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## Making disciples of all nations

Growing Friendship and Faith with International Students

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# Leading Thoughts

Steve Jobs, the former CEO and co-founder of Apple, once said, "Innovation is the ability to see change as an opportunity – not a threat". Jesus himself was an innovator extraordinaire with his use of parables, approach to traditional religion and dealings with women being prime examples.



In all areas of life the pace of change is increasing and international student ministry is no exception. It demands that we become innovators.

The questions are endless: Who is arriving? How do

they think and what do they like to do? What resources do we have at our disposal? How can we help churches and Christian student groups adapt to shifting demands? How do we respond to different cultures and what can we learn from others in ministry around us?

Right now, we are seeing increasing numbers of students from South Asia and our leading article [p4-5] reflects on the need for innovation, improvisation and dedication as we seek to bring friendship and faith to international students from that part of the world.

However, innovation on its own is not enough. A good leader must have the ability to encourage people to join them on the journey otherwise their great ideas can go to waste. We recognise that equipping international graduates with leadership skills is more than

just an additional line on their CV; it adds character and depth. Our Life Leadership course [p6-7] is recognised by universities and highly valued by international students. Could you help resource a course?

I'm now older than Steve Jobs was when he died. I don't want to lose the desire for innovation but I've realised it's often best to listen to the good people around me with great ideas rather than figure it out for myself. Let's be known for releasing gifted people into fruitful ministry, not stopping things happening because they might not work. May you be encouraged by the opportunities for ministry in front of us, and the help we can give you to allow your involvement to be more fruitful.

*Alan*

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**'I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being.'** Ephesians 3v16



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## We welcome two new members of staff...



**Lydia Panter** has recently joined Friends International as the Staff Worker in Nottingham. Asking herself "How important is real friendship?" led her to Friends International.

My involvement in international student ministry began in my final year of university, after I returned home from a year abroad in Germany and Spain. While living in different countries I realised how important real friendship was, as well as having someone who would take the initiative to reach out and offer support. When I returned, I wanted to offer that to the international students around me, and found that it was a ministry in which God had enabled me to serve well. After graduating, I got involved full-time as a Reach trainee, before staying on as an Apprentice Staff Worker, and since September I have been a permanent Staff Worker. There have been difficult times when I have felt unprepared for certain events or when life gets too busy, but in all this I remind myself of why God has put me here – to see people of every nation come to know God's love and to be a part of His Kingdom!

**Kelly Huang** started working with Friends international in September 2022. Originally from China. Kelly is the new Staff Worker in Edinburgh.



About two years ago, I felt called by God to study for a MTh. During my study, one of the most meaningful things I learnt concerned Paul's mission: his passion for preaching the Gospel to all peoples, his dependence on the Holy Spirit, and his endeavor for the unity of the body of Christ. I felt in my heart, if there is a choice for me to serve the Lord, I would choose sharing the Gospel and preaching the Word of God. When I meet students of different nations, sometimes it feels like I'm at home. This experience surprises me. I realised that before coming to the UK, the five years' experience I had of studying and living in an international seminary in the Philippines, mean that cross-cultural relationships have become like home to me. The two most challenging parts in my ministry are probably serving Him with English as a second language and having limited local individual partners supporting my ministry financially. However, God's grace and the miracles He has done so far have been sufficient for me. He is wonderful!



## 'I come from South Asia'

Over the past few years, the number of South Asian students studying in the UK and Ireland has increased dramatically, with the number of first year Indian students alone rising by over 400%, from 12,800 in 2017/18 to 53,000 in 2020/21<sup>1</sup>. How can churches, student workers and all those involved in international student ministry reach out to these South Asian students? Aaron Nayagam, Cross-Cultural Student Mission Leader for Fusion, helps us to think more deeply about the power of community in discipling South Asian students so that they return home ready to disciple others.



While there are many factors in this increase, one main reason, particularly for those studying subjects such as business and management, seems to be the option of the two-year post-study visa. The impact of this increase is seen not just in our universities but also in our ministries and churches, with many Friends International local centres seeing vastly more South Asian students attending their events. One South Asian church in London reported growth from less than 50 after Covid to currently around 150.

