

## INDIVIDUAL LEARNING ASSIGNMENT

### Personal Christian Testimony

As you learn more phrases and progress in religious vocabulary, prepare your personal testimony. This can develop from the self-introduction which you prepared earlier. You should be ready to give this personal testimony during your visit to a church, at least by week 18 or 20.

You should get help from your conversants or other resource people for preparing the phrases you want to use. Be sure that your grammar is correct, but make the story your own. Use this learning exercise to state your own ideas, beliefs, experiences in your own words. But be sure that you do not simply make religious statements, but that you tell your own story in your own words in an everyday manner. Your personal Christian testimony should be an expression of your own faith experience and life journey. Relate this in such a way that you could help win someone to Christ, or strengthen another Christian.

The format may vary according to your own desire, and you may tailor what you want to say to your own abilities in the language at this stage. You will of course learn some new words or ways of saying things, but make sure you are able to express your own thoughts in the things you learn while putting together your testimony.

You may wish to relate your conversion experience, your basic concept of faith in Jesus Christ, or perhaps one particular experience of grace in your life.

You should write it out in the language as you develop it, then commit it to memory, as much as possible, so that it may come from you to the recipient as a personal statement. But be as natural and spontaneous as you can. This memorized start is only a resource for your ultimate goal to creatively develop your thoughts and feelings in the target language.

If what you want to say is too hard at first, think of something simpler to say. Do not try to be profound, but try to be clear and meaningful. If what you want to say becomes too grammatically complex, find a simpler way to say something similar. This will give you experience in use of basic sentence patterns and alternatives.

You may wish to use some scripture verses in connection with your testimony, and thus the testimony and verses might form the basis of a lesson or sermon, should you have the opportunity to preach or teach.