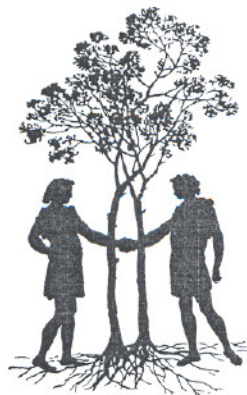


SESSION 3:



“LOVING THE STRANGERS & ALIENS AMONG YOU...”



SPIRITUAL AWARENESS AND GROWTH CHART

	Preparing the Soil	-10	No conscious awareness of a supreme being
		-9	Religious awareness but no knowledge of God
Reveals Himself	↓	-8	Questioning present religious concept of God
		-7	Developing positive attitude toward God
	Planting the Seed	-6	Awareness of the fundamentals of the Gospel
↓	↓	-5	Clear grasp of the fundamentals of the Gospel
	Cultivating & Watering the Crop	-4	Positive attitude toward the Gospel
Convicts		-3	Recognizes personal problem in relation to God
↓	↓	-2	Decision to act on what is known
		-1	Repentance
Gives Spiritual Life	Harvesting		New life in Christ Jesus... by grace through faith
	↓	+1	Assurance of salvation
↓	Personal Growth	+2	Adoption of Christian identity
		+3	Conceptual behavioral growth
	↓	+4	Growth in Bible study
Witness of the Spirit	Christian Fellowship	+5	Understanding/application of Bible doctrine
		+6	Recognition/utilization of spiritual gifts
	↓	+7	Growth in total stewardship
	Ministry Outreach	+8	Development of Christian leadership
		+9	Effective outreach to others
		+10	Vision for future ministry

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THE GREAT COMMISSION IN MODERN DRESS

