



Going on Mission Without Leaving Home

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What is Missions?

- Missions is not geographic but cross-cultural!
- Missionaries are needed to reach those in people groups with too few believers to reach their group or who can fulfill special needs not available in sufficient amounts for the people group

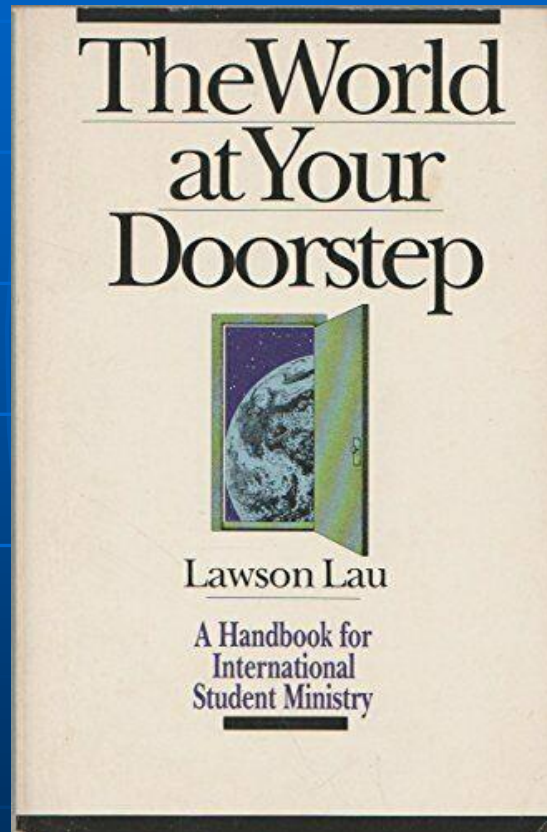
Four Ways God Spreads the Gospel

- Sending believers to the unreached
 - Voluntarily
 - Involuntarily
- **Sending the unreached to believers**
 - Voluntarily
 - Involuntarily

Who is God sending to live among us?

- International students
- Immigrants
- Refugees
- Foreign workers/diplomats

International Students



THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT'S GUIDE TO
American Colleges



The Ultimate Guide to Finding the Perfect School, Getting Financial Aid, and Acing the Admissions Process

Pallas Snider

**STUDY
IN
CANADA**

THE ULTIMATE  GUIDE
FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



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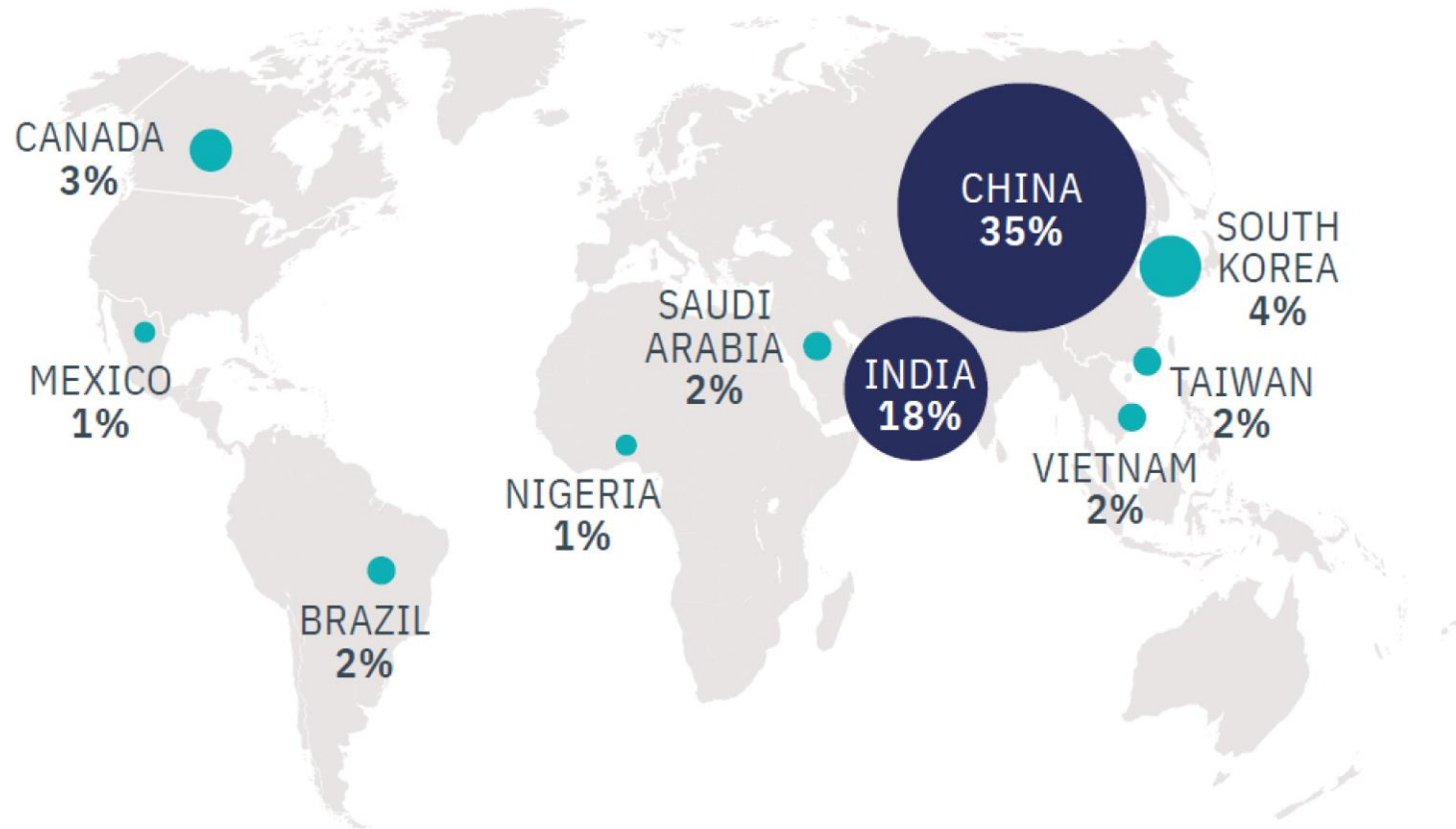
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HOW TO STAND OUT AND BEAT THE ODDS
IN YOUR U.S. CAREER JOURNEY

