

## PRODUCING LIFELONG LABORERS

### Being Disciples

- Model and teach what it means to be in Christ through repentance and faith
- Character development is a major objective of the discipling process

### Making Disciples

- Model and teach young disciples to do with others what has been done with them
- The gospel goes out to the nations by a multiplication process

### Family Exposure

- Begin the training process by praying with them about the marriage matter
- Expose them to committed Christian families while they are students

### Business and Professional Internships in North America or Overseas

- Expose the students to role models of what they will be doing in the future
- While it is more ideal to find this kind of internship in the country to which the students will be going, it can also take place in the country of study

### Current Students Connecting with Returnees

- Churches and organizations can draw on returnee students to mentor their current students
- Have current students visit returnees to build relationships

### International Churches in the Home Country

- The advantages of attending international churches to begin with include: an international atmosphere where other people are making similar adjustments, former international students who can help navigate their reentry process, they can find out about local churches
- A disadvantage is the returnees keep developing their spiritual life in English
- [www.internationalchurches.net](http://www.internationalchurches.net)

### Visiting Them

- Visiting them honors them and allows them to reciprocate with their hospitality
- Allows you to be a witness to Christ among their parents and siblings
- Allows you to get acquainted with their new life situation allowing you to pray more meaningfully for them

### What About Those Who Don't Return to Their Countries

- We are not God to determine who goes back and who does not
- We should discuss and pray over the pros and cons with students

### What Are the Pitfalls If We Don't Prepare Them for Returning?

- Picking up North American habits and language that are contrary to the home culture will hinder reception of the gospel
  - Returnees who don't get in touch with members of a spiritual family within a week of arrival, will most likely get so swallowed up by all that needs to be done and by the plans their parents have for them and are unlikely to continue walking with the Lord
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