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CHILDREN'S HELPER AND MOM'S HELPER FOR THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS GROUP (IMG) INFORMATION SHEET

WHAT IS THE INTERNATIONAL MOTHERS GROUP?

The International Mothers Group (IMG) is an outreach to International mothers and their young children. It offers opportunities for the moms to have genuine friendships with American Christians. We assist the moms with their adjustment and caring for their families in a new culture. Moms are given the opportunity to learn more about the Bible through our Bible study. We also provide English lessons that will help them as they care for their families and in their daily tasks as moms. Other activities are planned from time to time such as crafts, potlucks, and field trips.

IMG meets the first and third Monday morning of each month and every Friday morning (this does vary based on holidays) at the Old Buckeye Village Recreation Center located on Defiance Dr. You may choose to serve on Mondays only, Fridays only, or both of those days. Mom helpers can choose to help prior to and/or during the meetings with the following:

- set-up and clean-up
- provide snacks
- calling and emailing moms to remind them about meetings
- discussion group leader
- teaching leader
- hospitality
- childcare leader or helper
- administrative tasks
- be a special speaker

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS FOR THE CHILDREN'S AND MOM'S HELPERS?

- Ministry or missions opportunity during the day for stay-at-home moms, empty-nester moms, and college students.
- You can bring your pre-school age or home-schooled children.
- Be encouraged as a mom by the topics presented and discussed while serving international moms and children from many countries.
- Serve children in a multi-cultural environment. Wonderful training for missions and service projects in international orphanages.
- Your children will be encouraged to develop multi-cultural skills through interaction with children from many different cultures.

WHO SHOULD PARTICIPATE?

Women **only** please. You must be a current International Friendships volunteer. To become an IFI volunteer you must complete an online application, background check and attend a one-time New Volunteer Orientation

and Training. You would need to be available during the weekdays (stay-at-home moms, empty-nester moms, college students, and high school age home-schoolers). Also, any pre-school age or home-schooled children are welcome along with their moms.

WHAT IS THE COMMITMENT?

The commitment is to attend monthly and/or weekly meetings, yearly orientation meeting and to befriend an international mom (mom helpers only) during the meetings and if the situation allows, outside of the meetings as well.

WHO SHOULD I CONTACT WITH OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE IMG?

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Also, for more information visit: www.ifipartners.org/img.php .

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