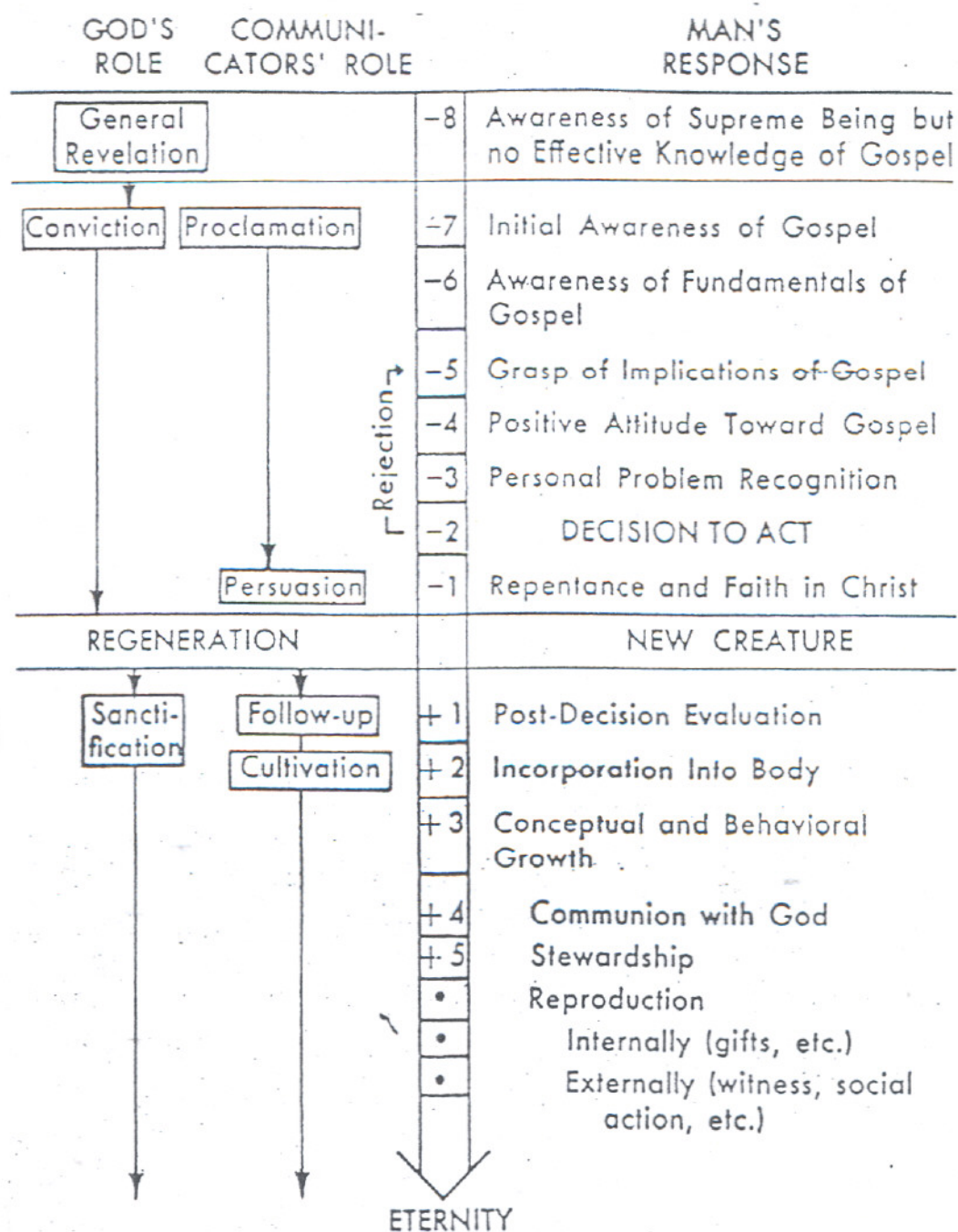
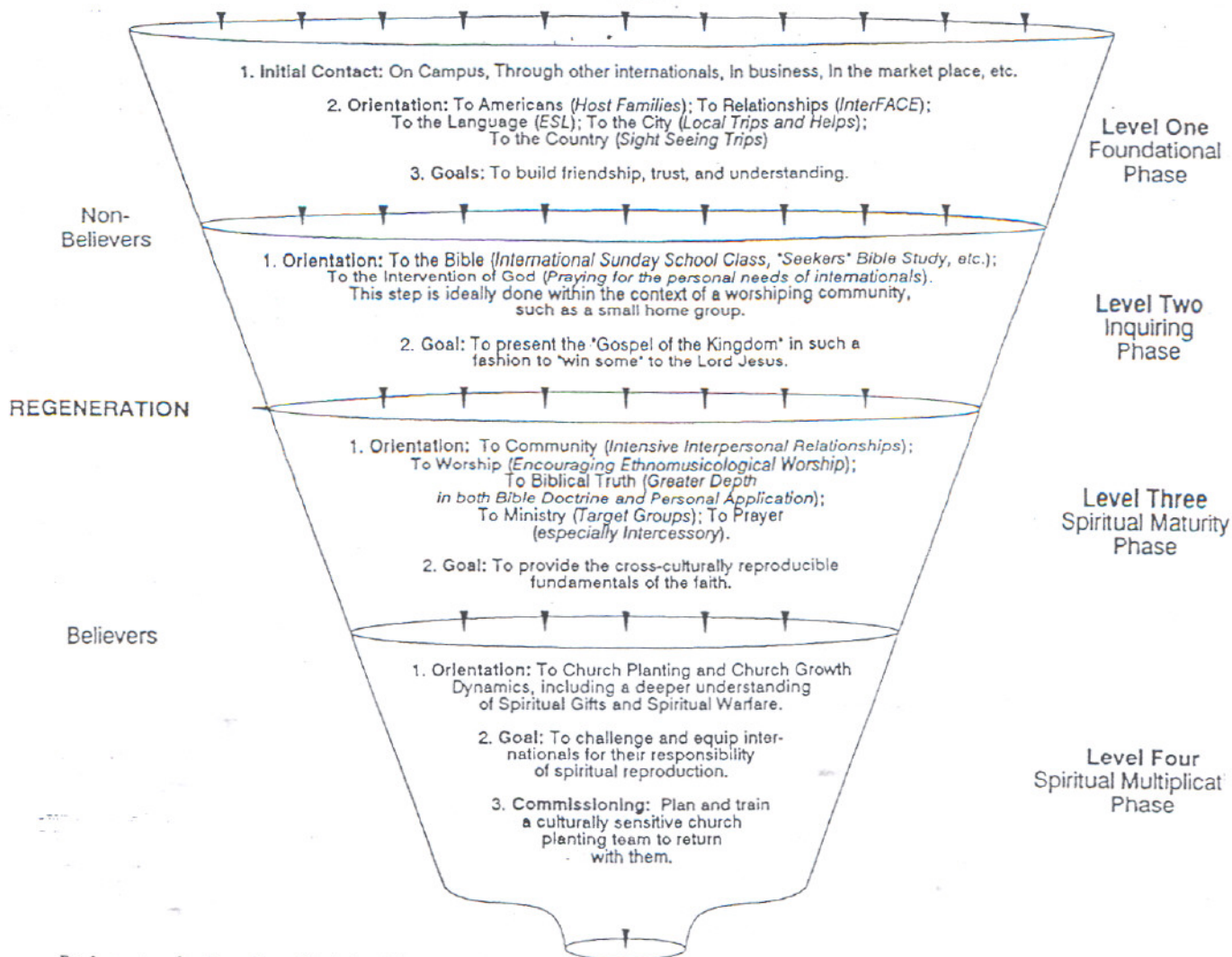


Figure 3. The Spiritual-Decision Process

PETTET MODEL

INTERNATIONALS: Students and their Families
Permanent Residents
International Businessmen and Tourists
Refugees



Robert & Paula Pettett
International Impact
Atlanta, GA

A team, possibly 'professional', identified, equipped, and mobilized for the task of joining the returning international(s) to either join a multiplying church or, more likely, to plant a multiplying church that will have as a priority to reproduce itself among a near culture group.

SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH YOUR INTERNATIONAL FRIEND: HELPFUL HINTS

by Katie J. Rawson, InterVarsity International Student Specialist

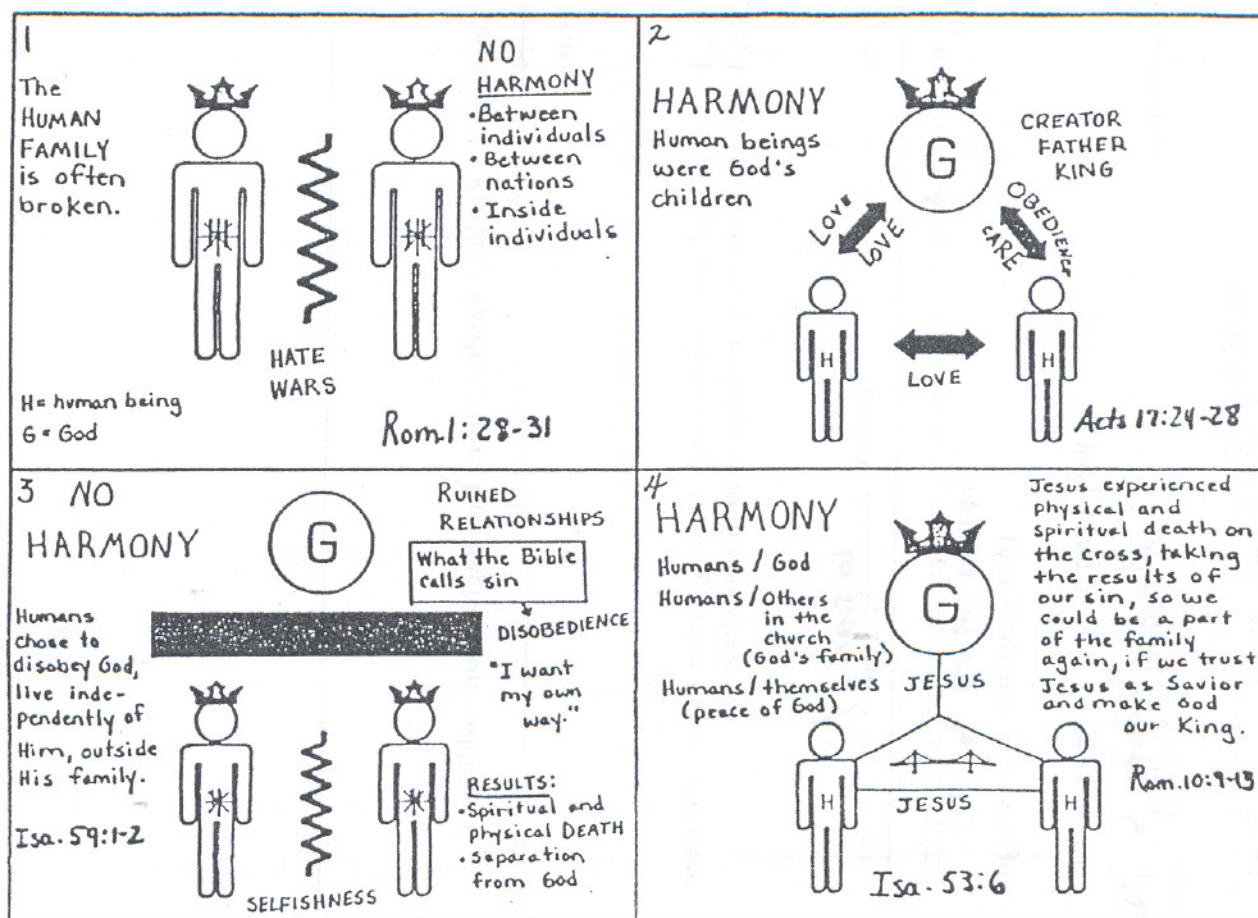
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Assuming that you have a good trust relationship already, the following suggestions may be useful in witness:

1. Your life is a powerful non-verbal witness. Be open about both joys and struggles in daily living and in your relationship with God.
2. Get your friend involved with other Christians: a family if you are a student; a student if you are a family. Invite your friend to social activities sponsored by your fellowship group, and worship services, especially holiday services.
3. Be a good listener. Ask your friend about his or her priorities, dreams, and religious background. Your interest in the things that are important to him or her may open the door to fruitful dialogue. Keep the conversation personal.
4. Ask if your friend is interested in the meaning of Christian holidays (Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter). If possible, use a Good News Bible and read the Christmas story with your friend. If your friend is interested in learning more, let him or her keep the Bible. (Reading the Bible together is not always appropriate. With Muslims you may have to defend its reliability. See The New Testament Documents: Are They Reliable? by F.F.Bruce.)
5. Learn as much as you can about your friend's world view and the way your friend thinks most naturally (see Urbana '87 seminar notes, J.Sire, The Universe Next Door (IVP), D.Hesselgrave, Communicating Christ Cross-Culturally, and P.Hiebert, Antropological Insights for Missionaries.)
6. If your friend is seeking God, then suggest that he or she start reading the Bible daily and begin the reading with a seeker's prayer ("God, I am a seeker after truth. Reveal yourself to me as you really are.")
7. Pray aloud with your friend for his or her concerns, and urge him or her to pray aloud also, in the native language if desired. Again, this is for earnest seekers.
8. In Bible study, start with Gen. 1-2 or acts 17:16-31; Ps.139; Gen.3:12 and Ex.20. Cover the material in these chapters before beginning with a gospel. The abstract language in the gospel of John is difficult for those with limited English. Try Matthew with Hindus and Luke with Muslims.
9. Define terms carefully and in several different ways. Don't assume that "God" or "sin" means the same thing to your friend as it does to you. Repeat and review often.
10. Be familiar with the complete gospel message, not just one simple American outline. Don't forget the corporate aspect of God's reconciling act in Christ, as well as the individual (see accompanying figures, which I often use with group-oriented Asians.) Remember that Jesus is Lord over Satan and evil spirits as well as Savior from sin, an important fact for superstitious folk religionists.



