

Reaching Non-(or pre)Christian TCKs



Introductions

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General characteristics of TCKs:

- Definition: A TCK is an individual who, having spent a significant part of the developmental years in a culture other than the parents' culture, develops a sense of relationship to all of the cultures while not having full ownership of any. Elements from each culture are incorporated into the life experience, but the sense of belonging is in relationship to others of similar experience.

Our Vision

To give young people in every international community the opportunity to respond to Jesus Christ.

Our Mission

To work together with others to establish in every international community a relational presence that demonstrates and communicates the love and joy of Jesus Christ to young people and their families.

Who are we working with?

Survey: What do you wish you could tell your parents?

- I wish you hadn't moved when I was sixteen
But then, there's no point wishing: it's not like you had any more of a choice in the matter than I did.
- to try not to transition so often!
- I'd rather stay in one place in all my life than have to move around as much as I did.
- try to be understanding when your kids don't fit in right away, it takes time for some people to find the right friends.
- That sometimes you need to let people make it ok in their own time.

Survey: What do you wish you could tell your parents?

- do it when kids are younger
- It can be good to get other experiences and to go through a life change because it will help with later life, but I think we moved too much. It's tough to make lasting relationships and my self confidence took a toll every time we moved.
- Telling your children to "just get on with it" doesn't help matters.
- There is time needed before the move also, not just when you arrive there.
- I sometimes wish that they would push me to get out into society more.

Survey: What do you wish you could tell your parents?

- I've told them I appreciate the exposure to the world and the development of adaptability skills.
- I would say thank you for dragging me along, even though I hated moving at first. but I know from experience that its only the 1st month or 2 that's really difficult and once I get used to the place, it really becomes my home.
- Thanks for making me come with you and not staying in Texas for my senior year. Sorry I didn't want to do more traveling the first

Survey: What do you wish you could tell your parents?

- I would want to thank them for all the support they've given me, and the chances to experience new things and learn about different cultures.
- I would thank them for everything they provided me with during the moves, and that it wasn't always easy, but I am glad we were able to stay together as a family.
- I want to do it again! And knowing German beforehand would have helped for the first month or so.
- Thank you!! The experience changed me for the better and I will be forever thankful.

Survey: What helped teens most in their transition?

- Family Support
- Friends
- Familiar surroundings
- Getting involved right away
- International Community
- People were accepting and welcoming
- Internet/Skype
- Music
- Church/God
- Buddy System at school

Survey: What helped teens most in their transition?

- My parents had a very positive attitude and communicated with us a lot. They also were very outgoing in becoming acclimated to the Dutch culture instead of trying to cling on to American culture.
- I didn't really have anything to help with the move. I was just thrown into school and had to deal with it.
- Nothing really, it took me about 2 years until I STARTED to adapt. Youth Compass did help when I joined.
- There definitely wasn't just one thing.

Why?

17 Because God wanted to make the unchanging nature of his purpose very clear to the heirs of what was promised, he confirmed it with an oath. 18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope set before us may be greatly encouraged. 19 We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure. It enters the inner sanctuary behind the curtain, 20 where our forerunner, Jesus, has entered on our behalf. He has become a high priest forever, in the order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:17-20

19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

Matthew 28:19-20

How?

Christ, Connecting, Club, Compassion, Camps, Church and Community.

Christ

- We seek to make Christ central in our individual and corporate lives.
- Our relationships with teens are based on loving them as Christ loves them.
- We proclaim the love of Christ to teens through our actions and words.
- Our ultimate goal is to give teens the opportunity to respond to the love and message of Jesus Christ.
- Our relationships with each other reflect our status as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Connecting

- Connecting means loving kids where they are- just as Christ loved those with whom he came in contact.
- “Demonstrating and communicating the love of Jesus Christ”- is the essence of Connecting.
- Connecting is where YC staff and volunteers spend most of their time- entering the world of teenagers, earning the right to be heard, and earning the right to listen.
- Understanding and penetrating teen culture is part of Connecting.
- Connecting takes priority over program.
- We love kids because they need love, because God loves them, and He wants to love them through us.

Club

- Club is started after the foundation of Connection has been laid.
- Club is ‘fun on purpose’- celebrating life with kids.
- Club is a place where kids can be kids and are accepted as they are.
- Club is a venue for the presentation of the Gospel- it is primarily outreach in nature.
- Club is a place for Christian kids to bring their non-Christian friends.
- Club is intended to promote Jesus Christ and not YouthCompass.

Camps and outings

- Camps and outings are a form of Connecting.
- They are designed to be the most fun a teen can have.
- Different camps for different purposes- Christian leadership/ growth, outreach.
- Intended to draw the broader teen community together.

Compassion

The service project

- Teens have a heart for those less fortunate.
- Project Compassion is an outreach service project- designed to proclaim the Gospel to those that have not heard.
- Club program during the year builds up to Service Project.
- Project Compassion brings local YC teens together with the larger YC community.
- Service projects illustrate what a teen does because of what he believes.

Church

- YC considers itself an outreach 'arm' of the Church, not a church itself.
- YC works together with the existing international church community.
- YC points teens to a relationship with Christ, and encourages committed youth to participate in the local church.
- YC does not teach individual church doctrines or sacraments- this is a local church role.
- YC challenges 'churched kids' to reach out to their peers.
- YC gives all committed youth tools to do this through discipleship, Bible study and leadership training.

Community

- YC seeks to build Christian community around loving teens.
- YC works together with the existing international community.
- YC forms a community support group in each location that represents YC to the community.
- YC is involved with teens and their families.
- YC serves the school and other institutions in the international community.
- YC is committed to serving teens of all nationalities, ethnic, cultural or religious background.

Resources

- YouthCompass in a Box
- Bible Study: Life in Motion
- Project Compassion
- Contact Us:

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