

# All The Nations - The International Voice

A Newsletter of the International Students Office  
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## NEWS FROM THE DIRECTOR: LISA IGRAM

### Welcome to ISP!

In order to better serve you, we have started something new ISP. When you come into the office, our friendly student workers, Binish Shah and Melody Adiao, will ask you to sign in. Our goal is to find out what you want and need... so thank you for helping us help you by signing in!

## DON'T MISS OUT ON UPCOMING ISP EVENTS:

**November 16. (Wednesday):** Bingo By ASB

**November 19. (Saturday):** Thanksgiving Dinner Party at *Hope*

**November 27. (Sunday):** Glory of Christmas at the Crystal Cathedral

**December 2. (Friday):** Sadie Hawkins by ASB

**December 3. (Saturday):** Trip to the Dream Center in Los Angeles to do a service project – leaving time 8:30.

Please contact Destaney McKinnie if you have any questions or if you would like to attend an event. Thank you!



Go Royals! Congratulations on making it to Nationals - From ISP and the entire *Hope* community.

## IMMIGRATION CORNER

Remember that staying in status is YOUR responsibility! Follow the tips below to help ensure you are doing all you need to do to maintain your F-1 VISA Status.



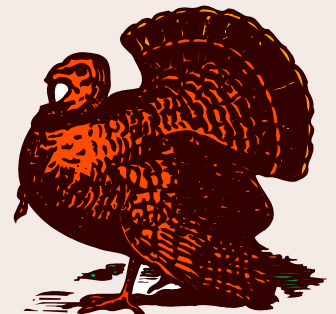
- Returning Students: Notify ISP immediately if your address has changed! The Department of Homeland Security requires that you report your change of address within 14 days of moving, or you could lose your F-1 status.

- Graduating in December 2005?: NOW is the time to apply for your year-long Optional Practical Training! Make an appointment with Lisa today!

- Registering for classes next semester?: It's time to start thinking about next semester classes! Remember that if you are a PCC student, you must register for at least 12 units each semester. If you are an SGS student, you must register for at least 9 units. Don't forget... only 1/3 of your units may be online courses.

## COOKIE BAKE AT GRANNY'S

Mmm... the warm, delicious smell of cookies rising from the oven... this is one of the many holiday scents Americans love. Come join us for a cookie-baking party on Tuesday, November 29... more details to come!



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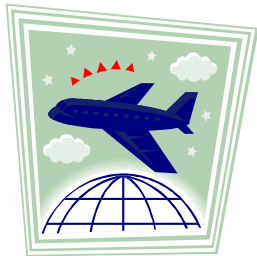
The holidays are here! As you travel off and on campus this holiday season, you will see that Americans go all out in decorating for Christmas... green and red, trees and wreaths, lots of lights, gifts and shopping, fresh cookies and candy canes, and even artificial snowflakes. And it's not even Thanksgiving yet! But underneath all of the glamour and activity, there is a deep meaning to Christmas that we at *Hope* do not want to forget.

This is the time of year Christians celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus. One of the biggest customs surrounding Christmas is the giving of gifts, and Christians give gifts to each other as a reminder of the greatest gift that God gave the world. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only son to die for us, that whoever believes in Him will not die, but have everlasting life." Through Jesus, we have everlasting life. We can look forward to living forever with Him in heaven because of that Great Gift of Jesus that God gave to us.

As we see Christmas decorations this season, let's remember to thank God for all He has given us, and let's especially remember to thank Him for Jesus.

God Bless you this Holiday Season!

Lisa



## TRAVELING, ANYONE?

*(From your curious and concerned DSO)*

The holidays are upon us - and with it, lots of fun vacations! You are tired of classes and ready to take a nice, long break...

Not so fast! *If you plan to travel outside the United States this season*, there are a few things that you, as international students, are responsible to remember.

Before you travel this winter break, use this checklist to be sure you have everything you need so you can safely and smoothly return in to us with no problems...

