

AFM / GoTential Pre-Launch Checklist:

- **Professional qualifications in place**, where needed. (ex. English as Second Language Teaching (EFL)). Take evidence with you of your certifications.
- **Visas.** (Be careful of “commercial” visa sites when Googeling. Many charge unnecessary fees. Here are links from the US state department.
<https://travel.state.gov>)
- **Vaccinations.** (from <https://travel.state.gov> look under HEALTH and consider all health precautions.)
- **Supporting church contacts.** Do you have a people who will check in on you? Who will have your contact information while abroad in case of information? Who can handle local mail or other domestic matters for you?
- **Supporting church prayer network.** The church should see you as their arm reaching out. Describe your work and ministry to the pastor and prayer coordinator. Direct them to www.GoTential.org
- **Spiritual support identified from home country.** If you have any friends who can serve to regularly supply you with sermon links, reading materials, accountability etc. it will help, as likely as a Tentmaker you may not have a Sabbath group to fellowship with.
- **Organize your Will / Living will / power of attorney.** (Your local church conference office will do this for you free of charge.)
- **Travel / Health Insurance.** What will you do for medical emergencies? Some normal domestic health insurance policies do not work abroad. Travel Insurance can be obtained online if the company you are working for doesn't cover you. Once in your foreign place of residence you may find better priced deals there.
- **Life or Disability Insurance.**
- **Online banking.** Set up an international bank account. Some banks like HSBC and CHASE are in many countries. ATM access to some cash will be helpful. (www.xoom.com is an excellent way to send money internationally.)
- **Notarized copies or originals of wedding certificates, birth certificates** etc., should be taken with you overseas. Be sure and leave copies of all key documents with a home-based individual. Many choose to leave originals in America. Wedding certificate and children's birth certificates are often mandatory for visa extension in some countries.
- **Airline tickets.**
- **Health checkups.**
- **Notification to GoTential of your launch date.** (We like to keep track of our members. A pre-launch conversation and post-launch coaching session via Skype or conference call are useful. Just send an email to: coach@gotential.org)
- **Registration with local embassy.** Upon arriving it is wise to give your contact information to the domestic embassy or consulate of the nation you are from. They will take care of you and alert you in situations of national unrest.
- **Home-base tax accounting support, where necessary.**
- **Home-base retirement account payments, where necessary.**
- **Home-based mail, banking solutions are established through family, friends or support church.**
- **Enrollment in GoTential Tentmaker training.** (Access is granted after interview.)
- **Notification to the host SDA union of launch to serve in a professional capacity within the union territories.** (A phone call or email can win you some new friends and likely some needed contacts.)
- **Children's education needs are identified and met, where necessary.**