

**Audience questions from the ICMDA webinar with  
Dr Jim Ritchie - Boundaries for healthcare missionaries  
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1. Tsadok: As boundaries are biblical, how good can it be for a senior doctor trying to avoid discussions with young ones?
2. Anonymous: Doctors are almost trained to accept that the care they provide comes at a cost to themselves including accepting high levels of stress, missing out on sleep and on family life as a result of duty commitments. Patients like to see this level of commitment in us and we ourselves gain (at least at times) satisfaction and increased self-esteem from it. Why is missionary work still seen as a calling in which even greater personal sacrifices have to be made, when the work itself is often already more challenging as a result of culture clashes and 'resource-poverty'?
3. Daniel: Are boundaries only required for life in this current body? Is it possible that Isaiah 40:31 and Philippians 4:13 are true promises for life in the resurrected body at the renewal of all things? And do boundaries remind us that God works even when it's not up to us (ie. through others and the Spirit)?
4. Daniel: Given the fallout of reduced effectiveness, increased mistakes, and even burnout with those who do not practice boundaries, are these principles really to maximize stewardship, reinforce humility, stay on mission, love neighbour, and exercise true dependence on God?
5. Jennifer: I am a nurse practitioner, and am about to embark on a short term trip next month, conducting clinics with nationals on the ground there. Can you share a bit more on how to honour the national, indigenous medical team that is there, while caring for the patients that need medical help?