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Dear Grace Christian School parents,

For the past number of years Grace Christian has been so blessed to partner with students and their families from over fifteen countries. Although many of our international students arrive on PEI with their parents, some students come to GCS on their own and require a safe, supportive home environment provided through our International Student Home Stay Program.

If you have a heart for young people who are strangers to PEI and are willing to share your home and family life with them, we would be very interested in having you become part of our **Home Stay Registry**. This is a great responsibility but one that offers tremendous benefits in providing not just a place to live but also a loving, supportive relationship to a young person far from their own families. One of Christ's greatest commendations to His people is found in Matthew's gospel: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Matthew 25:35 ESV). What an opportunity to be Christ's hands and feet in welcoming someone into your family so that they can experience a loving, Christian home.

We endeavor to provide support for both home stay students and their home stay hosts. Home stay parents are compensated monthly through the school and can receive both week-long or weekend rest support if required. Home stay placements normally begin either in early August for those attending our Summer Institute or by start of school in early September. Home stay placements continue until the end of the school year when the student will return to their home country.

We do have a current need for placement for a high school student in December, 2021 until the end of the school year. If you are interested in providing a home stay for this student, please contact me this week at nthompson@gcspei.ca and we can discuss this current opportunity. If you are interested in being available for future students as a home stay or as rest support, please contact me about application to the Home Stay Registry.

Grace Christian School has an outstanding program which attracts interest from around the world and we believe that we can provide support for those international students coming to us without their families. What a blessing to our GCS families who are able and willing to open their hearts and homes to these brave young people.

Sincerely,

Neil Thompson

Director of International Student Affairs

