



“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.

DATES: August 10th-15th or August 14th-20th

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?: A “Reverse” Mission Trip (RMT) with IFI provides the opportunity for an STM trip 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 \$200-400/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.

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Service Opportunities during Missions Trip

AUGUST 10th-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.

- *Prepare welcome bags with a group from your church before July 31st.
- *Pass out flyers and welcome bags to internationals on campus/at apartment complexes
- *Participate in prayer walk around OSU.
- Drive students from the airport to their dormitory or other temporary housing.
- OPTIONAL: Temporarily house students for 1-2 nights.
- OPTIONAL: Drive students on a tour of the city or take students to hike in a local metro park.
- *Assist at the IFI office with preparation for Indian Independence Day event.
- *Help serve ice cream, interact with students, set up and clean up at the Ice Cream Social on Saturday, August 10th and the Indian Independence Day Party on Thursday, August 15th.

August 14th-20th: (Below are some 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 prayer walk around OSU.
- Drive students from the airport to their dormitory or other temporary housing.
- OPTIONAL: Temporarily house students for 1-2 nights.
- OPTIONAL: Drive students on a tour of the city or take students to hike in a local metro park.
- *Assist at the IFI office with preparation for Indian Independence Day Event (15th) and Welcome Party (20th).
- *Help load and unload the IFI Van, serve food, interact with students, set up and clean up at the Indian Independence Day event and the Welcome Party.