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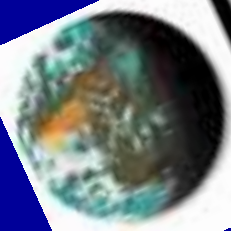
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# In English, Spanish, 'a church for all people'

**IN TENNESSEE**, minister urges Christians, in two languages, to 'embrace God's multicultural, multiethnic vision.'

BY ERIK TRYGGESTAD | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.**  
Sweet tea and homemade tortillas. The faithful who dearly love each — and both — sang praises to God, side by side, during a bilingual worship service hosted by the Brentwood Hills Church of Christ. Lyrics to "I Will Call Upon the Lord," or "A Jehová Invocará," flashed across the overhead screens, alternating between English and Spanish.



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Reaching Hispanics in the U.S.

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"Here in Nashville, you can have a church of the shape or color you want — and I'm just talking about Churches of Christ," said Rodriguez, who ministers for the Hollywood Church of Christ in California and teaches religion and Hispanic studies at nearby Pepperdine University.

But staying homogeneous in an increasingly diverse city denies churches the chance to grow, he said — and to reflect the diverse

Enoch Rinks, a former missionary in Paraguay and songwriter for the morning, knew many of the believers before him weren't fluent in both languages. "Y'all just try the best you can," he encouraged them.

In Tennessee's capital city, home to country music and no fewer than 74 Churches of Christ, it's easy not to try — to remain in separate congregations, said guest preacher Dau Rodriguez.

Roberto Santiago, minister for the Grandview Church of Christ in Nashville, Tenn., translates from Spanish to English during a bilingual service.



**IN COLORADO**, the Rocky Mountain Reunion crosses the language barrier.

BY BOBBY ROSS JR. | THE CHRISTIAN CHRONICLE

**WESTMINSTER, Colo.** — "Amen! Amen! Amen!" said a chorus of voices that echoed through the Northwest Church of Christ auditorium as visiting minister Steven Curo preached from 1 Corinthians 1:18.

Seconds later, Curo repeated the same verse about the message of the cross being foolishness to those who are perishing but the power of God to those who are being saved.

Again, a hearty round of "Amen! Amen! Amen!" followed the Scripture reading — only this time with distinct Spanish accents.

Curo alternated between English and Spanish as he delivered a bilingual sermon at the recent Rocky Mountain Reunion — an event designed to improve unity among Christians in northern Colorado.

"It was amazing," church member Jesús de Híjar said of the opening assembly, where the faithful sang hymns such as "Love Lifted Me" simultaneously in both languages. "It was really something."



Steven Curo preaches in English and Spanish at the Colorado event.



## GRAYMERE CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### “REACHING INTERNATIONALS IN OUR COMMUNITY”

By Edward Short

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The Great Commission says “Go,” but it doesn't say there is anything wrong with the people of the world coming to us. And come they have! According to *USA Today* (Nov. 12, 2012), universities in the USA have over 764,000 international students. Some 194,000 of these are from China; others come from many other countries. The vast majority of these students will never see the inside of an American's home. Additionally, our factories, farms and retailers now employ a large number of immigrants who come here seeking a better life. Through this “mission on our doorstep,” God has given Christians an unprecedented opportunity to extend both friendship and the love of Jesus to these international neighbors. Below are some suggestions to help us share the gospel...

**BE FRIENDLY.** Consider the situation of our international friends: Away from home and family, they are lonely and everything is new; they have many needs that Christians can meet. Consider providing students with a mattress, a few chairs and a table. Extend friendship. Show them how to buy food, how to open a checking account and how to balance their check book; take them to garage sales. Walk them through Walmart row by row. Remember, that often there is a lonely wife at home—if her husband is in school or works, and she does not; she especially needs a friend and she needs help with English. In addition to “culture shock,” internationals are often homesick and frustrated. Look for internationals in the waiting room at the hospital ER or surgery area; take them a cup of coffee, then introduce yourself and see if you can assist them and/or pray with them.

**BE SENSITIVE.** Remember the Chinese are here to study; others are here to work. Especially the Chinese bear the weight of their entire family, and they are under heavy pressure to make good grades. Some from mainland China may feel pressure not to be too public in expressing an interest in Christianity, especially at first; however, they will attend English classes at a church building. Be aware of cultural differences. Try not to offend, but use situations to teach them about American culture. For example, explain that Americans say “Thank you” and “I love you” to family members more than people do in some other cultures. If your friend asks about salary or how much you paid for your car, it is permissible to tell your friend: “Americans don't feel comfortable talking about money, so these are questions you should not ask anyone.” Remember, most cultural differences are not “right” or “wrong”; they are just different.

**BE HELPFUL.** Help with conversational English. Teach the names of vegetables, fruit, cuts of meat, etc. Explain rental agreements, school rules, driving regulations, etc. Show how to check the oil level in a car. Have one-on-one classes or help with a special Bible class for internationals; or do both! World English Institute, World Bible School, Let's Start Talking and FriendSpeak all provide good study materials! Begin a FriendSpeak program. Or, just use a modern speech translation of the Bible (a bi-lingual Bible is even better).

# Reaching Internationals in Our Community

## 1. The Commission of Jesus Assumes it: Matthew 28:18-20

<sup>18</sup> So he came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth is given to me. <sup>19</sup> So go and make followers of all people in the world. Baptize them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. <sup>20</sup> Teach them to obey everything that I have told you to do. You can be sure that I will be with you always. I will continue with you until the end of time.”

*--Easy-to-Read Version*

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2. The Picture of Heaven Demands it: Revelation 7:9

9 Then I looked, and there was a large crowd of people. There were so many people that no one could count them all. They were from every nation, tribe, race of people, and language of the earth. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They all wore white robes and had palm branches in their hands. 10 They shouted loudly, "Victory belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."





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## 4. The History of the Church Demonstrates it:

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5. The Source of Love Empowers it (us): The love of God in our hearts empowers us to do this... to leave our comfort zones... to reach out to others... to embrace people different from ourselves

# HOW Do We Do This???

## Suggestions...

### 1. Free English classes

Hillsboro C/C, West End C/C & Natchez Trace C/C in Nashville

FriendSpeak: [www.friendspeak.org](http://www.friendspeak.org)

World English Institute: [www.worldenglishinstitute.org](http://www.worldenglishinstitute.org)



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Can involve many members

EASY

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Advertise it where immigrants congregate

# HOW Do We Do This???

## Suggestions...

2. Visit hospital ER and surgery waiting rooms







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- [Patient Education Resources](#)
- [Directory of physicians](#)

### Visitors

- [Maps & directions](#)
- [Parking & shuttle service](#)

# Your Mission Field





# HOW Do We Do This???

## Suggestions...



### 3. Community cook-out (for internationals)



# Examples we know about...

Junhui and Qing  
Greg and Mary

Danny  
Donna  
Jonathan  
Patty  
Tom

# HOW Do We Do This???

## Suggestions...

### 4. Wherever you are...

Matthew 28: "...as you are going...

Friendly smile and friendly greeting

Print business card size invitations to...

English conversation

Bible studies

WBS

Make cards bi-lingual if possible

# HOW Do We Do This???

## Suggestions...

### 5. Reach internationals in this community...

(see handout...)

- ☞ Be friendly
- ☞ Be sensitive
- ☞ Be helpful
- ☞ Be courteous
- ☞ Be needy
- ☞ Be bold



HOW Do We Do This???

Suggestions...

6. Pray

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But I don't know what to say!