### Under pressure

In order to understand how we can effectively reach out to South Asian students, we first need to understand the situations that many students from South Asia find themselves in as they start their time at university. For the majority, a qualification from a British university is not just something that will look good on their CV; it is an opportunity to invest in their career for the sake of their family. There have often been big financial sacrifices made in order for a student to study

abroad, with their families having to make big concessions in order to afford the cost of an education abroad. As a result, there is significant pressure on the student to put their academic studies before anything else.

Alongside this academic pressure, many South Asian students may also feel a social pressure from their community back home. With many coming from cultures that value honour and the reputation of the family highly, they will be acutely aware of how family and friends back home might perceive their academic achievements or disappointments, a concern that may be difficult to explain to those at the university in place to provide support. There are significant financial pressures for many South Asian students, particularly those who have seen their families make great sacrifices for them to study overseas. A number of South Asian students who have little choice but to get a part-time job in order to support themselves, and potentially their family, while they study and this number is only going to go up as the cost-of-living crisis hits.

### A drastic shift

In addition to these worries, for many it will be the first time they have left home and looked after themselves, leading to a sense of disorientation as they navigate how to shoulder their new responsibilities. Disorientation can quickly turn to homesickness, a feeling which is not eased by the difference in the understanding of community in British culture. As an example of this, Aaron shares that he moved to the UK from India when he was 11 years old, yet it was not until twelve years later that he first sat down for a meal in the home of a British person, a drastic shift from the community he was accustomed to in India.

### Planting seeds for mission

Despite these challenges, the harvest field for evangelism and discipleship of South Asian students is plentiful and growing. If all the international students in our city heard the Gospel and found Jesus, how would that change our churches, both here in this country and when our students return home? Our ministry to South Asian students has a much bigger impact than just for the short time that they are with us in the UK and Ireland: we are planting seeds for mission wherever they end up after their time with us.

So how do we make the most of this opportunity? Firstly, we need to be actively meeting, and involved with, South Asian students and the South Asian communities in our cities. There is a need for practical help, such as showing students where they can buy Asian cooking ingredients or offering help with English practice and proofreading assignments.

It may be worth identifying and getting to know any South Asian churches in the area as they are likely to be full of the familiar for a homesick student. The power of invitation is the greatest gift we have. South Asian students are used to a culture where hospitality is important, and one of the best ways we can give them a home away from home is by simply inviting them into our lives.

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Whether we are helping South Asian students with practical tasks, welcoming them into our homes, or providing spaces for community, our heart should be to disciple every international student we meet, so that as we share our faith with them, they will learn lessons that might change their lives for ever.



# The Opportunity of a Holiday



I'm sure you've noticed but Christmas is just around the corner. This year we will be offering 'Christmas gift bags' to international students in Edinburgh. In 2021, we handed out over 470 gift bags to international students. They were so vocal in their appreciation. Most were spending Christmas here in the UK, alone. Some were spending their first Christmas away from home. Others had never celebrated Christmas before and were so curious and excited to step into a church to receive a gift. Months later, I met a Danish student and we chatted. When he heard that I worked for Friends International, he said, "Oh you handed out the Christmas gift bags, right!? I got one of those! It made me so happy to receive a gift, and I really liked meeting people from the church."

**A bit of love and care goes a long way**  
We have recognised the opportunity of bigger holidays like Christmas and Easter, and even smaller ones such as Pancake Day, to share our culture, lives, and faith with international students who are always looking for ways to connect to British culture and British people. In 2021, Friends International staff decided to make use of the opportunity of a holiday by developing two leaflets; one for Christmas and another for Easter. The first explains

the story of Christmas, as well as some cultural elements of the festival, to an international student who may not have experienced Christmas before. Our Christmas gift bags included a free copy of the Christmas leaflet and there were many students who took that opportunity to connect with local believers through the Local Link befriending programme. The Easter booklet presents the Easter story in a way that helps international students learn more about Jesus' death and resurrection.

It's important to take time for family during holidays, but many international students are in this country without their family, and a little bit of love and care goes a long way towards helping them feel warm and welcome. Every holiday gives us the opportunity to share the love and truth of Christ with a world in need. The best present of all!

**Warren MacLeod**  
Edinburgh Centre Team Leader



# Prayer Diary

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Seventeen weeks of prayer points



Thank you for your continued prayers and support for international students.

