

Please include your name and geography along with your idea.

Large Audiences

- PACT (Turkey) We are using a simple landing page strategy, we advertise on google the articles from <https://hayatinanlami.net/> a very simple website with few articles about Hope, Love and Suffering. Each lead to the page with 4 lows, and then give a choice “Ask a question” (connected with tmm.io now) “Read more” or “Received Jesus”, those who did pray we offer: the link to website with follow ups or subscribe to emails with follow ups.
- Living and Telling Training (English Version - Worldwide) We are making a pivot with our L&T training to accommodate an on-line audience. More details to follow but it will allow for scheduled on-line training sessions using a newly developed video series. The innovative part of this training is going to be the use of breakout rooms during the training which will give it a personal, interactive experience. A test will be run on Thursday, March 19th with the hope to go live shortly after that.
- (entry by Jesus Film Project - Tiffany Burner) Jesus Film Project is offering a new Digital Ministry Resource Kit, available for download on [our website](#). In this kit, you’ll find ideas and training on using the Voke and Jesus Film Project apps, social media, video conferencing tools, and engaging content for ministry at a distance. We hope it will be a powerful resource for those learning how to engage with their audiences digitally during this season and beyond.
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Small Audiences

- PACT SLM teams use short spiritual videos and pictures as conversation starters on WhatsApp with their existing contacts from English clubs, with those who show interest in spiritual questions they share the Gospel through WhatsApp.

Content Ideas

- Videos:
 - [FallingPlates.com](#) Share [#FallingPlates](#), a 4-minute video available in 44 languages and viewed by more than 28 million to start gospel conversations.
 - [Why is there suffering?](#) (by RZIM & Cru Singapore)

- With everyone social distancing and working from home, here are some [Tips on working from home and virtual meetings](#)
- <https://www.jesusfilm.org/content/dam/jesusfilm/pdf/JFP-Digital-Ministry-Resource-Kit.pdf>

Evangelistic Articles to Share in Social Media

- [Article Here](#) (Joel Pfahler, AIA HQ, Xenia, OH- personal response to COVID-19 as a staff member and athlete)

Free Mobile App to Spark Spiritual Conversations at a Distance

- www.vokeapp.com
Voke empowers you to go deeper in your relationships with God and others – wherever, whenever. Engage with each other via chat around unique video series and relevant questions to build relationships at a distance.

Prayer Resources

[Prayer Guide Used for Sacred Prayer \(for GDS/DPS at Lake Hart\)](#)

Helpful articles on COVID-19

Campus Ministry Planning & Logistics:

Recruiting: need to think through recruiting student leaders for next year, we usually have a major recruitment drive at the Cru weekly meeting, these meetings are cancelled for the rest of semester. Need to try to connect with students from the Cru movement who we might already know, see if Cru movement can send our Instagram or Facebook message for us to help gain some exposure to aid recruitment. (Chris K.)

Other:

International Student Ministry in the Midst of COVID-19

Chris Kauffman, Bridges Team Leader, Ohio State and Columbus State Campuses

Please share your thoughts and ideas about how to best minister to international students in light of higher education's response to COVID-19.

The comment section is arranged to provide an opportunity for you to share your ideas under the general themes of meeting felt needs, Win-Build-Send (evangelism, discipleship, and sharing the good news of Jesus beyond our campus), and identify specific target areas for ministry.

This document includes a collection of resources and brainstorming ideas that were shared by Cru campus ministry and Bridges International staff from throughout the US. Please take a moment to read through these ideas.

A. As dorms, classrooms, and campus building meeting space is not available through the end of the semester, what are the alternatives to these meetings and meeting spaces? What opportunities might be created for us to maintain our ministry community and continue to share the gospel?

Ø General Comments:

Security Concerns in Communicating w/Chinese Students: Please observe Wechat security guidelines, no spiritual convos or sharing gospel over Wechat. Ask for phone number and text/call them instead. Really ANY platform other than Wechat!! (insta, facetime, facebook, whatsapp are OK to use since we are in the US). (Mikayla K.)

1. What felt needs might international students have at this time and how might we meet them?

Ø General Comments:

- **Loneliness, “cabin fever”:**

- Invite internationals to your home for dinner, maybe even a small group.
- Have a small group movie night
- Small group game night

- **Challenges of Online Learning (Community Colleges):** Many of the community college students we know have shared that they are not really that good on the computer, they could really use some tutoring help, learning how to log in, and complete assignments online. Many of these students are financially disadvantaged, consequently they do not have access to home internet to complete assignments. Our initial thought was that we could meet them at public libraries to use their free/high speed internet, but all public libraries are now closed for three weeks. *Solution:* we could ask a local church with internet access if we could host tutoring sessions in their fellowship hall, free parking, free access, benefits church partnership.