International
Student
HANDBOOK

Sammy Hejazi

LEADING PLACES OF ORIGIN OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, 2020/21



Students from China and India accounted for **53%** of international students.

Top 10 Destinations for International Students (2020)

1. USA

2. UK

3. Canada

4. China

5. Australia

6. France

7. Russia

8. Germany

9. Japan

10. Spain

Immigrants in USA

- More immigrants than any other country!
- Over 40 million people in US not born there
- Nearly 15% of US population
- Less than 55% proficient in English



Top 10 Countries with the Highest Number of Immigrants (2020)

1. United States

2. Germany

3. Saudi Arabia

4. Russia

5. United Kingdom

6. UAE

7. France

8. Canada

9. Australia

10. Spain

Top 10 Countries with the Highest Number of Refugees (2023)

1. Turkey
2. Jordan
3. Uganda
4. Pakistan
5. Lebanon
6. Germany
7. Sudan
8. Bangladesh
9. Iran
10. Ethiopia

Top 10 Origin Countries of International Refugees (mid-2021)

1. Syria
2. Venezuela
3. Palestine
4. Afghanistan
5. South Sudan
6. Myanmar
7. Democratic Republic
of the Congo
8. Sudan
9. Somalia
10. Central African
Republic

Why Care for Internationals?

God has special concern for foreigners, orphans and widows

- Ps 146:9 - The LORD watches over **the foreigner** and sustains the fatherless and the widow
- Jer 7:6-7 - If you do not oppress **the foreigner**, the fatherless or the widow ... then I will let you live in this place, in the land I gave your ancestors
- Zech 7:10 - Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, **the foreigner** or the poor.

Why Care for Internationals?

God does and commands us to do so!

- Lev 19:34 - **The foreigner** residing among you must be treated as your native-born. **Love them as yourself**, for you were **foreigners** in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.
- Deut 10:18-19 - He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and **loves the foreigner residing among you**, giving them food and clothing. ¹⁹ **And you are to love those who are foreigners**

Why Care for Internationals?

God wants them to know Him!

- Deut 31:12 - Assemble the people—men, women and children, and the foreigners residing in your towns—so they can listen and learn to fear the LORD your God
- Mt 28:19 - Go and make disciples of all nations
- Rev 5:9 - With your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.

Why Care for Internationals?

We are foreigners!

- Eph 2:12 - Remember ... you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and **foreigners** to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world.
- Heb 11:13 - All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were **foreigners** and strangers on earth.
- 1 Peter 1:17 - live out your time as **foreigners** here in reverent fear.

How Can I Meet Internationals?

- Look around you at work!
- Look around your neighborhood
- Local schools and colleges
- Local churches with ethnic congregations or ministries
- Ethnic restaurants and stores
- Through volunteering at ministries of service

Essential Preparation and Empowerment

- Ask God to reveal to you who He wants you to befriend or reach out to
- Pray regularly and persistently for wisdom and for God to draw them
- Boldly step out of your comfort zone to get to know them and their hopes and needs

Ways to Bless Internationals

- Modeling the love & compassion of Jesus
- Friendships and time together
- Language practice/classes
- Tutoring children
- Practical help – using appliances, obtaining bank account, drivers license, learning to use the bus, etc.
- Explain holidays and customs
- Share scripture in their language

Volunteer Opportunities

- Local church programs
- Classes in local language
- Food banks
- Immigrant and refugee service programs

Two Examples of International
Students Who Came to Faith
in their Country of Study

**What Step(s) Will You
Take to Go on Mission
Without Leaving Home?**

The Bottom Line

**“There’s nothing in this world
better than serving Jesus!”**

Dr. Bob Schindler, founder of CMDA’s
Medical Education International,
shortly before his death

Solo deo gloria!

**QUESTIONS
AND
COMMENTS?**

Resources

- **International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)** - IFES
· International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (ifesworld.org) (in English, French and Spanish)
- **InterVarsity Christian Fellowship (IVCF)** - (Graduate Healthcare Ministries, Emerging Scholars Network) Graduate Students | Graduate and Faculty Ministries (intervarsity.org)

Resources

- Perspectives Global missions course
- Books:
 - Ministering Cross-Culturally: A Model for Effective Personal Relationships by Sherwood G. Lingenfelter and Marvin K. Mayers
 - Cross-Cultural Servanthood by Duane Elmer