

## **BEST PRACTICES HOSPITALITY/SERVANTHOOD**

***Navigators Quote 'You know if you have servants heart, by the way you feel when you are treated like one'***

Biblical Principle "Your attitude should be the same as that of Jesus Christ, who... made Himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant... He humbled Himself and became obedient to death" (Philippians 2:5, 7, 8)

### ***Some guiding principles:***

- a) Do what you say you will do!
- b) Be good new before you speak good news. Love them until they ask you why?
- c) Be sensitive about wearing CS branded clothing, does it serve or hinder?
- d) Be aware of whose event it is -do we have the right to do what ever we want?
- e) We need to gain respect, no one owes us anything
- f) Don't expect thanks, but its great if it comes.
- g) Be aware others will be watching from a distance!!
- h) Surround everything in prayer (before, during and after)
- i) Stay till the event has completely ended, not with the spectators
- j) Beware of throwing valuable resource at surfers that do not really need it
- k) Prove your sincere motives, don't veil your outreach behind 'give-aways'

### ***Ideas on using servanthood as a way of Surf 'Outreach'***

- 1. Supplying Teas and Coffee, Soft drinks to Surfers or competitors
- 2. Handing out Bottled Water with CS Stickers
- 3. Serving fresh homemade cakes or other home made food (Good way to connect with the ladies of the Church )
- 4. Contest crew – Help setting up the contest site
- 5. Train CS Surfers up as Judges, beach marshalls and tabulators, then offer to assist at the competitions
- 6. Surf packers – Hostels run by CS (Home away from Home )
- 7. Safe Houses – Alcohol and drugs free houses, offered up to competitors on the Tour
- 8. Accommodation – CS homes offered to travelling surfers (Ideally take some form of reference before this happens), also set guidelines for how long people can stay.
- 9. Get involved in your local surf club. Be an above normal member in helping out, but also you can serve on the committee!
- 10. Offer Prayer in general – Get to know people first, but do not assume you will always get turned down.
- 11. Offer to support Christian professionals on tour, by prayer and hospitality
- 12. 'Social action' activities – i.e. Litter clearance, food runs, or kids clubs. Very dependant on the requirements of your particular beach needs.
- 13. Run a surf school, with those able to pay, supplementing those who cannot.
- 14. Surfers 'Open House' Hostel – Like Guaraja Surf House, Costa Rica Jaco base, or Elevate Youth Centre Bali
- 15. Get a job in the surf shop, great way of meeting all the local surfers
- 16. Combine a surf contest with a Skate contest
- 17. Befriend a visiting surfer, a local invitation to a home has huge impact
- 18. Disaster relief - Be careful, but if there is help required i.e. Tsunami, Landslip etc etc, be prepared to think about how a local CS base can help
- 19. Food based Bible Studies
- 20. Beach food – BBQ, pancakes etc. free to local passing surfers
- 21. Video and photography ministry – Everyone loves their picture being taken, few are prepared to offer it – Unless they charge a large amount of money.
- 22. Free Bands at the beach, during or at the end of the day.
- 23. Lifeguarding Courses
- 24. Board or other surf hardware donation to the poor
- 25. Focus on being the best person to surf with in the water, not the best surfer in the water

