

Church Presentation Example

Situation:

Fellowship Church has asked me to take 3 minutes in a morning service to acquaint the congregation with the ministry of ISI and to invite folks to the monthly missions potluck after service next week.

Presentation:

Thank you for your faithful support of our ministry while Mary and I were serving in the Middle East. Upon our return, I wanted to keep working with internationals and that drew me to International Students, Inc (or ISI). Every school year over a million of the best and brightest from the mission field come to the US for higher education. Many of these students are from 10/40 Window countries that are closed to typical missions outreach. Often lonely and in need of help in negotiating American culture, these students typically are ready to engage with new American friends. ISI's vision is to see every one of these students welcomed, loved, and introduced to the Gospel. Those who respond are discipled and, as they return to their home countries, encouraged to become missionaries to their own people.

Even if an international student does not respond to the Gospel during his/her stay in the US, seeds have been planted. For example, I met regularly for Bible study and friendship with a Muslim student during his 2-year Master's program in electrical engineering. Now that he is back in his Middle East homeland, I'm in touch regularly via Facebook. I've also contacted a pastor friend in his country and am working to get them together for follow-up. Someday, I hope to visit his home, just as we had the privilege of having him in our home here.

Best of all, ISI is a ministry you can become involved in, helping us share the love of Jesus and the truth about Jesus on our local university campus. I want to personally invite you to bring a hot dish and a salad or dessert to share and come to our missions dinner immediately after our service next Sunday morning. We will let you know how easy and exciting it is to get involved with the mission field that is right at our doorstep. I hope to see you there!