

Outreach to NKU International Students



Welcoming International Students Home

Statistics

- The U.S. hosts more international students than ...any other country in the world.
- 50% of international students never make an ...American friend.
- 70+% of international students never step foot ...into an American home.
- 300 world leaders have studied at universities ...in the U.S.

Why are we reaching out?

About us...

- **We respect every student's culture and beliefs**
- **We desire above all else to show God's love, and establish rich international friendships meeting needs whenever possible.**
- **We will not try to “convert or manipulate” (endangering the longevity of the ministry)**
- **We will trust in God's transforming Holy Spirit to draw all men to him in HIS time.**
- **We will be prepared to answer why we are involved with WISH (Experience traveling abroad?, Love of other cultures and desire to learn more?)**

Two layers of WISH

□ Welcoming International Students Home

- The obvious and publicized purpose of WISH is to welcome those international students who come to NKU and share our lives with them.
 - Reaching out to those who others may not try to befriend
 - Receiving the friendship of someone who will likely enrich and impact our lives forever

□ Wheels Instruction Support Help

- The functional aspect of the student organization
 - The roles we need fill to accomplish our goals
 - Note: The final slide of the presentation may be printed as a one page flyer that explains this in more detail.



wheels

Providing transportation when needed

Specific needs or events

- **Airport pick up (Aug. 11-15)**
- **Picnic/Jungle Jim's Run (Aug. 19)**
- **Red's game (Sept. 8)**
- **Gatlinburg/Red River Gorge (Fall)**
- **Glory Bound Horse Ranch (as scheduled)**



instruction

English Conversation Classes

What is the purpose behind them?

- Meet a real need our international students have
- Make friends!



expand your grammar

get used to / be used to

When something is difficult or unfamiliar at first but it becomes more familiar, or you become accustomed to it, you can use the structure **get used to sth / get used to doing sth**.



I didn't like my haircut to start with. I thought it was too short, but now **I'm getting used to it**.

When I moved to London it took me a long time **to get used to living** in such a big city.

When you are familiar with something you can use **be used to sth / be used to doing sth**.

Our apartment is very close to the airport. When we first moved in I noticed every plane that went overhead, but now **I'm used to the noise**. In fact, I don't even notice it any more.

In my new job I start work early, at 7.30 a.m. For the first few weeks it was really hard but now **I'm used to getting up early**. In fact I quite like it because we finish at 3.30 p.m.



You can also use **be used to sth / be used to doing sth** in the past.

When I first moved into my own flat it was hard at first because **I was used to living** at home with my mum.

When we went hiking in the mountains I got very tired because **I wasn't used to walking** so far.

Replace the underlined words. Use **be used to** or **get used to** in the appropriate form.

When I got here I was freezing all the time but now I'm becoming accustomed to it. And I've bought some warm clothes!

I'm getting used to it.

- To start with I found the food too spicy, but now it's OK. In fact, I quite like it.

- Now I'm becoming more familiar with the money, but when we first got here I kept giving everyone the wrong notes.

- I found the job quite hard at first because I wasn't familiar with working such long hours.

- My dad found retirement difficult – he didn't know what to do with himself. He was accustomed to a busy work schedule.

- When you go abroad, it can often take three or four days to become familiar with the time difference between countries.

say it!

Imagine you are studying or working in England. Say how familiar you are with the things below. Use **be used to / get used to** and the words given.

At first I found it really cold, but now **I'm getting used to it**.

learning

grammar wishes and regrets

8 Complete the sentences. Use the verbs in brackets in the correct form.



- I'm very shy. I hate going to parties if I don't know everyone there. So I wish I was (be) more outgoing.
- I'm retired now and I'm enjoying life but I wish I hadn't worked (not / work) so hard. I regret not spending (not spend) more time with my family.
- I wish I was (not) a singer. I don't want to be a pop star, but I'd like to have a nice voice.
- I really hate the job I'm doing at the moment. In fact I wish I didn't have to (not / have to) work at all.
- I got married when I was 19. It didn't work out and we got divorced after five years. I think we were too young. I don't regret getting (get) married but I wish we hadn't (not) when we were both a bit older – maybe then we would still be together.
- I don't like wearing glasses or contact lenses. I wish I had (have) perfect eyesight. I suppose I could have a laser operation but I don't like the idea of that.
- I wish I hadn't (travel) when I was younger but it wasn't as easy in those days. I tell my granddaughter that she should go and see as much of the world as she can.
- There are lots of things about myself I'd like to change, but if I had to choose just one, I'd say I wish I was (be) shorter. I'm even taller than my boyfriend!
- I left school when I was 16. I really didn't enjoy school and I just wanted to get a job. Now I wish I hadn't (not) at school and maybe gone to university. I really regret not getting (not get) better qualifications.
- A few years ago I was offered a job abroad. My boyfriend didn't want me to go so I turned down the offer. I wish I hadn't (accept) it because we broke up six months later!

write it!