- Passport** - unexpired and valid for at least 6 months into the future. If your passport is expired or will be in the next 6 months, you must renew it through you home-country consulate.
- I-20** - unexpired and with a travel signature less than one year old. *If any information on your I-20 has changed, please contact the ISP office to receive a new I-20.*
- Visa** - unexpired and valid for re-entry into the United States (if your visa is expired please be fully prepared to interview in your home country for a new visa)
- Proof of Full-Time Enrollment** - in the form of transcripts from the registrar's office or a letter from your immigration advisor in the ISP Office.
- Proof of Financial Ability** - documentation verifying your funding source as indicated in Section 8 of your I-20; this may include personal or family bank statements, affidavits of support, or copies of your scholarship letter.

If you need help with any of the above, please make an appointment to see Lisa or Nelson in the ISP office as soon as possible!



## MEET AND GREET CAFÉ:

**Nickname:** Iris

**Name:** Kim, Yunjeong

**Country:** Korea

**Major:** Church music

**Living Situation:** On campus

**What is the best part about living at *Hope* University?**

“the Christian environment-safety.”

**Where are some of the places you have visited since living in California?**

“Disneyland, Laguna beach, Huntington beach, Los Angeles, and indoor rock climbing.”

**You are currently participating in the mentor program, who is your mentor for the semester?**

“Brandi Alexander”

**How has this experience helped you?**

“My mentor has taught me grammar. We speak English together, and she has invited me to her house for Thanksgiving Dinner.”

**Would you recommend the ISP mentor program to other students?**

“Yes, because it has helped me to speak English and learn American culture. It is a good way to build friendships.”

## ARE YOU A NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A MENTOR?



The mentor program is designed to match a new international student with a student/faculty/staff/and/or *Hope* community member to help them adjust to...

- a. Hope International University
- b. The campus community, and
- c. The United States through personal and social interactions.

Coordinator for Graduate Studies, Nancy Crawford, also has found the mentor program to be an inspirational experience. In a letter she wrote,

*“I just wanted to say how much I enjoy being a mentor. When I first started working at Hope, I was blessed to have a great student from Kenya (who I am now his ‘American-mom, and he is my ‘Kenyan-son’ :) I have a new student this year from around the same area; it is amazing how God is opening up my world to Kenya. If you are not a mentor, it is an amazing way for God to work through you and bless you and the student too. Thanks for the opportunity.”*

If you have any questions please contact:  
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## **A CHANGE OF HEART:**

*Article from Pablo Lizardo*

Hello Everyone! My name is Pablo Lizardo aka pops, I'm 22 years old and I'm a student at *Hope* and part of the soccer team. Recently, I've suffered from a change of heart, but no suffer for pain, but for good. I was born a Catholic and reborn Christian. Yesterday, November 9, 2005, I was converted and baptized. Let me tell you that this was the most wonderful experience I've ever had, a feeling that I have never felt before. Most of you must be wondering why I made this decision, right? It is not always easy to put in words how we are feeling, but I will do my best. I have only been here for four months and already I've been part of events such as the "The Link" and "Happy House." The first time I attended the "The Link" I was doing a painting and I suddenly started to cry, at this time I did not know why. The children at "Happy House," all them smiling, I could really feel extreme joy, the camaraderie among the soccer players. All these experiences changed my heart, like Asoka changed his heart after seeing his people suffering under his reign in his eighth year of reigning. Above all these experiences, what impacted me the most is the one, that people "Move" for others without waiting for any reward, except the joy ness in their heart, for helping their brothers and sisters. So, once I had made this decision, I was studying for a mid-term with my friend. And I told her about this. After being so patient and listening to me, she asked me one question, "What's keeping you from doing it? ...actually, nothing. So, the next day I talked to the campus minister Chris Williams that by the way he is my mentor for U.S. Life and Culture class, and we arranged for meeting the next day and do it. The next day we spent like an hour talking about the commitment I was about to take, because it is just not for the moment or for days, weeks, months, no! It is a commitment for life, because God is forever. I was and I am willing to honor and dedicate my life for God, so he converted me and later explained to me about baptism, and despite the fact that it was a cold day, I was baptized in the campus pool. The feeling I got after getting out of the water is completely inexplicable, there are no words to describe it. I want to finish this article thanking all the people who influenced my life and that still keep doing it.

Thank you, all!!!