

DEALING WITH CULTURE SHOCK

1. RECOGNIZE OUR ANXIETIES:

- we need to be honest with ourselves, and transparent to others.

2. STUDY THE NEW CULTURE:

- enter as a student
- bond with the people and their culture

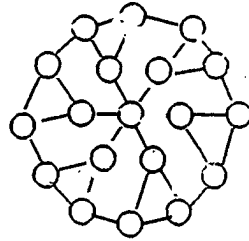
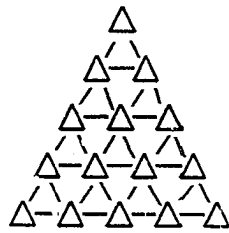
3. BUILD TRUST

- share ourselves with the people**
- learn to appreciate and show appreciation for their culture**

4. DEAL WITH STRESS:

- set realistic goals**
- don't take ourselves too seriously--laugh at ourselves, be flexible, forgive ourselves, be thankful**
- treat ourselves**

ETHNOCENTRISM



HOW DO WE VIEW OTHERS?

MIDDLE AGES:

- **Monsters** vs **Humans**
- **Infidels, Heretics** vs **Christians**

AGE OF EXPLORATION:

- **Pagan, Heathen** vs **Christian**
- **Slave, Child** vs **Free, Adult**
- **Savage, Barbarian** vs **Civilized**

AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT:

- Primitive vs Civilized
- Aborigine vs Modern
[human fossils]

AGE OF POST-ENLIGHTENMENT:

- Native vs Native

OUR CHRISTIAN VIEW:

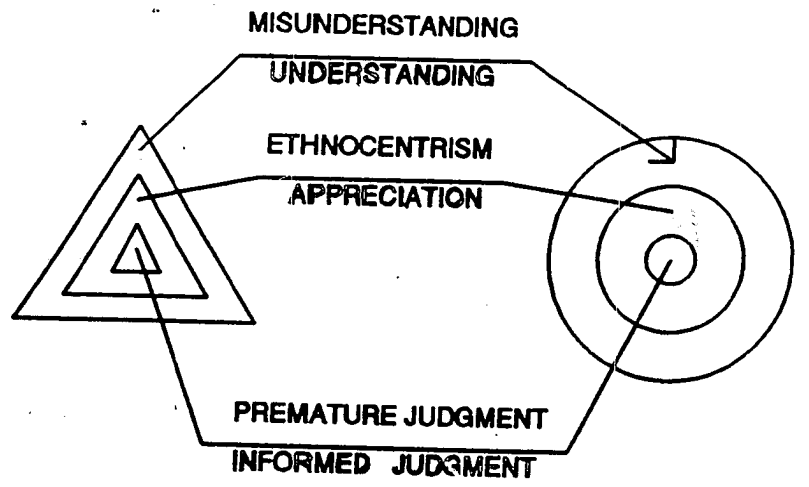
- There is only Us
 - we are one in our common humanity
 - we are one in the body of Christ

REMEMBER!

A CULTURE

MAKES SENSE

TO ITS PEOPLE



CHARACTERISTICS OF M.K.s

- 1. Mature early: develop self-reliance and social skills.**
- 2. Detached view of life: participate but with a part of them being the outside observer.**
- 3. Adjust to differences rapidly: accused of being chameleons.**
- 4. Compensators: high achievers and special psychological problems.**

5. "Homeless" and wanderers:
never fully at home
anywhere.
6. Global perspective - think
in world terms.

MISSIONARY KIDS

KIDS IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS:

psychological
problems

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**How many families does it
take to produce one child who
gets into the Who's Who in
America?**

25,000 Laboring families

10,000 Skilled craftsmen

5,000 Presbyterian pastors

5,000 Lawyers

2,500 Dentists

1,200 Episcopal priests

7 Missionary families

RESOLVING
THE QUESTION
OF IDENTITY

→ CULTURAL DENIAL A:



→ CULTURAL DENIAL B:



→ CULTURAL
SCHIZOPHRENIA:



→ CULTURAL
INTEGRATION:



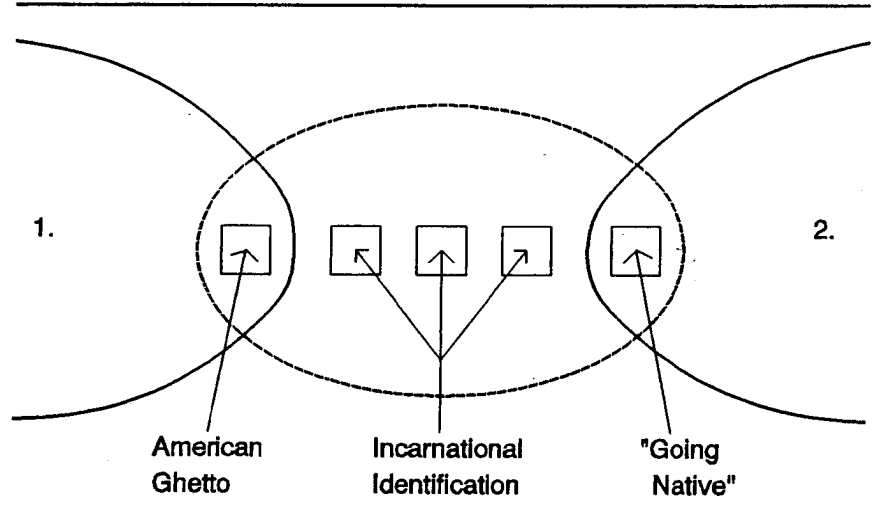
**BLESSINGS OF BEING
BICULTURAL**

- 1. A GLOBAL
PERSPECTIVE**
- 2. FRIENDS AROUND
THE WORLD**
- 3. LEARNING FROM
YOUNG VITAL
CHURCHES**
- 4. A MEANINGFUL
MINISTRY**

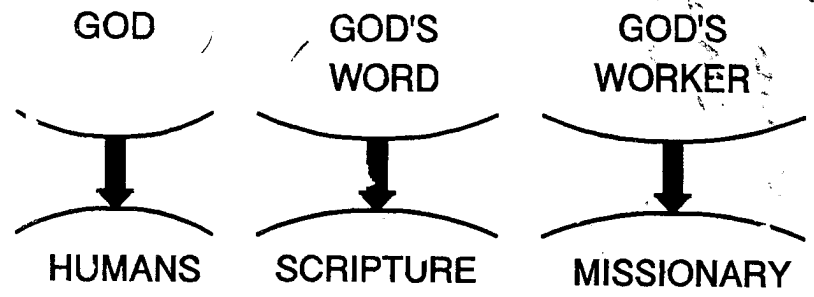
QUESTIONS IN RAISING M.K.s

1. Their cultural identity
2. Schooling
3. Adjusting to moving
4. Spiritual nurture
5. Teaching them to work
6. Raising special children
7. Dating and marriage
8. Guardianship

IDENTIFICATION IN THE BICULTURAL COMMUNITY



AN INCARNATIONAL VIEW OF MISSION



“We are a disobedient people. We argue about the definition of worldwide evangelization and we debate the details of eschatology, while we neglect the command of the Word of God to evangelize the world.”

George Ladd. The gospel of the Kingdom. In Perspectives. 1999,77.