



# How to Help People Feel Welcome

Results of Community Group Leaders Meeting (August 2015)

1. Use name tags the first few weeks
2. Text or email members a heads up that visitors are coming.
3. Female leader follows up with female visitors by phone or meets with them for coffee.
4. Put together gift bags for visiting women.
6. Leader designates people to talk with visitors so they are welcomed.
7. Leader introduces new people to the group with a few brief facts.
8. If the group breaks into laughter at something that is sort of inside info or joke, Leader stops to explain to the new person so they feel included.
9. During prayer time, the leader goes first to share.
10. Leader sends handmade cards to visitors.
11. Leader texts individually about the visitor's prayer request.
13. Community group has a meal together before the meeting.
14. Leader tries to be the first to introduce himself and then take visitor to meet the next person.
15. Leader explains the schedule of events. (What to expect.)
16. If the contact comes through church database/website, Leader emails a few times before the person comes to the group the first time.
17. Leader asks: How can we pray for you?
20. Leader invites visitors to a meal before the group.
22. Leaders make sure the host family knows to expect new people.
24. Call the new people by name so that it will help you and the others to remember it.
25. Do an easy ice breaker.
26. Explain the way Community groups at GFC work
27. Follow up at the end of the week with the newcomer telling them you hope to see them next week.
28. A little background music
30. Let the visitor know ahead of time where to park and what the group is studying.
31. Clear a spot for them to sit.
33. Offer something to drink.
35. Be open yourself.
36. Use humor.
39. Leave them the best parking spot.
41. Introduce them to someone they have something in common with
42. Leave the front door open.
43. Clue them in on what they should help themselves too. Location of bathroom, where to put coats, childcare area, etc.