



ACTION PLAN-EVERY BELIEVER ON EVERY CAMPUS

PURPOSE

To engage every believer on every campus in welcoming the nations.

IDEAS TO GET YOU GOING

Pray for international students.

I read a tweet recently that said, "If God answered all of your prayers this week, how many people would have come into God's Kingdom?"

When thinking about welcoming international students on our campuses we must first begin by praying for opportunities, God's guidance, and ultimately their salvation.

- Make a prayer list of international students you know and begin praying for them daily. Make a list of international students on an index card, in your notebook, on your mirror, or wherever you'll see it and remember to pray for them.
- Get a group together to begin praying for the nations. Use www.joshuaproject.net or www.operationworld.com as a daily prayer guide to pray for the nations and unreached people groups.

Open Your Eyes.

Some of you may be thinking, "I don't know any international students so how can I welcome them and pray for them?" I would encourage you to ask God to open your eyes to see things the way he sees them and to lead you to opportunities to meet international students. After praying that prayer, you may walk into your next class and realize you've been sitting right next a student for India all semester.

Walk Across the Classroom.

I once heard Francis Chan ask a group of college students and leaders a question like this, "if I had a plane waiting for us outside and we could all go to one of the most needy areas of the world right now to rescue them and show them the love of Jesus, who would come with me?!" The whole room of thousands raised their hands. But then Francis asked, "If God has called you to go on mission right where you are, how many of you are willing to go?" He made his point clear to all of us as our heart sank as we checked our motivation. Many of us are eager to go to the ends of the earth in Jesus' name, and that's great! But many of us won't even walk across the classroom for Jesus to talk to an international classmate. Is it because it's not convenient, it's not glamorous, it takes too much investment and time? Ask God to search your heart and give you the courage to walk across the classroom, to be on mission where God has you now, and to participate in welcoming the nations.

MY STORY

I was on leadership in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry at Louisiana Tech University every year I was in college. However, the one leadership position I never considered applying for was for our International Ministry Team. I just felt like it wasn't for me, it wasn't my gifting, and I didn't click with international students. So, I left international ministry for my goofy friend Josh to lead up :) However, my senior year, things changed when I met an international student from India named Hitesh. Hitesh came to an international welcome meal we hosted at the BCM. I invited Hitesh back to BCM welcome week activities and he was the only international student who actually came. He even helped us set up. I invited him to church and offered to pick him up, and again he came. I gave him a Bible, and in the first day, he had read most of the New Testament. Hitesh became a close friend to me, my wife, and our group at the BCM. We shared not only the Good News of Jesus with Hitesh, but we shared our lives with him as well! Before the end of the school year, Hitesh had left everything and given his life to Christ! Seven years later, Hitesh continues to follow Christ. He's never been the same since, and I've never been the same either! I pray that God gives you the same joy in loving international students with the Love of Christ!

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