Small Group Opportunities 2025

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- HOST A MONTHLY GATHERING WITH INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: You decide the date and time. One group member needs to be an approved and trained volunteer.
- ADOPT AN IFI BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: One person is the main contact with the IFI Bible Discussion leader. The whole group can pray and serve together the international students and helpers in the group.
- PROVIDE FOOD FOR A WEEKLY BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP: Group members prepare food dishes, such as a main dish, vegetable dish, side dish, and fruit. Then drop off food at a designated location. In some cases groups can stay and serve food. Groups can serve one-time, quarterly, monthly, or weekly.

WINTER

LUNAR NEW YEAR PARTY

Friday, January 31 6:00pm-9:00pm

Volunteers needed to serve food and make traditional Chinese dishes

SPRING

EID CELEBRATION - MUSLIM

Monday, March 31

Help Muslim students through set up, check-in students, and clean up. 2-4 groups needed.

**AFRICAN RICHNESS EVENT

Saturday, April 5 2:00-5:00pm

Bless African students by doing set up, checking in guests, and cleaning up after the event. Two groups needed.

FINALS CARE PACKAGES FOR STUDENTS

Week of April 7-11

Prepare care packages for students that will be handed out before the final examinations week

SUMMER

WELCOME BAGS - NEW STUDENTS

June & July

Prepare welcome bags for new students

**IFI ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Saturday August 9

Help IFI host a meet, greet and treat for internationals. 4 groups needed.

INDIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Thursday, August 15

Help Indian Students celebrate their Independence Day through set up, checking in students, and clean up. 2-4 groups needed.

IFI WELCOME PARTY

Tuesday, August 26

Ohio Union on OSU Campus

Help welcome new students through set up, check-in students, and clean up. 2-4 groups needed.

REVERSE SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP August 14-17 or August 22-26

Go on mission with members of your small group by welcoming new international students at the Welcome Picnic and Indian Independence Day.

FALL

HOCKING HILLS DAY TRIP

Saturday, October 18

Volunteers and students drive to Hocking Hills and spend the day hiking. 1-2 groups needed to provide and serve dinner for 150 people.

PUMPKIN CARVING

Friday, October 31

Groups help by donating medium-sized carving pumpkins and preparing treat bags that will be handed out to students at the Pumpkin Carving event.

FINALS CARE PACKAGES FOR STUDENTS

November 17-21

Prepare care packages for students

**CHRISTMAS FOR INTERNATIONALS

Friday, December 13

Prepare Christmas cookie treat bags

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