

# Module 1

## *International Students, Inc.'s Mission, Vision, Values, Ministry, & Organization*

### **Module Description and Purpose**

The purpose of this four-part module is to help you as a potential team member know and understand the foundations of International Students, Inc. (ISI). This is accomplished through understanding:

- Our key statements, values and plans as they relate to your personal ministry calling
- Our history and its place in God's plans today
- Our ministry at the local level
- Our position on some key policy issues
- The overall organization of ISI and your potential position in it.

It is also the purpose of this module to help you form a Prayer Team to support your passage through the modules.

### **Assumptions and Delivery Method**

Anyone beginning this module must have completed the application process to this point as directed by the Recruitment Office. This is a coach-directed module—using email, phone, and where possible, face-to-face interaction.

### **Materials Needed**

Note: All materials are available on our website at:

<http://www.get2knowisi.org/modules.html> (Click on MORE and then on MODULES).

- ISI's Mission and Vision Statements, Core Values and Statement of Faith
- Reaching the World from Home—The History of ISI
- *The World at Your Door* by Phillips and Norsworthy
- Your Prayer Support Team Instructions & List
- ISI's Approach to Ministry
- ISI's Code of Ethics
- ISI's Moral Conduct Policy
- ISI's Perspective on the Charismatic Movement
- Integrated Ministry Model PowerPoint Presentation (You will need sound and PowerPoint to view this.)
- ISI's Leadership Chart

### **Part One—Our Statements, Values, Plans, and History**

1. Read this entire module. Then, with your coach, set up a plan for completing it.
2. Write two paragraphs about how ISI's Mission, Vision, Core Values, and Statement of Faith line up with your personal ministry calling. Discuss these paragraphs with your coach.
3. Read *The World at Your Door* by Philips and Norsworthy. Then, write a paragraph about your observations of the book in light of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) and your own personal ministry vision. Discuss this with your coach.
4. Read "Reaching the World from Home." Discuss with your coach how ISI's historical development has brought the organization to readiness for such a time as this.

## **Part Two—Prayer Team**

1. Read “Your Prayer Support Team Instructions.”
2. Complete the Prayer Support Team List form and share it with your coach.

## **Part Three—ISI’s Local Ministry**

1. Watch the [Friendship Partner™ Training video](#). Write a paragraph describing your observations from the video.
2. Schedule a time with your local City Director or other specified ISI staff to visit three aspects of the local ministry. Seek a variety of experiences if possible. These might include:
  - International Christian Fellowship (or other campus fellowship)
  - Bible study
  - Leaders’ meeting
  - Conversational English class
  - Event, group trip, or recreational activity.
3. Write a paragraph describing your impressions of the local ministry. Include a description of how you see yourself fitting into and contributing to this ministry. Discuss these impressions with your coach.

## **Part Four—Policies, the Organization, and My Place in It**

1. Read the following ISI policies and discuss each with your coach.
  - ISI’s Approach to Ministry
  - ISI’s Code of Ethics
  - ISI’s Moral Conduct Policy
  - ISI’s Perspective on the Charismatic Movement
2. View and listen to the PowerPoint presentation, “ISI’s Integrated Ministry Model.” Note any questions you have for discussion with your coach.
3. Look over ISI’s Leadership Chart.
4. Discuss the PowerPoint presentation and ISI’s Leadership Chart with your coach. Focus on the following questions:
  - What are ISI’s ministry approach strengths (as presented in the Integrated Ministry Model)?
  - Where does your proposed individual position fit within the organization’s structure?