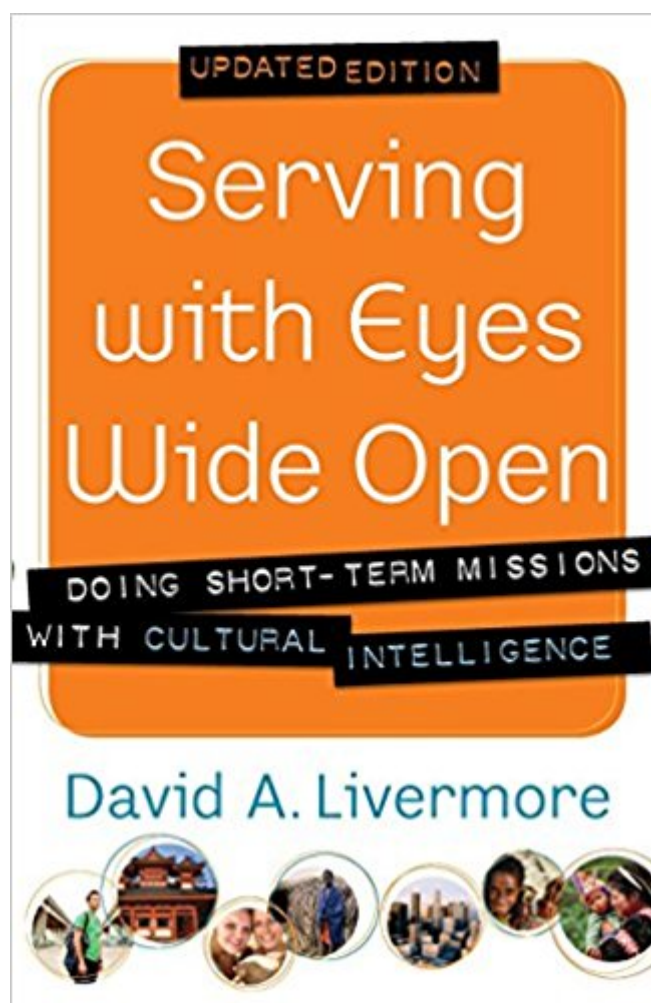


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# Serving With Eyes Wide Open: Doing Short-Term Missions With Cultural Intelligence



## Synopsis

Become a more effective cross-cultural minister by opening your eyes to global realities and Western assumptions about short-term missions. Updated throughout.

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Your passport to learning how short-term missions can best serve Christ's kingdom Short-term mission trips are a great way to impact the kingdom. Yet they can lack effectiveness because of mistakes or naiveté on the part of participants. In this insightful book, David A. Livermore calls us to serve with our eyes open to global and cultural realities so we can become more effective cross-cultural ministers. Winner of an Outreach Resource of the Year Award in global outreach from Outreach magazine, *Serving with Eyes Wide Open* is a must-have book for anyone doing a short-term mission or service project, whether domestic or overseas. Now updated throughout to reflect the changing mission field.

David A. Livermore (PhD, Michigan State University) is executive director of the Global Learning Center at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary. In addition, he is research fellow at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore and a senior consultant with

This book does a great service to anyone going on a mission trip. It really forces us to reconsider our goals on a trip. Most importantly, the idea of going to a developing world country to do manual labor when there is mass unemployment and wages of a few dollars a day, simply doesn't add

up. Rather, we learn to use trips to grow our knowledge of culture, understanding and relationships rather than just paint a wall or dig a trench. I was very encouraged to learn specific techniques on how we can do much better on short term mission trips.

Good and general info on raising level of understanding for the well intentioned, do gooder. A common sense approach.

Wonderful book to open our eyes to cross-cultural trips. Wish I had read it 17 years ago before I made my first trip. I can identify with some of the issues identified in the book - been there, and unfortunately, had done some of it! Recommended reading/studying for anyone working abroad - short or long term trips - missions minded or work related; very appropriate information.

My wife and I were missionaries for four years and I have travelled to many places. David Livermore articulates clearly what many missionaries have learned the hard way. Go with humility and observe before you presume to speak. This book will challenge you and it may even unsettle you. But it will make your ministry more effective.

Great book! The author brings to light a lot of the same concerns regarding missions that we have noticed as missionaries ourselves and from 19 years in the ministry. Everyone should be involved in missions, definitely, but as good stewards of our God given resources, we should aim to have the maximum, lasting impact possible.

This book really provides the type of insight that I was seeking prior to my first short term mission. I believe I will travel with improved understanding and focus on what should be the goal of the trip. I believe I will spend more time listening to and observing the people that I meet because of reading this book.

If you are going on a short-term mission trip, this is an excellent book to help you get prepared. Serving isn't about changing the lives of individuals in other cultures to look like ours in the USA; it's about how God is going to change YOU!

This is a great book for anyone going on a mission trip. Would absolutely recommend this book. It really explains a lot.

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