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# Christmas



**Week 1**  
5th Dec

**Ivana Bajić, Centre Team Leader, Stirling**

Please pray for meaningful conversations at the Christmas dinner we are planning for December. We haven't had a chance to do this recently so we are extra excited. The majority of our students come from India; please pray that they become more interested to join Bible study groups. This year we are using the new Friends International flyers for Christmas and for Easter. Please pray that the content really impacts people's lives.

**Week 2**  
12th Dec

**Antoine Thenin, Centre Team Leader, Bournemouth**

We have many Muslim students joining our events; please pray many will join our Bible studies and hear why Jesus was born. We hope to have about 40 international students join our Christmas meal on the 16th. It will be a time for them to celebrate and hear the Christmas story. We plan to connect local link hosts with students so they can spend time together over Christmas. Pray the students' hearts will be open to the talk and invitations from hosts.

**Week 3**  
19th Dec

**Lilli Jones, Centre Team Leader, Guildford**

As part of the chaplaincy our volunteers are involved in giving out coffees, teas and hot chocolates to international students over the Christmas holiday. We're hoping to organise local churches to prepare hampers. We are also being asked to offer cultural training to different groups of international students and recently we gave a seminar to international dietetics students.

**Week 4**  
26th Dec

**Tracy Moreton, Staff Worker, Colchester**

We are thankful to God for the many new contacts we have made with students this term. There are a large number of Indian students who have arrived, many studying for their master's qualification. Please pray for wisdom and understanding of the culture and the faith of these students, and for iCafé that runs weekly on the University Campus – numbers attending are increasing every week and we need more volunteers to help.

**Week 5**  
2nd Jan

**Fiona Barnard, Centre Team Leader, St Andrews**

Please pray for the Christian Union, that they would grasp the many opportunities to engage with internationals in a university which has such a high proportion of students from abroad. Pray for the right international secretary and an effective sub-committee who can envision and embolden the Christian Union to reach out in new ways. Pray for our role in encouraging and training.



# Conference and courses

**Week 6**  
9th Jan

**Directors, Friends International Conference**

Pray for the whole Friends International community of staff, trustees, Reach graduate trainees, apprentices, affiliates, Branch members, Christian Union international secretaries and international visitors gathering over 12th to 15th January, in Derbyshire. Please pray for a healthy time of learning, worship and mutual encouragement, as well as reflection and preparation for future ministry.

**Week 7**  
16th Jan

**Ruth Duffin, Centre Team Leader, Leicester**

We have started the Life Leadership course in Leicester. Please pray for the five students on the course, three from India, one from Taiwan and one from Azerbaijan. This is a great opportunity for students to learn leadership skills, and for deep relationships to form with the coaches which often leads to open conversations about deeper issues.

**Week 8**  
23rd Jan

**Susan Caddy, Centre Team Leader, Southampton**

Please pray that international students would respond well after attending carol services. Pray that they will have enjoyed the cultural experience and hearing the good news of Jesus. Give thanks for the number of Indian students we have met recently in Southampton and Portsmouth. Pray that they would continue to engage with us and for friendships to develop with local Christians so they can share Jesus with them.

**Week 9**  
30th Jan

**Josh Bell, Centre Team Leader, Cambridge:**

Cambridge University Christian Unions are running three international dinners throughout their events week 6-10th February. Pray for Peter and Lynette Teagle who will be around for the week to speak upfront and in small groups to international students. Anglia Ruskin University has had a huge influx of Indians. Many, like Anita, come from a Hindu background but seem to be more culturally Hindu than religiously devout. A number also come who are Christian, again from a wide range of backgrounds.

**Week 10**  
6th Feb

**Heledd Job, Senior Staff Worker, Dublin:**

Kim Becker, Senior Staff Worker, Belfast Pray for mission weeks in University College and Trinity College, Dublin, that many internationals would come and be welcomed by the Christian Union, and be drawn to Jesus as they hear the good news about him. Pray for the growing ministry in Belfast city centre; for Andrew Morrow, Belfast Staff Worker, as he forms relationships with the Christian Union, local churches and chaplaincies to reach international students on a new Ulster University campus in the city centre.

