

Nurture Program Cross-Cultural Relationship

One of the goals for this component is that you will be given the opportunity to see what it is like to form a relationship with someone from a culture other than your own. Through this relationship you should be able to begin to pick up on different elements of language and culture. This will be helpful as you learn more about yourself as a language and culture learner prior to departing for the mission field. It will allow you to identify some of your weaknesses in crossing cultures, as well as some of your strengths. It will help you to see what elements you do and do not enjoy in learning about a new culture. All of this should be helpful as you seek to discern what ministry God has called you to.

This component is intentionally open-ended in that we want to give you freedom to build a cross-cultural relationship however you feel is best. There are many ways that you can complete this component. The main goal is that you begin to be exposed to different language and cultural aspects of your cross-cultural friend. To that end, we have included a list of possible discussion topics as well as opportunities to get to know someone from another culture. After you have had at least five meetings with a cross-cultural friend, submit a one to two page journal entry to nurtureprogram@hopeinGod.org. The journal entry should address the following questions:

- What did you learn about your friend's culture?
- What did you learn about your friend's language?
- What aspects of the component did you most enjoy?
- What aspects of the component did you least enjoy?
- What did you learn about yourself as a language and culture learner?

Contact the GO Department if you have already had substantial cross-cultural experience, which we would consider accepting as a functional equivalent. We hope that you will be blessed as you begin to dive into the world of language and culture learning.

- The Global Outreach Department

Topics to Discuss

- Greetings and farewells
- Expressing gratitude
- Numbers
- Verbs
- Food
- Religion
- Family
- Hometown
- Social gatherings
- Clothing

Opportunities to Connect

- SALT
- Teaching ESL
- Hosting an international student for dinners
- Volunteering at a local cross-cultural center