INSTANT EXPERTS

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This post is slightly cynical, but oh, so true...

> ***6 ways to tell your friend has become an â€œovernight missionary expert.â€***
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> ***1. They temporarily wear some wicked awesome sandals.***
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> *Mission trip sandals, something Iâ€™ve chronicled before, come in two varieties: woven and rubber. The woven ones appear to made of some sort of rope and actually look painful. My wife and I saw a guy with bloody feet wearing these the other night. He was limping. The rubber ones are more comfortable but only come in two colors: rainbow and bright rainbow.*
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> ***2. They use the phrase, â€œSo American.â€***
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> *This might be the worst one on the list because it attempts to shame you for something youâ€™ve done. Sometimes youâ€™ll see it in the comments on SCL. Iâ€™ll write about money and then someone will immediately say, â€œThat is so American to think that way.â€ Or they might use the variation, â€œWell, in the West â€¦â€ What they usually donâ€™t tell you is that they spent all 32 years of their life, minus the six days they were on a mission trip, living in Ohio. Which is in America.*
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> ***3. They pretend thereâ€™s a household need for a machete.***
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> *87% of all men who go on mission trips buy machetes. Like how I felt when I saw two Lamborghinis racing on the highway the other night, something about a machete makes you feel like an 8-year old little boy again. You get giddy with the possibility of actually owning a sword. But if your friend starts using it to whack away at yard work, they might be taking it a little too far.*

Make sure you read the comments too.

HT Simon (from Twitter)