

## **Day 1: Saturday, June 21**

*“Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it.” (Hebrews 13:2)*

Some of us on the bus this week are, indeed, strangers to one another. Most of us worship together, sing together, and serve alongside one another, but don't really know one another.

What does it mean to “entertain” strangers? Have we lost the ability to sit with one another and simply listen? Do we care about the stories that form the fabric of the lives of those who are traveling with us?

Hospitality seems easier when we are with family and friends, but God reminds us to entertain those outside our familiar circle. In Mark 9:41, we are reminded that Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.” Whether it be a cup of water or a glass of iced tea, God is pleased when we show hospitality.

Can you imagine finding out that by welcoming a stranger, you had actually greeted and fellowshiped with an angel? I'm not promising that anyone on this bus is an angel, but who knows who we will encounter this week along the way. Be ready to share the time that is required to really get acquainted. Generously offer them a smile or a greeting that promises them that you care. Let others see the tender love of Christ in the way you treat them. These seeds are sure to bear fruit in the days and weeks ahead. After all, for some people, our friendship and hospitality may be the only Jesus they will ever see.

Food for Thought – “Good friends are like good quilts; they never lose their warmth.”