**Week 11**  
13th Feb

**Abigail Pearce and Catherine Ayre, Staff Workers, Coventry**

Praise God for the new events starting up. Please pray for word to get out and for many new students and volunteers to come. Pray for the Coventry and Warwick Christian Union international secretaries as they run international events during events weeks. Pray they would feel calm and prepared, and for the events to be well resourced and supported by their CU committees.

# Events weeks



**Week 12**  
20th Feb

**Rebecca Davies, Centre Team Leader, Glasgow**

In Freshers' week and at subsequent events, we connected with a group of Pakistani and Indian students; please pray for growing friendships and interest in the Christian faith. Three Christian Unions will hold an events week in February. Please pray for the organisation on increasingly hostile campuses, and for the speakers as they prepare. Pray that God would use these weeks to reach international students of all nations and draw them to Himself.

**Week 13**  
27th Feb

**Raquel Medina, Centre Team Leader, Norwich**

Pray for Sudeep, an Indian student who is the president of the Christian Union in Norwich; praise God for his vision to reach out to international students. Pray for J., from Pakistan, and for K., from Afghanistan, who are linked with families for hospitality; that they will feel welcome. Pray for the Christian Union, as they think how to engage specifically with international students.

**Week 14**  
6th Mar

**Adam Kinnison, Centre Team Leader, Bath**

Last year India numerically overtook China in sending students to study in Bath. We saw a significant rise in Indians at our events too and some showed signs of interest in our faith. This year we have only met one or two Indians so far. Please pray that more would find out about the International Cafés and start attending regularly.

**Week 15**  
13th Mar

**Baiba Strause-Kalmer, Centre Team Leader, Canterbury**

Pray for our Discovery Bible study with a meal in a British home. Regularly, we have had 25 students from different nations coming – from Iran, India, China, Japan, South Korea, Tanzania, Kyrgyzstan, Bangladesh. Pray that God would draw these students to himself through encounters with God's word.

**Week 16**  
20th Mar

**Ruth Farquhar, Centre Team Leader, Dundee**

Please pray for international students in Dundee who have come to faith in Jesus this year. Pray that their faith will grow. Pray for the 'Tell Me About Easter!' exhibition at the International Café in Dundee on 25th. Also pray for international students who decide to remain in the UK; pray that they would make Christian friends who will continue to share the gospel with them.

**Week 17**  
27th Mar

**Kirsten Wynn, Cluster Leader, London and Kent**

Last year over 20,000 international students from India were studying in London and numbers continue to increase. Pray for the team to

get to know the key students who will come along and bring their friends. Pray that host families can be found for international students who will be based in the UK over the holiday and for students who have attended Christian schools, that they will be curious to find out more.



Love  
Recycling



## Recycling in Sutton Bonington

**Val Owens, a Friends International Staff Worker, shares news of an innovative project on the Sutton Bonington Campus, part of Nottingham University.**

For a number of years, we have run the 'LoveRecycling' project – recycling kitchenware from former international students and making it available to new students. Earlier this year the Student Union offered us the use of a small area that had previously been used as a shop on campus. It was perfect and perfectly laid out and allows us to recycle items that were previously ending up in the bins on campus but can now offer practical help to students as well as supporting two charities that work with refugees in Ukraine and Afghanistan. It also gives us the opportunity to connect with international students to let them know about activities we are organising – globe café, events and the international Bible study.

We have found that international students open up about issues they may be struggling with, and the shop is an opportunity to witness and give pastoral care. One international student who came into the shop shared that because of difficulty in

finding accommodation, she had been staying in a hotel and had only recently found a room to rent. As the house is unfurnished, she was sleeping on the floor in an empty room. A Christian friend provided her with a mattress and duvet and has come alongside her to offer friendship and practical help.

Most weeks we have an interesting story to tell. Another student, who we first met through the shop and is now an active member of the Globe Café, asked if he could join our weekly Bible study. He is from a Muslim background, but has read the Bible and Torah in the past, and is interested in "refreshing what he knows of Jesus". The recycling shop has increased our profile and the university has indicated that it is interested in developing something similar on other campuses. Not only have we been able to help international students with pots and pans we are able to introduce them to the Lord.

