

## Ministry Idea - 2020 SITS

The command of hospitality -

**Romans 12:13b** - “<sup>13</sup> contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.”

**Hebrews 13:2** - “<sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.”

How can we fulfill this command and use it to our advantage in the local work?

We assemble with our local congregation and its members each Sunday and Wednesday. We may join together another day or two each month for Bible study or spiritual edification, but what about building relationships outside things directly connected spiritually.

Celebration of birthdays -

One Sunday evening/afternoon each month – invite each person who celebrates a birthday in the month to your home. Serve only cake, ice cream, and drinks. This helps keep the cost relatively cheap, and does not require too much from the one making the cake and preparing the home.

By the end of the year, every member of the congregation will at least have been invited into your home.

What about children? - We choose to invite the entire family and do so multiple times for the larger families. The more time we spend with individuals outside of services, the stronger our relationship becomes.

Celebration of anniversaries - Using the same approach, this could be used to help build relationships with the older Christian couples in the local congregation.

This idea has been employed by my wife and myself this year in our local work. We have had good feedback and plan to use this or something similar on an ongoing basis. The environment is more casual and laidback. It has helped in building relationships with those less likely to talk or have conversations in larger settings.