11. Know where you are in your friendship, and where your friend is in his or her understanding of the gospel. Pray and work for the next step.
12. Bind the enemy's work in your friend's life (2 Cor. 4:4, 10:3-5, Matt. 12:29, 16:18-19) and ask that the Holy Spirit reveal Jesus to him or her (2 Cor. 4:6), Satan often works through lies (John 8:44, 2 Cor. 3:5) : untrue world view assumptions. Consider fasting and praying for your friend if there seem to be difficult obstacles.
13. Remember that God's timetable is different from ours and that conversion is the Holy Spirit's work. Your job may be that of sower or waterer (1 Cor. 3:6-7). Persevere in prayer and in the friendship, no matter how your friend responds to your verbal sharing.



# SESSION 4:



## FOSTER FAMILY PROGRAM



# **HOSTING THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

*Terrell Smith*

*An International Student Ministries Resource*

*for Grad and Faculty Ministries (<http://www.ivcf.org/ism>)*

*Establishing and Advancing International Witnessing Communities on U.S. Campuses*

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A wonderful way to deepen friendships is to invite international students into your home or over to your apartment!

They're looking for friendships, and appreciate contacts with you. If you invite them it'll help enrich both their lives and yours. If we wait too long, they'll find friendships elsewhere, or perhaps just become lonely.

## ***Who should initiate the contact?***

Many international students feel like "guests" here, and may feel it too "forward" to call you, so it's helpful if you take the initiative. Make sure they have your telephone number and address, just in case they need to get in touch with you.

## ***How will the students find my apartment (home)?***

If they're coming by car or riding the bus, give or send them a map. The best thing would be for you to pick them up. Be clear about where you'll meet them and the time.

## ***How long should they stay?***

That's up to you. Remember, they're grad students like you, and need to study. It's helpful to give them an idea of how long the visit will be. Some internationals may feel uncomfortable if they don't know how long is polite to stay. You might say, for example, "I'll pick you up at your room at noon and after we've had dinner together, I can show you around a bit. I'll bring you back to your room by 4:00 P.M."

## ***How often should I invite them?***

That's up to you. Since they're studying, they'll not expect to be invited every week. But if they're never invited back, they'll feel badly, and wonder whether they've offended you in some way. Let the friendship develop and give you guidance on how often to invite them. If the students invite you to do something with them, please be ready to accept their invitation. It's their opportunity to express friendship and gratitude for your friendship.

## ***What should we do together?***

Enjoy time together. Have a meal, BBQ, or potluck. You might look at photos or slides together, go to a concert, drive out to the countryside, or simply go for a walk around your neighborhood (most international students are used to walking). The students will be interested in getting to know you and the city better. Although they may have been here for a couple of years, there may be things they'd love seeing such as a farm, state park, botanical gardens, an arboretum, zoo, or take a tour of your Capitol Building.

## ***What do they like to eat?***

You should ask the students if they adhere to a particular diet or if there are foods they don't eat. Some international students don't eat meat, some will not eat pork. Usually chicken, fish or eggs are "safe" to serve. You may certainly serve American food, the international student will expect this. But don't be too surprised if the student isn't enthusiastic about your dish. It may take time to get used to American food.



***What can we talk about?***

International students miss their families. Most love children, and will be happy to share with you about their family life (brothers and sisters, parents, children), custom and country. If you have a world atlas, they can point out where they live. You can ask about their studies, hobbies, and religion (if they have one).

***What about helping out with things?***

The students want to feel more "at home" than like a "guest". If they offer to bring a dish, help set the table or help clear and wash up, let them join you. They'll want to get first hand knowledge of the way we do things.

***How do I pronounce their names? How do I address them?***

Ask them. They understand that their names are unusual for us to say. Some will tell you their "American name," feeling that it'll be easier for you. If you make an effort to learn their real name, they'll appreciate it. Ask how you should address them. International students may not know exactly how to address you, whether to use your first name, "Mister," "Mrs.," "Doctor," "Miss." They'll feel more at ease if you take the initiative to tell them how you'd like to be addressed.

***What if something "weird" happens?***

Don't be surprised if your guests do something "strange." Our culture and customs here in the USA aren't necessarily "right," but they are different. In Japan, for example, people remove their shoes before coming into the house to keep it clean. In Nigeria, the guest will not tell the host when he wants to go home, but will wait until the host gives permission to leave. In some African countries it's fine for the guest to show up with one or two *extra* people – without telling their host beforehand! It might even happen that your guests don't show up, and don't call first to let you know. In some cultures it's polite to ask people how old they are. Don't be upset by such (for us, unusual) events, because sharing the love of Christ is so important.

***When do I start sharing the Gospel?***

You've already started! Just by inviting them over, you're showing interest in them. The first gospel many of these students will ever "read" is your love, friendship, and care for them. As you pray for the students and share your lives together, the Lord will give you opportunities to share more. You can relax, knowing that the Holy Spirit will do everything at the right time.

***What about praying before the meal?***

Feel free to practice whatever customs you have about prayer or reading a Scripture portion before or after the meal, explaining to the students that this is your custom. Say something simple such as, "It's my (our family) custom to give thanks to God for the meal as we begin." Just be yourself. As you do this with tact and love, they'll respect your convictions, and it may lead to a good conversation about spiritual things.

