Top Five Things to Remember When Giving a Mission Interpretation Presentation

1. **Introduce yourself**, even if you think everyone knows you. You are a resource for your congregation; they need to know who you are.

2. **Make yourself known as a mission interpreter.** Explain what mission interpretation means to your congregation so that they understand their connection with the wider church and how money turns into ministry.

3. **Use a prop,** some item that will make your subject more tangible. It could be anything: a map, a photograph, or an object that you mention in your talk (a hammer to represent building, a cup of rice to represent hunger, a suitcase to represent an immigrant’s journey).

4. **Include why this story made an impression on you.** It’s your personal testimony that makes the story effective. Your enthusiasm is more inspiring than statistics.

5. **Thank everyone for their generosity.** These ministries would not be possible without generous gifts of time and service as well as financial support. Help people realize how integral they are to the mission of the church.

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