

International Friendships, Inc.

Summer and Fall 2010

Summer and New Student Welcome Activities Sample Bulletin/Newsletter Announcements

All Activities:

***TO BE USED IF IFI IS DOING A TRAINING AT YOUR CHURCH:**

***DOES BEING A MISSIONARY WITHOUT LEAVING COLUMBUS SOUND LIKE IT'S FOR YOU?**

“Several hundred international students will bring the foreign mission field to Columbus when they arrive at OSU this fall. They will later return to their countries to become leaders in politics, business, education, the arts, and military. Many of their home countries provide little opportunity to hear about Jesus. Imagine the impact on their lives and their countries should they hear the truth of Jesus while they are here in the United States!

Many arrive into this new culture not knowing anyone and having many practical needs. *International Friendships* is a ministry committed to reaching out to these students with the love of Christ. Would you consider opening your heart to befriend students and help meet their needs?

Be the first to meet a new student at the airport and provide transportation or open your home for a few days while the student looks for more permanent housing. Many students are impacted by these expressions of caring and serve. Bring food and interact with the students at a “Welcome Potluck” on Sunday, September 12 from 5:00-9:00 p.m.. We also need volunteers to help students practice their English.

Come hear about the ministry of International Friendships and how you can be involved. _____ (Name)
will speak on Sunday, _____ (date and time).”

MISSIONS FOR DUMMIES Feel intimidated by the idea of foreign missions? International Friendships makes missions easy by training you and introducing you to an international student who wants an American friend. Check out our activities by talking to your church representative [at the table in the lobby] or by calling 614-294-2434, e-mailing: recruit@ifipartners.org, or visiting our website: www.ifipartners.org.

“DON'T TALK TO STRANGERS!” The old adage applied when you were young, but now Jesus wants us to reach out to the “stranger” in our midst. Many international students are studying at OSU and would like an American friend. You can meet one through the ministry of International Friendships. Talk to [CHURCH REP], check out www.ifipartners.org, E-mail: recruit@ifipartners.org, or call 614-294-2434.

SERVE CHRIST BY WELCOMING NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS TO COLUMBUS!

International Friendships has offered services to reach out to the several hundred international students arriving this summer to go to OSU this fall. Volunteers are needed to meet each one who responds. Please e-mail: recruit@ifipartners.org, or call 614-294-2434.

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YOUR HOSPITALITY CAN HELP CHANGE OUR WORLD! Imagine yourself arriving in another country, not having a place to stay and not knowing anyone. Wouldn't it impact you if someone extended a warm welcome and offered you assistance as you adjusted your new environment? YOU can do this for a new international student arriving in Columbus this summer to study at OSU this Fall. Would you consider opening your home to one or two students for a few days until permanent housing is available? You may also help by picking students up at the airport, bringing food to a welcome picnic or helping a student practice conversational English. Please call [CHURCH REP] or contact *International Friendships* at: recruit@ifipartners.org ; visit: www.ifipartners.org ; or 614-294-2434.

IMAGINE YOURSELF IN THIS SITUATION...

Your plane touches ground and you have finally arrived after a 13-hour flight. You get inside the airport and realize that you understand little of what people are saying. You know you stand out because you look different from everyone else. You're not sure about the signs directing you to the baggage claim area. You exchange some money and wonder if the bigger coin is worth more or less than the smaller coin. Sounds a little scary, doesn't it?

Hundreds of international students have been arriving at OSU and are in this exact situation. They're looking for a friendly smile, a person to learn about our culture from, or someone to just be their friend. They also need Jesus.

International Friendships is a campus-based ministry that reaches out to international students studying at OSU. Opportunities for interaction through IFI abound for those interested in reaching out to our local internationals. Some areas of involvement are serving as a conversation partner, helping as an ESL (English as a Second Language) class assistant, temporary housing, and bringing food to a welcome potluck. The list goes on. If you would like to find out more about any of these or other opportunities, please talk with [CHURCH REP] or e-mail: recruit@ifipartners.org , or call 614-294-2434. You may also check out the IFI website: www.ifipartners.org .

Potlucks/Picnics/tour:

LIKE FOOD? LIKE FUN? LIKE TO WELCOME? International Friendships will welcome international students who are arriving to study at OSU. Prepare a dish, help with set up, clean up, and registration for a new student Welcome Potluck on Sunday, Sept. 12 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Sign up at: www.ifipartners.org/welcome-potluck.php . Contact [CHURCH REP] or e-mail: recruit@ifipartners.org call 614-294-2434 for more details.

