

Friends in Action International Hospitality Network Policy for Missionaries

Friends in Action International members across the country are willing to open their homes to traveling missionaries. They are able to learn about the work you are doing first-hand from you. You are able to save on travel costs, and both host and missionaries enjoy the fellowship of sharing a meal and spending an evening together.

When you plan to stay with a FIA Hospitality Network family, please do the following;

1. Telephone, write, or email 9-10 days in advance of your travel plans to the Hospitality Coordinator so that she can find a host family for you to communicate with. You will be given names and phone numbers to call. Sometimes it takes a few days to get a hold of a host so this way they have time to prepare for you since we have many working couples and are not home during the day. The host has requested 4-5 days notice of your arrival. If you call later do not assume that they can accommodate you.
2. Let the Coordinator know how many people will be staying with you and ages of the children. The host will need to know what time you will arrive and departure date. This information can be discussed when you are calling the host family for reservations.
3. Notify your host(s) by telephone as soon as possible if your plans change.
4. FIA members have offered these homes for the calling missionary only. **Please do not share these names with anyone.** If you use them again, please contact FIA Hospitality Coordinator so that she will not book anyone else there on the dates you need them. We like to keep all the hosts active so take turns if we have more than one in one area.
5. Remember you are a representative for your mission and your conduct affects other missionaries being able to stay in a home that you just visited. All hosts have been ask to contact me if there are any situations that would cause them discomfort.

We would encourage you, in making your travel plans, to travel off the “beaten path” in order to fellowship with those who don’t have much opportunity to spend time with missionaries. Your contact with them lets them become more a part of your ministry. Your visit can also open doors for increased support since some hosts may be willing to organize a meeting in their home or church. (You might want to suggest such a meeting when making reservations.)

Enjoy the host family and let them enjoy getting to know you. If you found the visit was a special blessing and want to share it with us we could pass that information on to the next missionary. Please let them know how much you appreciate them opening their home for you. Leave a gift, prayer card and a promise to send them your prayer letter so they can pray for you. Also, please let us know of any changes of address or phone number you may encounter. It is important for us to know when the facilities were disappointing in some way, difficult to locate, or information incorrect. We appreciate your participation in this program. You are helping us share the mission vision with laypeople.

Thank you.

Serving Him Together,

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