

REACHING THE NATIONS HERE AND NOW

What Does the Bible Say About internationals?

- From Genesis to Revelation, we read of the greatest love story of all time, God's love for us and His love for all nations
- Genesis 12:1-2, God's promise to make Abraham great was not for His own benefit, rather, it was for the benefit of the entire world
- Matthew 24:14, Jesus told his followers that his gospel would be preached to the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end would come (nations: Greek word "ethne" meaning people groups)
- Leviticus 19:33-34, On the very heart of God is the person who moves, the foreigner
- The Lord has been on mission since Genesis to redeem and restore peoples to Himself
- When the heart of God meets the people of God, we are compelled to live on mission for God

Why International Students?

- International students make up an exceptionally strategic mission field that one day can become an exceptionally strategic mission force
- Students come as leaders from every corner of the world
- They are concentrated on campuses and curious about our culture
- They're often lonely
- These students make up the top one-tenth of 1% of the world's population
- They come from the top academic, political and economic families around our planet
- When they arrive, they're often curious about North American culture, and they long to make friends

Stats About International Students:

- 80% of the students who come to North America will never be invited into an American's home
- 40% of the world's heads of state, that's over 200 heads of state, once studied in North America
- At best, 20% of international students are touched by ministries

Impact of International Students:

- When international students who meet Christ return home, they become an exceptionally strategic mission force
 - They're culturally attuned
 - They're well respected
 - They're well prepared
 - They're well connected
 - Students will return and make impacts that are far beyond any that we could ever make in their home nation – their impact will be multiplied a hundred fold
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