

Security Brief 1 Script – “No Risk, No Reward”

Hi there. Ed Nye the Security Guy here with the start of a new series called Security Briefs. Our goal with this series is to offer you things that are both useful and interesting. But, as the name implies, all the episodes will be both brief and about security.

To start, it may be helpful to define what we mean by security. Usually when we think about security, what we think about is safety. But security, as we are going to define it, has far more to do with **RISK** than it does with **SAFETY**.

What do I mean by that? Well, normally, when I tell people my role is Global Security Coordinator, they say, “Oh, so your job is to keep our people safe.” Well, no, it isn’t. First of all, that’s impossible. But more importantly, if the goal were to keep everyone safe, then that would mean that no one would take any risks, and we would not be able to accomplish our mission of “Establishing the church among all people everywhere.”

We all know intuitively that to be “safe” means not to be in danger of any harm or threat. Even kids playing tag know that if you are touching “home”, then you are “safe”. You are not in danger of being “it”. But the second you move away from home; you are at risk.

Global workers have largely moved away from home and chosen a life of risk.

But if risk isn’t the same as safety, neither does risk necessarily mean “danger”. “Risk” is not a synonym for “threat”.

So what are we talking about? You may have heard the term, “No risk, no reward.” That is true for our work. When we take appropriate risks as global workers, we don’t mean that we are moving away from safety into a place of danger. Rather, we are moving from a place of certainty into a place of uncertainty. And we do this to gain a greater reward - an eternal reward. By taking appropriate risks, we hope to establish the church among all peoples.

So, to sum up, security for AGWM global workers – and global workers everywhere – is about taking those risks that God calls us into to gain an eternal reward. And that reward is not for us, but it is a reward for the Kingdom of God and our Lord Jesus, whom we serve.

Next time, we’ll talk a little bit more about risk.