***What about inviting them to church?***

If the International student is a Christian, invite him or her to join you for worship. If your guests are not Christians, they may be open to attending a worship service with you if they're asked gently. Be willing to accept "No, thank you," for an answer. Many are eager to see what Christians "do" Sunday mornings.

***What's the next step?***

Be in prayer for your students. Invite them to fun activities such as a visit to a farm, to your home for Thanksgiving, Christmas, or an International Winter Houseparty (usually December 27 – January 2) at one of InterVarsity's camps. The most important thing is to share your lives together! (1 Thessalonians 2:7-8)

**REACH OUT AND TOUCH THE WORLD**  
**...without leaving PORTLAND**

*Ministry opportunities for you and/or people in your church with FOCUS*

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Please contact me. I am interested in the following:

- 1 ☐ Becoming a **CONVERSATION PARTNER** to meet with an international student for one hour, once a week just to talk. Great for people working downtown with a lunch hour.
- 2 ☐ Assisting in the **FOCUS ENGLISH TUTORING** classes two mornings a week for two hours at Portland State.
- 3 ☐ Giving 1 to 3 weeks of **TEMPORARY HOUSING** in September so that newly arrived internationals can find a permanent apartment.
- 4 ☐ Arranging for my church or fellowship group to **PREPARE AND SERVE SOUP**, fruit and cookies once per year at the Friday Night Coffee House.
- 5 ☐ Becoming a **FRIENDSHIP PARTNER** with one international by inviting them to meet every three or four weeks for a meal or an activity.
- 6 ☐ Serving as a **GREETER** or **SERVER** at the Friday Night International Coffee House at least once a month.
- 7 ☐ **RENTING** a room in my home to an international for a term or the school year. (Must be close to a good bus / MAX line)
- 8 ☐ Arranging for someone from FOCUS to make a **PRESENTATION** to my SS class, church or church's mission board to inform us about ministry options.

Your name _____	Phone _____
Email Address _____	Church _____
Snailmail Address _____	

Return this to : **FOCUS, IES/ISS, PSU, Box 751, Portland, OR 97207**

Or Call : InterVarsity: Fred Wagner 503-641-1993

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FOCUS Ministry Associate Qualifications

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These expectations describe a person who has experience in intercultural ministry, and has already demonstrated heart, initiative, skills, and commitment to International Student Ministry (ISM.) The emphasis is on contributing to the FOCUS ISM as a "team player" while growing in ministry effectiveness (a FOCUS Apprentice seeks to learn more about ministering in an ISM context while clarifying his/her ministry calling and contribution. The emphasis here is on faithfully serving).

### **CALLING**

- Demonstrates a fundamental calling to Jesus as one's first love, and to following Him.
- A growing understanding and development of one's giftedness.
- A deepening burden for intercultural ministry.

### **CHARACTER**

- Evidences a love for God, for God's Word, for God's people, and for internationals.
- Growing in godliness and Christ-centered living (i.e. humility, compassion, gentleness, integrity, purity, self-control, faithfulness, availability, etc.)
- Open to be vulnerable and honest about life needs, weaknesses, and issues.
- Evidences a dependence upon the Holy Spirit and, a fruitful Spirit-filled life.
- A healthy sense of self that frees one to serve others and take risks without seeking approval.

### **COMMITMENTS**

- Exhibits a lifestyle of submission to God's Word, and of prayer.
- Committed to take initiative to learn/grow, and to be teachable/receptive/
- Willing to trust God for a personal ministry to one or more internationals.
- Committed to deal with relational tension/conflict in a biblical manner.
- Embraces the FOCUS vision, mission, and statement of faith.
- Willing to work under the FOCUS umbrella in concert with FOCUS leadership.
- Willing to commit to a growing relationship with a FOCUS "mentor" or "accountability relationship".

### **SKILLS**

- Able to go to God's Word, understand what it teaches, make practical personal application, and to pass it on to others.
- Growing in cross-cultural awareness, sensitivity, and communication.
- A growing ability to build trust with non-believing internationals and to relate to Jesus to their lives in understandable, relevant, and non-manipulative ways.



# PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

## A GUIDE TO LIVING IN AN AMERICAN HOME

### COMMUNICATION

#### **Practice Your English**

One reason you have chosen to live with an American family is to practice your English. Take advantage of this opportunity! Don't spend all your time with friends from your own country. Spend time speaking with your host family, and your English will improve more quickly. Come out of your room before supper and offer to help with preparations. Don't be too quick to go back to your room. Feel free to join the family when someone is watching TV.

#### **Try To Understand**

If you don't understand something that someone says, ask the person to say it again more slowly. Don't be shy or embarrassed. Keep trying to understand - it may be something very important that you need to know. If you say, "I understand," when you actually don't understand, it could cause problems for you and your host family later on. Be honest.

#### **Misunderstandings**

If you don't like something that a member of your host family does, talk to them about it. You may find out that you misunderstood what they were trying to do. People from different cultures understand things differently. What may be considered rude in your country may be considered polite in America.

#### **Be Direct**

People in your host family cannot read your mind. If there is a problem, you must speak to them about it honestly. Be direct, but be gentle. If the problem is too difficult to explain at your level of English, talk to the Host Family Coordinator or the people in International Education Services.

