

## Exploring Your Campus

### Growing International Student Involvement

#### Send students out ahead of time to....

1. Explore your school's international student/faculty presence.
  - a. Research (see campus website or visit international student office) - what percentage of the student population are internationals? What are the specific breakdowns e.g. Chinese, Indians, etc.? [Note: This information is not consistent on different university's websites. Try searches on the homepage for "international student enrollment", "enrollment data," "enrollment statistics", or "institutional research and assessment."] What surprised you? What is consistent with your observations?
  - b. Where have you noticed international students on or near campus? Are there events or places they congregate? What does the campus offer international students (services, activities etc.)?

#### Assess Your Chapter

1. Who are the international students in your chapter currently? How are they involved?
2. Interview an international student in your chapter (if applicable) - ask them:
  - a. What was your first impression of the U.S.? Of InterVarsity?
  - b. What do you like most about our community? What do you find challenging? What would make InterVarsity more welcoming for you or other international students? [Note: some may bear offending and only answer for other internationals.]
  - c. If Christian: What are some of the main differences between our fellowship and your Christian experience back home? What do you miss most about your church/fellowship back home? What roles did you play in your church/ fellowship back home and would you like to be more involved in our fellowship?
  - d. If not Christian: What has surprised you about the Christian community? What questions do you have about Christianity?

#### Come back together for debrief, listening prayer and application

1. What have you noticed about the international student/faculty population you've encountered? How does your observation match or differ from your research data? What surprised you?
2. In what ways have you found your interactions with international students enjoyable? What have you found challenging?
3. What have you learned from internationals? What else would you like to learn? How can you help your chapter better learn from internationals?
4. What can you change or add to your chapter to make it more welcoming and more effective for internationals? What next steps can you take to meet new int'l students and to minister to/with them?