



INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS INC.

Values

VISION

We serve inter-nationals and partner with them to make Christ known among the nations.

The term “international “ in the following values refers to international students, scholars, and their families.

- ***Incarnational Ministry***

We value loving people unconditionally and living incarnationally* with them, demonstrating respect, acceptance and appreciation for them and their various cultures. (*live among with an open life)

- ***Intimacy with Christ***

We value, first and foremost, knowledge and intimacy with Christ as developed through time with Him in the spiritual disciplines, including prayer, meditation, and Bible study.

- ***Serving***

We value serving international students by meeting felt needs and reaching out in true friendship.

- ***Relational Evangelism***

We value a relational style of evangelism in which we, as vessels empowered by the Holy Spirit, engage in the process of presenting the gospel in culturally relevant and intellectually stimulating ways, undergirding the entire process with prayer.

- ***Partnership with Internationals***

We value and seek full partnership with internationals in efforts to make Christ known. Wherever possible, we will take a deferential posture in co-leading with international believers in order to equip them to be laborers.

- ***Life-on-Life Training***

We value pursuing a deep and vulnerable life-on-life involvement, imparting truth and Christ-likeness by our example and the Word of God with internationals who are faithfully seeking God, are available to be trained, and have a teachable spirit.

- ***Multiplying Spiritual Laborers***

We value the Biblical principle of discipling and multiplying spiritual laborers who, in turn, will continue birthing successive generations of spiritual laborers who will be Oaks of Righteousness with Christ’s vision for the world.

Contextualized Ministry

We value using forms and approaches for ministry to internationals relevant to the international’s background and calling, consistent with Biblical truth.



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- ***God's Ownership***

We value exercising an attitude of faithful stewardship and partnership with the Lord in His redeeming and sanctifying work in the lives of the internationals we serve. We are participants in the process of raising up and nurturing international believers, trusting the Lord to lead each believer to God's intended sphere of influence.

- ***Teaming***

We value being one in spirit and purpose (Phil. 2:2), interdependent, functioning as a body: moving in the same direction together but with individual functions. As a team, we value trust, sharing together, encouraging one another, correcting one another, corporate planning, while encouraging work within giftings. In order to best serve the needs of internationals and fulfill our vision, we work cooperatively with likeminded churches and other parachurch organizations where possible.

- ***Integrity***

We value operating in a manner that reflects Biblical standards and our stated values. We strive to represent ourselves accurately without falsehood or exaggeration. We seek to fulfill what we promise.

- ***Stewardship***

We gratefully receive the resources that God gives us, including people, finances, and time, and we seek to use these gifts with God's wisdom. We strive to serve each person by being available, providing resources, attention to detail, respect, and responding in a timely manner.

- ***Excellence***

We value a quality of work that honors God and is pleasing to constituents. (Col. 3:23 – Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men).

- ***Training***

We value investing in the continuing development of each laborer by training him/her commensurate with his/her responsibilities.

- ***Grass Roots Ministry***

We value all staff, whether campus or administrative, being involved in personal ministry with internationals.