#### **"Yes" Means "Yes"**

In this culture, saying "no" is not rude. Polite ways of saying "no" are: "No, I'm sorry," "No thank you," "No, I can't," or "No, maybe another time."

#### **If You Need Help**

The Host Family Coordinator can help if you have a problem or frustration with your host family. He will listen to you and give you advice, and he will explain how to try and solve the problem.

### FOOD

Don't be afraid to ask your host family to provide a few special foods that you like to eat in your home country. Your host will not be offended. You may also offer to cook a weekly meal for your host family.

Realize that you are not a guest, but one of the family. This means that you can use the kitchen and the food freely. However, make sure you know the "rules of the kitchen" - what foods can be eaten for snacks, what foods are saved for main meals, how to wash the dishes, etc.

## USING THE BATHROOM

### **Family Schedules**

Be aware of the time your host family needs to use the bathroom, especially in the morning when everyone is preparing for work and school. Ask what time would work best for you to use the bathroom in the morning.

### **Taking Showers - How Long Can I Shower?**

Some hosts will ask you to limit your showers to 5 or 10 minutes. This is in order not to waste water and save on the cost of heating water. Also, if you take a long shower, there may not be enough hot water for the other family members.

If you do not know the proper way to use the shower or bathtub, ask your host to show you. Be careful to keep water from running onto the floor. For example, keep the shower curtain inside the shower or tub.

### **Do I Shower in the Morning or Night?**

Most Americans take showers in the morning. Some even shower twice a day. Many bathrooms have a fan to remove humidity. It is wise to use it.

### **Using the Toilet**

Toilet paper is always flushed down the toilet after use. Do not put it in the waste basket. Toilet paper is the only thing that should be flushed down the toilet. Many families use a bathroom fan or a scented spray to get rid of unwanted odors.

### **About the Bathroom Door**

It is customary to leave the door to the bathroom open after you are finished. This tells others that the bathroom is available for use. If the door is closed, be sure to knock to make sure no one is in the bathroom.

## TELEPHONE

Ask your host family about their telephone rules for:

- \* long distance/overseas calls
- \* proper times to receive calls (Americans consider it rude for people to call after 9:30 or 10:00 at night.)
- \* length of time to talk to your friends (Remember other family members need to use the phone also.)

Some host families may not mind if you call your family in your home country on their telephone and pay for the call when your host family receives the bill, and some host families may want you to pay for having your own telephone installed in your bedroom so you can have a phone of your own and you can pay your own bill.

## TIME

### **Be on Time**

Americans are punctual. They will expect you to be on time. If you will be late, it is polite and expected to call them and let them know you will not be on time.

### **Cancelling an Appointment**

If you must cancel an appointment, make sure you call to let them know you cannot keep the appointment and that you are cancelling. Many times if you do not cancel a doctor's appointment in advance, you will still be charged for the appointment.



### **Attending Religious Services**

Your host family may invite you to attend a religious service with them. We tell families not to invite you week after week, but rather to let you know that you are welcome to join them. It is always your choice to go. If you do not want to attend a meeting with them, it is okay to say, "No thank you."

### **Make it a Learning Experience**

If you do attend a religious meeting, make it a learning experience. Feel free to ask questions about the religion of your host family. In America, it is acceptable to talk openly about religion and politics.

## **CULTURAL DIFFERENCES**

American housewives teach their older children to be independent. They expect their children to get their own breakfasts and lunches, clean their rooms and help with household chores. Your host mother will expect you to be just as independent as her own children. It is also expected that **everyone** is responsible for the cleanliness of the household. Housework is always shared; you are never responsible for all of it.

Never expect your host mother - or any other American woman - to serve you or do things like your laundry or your other household chores or tasks - especially if you are a man. A woman is **not** viewed as a servant in this society.

## **RESPECT YOUR HOSTS**

### **Inform Your Family**

It is good manners to tell your host family as early as possible when you:

- \* will be late for dinner
- \* will not be home for dinner
- \* will need to be at class early
- \* will be home late - especially at night. Let them know the time you will return.

### **Don't Make Your Host Worry**

If you do not tell your host family about your plans, they will assume that something bad has happened to you. They will worry that you have had an accident, and they will feel responsible for you.

**\*\*NEVER\*\*** stay out all night unless you phone your host family first and let them know.

### **Keep Your Room Clean**

Respect the home of your host family by keeping your bedroom and bathroom clean. Be especially sure to clean the sinks and showers of your hair. Keep other areas of the house clean that you use, such as the kitchen. Being messy and unclean dishonors your host, and it dishonors you.

## **CHORES**

A "chore" is a job or jobs given to each family member to maintain the home.

Since you are part of the family, you might be asked to do at least one chore. For example, you may be asked to help with washing the dishes, cleaning the bathrooms, vacuuming the rugs, etc.

You will be expected to keep your own room clean and tidy. Also, you may be expected to do your own laundry. Ask for instructions, especially for the quantity of soap for doing the laundry, and ask about convenient times for doing your laundry.



## SAFETY

Always lock the door before you leave the house, and keep the door locked when you are in the house.

Turn off all electrical appliances after using them: the stove, curling iron, lights, heaters, etc.

