

# Multicultural Mission Teams

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# Sense of Community

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- Membership – belonging
- Influence – having and being
- Fulfilment – meeting needs
- Sharing – emotional connections

# Strengths

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- Diversity of the Body of Christ
- Model intercultural relations
- Cultural sensitivity
- Less political
- Enriched and complementary
- Example and encouragement

# Problems - leadership

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- Talking vs. listening
- Relationship vs. task orientated
- Egalitarian vs. hierarchy
- Age vs. youth
- Gender issues

# Problems - lifestyle

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- Language and truth
- Family issues
- Time
- Unity
- Space
- Food
- Romance

# Problems - ministry

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- Spirituality
- Worship
- Evangelism

# Conclusion

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- Takes time to establish a sense of community
- Need to understand varying cultural values
- Requires a 'serving one another' approach
- Strength in diversity for Mission

# Case Studies

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1. Field Director visit to Central Asia
2. Disunity in the increased team
3. Appointing a new team leader
4. Love in the air
5. Wives support group