



## WHAT IS ENGLISH CONVERSATION HELPERS?

English Conversation Helpers is a group committed to helping international students learn to communicate and converse in English, not just have an academic understanding of grammar and vocabulary. These students will develop the ability to communicate in English, both in written and in oral forms. This material can be used as a tool for sharing the Gospel with others, whether in a transcultural ministry context or as a social ministry project through a local church.

## WHAT MATERIALS DO YOU USE TO TEACH THE STUDENTS?

English Lessons for this program are from the Book of Mark, and the lessons were originally developed by the North American Mission Board to help immigrants from around the world adapt to using English as a means to communicate.

## WHAT IF I'M NOT AN ENGLISH TEACHER?

The best part of this program is that anyone who is a native English speaker can participate as a teacher! No prior teaching experience is required.

## WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

Each week, you will meet with your student for 30 minutes. Outside of that, we will have an orientation meeting prior to the beginning of the semester.

## WHAT DOES THE LEARNING PROCESS LOOK LIKE?

This model uses biblical narratives, primarily from the Gospel of Mark, and dialogues to teach grammar and oral skills. The focus is on comprehension of the text through context, not through translation. Confidence is gained as the student has ample opportunity for repetition of sounds, words, and sentences, practice with grammar, sequencing (telling the biblical narrative in their own words), and adaptation to real life scenarios.

## WHAT LEVEL ARE THE STUDENTS AT?

Groups can be composed of students at varying levels. Each unit in the text consists of three lessons, beginning with vocabulary and grammatical concepts at the beginner level in lesson 1, moving towards an intermediate level of understanding and application (including conversation and writing) by lesson 3.

## HOW DO I GET INVOLVED WITH THIS PROGRAM?

If you would like to join the ECH Team, register here:

<https://account.cottonwoodcreek.org/OnlineReg/3361>