## CULTURE SHOCK

There will be many differences between life in your country and life in the United States. The obvious differences are:

- \* language
- \* climate
- \* food
- \* religion
- \* educational system
- \* absence of family and friends

These are other not so obvious differences:

- \* how students relate to teachers
- \* how people make decisions
- \* how people spend their free time
- \* how people handle problems
- \* meanings of hand, face and body movements (referred to as "body language")

You may feel uncertain and worried about these differences:

- \* "Am I speaking correct English?"
- \* "Will I be a good student?"
- \* "Will I find friends?"
- \* "Should I talk about my personal beliefs and political opinions?"
- \* "What does it mean when someone looks directly into my eyes?"
- \* "Should I trust this nice stranger?"

It is common to feel uncertain and confused. You may feel that you don't know what to do in certain situations. In your country, you knew what to do and what to expect. You also knew how other people acted and thought. In other words, you understood "the rules" and "the signs." Life was easier in your country.

You will experience stress and confusion in a new culture. Your body and mind may react in unusual ways. Some of the reactions you might experience are:

- \* feeling alone
- \* sleeping too much or becoming tired easily
- \* having a difficult time sleeping
- \* experiencing pain, especially in the head, neck, back and stomach
- \* wanting to return home
- \* feeling angry toward Americans
- \* being very concerned about being clean
- \* loss of appetite or eating too much
- \* a lot of concern about: sickness, safety, drinking water, food, dishes and bedding
- \* feeling helpless and wanting to depend on people from your country who have lived in the United States for a long time

These are normal reactions. It is a temporary situation for people who are adjusting to life in a new environment.

## HOW CAN I MORE EASILY ADJUST TO MY NEW ENVIRONMENT?

1. Understand that you will often feel uncertain and confused - these feelings will never go away entirely. Imagine how an American would react to living in your home country.
2. Observe how Americans act in situations that are confusing to you. Ask them why they behave as they do. Avoid judging things as either right or wrong - see things merely as different.
3. Remember the ways that you reduced stress when you lived in your own country and apply them to your new environment. For example, you might take a long walk, go to a movie, write a letter to a friend, listen to music, or write down how you feel on a piece of paper. Remember to have a sense of humor in confusing situations - laughter is wonderful medicine!
- 4.- Accept the difficult challenge of learning how to live and study in another culture. Believe that you can learn the skills to make a satisfactory transition. Remember, you are on a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.
5. Recognize the advantages of having lived in two different cultures. You will have had an interesting experience by meeting people whose cultural backgrounds are not the same as yours. Share your time with many different people. Avoid having friends only from your culture while you are away from home. Teach Americans how people from your culture think and act.
6. Realize how much you have improved in adjusting to American culture. Think of all the things you have learned since you have arrived. Remember that you are on your way to making a successful adjustment to American culture just as many people have succeeded in adjusting to living in another country.
7. Remember living with an American family means you are giving up some of your preferences, your ways of doing things and your privacy. It will produce stress at times, but the rewards of becoming bi-cultural are worth the effort. Remind yourself of the advantages of experiencing American culture from the inside. Keep a journal of your experiences, and when you return home you may be able to speak about or write about your life in the United States. You may not become famous, but you will have experienced an interesting adventure that you can share with many people throughout the years.

# FOCUS VOLUNTEER INTEREST FORM

September, 1999

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe how you came to faith in Christ and how you have grown spiritually since then.
2. Briefly describe your relationship with the Lord at this stage of your life.
3. Briefly describe how your relationships with your family have influenced you over the years.



4. What ministry experience have you had in the past?
5. Describe any formal Christian education or training you have had.
6. Explain your interest in ministering to international students?
7. What could you contribute to the FOCUS ministry to international students?
8. List the names, and phone numbers of two recent (past 1-2 years) references. We may want to contact them for additional information.
  - a. (pastor or spiritual mentor):
  - b. (Employer):

We need the above information by Saturday 9/11 so please return this form by email to Ron Riesinger at [rkriesing@worldnet.att.net](mailto:rkriesing@worldnet.att.net) or fax to 788-1327 or bring to the orientation on Sunday 9/12 from 2 PM to 5 PM at Grace Bible Church at SW 12th and Clay.

# FOCUS

Friends for Overseas Citizens and University Students

## FOCUS Interest Survey

FOCUS is a coalition of Portland area people committed to building friendships with overseas citizens and university students. We offer a range of services and activities designed to meet an international student's physical, social, spiritual and educational needs.

Please complete this survey sheet and return it to a FOCUS representative or to the FOCUS office, East Hall, room 221 at PSU.

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503-725-4196 Email— [info@focuspsu.org](mailto:info@focuspsu.org) [www.focuspsu.org](http://www.focuspsu.org)



visit FOCUS at [www.focuspsu.org](http://www.focuspsu.org)!



