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## How God is taking me from being a police officer to sharing Jesus on the Silk Road.

**I was an unwitting and oblivious passenger at the beginning of my journey towards long-term intercultural work.**

I started following Jesus in late high school, but by then I had decided what my life would look like. I knew what career I would have, where I would live and what my family would look like.

After a few years of following Jesus and a couple of years into what I had chosen as my lifelong career, I started to wrestle with the verse in Luke 9:23, of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. What it means to deny myself, take up my cross and follow Him.

As I was wrestling with these questions, I went on a short-term trip with my

local church. God used this trip to open my eyes to His world, and I returned with a nudging from God to look deeper into His heart and story of mission.

I spent time searching the Bible and chatting with pastors, mentors and mission organisations.

**What I discovered was that 40% of the world's population can go from birth to death without hearing the Gospel in a way that makes sense to them.**

The reality that billions of people don't know someone who can tell them about the life transforming love of Jesus, broke my heart. And if I didn't go, there were people who would never hear the good news of Jesus.

What started as a fun two-week overseas trip with friends, turned out to be the catalyst for the greatest adventure I could never have dreamed up myself!