

MERCY MINISTRY

Whether you intend to or not, you will be doing mercy ministry. Once you start getting to know your students, you will become aware of various needs in their lives that you would like to help with. Sometimes they will specifically come to you and ask for help and other times you will find out through conversation or friends.

At the beginning of your ministry, you should talk with your Deacon Board and ask them what kind of help they are willing to extend to your students. Some Deacon Boards are willing to treat their church's ESL students just like their members.

Call a local Social Service Agency and get a list of all the community resources in your area available for your students.

Know the Christian resources in your area, i.e. food bank, etc..

Know your teachers limits. Do not overextend your teachers by asking them to constantly help their students. Recruit from the general congregation for extra help in this area.

Know your limits and the limits of your family. You cannot save all your students from all their problems. Do your best and leave the rest to God.