

Brainstorming for Your Contact List

When people first begin brainstorming names for their contact list, they automatically block out people that they are not comfortable approaching. This is very natural, but will always result in a contact list that is far too short. There are two criteria to help you determine who goes on your contact list:

1. Do you know their name?
2. Do they know your name?

If these criteria are met, then the contact should go on your list. Below are a few ideas to get you started.

- Family members
- Current Neighbors
- Former Neighbors
- Community Leaders
- Parents' friends
- Friends' parents
- Retired people
- Parents' co-workers
- Parents' employers
- High school friends
- High school teachers
- College friends
- Sorority sisters
- Fraternity brothers
- College professors
- Athletic coaches
- Campus ministry leaders
- Friends from campus ministries
- Friends from discipleship programs
- Past mission trip leaders
- Friends from missions trips
- Other missionaries
- Church missions boards
- Pastors
- Sunday school classes
- Church friends
- Church directories
- Wedding guest lists
- Christmas card lists
- Businessmen
- Salesmen
- Family realtors
- Former employers
- Former customers