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20 Questions



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Audette Exel A helping hand.

Twelve years ago financial wiz Audette Exel took her banking background and applied it to the non-profit world when she co-founded ISIS Limited and The ISIS Foundation, which works to improve the lives of children in developing countries. Due to their efforts, the ISIS group has raised more than \$2 million in funding to help children and women in need.

These days you can find Ms Exel on an airplane as she splits her time between

Australia and Bermuda while also making trips to visit local sites in Nepal and Uganda. We caught up with her before she headed back to Australia last week to get her views on patience, tourists on mopeds and Artila the Hum.

1. How would you describe your personal style?
Scruffy Kiwi meets harried business-woman!

2. What would be your perfect day?
In Bermuda: swimming and picnicking on a long summer day at Hog Bay with friends, kids, and dogs. In Australia: sitting around a campfire as the sun goes down in the bush.

3. What is your biggest fear?
Tourists on mopeds in the rain on Harbour Road.

4. What is the trait you most dislike about yourself?
I am a terrible bossy boots when I am stressed.

5. What is the trait you most dislike in others?
Bigotry.

6. What do you consider the most overrated virtue?
Moderation.

7. What is the quality you most like in a person?
Kindness: if we were all kind, the world would be a far better place.

8. What is the quality you most like in yourself?
Courage (sometimes mixed with a little insanity).

9. Who are your ideal dinner party companions?
Buddha, Jesus, and Mohammed. I would like to ask them how to sort out the mess we are in. It might take more than one dinner.

10. Which talent would you most like to have?
To play the piano.

11. What do you consider your greatest achievement?
Starting The ISIS Foundation, which has now saved thousands of kids' lives.

"People in poverty who get up every day and survive with dignity and humour..."
- Audette Exel on her heroes in real life.

12. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?
I would be more patient.

13. If you were to die and come back as a person or a thing, what do you think it would be?
A rainbow.

14. What is your most prized possession?
My health.

15. Which words or phrases do you most overuse?
"That's not OK".

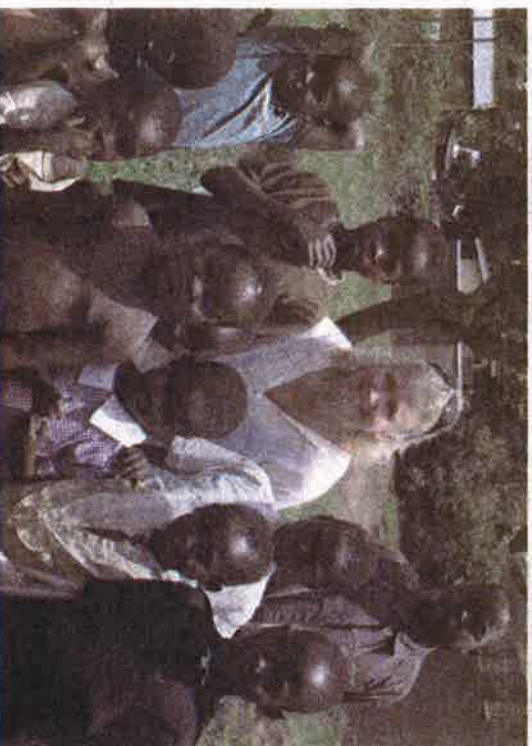
16. Bermuda is another world because...?
You have to teleport from Australia to get here without jetlag.

17. Which historical figure do you most identify with?
On a good day - Emily Pankhurst. On a bad day - Artila the Hum.

18. Who are your heroes in real life?
People in poverty who get up every day and survive with dignity and humour against all odds.

19. How would you like to die?
I wouldn't. Life is too much fun. But when I do, I would like to die with a smile on my face.

20. What's your life motto?
Save a life, you save the world.



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