# Life leadership course

Friends International has invested time establishing and growing the Life Leadership programme, a 10-session programme teaching leadership skills. Kim Becker, Head of Innovation in Student Engagement, reviews the course and examines the difference it's making to international students.

Since launching The Life Leadership programme in 2019, the world has seen many key leaders come and go, from presidents to prime ministers; and it is often their character that is the downfall of individuals in positions of power and influence. In 2022 the Higher Education Policy Institute's 'Soft-Power Index' reported that 55 of the world's leaders were educated in the UK, reflecting the strategic significance of positively influencing international students, the future leaders of the world!

Imagine the impact of just one future world leader attending The Life Leadership course!

The Life Leadership programme is designed to share lessons in leadership with international students so that they might develop their character and become confident, responsible and relational young adults. The course covers six foundational leadership principles through engaging and interactive classes and follow-up coaching groups. There is also a Life Leadership weekend away, which complements and builds upon the course material. Topics



covered include how to effectively influence, authentic leadership, resilience, vision, ethics and cultural intelligence.

What we teach about leadership is based on foundational Christian principles. Our teachers and coaches are motivated by two things: our faith and our love of people. We love to invest in young adults of any nationality, culture or religion and we do it with respect and confidence in the potential for anyone to become a great leader.

Penny Wang, Staff Worker and Life Leadership co-ordinator in Leicester said, "Life Leadership provides a creative way to reach out to international students. I am often amazed by how natural it is to share our faith at lectures and coaching sessions. The content itself is very good and is truly helpful for students."

The coaching groups are a highlight for many students and where coaches can share more about their own life experiences and faith. One volunteer coach in Glasgow shared how a student was interested to hear about what they do (church planting) and shared some of his limited experience of church. This led the coach to show the student a Chinese Bible study app that he could use to learn more about God.

While we focus on key leadership skills and the character to be great leaders, each session of the Life Leadership course contains key truths about God and lessons from Scripture. A separate, optional devotional series was designed to look at the leadership themes and introduce the Biblical roots of these lessons. Last year seven students in Leicester expressed interest in attending the follow-up Bible discussions. Penny recalls; "We sought to help them see Jesus is not only a leader, but a Saviour."

During the Covid19 pandemic, the Life Leadership course was unable to operate in person due to lockdown restrictions. However, every cloud has a silver lining and the course was adapted so the material would work online. We experienced a record number of participants (80) from across the UK signing up to take part in 2020/21.

Since 2019, the Life Leadership course has been run in Glasgow, Guildford, Leicester, and Nottingham, with other students from Birmingham, Durham, Southampton and Manchester taking part online. Plans are underway to run Life Leadership this year for the first time in Bradford and Cambridge. Life Leadership attracts students from a multitude of countries; our last weekend away had participants from China, Egypt, Hungary, India, Japan, Nigeria, Palestine, and South Korea.

Phil Duncalfe, a Staff Worker and the Life Leadership co-ordinator in Guildford said, "We had a truly international group taking

part including international students from America, Turkey and Syria. They got on extraordinarily well and loved the course."



Studies have found that there is a global shortage of leadership skills in the workplace. The Life Leadership programme helps students to reflect personally and grow practically so that they can become more confident, resilient, and compassionate professionals in the future. We believe great leadership skills help people become, not just a better employee, but a better person.

Priya, a University of Nottingham business graduate originally from India, included the Life Leadership programme in a list of university experiences that helped to expand her network and prepare herself for the future world of work. She said; 'My time management skills improved, and I learned the importance of goal setting, reflection, and resilience.'

Our vision is to see the Life Leadership programme up and running in a dozen centres across the UK and Ireland by 2025, with 200 students participating on an annual basis. The more students who take part in the programme, the greater investment we are making in the world's future leaders. We hope and pray that, through this innovative way of building friendship and sharing our faith with international students, they will come to put their trust in Jesus, the greatest leader the world has ever seen.



To learn more about The Life Leadership Programme visit:  
[www.friendsinternational.uk/life-leadership-programme](http://www.friendsinternational.uk/life-leadership-programme)  
Or scan this code:







# Latest News

## Celebration Meal

In Nottingham we recently held an Indian celebration meal at our new Globe Café on campus. We expected about 70 students, but we ended up with 340! This was of course a shock to myself and the team running the event, some of whom went off to pray that the food would go around, just like the five loaves and two fish. Amazingly, it did! And even though we ran out of cutlery and some had to wait a while to be fed, the students said the whole experience was just like being back home. So, despite it feeling quite chaotic at the time, we truly learnt the meaning of Jehovah Jireh; the Lord provides!