Campus Housing/Relocation Assistance: On our campus, as of 3/12/2020, all students will be moved out of dorms as of 3/23/2020. International students are required to stay in Columbus to maintain their proper immigration status. So students may need help locating short term housing, furnishing unfurnished apartments, and moving. For students in the dorms, that we know on a first name basis, we should offer to help them through this process, this may not be a great number of people, but I think we should offer to help them.

- **Maintaining community and social connectedness**

- **Phone a Friend:** Instead of meeting new students on campus with surveys and mobile mapping, take that time to call students who have been involved this semester. Just spend a few minutes checking in on them; ask how they are feeling and ask to pray with them. This doesn't have to be a scheduled or long conversation; but it is an easy way to communicate care and support.
- **Start a book club** - Tell students that you'll buy them a book on Amazon, and then meet a few times to chat about it. This could be a great way to launch

spiritual conversation and provide people with both entertainment + connection if they're bored.

- **Take advantage of Social Media** - host photo competitions on Instagram or Facebook to keep people engaged and entertained (ie. "caption this photo", "post a photo of your most creative Top Ramen meal", etc.)
- **Targeted Ads/Facebook chat** - A team in NAME is connecting with curious students using FB targeted ads and following up with the interested on FB chat.
- **Instagram** - In Tokyo they are sharing the Gospel with thousands unfamiliar with the message
- **Send a Fun Online Quiz** - a team in Slovakia is using a fun online quiz to form coaching relationships and share the Gospel

2. Win-what evangelistic strategies and opportunities do we have right now to share the gospel with internationals; specifically, what, where, when, how and why...

From EveryStudent.com

Here is a simple PDF training for campus staff or any Christian. It explains what an individual can do for nonbelieving friends, coworkers, etc. And also what can be done in social media to help nonbelievers using a variety of broad sowing messages. Nonbelievers are going through this "having no hope and without God in the world." Eph 2:12 We can help them. Please see:

https://www.everystudent.info/Ministering_In_Age_of_Coronavirus.pdf

Ø General Comments:

- **Meet-up 1:1 or 2:2** to share the gospel at coffee shop, over lunch or dinner.
- **Read evangelistic article:** "*Coronavirus (COVID-19) – How to Deal with Anxiety*"
 - www.everystudent.com American and international student
 - www.xinshengming.com – Mandarin version, with many evangelistic articles

- **Share videos:**

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Other films on the Global Short Film Network, a wide array of interesting and engaging short films: <https://www.globalshortfilmnetwork.com/index.php>

- **Interesting Cru Video Bible Study** for 1:1 or small groups:
<https://sites.google.com/cru.org/bibleprojectstudies?fbclid=IwAR1yJQOMBMXqjX4SZjQULRTNX4qR1WUiUuImMD4pICla9hObFjRazq-Aqq8>
- **Go gospel sharing:** Meet-up to go out and share the gospel on campus.
- **Use online evangelism tools:** Power Over Fear Evangelistic Tract:
<https://knowgod.com/en/poweroverfear>
- **Know God website** with whole array of Cru gospel tracts: <https://knowgod.com>
- **Download the God Tools App:** Knowing God Personally, Honor & Shame, Power Over Fear, etc

3. Build-helping believers to grow in their faith and leadership and full-devoted followers of Jesus

Ø General Comments:

- **COVID-19 Sacred Prayer Slide Show:**
https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/15186WKPYcOQRcy2zUv4fsViGatRBqFk5gRnxrhow_20/edit?ts=5e68fb13#slide=id.g7f0be12f21_0_51
- **Virtual prayer meeting** ([Joshua Project](https://www.joshua-project.org), [Globalprayermovement.org](https://www.globalprayermovement.org))
- **Emailed daily** [Devotionals](#)
- **Fasting together** for the Lost ([Fasting](#))

· **Planning with leaders** (virtual) for summer & Fall (maybe re-envision what summer ministry could look like).

4. Send-sharing the gospel beyond campus

Ø General Comments:

RESOURCES

How can you respond to Chinese students on your campus?

Acknowledge the current reality. Let them know you grieve over the pain and suffering – as well as the sickness and death – of people in their homeland during this time.

Affirm your love and care for them. Let them know you are glad they are here and sorry they have received blame and felt shame from others.

Ask about their family. Let them know you understand their feelings of sadness and helplessness as they are apart from their loved ones back home.

Pray for them. Pray that God would fill their hearts with His comfort and peace. Pray for His protection of their family from sickness. Pray they would turn their hearts towards God.

Share with them. Send them copy of article “*Coronavirus (COVID-19) – How to Deal with Anxiety*” at www.everystudent.com (or www.xinshengming.com – Mandarin version). Ask them if they understand and/or agree with key points in article. Ask them if you can share how they can have a relationship with God.