Arkansas International Student Ministry

Convenient ways to <u>meet</u> international students and meet needs

Conversation Clubs – Practice guided conversational English and build friendships Conway and Little Rock: Thursdays 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

6 weeks late January – early March

4-5 weeks late May – June

6 weeks September – October

Fort Smith: Thursdays 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Russellville: Fridays 6:00 p.m.

Worldwide, FBC Russellville's college ministry, is now having Conversation Club as a major focus, followed by games.

Join with International Friendship Outreach Activities

Friendship Partners – basic training needed

Thanksgiving Meals – help them find families to share a meal with them in their homes

Christmas Party – gifts and food needed (eat with internationals)

Easter Events – a great opportunity for them to learn about the real meaning of Easter

Airport Pick Ups – First impressions are crucial. We receive this information before they ever depart their home countries (mostly January, July, and August).

Temporary Housing - for students when they arrive (sometimes their dorms or apartments are not ready)

Apartment or Dorm Room Needs - furniture, bedding, or toiletries

Other opportunities to serve international students and build friendships

Walmart Trips - great time to serve them and spend time together

Care Packages – Sunday school class or small group put together laundry basket with things like detergent, soap, deodorant, towels, washcloths, sheets, pillows, or Walmart gift cards

Offer to host a meal during the International Student Orientation - This is a great chance to meet the most international students at one time, unless they let you speak at orientation.

Offer to let an international student prepare a meal for you either in their apartment or your home

Participate in their culture – Let them share food festivals with you (Indian, Turkey, Greek, Chinese New Year, etc.).

Cultural Activities – Take them to the farmers market or other culture activities. Teach them a sport and take them to a sporting event (even girls like this). Invite them to join you for normal life activities such as the state fair, hiking, camping, lake trips, holidays, birthdays, special family events, your children's programs or sporting events, carving pumpkins, coloring Easter eggs, shooting guns, fishing, cooking, bonfires, and hayrides.

John 3:16 Matthew 24:14 Acts 17:26-27

Revelation 5:9 Revelation 7:9

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