



## **YOUR TIME= GOD'S LOVE to INTERNATIONALS**

Thank you for your interest in helping International Students. Volunteers are the backbone of this ministry. We have a limited paid staff. We have work to be done by those who prefer to be behind the scenes as well as those who can pour their lives into these dear ones. As they say, many hands make light work. It takes many hands to be what God would have us be as we represent Him to the nations.



### **Airport Pickup and Drop Off**

It is so welcoming to have a friendly face waiting at the airport after a long journey! Volunteers willing to be called for this are maintained on a list the staff uses when they encounter this need.

*"I was so afraid that no one would be there to help me."  
Student from Uganda*



## **FISH**

**FISH stands for Friday International Supper and Hospitality. Volunteers from local churches sign up to bring dinner items from a sign-up list. They gather at a local church for fun and discussion of topics of interest. To make FISH happen, volunteers bring students from ODU and return them there, bring food, sit with international students and begin new friendships which may last a lifetime.**

***“ I loved meeting such friendly Americans”  
student from Egypt***



## FISH at HOME

Students are very interested in being invited into the homes of Americans. Eighty-eight percent of Internationals are never invited into an American Home! Once a month during the school year, volunteers may sign-up for a number of students to come to their house for dinner on a Friday or Saturday night. They are responsible to pick-up students from ODU and drop them back. Sometimes two couples will work together to accomplish this.

*“This was the best day of my life”  
student from India*



## Short Term Housing

Volunteers may help a student as they arrive in the US. Usually they have arranged housing before they arrive, but may need to fill the gap between when they arrive and when their housing becomes available. This is a great way to make international friends.

*“My parents were so grateful for the American family that helped me find a place to live.”  
Student from Peru*

## Career Coaching

Internationals are in need of someone to help them to know career possibilities. It would be great to have a list of people to call to come talk to students about different career paths.

*“My math professor  
prayed for me”  
Student from Sri Lanka*





## English as a Second Language

The students usually have very good English, but sometimes they need some extra help in the beginning of their time in America. If they bring their family, they almost always need help with ESL classes. If you have some expertise in this area we would love to have your help.

## Conversation Pairs Program

This is a brand new program where volunteers are paired with a single or couple of internationals to meet regularly to converse, helping them learn English. This is a much needed and very fun way to get to know internationals based on your schedule.



## Tuesday Wives Meetings

Lian Foe organizes all kinds of fun and informative activities for the wives of scholars. These ladies frequently have small children and are very lonely in a strange land. Volunteers offer friendship and helpful advice to these young women. Also, it would be great if someone with a heart for kids joined this group.

*“Being Muslim, I never expected to have any American friends. Instead, I have found a true family here.*

*Wife from Bahrain*



## Grocery Rides

Each Saturday at three, volunteers come to the Globe to provide residents a ride to the grocery store. If you would like to help in this way, you will be given a link to sign up for grocery trips to nearby Food Lion and Aldi or a monthly trip to Walmart.

*“I was so surprised America doesn’t have lots of buses.”*

## Special Shopping Rides

Students at ODU need rides for all kinds of shopping. The Globe staff manages sign-ups for trips to Royal Bazaar, Target, Thrift stores, Lidel grocery store, Grand Mart, an Asian grocery, and the Outlets. These services are provided to students living in the Globe and nearby areas. Global Friendship volunteers enjoy getting know students while they provide a much needed service to them.



## Driving Lessons

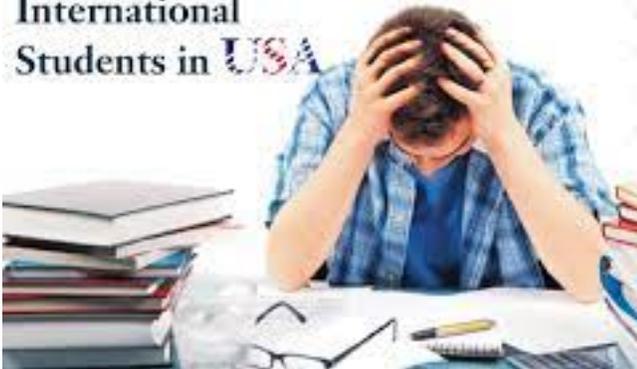
A surprisingly large number of international students would like to learn to drive. If you are interested in helping someone attain a learner’s permit, it would be very much appreciated.