## Philip Project Goes Online

During the Covid19 pandemic, we took the opportunity to develop an online version of the Philip Project course for international students in places where a Philip Project group didn't exist. Emma\*, an international student originally from China, said: "I am grateful for the Philip Project as it helped me, a young Christian, to read and learn the Bible. It gave me the confidence to share God's Word with other people. We have now established an online learning platform where international students can either choose to take short courses in a selected Bible subject or have access to the entire Philip Project course. As a result, we pray that international students will grow in their knowledge of His Word and be equipped to share it clearly and relevantly wherever they go. To find out more about Philip Project courses, please go to [philipproject.org.uk](http://philipproject.org.uk)

\*name changed

## From India to Middlesbrough

In the last four years, numbers of international students have more than trebled at Teesside University in Middlesbrough. Churches have welcomed students from India to their services, including some Christians but also a number of friends from Hindu backgrounds. Some have families with them and the support of the church has been invaluable in helping them get established locally. Leaders from two other churches have built a link to welfare staff at Durham University's Queen's Campus and are starting a conversation group for them. As with other international student dominated CUs, Christian students naturally bring their non-Christian friends and there are opportunities to share the Gospel.



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## Alan Tower writes...

One of my early memories of Friends International was of the National Director riding from John O'Groats to Land's End and visiting different ministry Centres to raise funds. What a wild outfit, I thought. In time, I have enjoyed highlighting ministry interests myself with a bit of physical exertion thrown in for the cause.



## Cycling for support

This intrepid spirit is still alive today. Matt Pate is our Apprentice Staff Worker in Oxford, and a graduate from the Reach trainee programme. In order to raise support for the work of Friends International in Oxford, Matt decided to ride 140 miles from Oxford to a Friends International staff conference in Hertfordshire, and back again. Matt says, "I enjoyed the challenge and kept going although at times the route was treacherous. At one point I had a close call with the Aylesbury canal and had to detour across a field to get back to the road".

Urged on by supporters' pledges, the ride managed to raise nearly £1000 to support staff costs for the Oxford Centre. We learned many lessons along the way, including the need for backup bike lights, but the view at dawn as we were setting out overcame any shortcomings we were to experience.

## Pearl's a runner

Pearl Kho ran the half-marathon Great North Run, from Newcastle where she is the Centre Team Leader for Friends international, along the Tyne to the Tynemouth coast, over the Tyne Bridge and all! The aim was to raise funds for her work with Friends International, as well as for the local Reach trainee, Effy Mu. In fact, 80% of what was raised was intended for Effy's needs. Previously, Pearl had been spotted running very competently as part of a group at FI staff conferences.

What was the experience like? Pearl remembers; "Hard work! Training from 5k to 21k was one thing, running the actual race was another. With many Bible verses about running flashing through my mind as I ran, I knew that it was a precious experience I could draw many analogies from in years to come. But all I wanted at the time was another slice of orange handed out from the roadside to keep me going". Pearl's charity run resulted in over £800 being raised to support the team at Friends International.



Thank you to Pearl and Matt for dipping your toes in the proverbial water and keeping going. We celebrate that God uses our initiatives to bring together the resources we need to do His work.

For more information on how you can fundraise and make a real difference go to: [www.friendsinternational.uk/fundraise](http://www.friendsinternational.uk/fundraise)





# As Costs Spiral This Winter We Need Your Support for International Students

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Sajjad is from Pakistan. He travelled to the UK but struggled to get enough money together to pay his course fees and accommodation costs. Since being in the UK, Sajjad has been supported by Friends International and a local church giving out food parcels. After months of hardship Sajjad has now found a job and has enough money so that his family can join him in the UK, but without the support of Friends International and other Christians none of this would have been possible.

**Please pray** that international students will know God's 'shalom' and that their needs will be met.

**Can you make a donation** to support our local link programme and volunteer network, so that international students can receive a warm welcome this winter?

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