Please "check mark" boxes of all items you are interested in

### Physical Needs & Interests

- ☐ Hiking in near-by scenic areas
- ☐ Learning to snow ski or snow trips to Mt. Hood
- ☐ Help finding furnishings for my apartment
- ☐ Using a truck or van to help move into my room

### Social Needs & Interests

- ☐ Weekly Friday night International Coffee House
- ☐ Having an American "Friendship Partner" to meet monthly
- ☐ Opportunity for serious discussions about contemporary issues
- ☐ Learn about & celebrate American holidays, and share about my country's special days

### Spiritual Needs & Interests

- ☐ Visit an American church meeting (ethnic, Protestant, Catholic...)
- ☐ Find a weekly meeting of Christian students
- ☐ Find information about nearby Muslim, Hindu, Buddhist or other religious group's meetings: \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Three 1-hour "Overview of the Bible" classes

### Educational Needs & Interests

- ☐ Basic English classes (no tuition, no credit) for myself/spouse
- ☐ Cooking, shopping or "surviving in Portland" classes
- ☐ Weekly 1-hour meeting with an English "Conversation Partner"
- ☐ Two 1-hour "Understanding American Worldview" classes
- ☐ Three visits to (Black, contemporary, traditional) local churches

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Given Name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Male ☐ Female

Local Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Country \_\_\_\_\_ Major/Program \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Undergraduate ☐ Graduate Student

Email \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ New Student ☐ Transfer Student

☐ Please email me about your events & activities ☐ Please include my name, email & phone in an Intl. Student Directory

Return this to a FOCUS Representative or the FOCUS Office, Room 221, East Hall, call 725-4196 or email [info@focuspsu.org](mailto:info@focuspsu.org) for more information



# FOCUS STATEMENTS OF FAITH & ETHICAL STANDARDS

## STATEMENT OF FAITH FOR THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF EVANGELICALS

We believe in the Bible to be inspired, the only infallible, authoritative Word of God.

We believe that there is one God, eternally existent in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe in the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, in His virgin birth, in His sinless life, in His miracles, in His vicarious and atoning death through His shed blood, in His bodily resurrection, in His ascension to the right hand of the Father, and in His personal return in power and glory.

We believe that for the salvation of lost and sinful people, regeneration by the Holy Spirit is absolutely essential.

We believe in the present ministry of the Holy Spirit by whose indwelling the Christian is enabled to live a godly life.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost; they that are saved unto the resurrection of life and they that are lost unto the resurrection of damnation.

We believe in the spiritual unity of believers in our Lord Jesus Christ.

## Ethical Standard NAFSA- Association of Intl. Educators, endorsed by Association of Christians Ministering to Internationals

Section 10. Members with Responsibilities in Community Organizations Working with Foreign Students and Scholars Shall:

1. Make certain that organizations providing programs for foreign students and scholars have clear statements of purpose and responsibility, so that all parties can know what is expected of them.
2. Accurately portray their services and programs, making clear the identity, the intent, and the nature of the sponsoring organization and of each particular event or service.
3. Provide appropriate opportunities to observe and to join in mutual inquiry into cultural differences
4. Provide adequate orientation for volunteers and participants in community programs so they may understand each other and may interact constructively. The organization should make clear that surreptitious, deceptive or coercive proselytizing is unacceptable.

I agree with the above statements

Signature

Date



## ***FOCUS VISION, MISSION & CORE VALUES***

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### **VISION**

The FOCUS vision is to help international students come to know and love Jesus and become part of his mission among the nations

### **MISSION**

The mission of FOCUS is to engage, evangelize, establish, equip and send internationals to the nations.

### **CORE VALUES**

*Community* – God's kingdom has come to earth in the person of Jesus and among those who live under his reign. We want to be a welcoming community incarnating God's seeking love for all internationals.

*Partnering* – God calls his followers to work in particular places. We are those who have been called to reach out to international students and we want to work cooperatively and inter-dependently with God's larger body.

*Serving* – God has called his followers to enter a broken world and serve people in his name. We want to be a servant community that responds to the full range of physical and spiritual needs that internationals experience.

*Evangelism* – God loves lost people and seeks to draw them to embrace Jesus as Savior and Lord. We want to be a community that by word and deed brings lost people back home.

*Bible Study* – God has made himself known in his written, authoritative and complete Word. We will *always* be inviting internationals to know God by joining us to read and investigate God's once-for-all words for all people.

*Disciple-Making* – God wants people to grow into mature, fully-devoted followers of Jesus. We seek to teach and train internationals so that they in turn grow in maturity and reproduce in others their life in Jesus

*Prayer* – God invites us to allow him to supply all of our needs for all aspects of our life. Therefore we will invite internationals to seek God in prayer and to join us in expressing our dependence and trust by bringing our concerns to him.

*Equipping* – God gives spiritual gifts to his followers to equip them for service. We will seek to help internationals *and our associates* discover, develop and use their God-given gifts in the service of the mission Jesus gave to his followers.

*Commissioning* – God has entrusted to his people the ministry of reconciliation. We seek to impart to internationals a vision for going to the nations as agents of God's good news expressed in Jesus.

## **SENDING**

**Spiritual Adulthood (Equipped to go out as a missionary/laborer)**

## **EMPOWERMENT/ EQUIPPING/ MENTORING**

**Bible Study, One to One Discipleship, Prayer, Volunteer relationships with internationals**

## **DISCIPLESHIP**

**Luke 16 (faithfulness), International Christian Fellowship**

## **INTRODUCING JESUS**

**Investigative Bible Studies, Concerts, Conversations, Church invitations**

## **SPIRITUAL ENGAGEMENT**

**Ephesians 4**

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**"Happy Hour", Hikes, Trips (Ski trips, Veterans Day Trip), Host Families, Friendship Partners, Associates (Training for them), (design structure to create opportunities for both American/International associates)**

## **ENTRY**

**International Coffee House, Friendship Partners, Airport Pickups, Service, Host Families, International Student Orientation, Labor Day Trip, ESL Classes**