



## CASE STUDY: WHAT'S IMPORTANT?

**The event:** As a Global Interaction worker serving people who follow a mix of Buddhist and animist beliefs and practices, your goal is to “empower communities to develop their own distinctive ways of following Jesus.”

Today, several events are happening in the town where you live:

1. New Year is a really significant event in the community, and most people will be out on the streets and down by the river celebrating.
2. A church nearby (an international church comprising largely expatriate members and using English as its primary language) is holding a special outreach event. The guest speaker is said to have experience in reaching out to Buddhists.
3. Your neighbours have invited you to a family celebration which you know will include giving offerings at the family's shrine.
4. Your adult daughter who lives in Australia is visiting you for three weeks, and it is her 30<sup>th</sup> birthday.
5. You are the treasurer of the Global Interaction team and, due to an electricity failure at the bank yesterday, you were unable to arrange financial transfers for your colleagues' pay. The bank is open today.

### What is your decision?

1. How will you spend your time today?
2. What are some of the factors you will take into account in making your decision?

