

BCNE ESL MINISTRIES

Resource Sheet

Organizing Your ESL Ministry — July 13, 2021

PRAYER

- ◆ Recruit an ESL Ministries prayer team, as well as the Pastor
- ◆ Recruit your pastor to pray for ESL in the pulpit
- ◆ Pray individually with ESL participants
- ◆ Invite standing Bible study groups to pray
- ◆ Record ESL student prayer requests and share with the ESL Prayer Team.
- ◆ Invite Prayer team members to attend Basic training
- ◆ Invite your church to join in Prayer walk before ESL starts
- ◆ Invite SS / Small groups where your ESL classes are meeting to pray for the ESL students in their rooms



PROMOTION

- ◆ 8 foot x 2 foot red banner outside the church — ESL Classes, Sunday, 6 pm
- ◆ Let other area language churches know you are offering ESL and ask them to promote
- ◆ Contact local agencies that provide support to non-English speakers and ask them to spread the word
- ◆ Apartment complexes where there are lots of non-English speakers living
- ◆ Set up a church-wide campaign to put flyers in Ethnic grocery stores / Walmart / Schools / Nail salons, etc
- ◆ Local ethnic radio stations
- ◆ Your best advertisement is a happy student!
- ◆ Going on the street to prayer walk and at the same time passing out flyers
- ◆ Ask sister churches to make announcements



VOLUNTEERS

- ◆ Set up a church-wide campaign to enlist volunteers
- ◆ Send flyer to your congregation at least one month before your classes start and promote your need for assistance
- ◆ Give volunteer lots of choices — short-term / one time and long term positions
- ◆ Screen volunteers through interviews. If you are offering child care, these volunteers should be screened and background checked
- ◆ Train short-term substitute teachers and give them a packet ahead of time to prep and be ready at a moments notice



SETTING UP YOUR CLASSROOM

- ◆ Know whose space you will be using and get to know them and ask how you can use the space without disrupting or intruding on their space. Be respectful.
- ◆ Invite the class whose space you are using to pray specifically for the students who will be in the room
- ◆ Have a humble spirit
- ◆ Ask your church to put ESL in the budget with a modest sum to help you resource your ministry and your volunteers.
- ◆ Suggested curriculums: Venture (by cambridge.org), Pearson (by person.com), Elizabeth Claire's Easy English News (elizabethclaire.com) — for advanced students

