

CASE STUDY: A DREAM

This case study tells of an event that happened to a Global Interaction worker serving in context where people have a strong belief in dreams.

Your spouse has to go away to work in one of the villages for a few days. A friend comes to you and recounts a dream in which something terrible happens to your spouse. You are aware that the local people place strong belief in dreams.

How would you respond?

1. Ignore the dream and do nothing.
2. Pray for the protection of your spouse silently or when you are alone.
3. Pray for the protection of your spouse in front of your friend.
4. Ask your spouse to cancel the trip.
5. Other_____

*After discussion,
look at the
next sheet.*

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Real life response:

I thanked my friend for telling me about the dream and told her I would pray for protection. My spouse returned unharmed but told of a near accident. I thanked my friend again for telling me about the dream and said that I thanked God for protecting my spouse.

What we could have done in hindsight:

It might have been good to pray in front of my friend. Also, I could have told a story from the Bible about God's protection (e.g. Joseph in slavery or Daniel in the lion's den).