# Why a Chinese student fellowship

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# Chinese Student Ministries Netherlands

## Why 2.

professor postdoc future leaders in PhD master society, high impact bachelor high school

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Why 3.

So-called Christian world

sub-Sahara Africa, S-America, church-goers

**Post-Christian world** 

N-America & Europe, indifferent

### Muslim world

10/40 window, quite a number, hard to reach

# Communist-atheist world

China, Vietnam

Chinese, huge number few barriers while here very responsive

## Hindu world

India, large number hard to reach

## **Buddhist world**

East-Asia reaching possible

#### **Numbers**

The number of Chinese students in The Netherlands increases annually. In 2013 there were 4,600, in 2015 there were 6,400, and in 2016 there were 6,700 Chinese students enrolled in Dutch Institutes of Higher Education. In Wageningen the count is 500-600.

#### **Non-believers**

For those students there is almost no effort to introduce them to Jesus. The CSMN Foundation seeks to fill the gap. We try to understand the specific culture bound aspects of Chinese student life in a foreign country and present the Gospel in such a way that fits the mindset, character, family structure, and historic background back home.

#### **Mode of operation**

- We organize free airport pickup for new Chinese students at the beginning of each academic year.
- The teaching to Chinese students who attend the Friday fellowships is Bible-based. However, we do not emphasize a particular church doctrine or connection to a certain church denomination. Special attention is paid to contextualization because the students will only be in Holland for a couple of years. They will be prepared for return to China.
- Therefore we have and will further develop a network of Christian contacts in China where returnees will be lovingly adopted and receive help.

## do's and don'ts

#### Do

- Welcome them as friends
- Invite them in your home
- Help them in practical ways
- Speak English slowly
- Have patience
- Have interest in their cultural background and family
- From the beginning, be clear that you are Christians
- Let the Bible speak, in all you do
- Be an example of Jesus

### Don't

- Speak about politics
- Criticize other religions
- Speak about sex, unless they ask, then take them apart
- Push them to speak-up in a group
- Talk about church, unless they ask
- Bring them to any church before they have become believers
- Set your own life as 'the standard', because only Jesus is the standard

# New website <a href="https://csmn.nl">https://csmn.nl</a>