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Potlucks/Picnics/tour (cont.):

LIKE THE OUTDOORS? LIKE PICNICS? LIKE TO WELCOME? International Friendships will be hosting a Summer Picnic on Friday, June 25 from 6:30 until dark at Whetstone Park of Roses. Prepare a dish, help with set up, clean up, sports and children's activities, and registration. Contact [CHURCH REP] or sign up at: www.ifipartners.org/summerpicnic.php ; or e-mail: recruit@ifipartners.org ; or call 614-294-2434.

Garage Sale Shopping:

SHOP TILL YOU DROP AND MOVE THE WORLD:

Hundreds of new international students will arrive this fall in need of beds, desks, dressers to make their apartment a home. 75 – 100 drivers are needed to drive students around to sales and 20 delivery people and trucks needed to deliver the furniture. Saturday, September 18. SHOPPING: 8:00 a.m.-noon and DELIVERY: Noon-whenever done.

English Conversation:

SPEAK ENGLISH? KNOW JESUS? LOVE PEOPLE? Servants with these qualifications are needed to meet with international students from OSU who want an American friend and an opportunity to practice their spoken English. Sign up to be a conversation partner through International Friendships. Training provided. Contact [CHURCH REP] or visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/english-friendship-partners.php> ; email: recruit@ifipartners.org ; or call 614-294-2434 for more information.

HELP BLESS THE NATIONS COMING TO COLUMBUS! Several hundred international students will arrive this summer to study at OSU this fall, bringing the foreign mission field to Columbus. They will later return to their countries to become leaders in politics, business, education, the arts, and military. Many of their home countries provide little opportunity to hear about Jesus. Imagine the impact on their lives and their countries should they hear the truth of Jesus while they are here in the United States! Please call [CHURCH REP] or visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/english-friendship-partners.php> ; or contact *International Friendships* at recruit@ifipartners.org or 614-294-2434 to be matched as a *Friendship or English Conversation Partner*.

Friendship Partners:

YOU MAY BE THE ONLY AMERICAN FRIEND THEY HAVE.. International students are often very lonely and need help to get oriented when they first arrive in Columbus. By inviting an international student to spend some time with you and/or your family and having fun together, the student will feel they have a **friend** here in Columbus. In return, you and/or your family will be enriched by learning about the students' culture. Contact [CHURCH REP] or visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/english-friendship-partners.php>; email: recruit@ifipartners.org ; or call 614-294-2434 for more information and training.

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Small Group Service Opportunities:

SMALL GROUP MISSIONS OPPORTUNITY! International Friendships, a ministry that reaches out to the over 4,000 international students and their families at OSU, needs groups to prepare and serve food for weekly Bible study groups and quarterly potlucks/picnics, ice cream social and to host monthly Culture gatherings. To volunteer or for more information visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/small-groups.php> , email to: recruit@ifiusa.org , or call: 614-294-2434.

WELCOME NEW INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: Hundred of new students will arrive without knowing anyone or knowing their way around Columbus. **International Friendships will be holding welcome events to help students get oriented to their new home.** Your small group can help by preparing and serving food, helping with clean up, set up, and hosting a meal in your home. There will be a summer picnic on June 25, an Ice Cream social on Sept. 15, and a Welcome Potluck on Sept. 12. If your group is interested in serving: contact [CHURCH REP] or visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/small-groups.php> or email: recruit@ifipartners.org or call 614-294-2434 for more information.

MEN'S GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: International Friendships a ministry that reaches out to internationals at OSU is driving students to garage sales on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 19. However, in the afternoon furniture needs to be delivered. Can your men's group help with driving trucks and delivering furniture? Contact [CHURCH REP] or <http://www.ifipartners.org/small-groups.php> ;or email: recruit@ifipartners.org ; or call 614-294-2434 for more information.

WOMEN'S GROUP SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: International Friendships, a ministry that reaches out to internationals at OSU, is hosting an Ice Cream Social for new international families on Wednesday, Sept. 15 from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Contact [CHURCH REP] or visit: <http://www.ifipartners.org/small-groups.php> ; or email: recruit@ifipartners.org ; or call 614-294-2434 for more information.