Write two paragraphs about yourself. What would you like to change about yourself now? What regrets do you have about the past?

natural English describing your language ability

9 How well can these people speak German? Order the sentences.

- I can get by in German.
- I speak German quite well, but it's a bit rusty.
- I'm fluent in German.
- I only know a few words of German.
- I wish I could speak German.



vocabulary learning

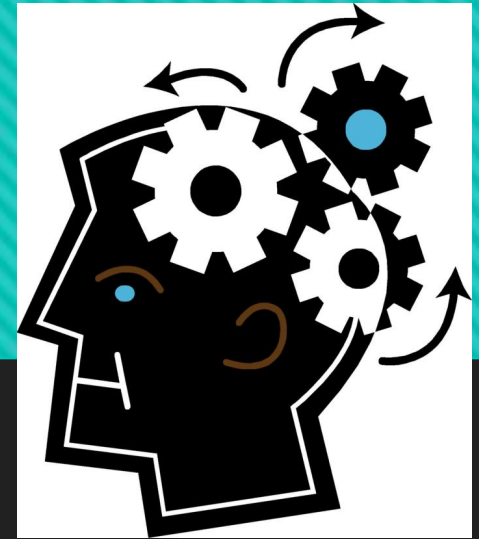
10 Match the beginnings and endings of the sentences.

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| a | Why don't you give |
| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> I tend to pick things |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> I can't get used |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm getting |
| 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Do you want to have |
| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> She's making good |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> I got discouraged |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> I used to study for five hours every night but I couldn't keep |
| 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> I'm finding it difficult but I'm going to persevere |
| a | a go? |
| b | when the teacher laughed at me. |
| c | progress. |
| d | better at it. |
| e | with it for a while. |
| f | up quite quickly. |
| g | it up. |
| h | is-a-legend |
| i | to his accent. |

test yourself!

Cover endings a to i above, and try to finish sentences 1 to 8 from memory.

Keep in mind...



- **Listening is key**
- **Be flexible**
- **Share what you learn with the team later if appropriate**
- **Do NOT get drawn into a religious debate**
 - **Defuse with...**
 - **“What do you think?”**
 - **That is something we might discuss in the future, but, for now, let's**
 - **Don't mistake cultural curiosity for spiritual longing**

support



Be a part of the support team!

How to Support

PRAY and enlist others to pray for the international students at NKU.

AWAKEN the church and Christian families to the opportunity to minister to international students.

RECRUIT workers to help with international ministry.

SHARE resources to help supplement events.

help

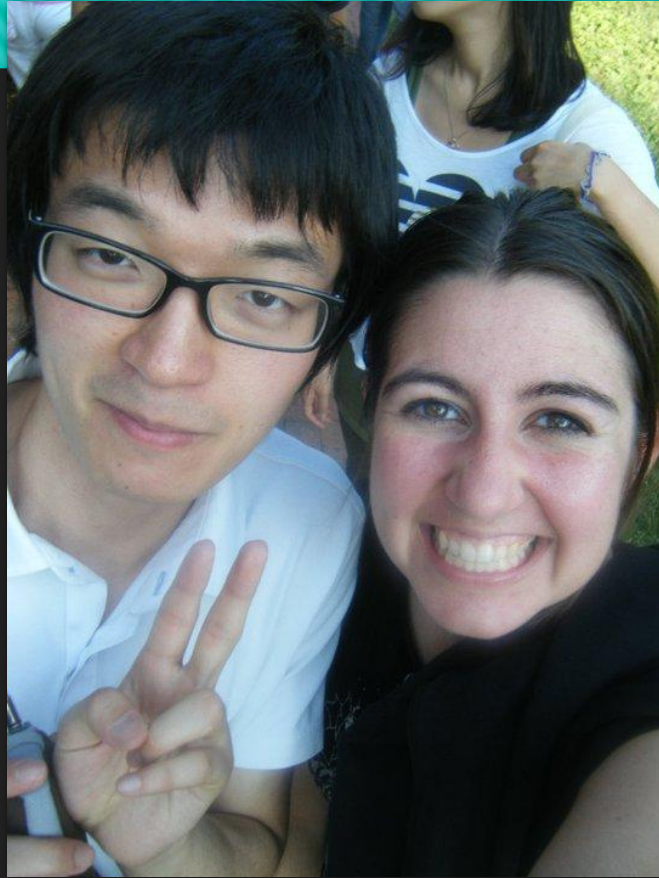


Changing the statistics!
Changing lives!



Portrait of an International Student

Deok Su



Seven Years Later...



Did You Know?

How many international students step foot inside an American home while in the U.S.?

Challenges

- Move-in
 - Housing struggles
- Food
- Transportation
- Academic
 - English as a second language, sometimes third or fourth
- Fun?
- Most important: spiritual condition

South Korea



South Korea

- Students: will be mostly female
- Family-oriented, collectivist culture
- It is polite to appear shy, modest, or quiet
- Interdependent
- Christianity is prevalent in South Korea!
 - 2nd largest religion (behind Buddhism)
 - Challenge: students from Buddhist family who convert to Christianity

Saudi Arabia

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Saudi Arabia

- Male students
- Marriage/family?
- Many will have transportation
- Collectivist but independent in some ways
- Many desire to be “Americanized”
- Meals
- Country closed to Christianity



Concluding Thoughts



Profile NKU International Student



Am I prepared for this?

“You have everything you need!”



What is WISH?

WISH is an NKU Student Organization that aims to Welcome International Students Home by establishing international friendships between students and members of our community.

This is accomplished through the combined efforts of **NKU students** and **WISH volunteers** who **serve** in the following **essential roles**:

Wheels – Assist with transportation for international students, whether to the Grocery store, to our homes or to scheduled WISH events.

Instruction – Be a conversation partner with an international student. We will present weekly lessons reviewing English through themes that may lead to a deeper conversation about a student's well-being and whether there are any prevalent needs we can help with.

Support – Our support team is the foundation of the group, supporting the ministry by providing funding or resources, and more importantly, serving as prayer partners.

Help – Helping means anything from forming a long-term friendship with an international student, to sharing a simple meal, or offering a place to stay when NKU is not open.

