



## **In this Cross-Cultural Workers’ “Household” aka Team/Ministry/Big-Wide-Internet-World**

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- **We are siblings. You are my sister. You are my brother. I am your sister/brother.**

(We are not competitors. We are not strangers. We are not indifferent to each other. We are family.)

- **2. All have something to contribute and we do not rank contributions.**

(What you do is not more or less valuable than what I do. And vice versa, what you do is not more or less valuable than what I do. What you do matters. What I do matters.)

- **3. We will speak kindly of and to each other (and hopefully in many languages, wink!)**

(We do not have to agree and we can have lively discussions on important subjects, but we will “use our words” kindly.)

- **4. We will act out of love — love for God, love for cultural variety, love for each other.**

(We will not act out of fear. Our words and actions will be fueled by love and curiosity, not fear or suspicion.)

- **5. We will confront each other in love.**

(We will not turn a blind eye or “hope that things will get better” or wait for something to explode. When we know something is off, or questionable, or just plain wrong, out of love for everyone in this household, we will address it).

- **6. We will hope for the best for each other.**

(Your “success” or open door does not diminish me, my hopes, or what I want to do.)

- **7. We are siblings. You are my sister. You are my brother. I am your sister/brother.**

(This is where the household of God begins and ends: in relationship, in remembering who we are, in remembering whose we are, in thinking correctly of ourselves and others.)