain your answer:

2. Has this child had any cross-cultural experience. If so, what culture, and how did he/she respond

3. Does this child have any history of learning disabilities? If so, please explain.

4. Learning Environment: On a scale of 1 to 5, if "1" indicates "prefers to work/play alone" and "5" indicates "prefers to work/play with others", what number would you give your child?

5. What are this child's greatest strengths? (Refer to both school subjects and personality)

6. What are this child's weaknesses? (Refer to both school subjects and personality)

7. What *home leave and service* cycle are you considering and how do you think this will affect your child's education?

8. What further education, after 18, do you anticipate for this child and in what country do you hope this will take place?

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9. Please note down any other relevant factors concerning the education of this child.

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