

As you look for new ways to embrace the world right around you, consider these tips from Nell Green, one of CBF's Global Missions field personnel. Nell and her husband, Butch, serve as Internationals Ministry Network Coordinator and Strategic Catalyst for Muslim Internationals.

10 EASY WAYS TO BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH AN INTERNATIONAL

1. Pray each day that God will provide the opportunity even as God helps you see the world around you with God's eyes.
2. Once or twice a month frequent a small restaurant that serves ethnic food.
3. Find a business owned and operated by someone from a different cultural background and frequent that business regularly.
4. Volunteer at a secular agency that renders services to internationals, such as a refugee agency, an English-as-a-Second-Language class, or a community center in an immigrant neighborhood.
5. Frequent any public recreation area such as a park in neighborhoods where internationals live.
6. Notice your neighbors and greet them appropriately. At any festive season prepare a sweet of some sort and send a holiday greeting along with the food gift. (Greetings are often an integral part of relationships in other cultures.)
7. Locate a culture center and participate in an activity offered.
8. Invite for dessert the parents of your children's friends at school.
9. Invite a co-worker or colleague from another cultural background out to lunch.
10. Watch the newspaper for local cultural festivals and attend.