

Host Home Pack



Thank you!

Opening your home this year is not a small commitment and for that we say a huge thank you! Having host families is so valuable in having the internship work effectively.

Hosting an intern can be a real blessing for all involved. Our aim is to provide you with information that will help make this coming year a lovely experience for both your family and the intern. Expectations and guidelines are intended to help make the year a success!

Hosting an intern is more than providing a room — it's an opportunity to welcome someone into your home, invest in their calling, and play a part in shaping the next generation of youth leaders!

Hosting and God's heart

From **September 2026 to August 2027**, our incoming one or two intern/s will be learning, serving, and growing in ministry, and we're looking for families and individuals who can offer a safe, supportive place for them to call home!

Hospitality has always been close to the heart of God. In the Old Testament, the woman of Shunem welcomed the prophet Elisha into her home, creating a place where he could rest and be supported in his calling (2 Kings 4:8-10). In the New Testament, the early church modelled this same heart of hospitality through shared life, generosity, and caring for one another (Acts 2:42-47). While hosting may primarily be a ministry of hospitality rather than a paid arrangement, we also want to sure finances are not an unnecessary barrier to hosting. A small financial contribution towards their food may be available.

By opening your home, you're not just providing accommodation — you're joining God's work by helping equip someone for ministry!

What does hosting involve?

1. **Room and Board.** Ideally their own room, where they can have a place to rest.
2. **Food.** For 3 meals a day, the intern will generally be expected to make their own breakfast and pack lunch and then occasionally eat with the family at dinnertime adjusting to your family's routine, habits or preferences. Because of ministry, some nights they are away.
3. **Family.** The most rewarding bit, including them as much as you are comfortable such as family gatherings, chores, day trips, etc.

What does it not involve?

1. **Transport.** The intern will be expected to either provide their own vehicle or be happy to walk / travel to and from church. You may provide them lifts if you like, or even let them use your vehicle at your own risk and discretion, as appropriately insured.
2. **Other Needs.** Hosts are not expected to provide outside of accommodation and meals. The intern is expected to cover their own expenses outside of this such as phone plans, shopping, eating out *unless you specifically want to*.



The Host Liaison

This coming year's host liaison is **Charlie Flores** and her role is to support communication between the host home, apprentice, and the church. She has occupied this role for years in our previous church placements. Any questions, concerns, or challenges throughout the year can be brought to the liaison, who will help provide support and guidance.

You can reach her via email at charlotteeflores@gmail.com

Communication

Good communication is **key to a healthy intern - host home relationship**. Interns are expected to **communicate regularly** with their host family. Work schedules, social activities, and church activities should be discussed in order to let you know what meals you need to provide and when you can expect them to be at home. The intern should also provide you with their cellphone number (most people use WhatsApp).

The host liaison will also regularly connect with each host family to check in, listen, and help ensure the experience is positive for both the host and the intern!

Helping Out

To make sure your apprentice is participating in the family life, we will create ChurchSuite forms for “**Intern/Host Home Expectations**”. Doing this and discussing together will help with expectations as well as home and family rules, etc. In our experience, **rules clearly defined the rules & expectations in the beginning so there is no confusion later**.

Interns are also expected to **help out around the house with chores** as these help them become more a part of the family as well as blessing you for opening up your home.

Hosting Requirements

- To complete **host interview** and **DBS** satisfactorily.
- To communicate clearly any **expectations/guidelines** with the interns and host liaison
- To fill in **Intern/Host Home Expectations** form on ChurchSuite
- To maintain **monthly communication** with host liaison.
- To notify host liaison in good time (ideally 3-4 weeks), if **alternative accommodation** needs to be found during holiday periods/vacation time or whatever reason. Host homes may arrange alternative accommodation for their intern if they so wish, in consultation with host liaison.
- To ensure they have **current emergency contact** for their intern in case of emergency.
- **Fully release** apprentice for their primary role in the ministry, and other possible time commitments.

Finally

Both the intern and the host home will also fill out an **Intern / Host Home Survey** to identify their likes and dislikes such as food and entertainment. Any medical needs, allergies or reactions to medications, or other personal needs, as well as household preferences and expectations will be listed on said form as well. Where at all possible, every effort will be made to appropriately **match families and interns** based on personalities, likes, dislikes, allergies, etc.

Once an intern has been matched to your family, we recommend and can help arrange for a meet for an hour or so about these surveys as well expectations. The links to forms will be sent to you in due time.