

A Holy, Holey, Wholly Inventory for Cross-Cultural Workers in Risky Locations

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Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,

he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths

for his name's sake.

⁴ Even though I walk

through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff,

they comfort me.

⁵ You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me

all the days of my life,

and I will dwell in the house of the Lord

forever.

(Potential) Areas for risk in a Cross-Cultural Worker's Life

Physical Harm

Proximity to medical care

Ministry (fit, challenge, enjoyment)

Exposure to chronic stress

Physical health

Emotional well-being (especially with the rotation of people in and out of their lives)

Debt

Personal life

Stage of life (single, married, infertility, young kids, teens, empty nester, aging parents)

Transportation

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"Take again the equipment of a foolish shepherd. For I am going to raise up a shepherd over the land who will not care for the lost, or seek the young, or heal the injured, or feed the healthy."

Zechariah 11: 15 and 16

Verbs for a cross-cultural life: **Care. Seek. Heal. Feed.**

States of a cross-cultural life: **The lost. The young. The injured. The healthy.**

Think of a cross-cultural worker you know

Lost: in need of care	Young: in need of being sought
Injured: in need of healing	Healthy: in need of feeding

Where those they minister to might be

Lost: in need of care	Young: in need of being sought
Injured: in need of healing	Healthy: in need of feeding