## Bicycle Repair

Most of the students living at the Globe get around campus by bicycle. It would be so nice to have someone to help them with repair and maintenance of bikes.



## Problems Faced by International Students in USA



## Professional Assistance

Occasionally, students are in need of advice in a time of crisis concerning visas, accidents, government involvement, health, or conflicts. If you have skills or knowledge in these areas, you could be on a list to call in these moments to help students as they navigate a foreign land.

*"You helped us so much. We never would have known how to take care of this difficult situation in our lives. Thank you!"*

**Couple of Bahrain**

## Cafe Conversations

This is an opportunity to have a cup of cappuccino with a resident at the Globe. The students are trained to use a very nice cappuccino machine as a way to welcome Americans to their home. The volunteer could bring a snack to share if desired. These can be scheduled certain days of the week.





## College Level Tutoring

It is not surprising that college work in a second or third language is really hard. Join a list of people to call when students need tutoring in your specialty.

## Furniture Delivery

Come join a great Saturday morning ministry where students volunteer to deliver donated furniture to families staying in rented housing around campus. We need someone to enjoy relating to these students and to drive the truck. Sometimes American volunteers bring a snack for the student volunteers. Also, if you have furniture to donate, please notify Kurnia Foe.

*“We slept on the floor for 4 months until heard about you.”*  
Students from India



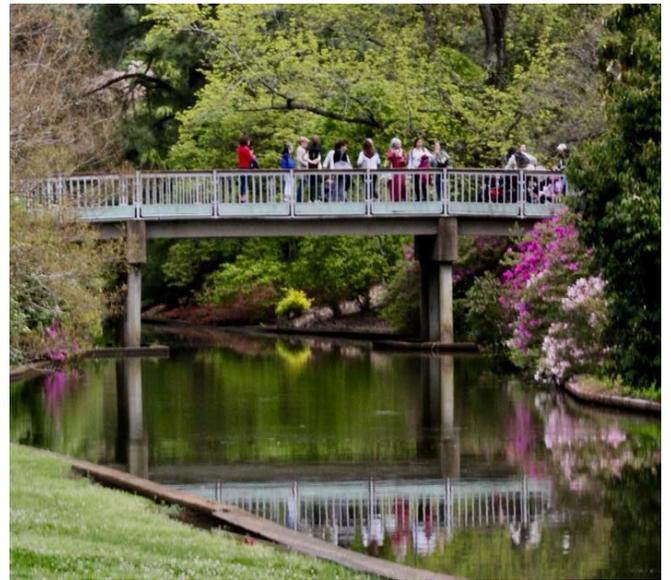
## Vehicle Maintenance Scheduling

It would be great to have someone to keep track of maintenance scheduling for our vehicles. We also need volunteers to drive the van for outings and drive the truck for furniture deliveries.



## **Botanical Gardens Friends and Family Pass**

**Purchase a Norfolk Botanical Gardens pass and be available when groups are organized for an outing.**



## **Deep Cleaning Workdays**

**Join a small crew that comes the 3rd Saturday of each month and deep cleans wherever needed.**



## **Gardening Workdays**

**Students really appreciate living in a beautiful place which includes plants! Be on a list to call a few times a year to spruce up the garden.**





## **Building Maintenance**

We need a group of people to call when small but urgent maintenance issues arise at The Globe.

## **Mentoring**

Many of our students yearn for someone to be in their corner. Mentoring relationships happen when volunteers make themselves available for friendship.

*"I have never had the opportunity to read the Bible until I came here.*

*Thank you!"*

**Student from Iraq**

