



2022 “Reverse” Short Term Mission Trip God Brings the World to YOU!

A team of 4-10 people from your church have an opportunity to reach international college students from countries where there is little or no gospel witness in Columbus, OH USA.

10 DAY OPTION: August 12th-21st (Friday - Sunday)

7 DAY OPTION: August 18-24th (Thursday - Wednesday)

4 DAY OPTION: August 12th-15th (Friday - Monday)

IFI TEAM LEADER: TBD

CHURCH GROUP LEADER: There will be one person designated as the leader of the short term missions team for the church. This person will be responsible for communicating with the IFI Team Leader and team members and helping to ensure the unity and spiritual preparation of the team.

WHY?: Many churches have had to postpone and cancel Short Term Missions (STM) trips for over a year. International travel is still highly regulated by Covid-19 concerns. A “Reverse” Mission Trip (RMT) with IFI provides the opportunity for a short term without all the uncertainty caused by international travel and costs less, but still provides an opportunity for church members to bond together and participate in the Great Commission.

COST: Raise \$250-500/person. You are responsible for your own gas, meals, etc. during the trip. However, you are encouraged to raise support to cover your expenses and to help IFI pay for expenses for the Welcome Activities (\$1,000-10,000/team).

ACTION PLAN: IFI expects to serve hundreds of international students before Fall Semester begins. Would you be willing to clear your calendar and take off work to be available to do some of the exciting things listed below during this time period? (See the specific activities on the back of this sheet).

ACCOMMODATIONS: Stay at your own home.

TEAM SIZE: Minimum 4 **LANGUAGE SPOKEN:** English

PARTICIPANT REQUIREMENTS:

- Desire to serve International students.
- Willingness to complete an IFI application form, provide spiritual references, background check, and attend an orientation and cross-cultural training.
- Meet as a group to plan and pray for students at least one time before the trip. Pray daily during the days of service.
- Willingness to follow up with a student(s) as God provides opportunity to maintain a relationship(s).
- Willingness to share your experience with serving and welcoming international others in your small group or at your church
- Able to walk for an hour or more and carry heavy boxes.

Service Opportunities during 10 Day Missions Trip

AUGUST 12th-21st: (Below are some of the opportunities to serve that you and your team may be involved in doing.) *designates events that will likely be done as a team.

- *Pass out flyers and welcome bags to internationals on campus/at apartment complexes
- *Participate in daily prayer walk around OSU.
- Drive students from the airport to their dormitory or other temporary housing.
- Temporarily house students for 1-2 nights.
- Drive students on a tour of the city.
- Take students on a hike in a local metro park.
- *Assist at the IFI office with preparation for a picnic and Indian Independence Day event.
- *Help prepare and serve food, interact with students, set up and clean up at the Picnic on Saturday, August 13th and the Indian Independence Day Party on Monday, August 15th.
- *Group will prepare food dishes and a few should be ready to share their testimony with international students at the IFI Bible Discussion Group kick off event on Friday, Aug. 12th.

Service Opportunities during 7 Day Missions Trip

AUGUST 18th-24th: (Below are some of the opportunities to serve that you and your team may be involved in doing.) *designates events that will likely be done as a team.

- *Pass out flyers and welcome bags to internationals on campus/at apartment complexes
- *Participate in daily prayer walks around OSU.
- Drive students from the airport to their dormitory or other temporary housing.
- Temporarily house students for 1-2 nights.
- *Assist at the IFI office with preparation for and serve at the welcome (back) party at the Ohio Union at OSU on Aug. 23rd.
- Drive students on a tour of the city
- Take students on a hike in a local metro park.
- Prepare food for the IFI Bible Discussion Group kickoff event on Friday, Aug. 19th.

Service Opportunities during 4 Day Missions Trip

AUGUST 12th-15th: (Below are some of the opportunities to serve that you and your team may be involved in doing.) *designates events that will likely be done as a team.

- *Pass out flyers and welcome bags to internationals on campus/at apartment complexes
- *Participate in daily prayer walk around OSU.
- Drive students from the airport to their dormitory or other temporary housing.
- *Assist at the IFI office with preparation for a picnic and Indian Independence Day event.
- *Help prepare and serve food, interact with students, set up and clean up at the Picnic on Saturday, August 13th and the Indian Independence Day Party on Monday, August 15th.
- *Group will prepare food dishes and a few should be ready to share their testimony with international students at the IFI Bible Discussion Group kick off event on Friday, Aug. 12th.

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