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Ideas from "Joining Jesus on His Mission", pgs. 149-152 Greg Finke

Which of the following might work for you? Put a mark by the ones which may fit.

Intentional Neighboring:

1. Have a cook out or ice cream party and invite your neighbors.
2. Have a fire in the fire pit, provide the ingredients for s'mores, and invite your neighbors.
3. At work, look for someone who is regularly overlooked and underestimated. Invite them to lunch with you and one or two other employees.
4. Participate in gatherings hosted by others, like Home Owners Association functions or parties thrown by other neighbors. Go to community gatherings like festivals, art shows, and city celebrations. Be open to talking with people.
5. Give out baked goods to neighbors and be willing to linger if conversations begin.
6. Invite neighbors to a happy hour in your driveway.
7. Do a food-drive or invite your neighbors to join together and somehow make a difference for the community.
8. Invite neighbors or co-workers over to watch the big game.
9. Invite neighbors or co-workers to a wine or craft beer tasting party. Have everyone bring their favorite kind and share what they like about their choice.
10. Do you enjoy exercising ... or would you like to start? Invite neighbors to regularly power-walk or bike with you.
11. If your child is involved in a school group (like band, or drama), invite those families over for some fun.
12. Invite a different neighbor over for lunch or dinner month.
13. If you live near a university, see if they have a way for to invite international students to your home.
14. What is your hobby or recreational sport? Invite others to join you.
15. Work with neighbors to have a community garage sale give the money for a community cause.
16. Have an Easter Egg hunt with the neighborhood children and then use Resurrection Eggs to tell what happened on Easter.
17. In neighborhoods with multiple cultures represented have a multi-cultural dinner with people bringing their favorite cultural dish.
18. At Christmas, make cookies for the neighbors and put a note on the plate inviting them to contact you if they need someone to take in their mail or collect the trash bins if they go out of town.

19. At home during the afternoons? Begin an after-school club for the neighborhood kids or have a regular story time for younger kids.

Spontaneous Neighboring:

1. Find reasons to be in your front yard rather than closed up in the house or apartment. Watering flowers, weeding, sitting on the front porch or driveway, etc. puts you into position to see who might wander by.
2. When you stop for your morning coffee, don't go through the drive-through. Stop and go inside. Be aware of the people around you. Look for people that just "happen" to be looking around as you are. Smile. Look for people who are regularly there when you are. Eventually introduce yourself.
3. Walk your dog when you see others are out walking theirs. There are few easier ways to meet people.
4. Be a regular at the neighborhood pool, community center or park.
5. Be quick to offer assistance to neighbors who need a hand with a project.
6. Offer to babysit for weary moms or so a young couple can have a date night.
7. Be a "regular" at a lunch spot. Start to get to know the wait staff and other "regulars." Tip well!
8. Let your kids play in a park-league or school leagues. Strike up conversations with other parents.
9. Have a regular game-playing time out in the front yard with the neighborhood kids. Kickball, whiffle ball, basketball, touch football, tag, water balloon fights and more.
10. Bring morning treats to work. See what happens.

How do we get to know the people with whom God has put us?
Unhurried time + proximity + activity (food) = conversations over time = friendship. Jesus can do more with neighbors who are friends than he can do with neighbors who are strangers.