MISSION AGENCIES AND RECRUITMENT

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Three reasons why mission agencies find recruitment difficult.
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Yesterday, I satÂ in on a discussion about recruitment with representatives of three mission agencies (who will remain nameless). To my mind, three issues stood out as being key:

- Many churches no longer have world mission on their agenda. They are fed up of being badgered by multiple agencies all asking them to do something which is not a high priority.
- For many churches in the UK, the word mission has changed its meaning and now means local action, not world-wide involvement. (I blogged on this recently).
- Changes in the world; globalisation, post-colonialism and post-everythingelse-ism make the whole idea of long-term missionary work seen rather anachronistic.

This is how some mission reps see things - I wonder what church leaders would have said.