A GUIDE TO MISSIONARY GUEST HOUSES

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Sitting here in Northern Togo, I realised that no one has published a definitive guide to Missionary Guest houses and decided that I should cash in on this potentially lucrative market! This follows on from my successful definitive guide to Bible translation terminology.

These are the things you can expect to find in any missionary guest house:

1. Books including titles by Louis L'Amour, Tom Clancy, world famous Christian authors you have never heard of and the Left Behind Series. The only exception to this rule was in a Norwegian Lutheran guest house which had lots of interesting looking books, none of which I could read.
2. Cold Showers (unless it is a denominational guest house, when there will be luke warm showers).
3. A notice on the door forbidding smoking and drinking alcohol (though murder and theft never seem to be forbidden).
4. A five year old copy of Reader's Digest.
5. Hard lumps of compressed textile masquerading as pillows and mattresses.
6. Hot and cold running insects.
7. A bunch of European missionaries heading out of the door to go and find some cold beer in town.

Please feel free to add your own observations in the comments section.

In case anyone gets upset, this is filed under 'humour'. Missionary guest houses are, in reality, oases and havens of rest for tired people, run by wonderful and hospitable hosts. It's a shame about the beer though!