

OCTOBER 1, 2017

*Welcome to UALC! We're glad you're here.*

We invite you to take this home as a prayer guide and use the back for taking notes during the sermon. Please stop by the Connect Center in the lobby if you have any questions or want to learn more about our church.

Additional information and announcements can be found in *The Cornerstone*, available from ushers, or online at [ualc.org/announcements](http://ualc.org/announcements).

*Join Us As We Pray For:*

## Our Heart

**Read Isaiah 49:3-6; Revelation 7:9-12**

God's purpose has always been to reach all peoples with His love. We who are blessed to have faith in Jesus have the privilege of joining with Him to bring His Kingdom to all peoples. Some are called to travel distances, to learn other languages and cultures. Some are called to dig deeply into our home culture. All are called to bear witness to Jesus. What a privilege!

## Our People

**Home from the hospital or in short-term care:** Bill Gibeaut

**Homebound or in care facilities:** Nancy Hess, Marilyn Mooney, Harold Ruff, Dottie Wharton

**We offer Christian sympathy to:** Gary Dunifon at the death of his mother

## Our World

**International Sunday, Oct. 1:**

On this special day, we pray for 3 ministries:

- **Crescent Project** and Director Fouad Masri as they work to see every Muslim have an opportunity to respond to the Gospel and be connected to a true follower of Jesus.
- **Frontiers** and Director Curt Stearns as they invite all Muslim peoples, with love and respect, to follow Jesus.
- **International Friendships** and Director Rich Mendola, that international students may find friendship with American Christians and new life in Christ.

*Announcement Updates:*

## Children's Winter Coat Drive

As UALC focuses on responding to the real needs in our community, we support SON Ministries' Winter Wear store which gives us an opportunity to serve children and engage their families for the Kingdom. The store allows children to shop for new coats, hats, gloves and scarves, free of charge, in a Christ filled environment. Today, we will be collecting monetary donations to purchase coats for hundreds of children in the Hilliard area. Donations of hats, gloves and scarves will be collected through November. Stop by the table in the lobby to donate and find out about other opportunities during the Season of Giving. Details at [ualc.org/service](http://ualc.org/service).



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# Opportunities to Serve Internationals

There are many opportunities to serve this fall. Here are some ways you can help:

## **BIBLE STUDY LEADER/ASSISTANT** (INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS)

Lead or assist in small groups which seek to meet the physical, social and spiritual needs of international students and scholars or their families, in the context of genuine love and hospitality. Groups are structured to help Christian students grow in their faith, and help non-Christians understand God's plan of salvation.

## **CLASSROOM ASSISTANT FOR ENGLISH CLASSES** (SON MINISTRIES)

Adults assist trained English as a Second Language (ESL) teachers help non-native English speakers improve reading, writing, listening and speaking skills in English.

## **CONVERSATION PARTNERS**

(INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS AND SON MINISTRIES)

Meet individually with an international (of same gender) for conversational English over a drink, meal, or an activity together. Meets weekly or bi-weekly for a minimum of six weeks.

## **DRIVERS FOR AIRPORT PICKUP**

(INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS)

In partnership with student organizations on campus, volunteers show hospitality to strangers by picking new students up at the airport and providing temporary housing. Airport pickup provides a vital first point of contact with students. The sooner an international student is served by Christians the better since the window of time that internationals are most open is usually during their first year in the U.S.

## **FRIDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY**

(INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS)

Set up: set 10-15 round tables and chairs by 6:00 pm. Two to four people can complete in less than 60 minutes.

Provide food: Chicken and beef dishes OK; vegetable dishes or salads welcome. Drop off at Lytham Road by 6:30 pm.

Serve dinner and clean up: Four to six people serve 7:45-9:00 pm (Biggest need for volunteers).

To volunteer, sign up at: <https://www.ifipartners.org/events/fnfl>. Also, email Jerry Cable at [jerry66.cable@gmail.com](mailto:jerry66.cable@gmail.com) to confirm.

## **HOMEWORK HELPER**

(SON MINISTRIES)

Adult/teens help school-aged children (K-7) with their homework, facilitate math and language arts games.

## **HOSPITALITY ASSISTANT**

(SON MINISTRIES)

Prepare coffee/tea and socialize with adult students during their break from English classes, providing conversation practice and connection to community. Build relationships for Christ.

## **HOST FOR HOLIDAY MEALS**

(INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS AND SON MINISTRIES)

Add some international flavor to your Holiday celebration by inviting an international student to share your holiday meal! This is a fantastic opportunity to show hospitality to students who may never have been to an American home or interacted with Christians. Talk about the true meaning of the holiday!

## **HOST FOR TEMPORARY HOUSING**

(INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS)

International Friendships offers home-stay experiences for new international students on various weekends.

## **KID'S PROGRAM ASSISTANT**

(SON MINISTRIES)

Adult/teens can care for and pour into young children (3 months to pre-K) with love, language, and learning. Or joyfully oversee and interact with children (K-7) in an indoor recess environment that includes exercise games, Legos, board games, and craft tables.

## **LAWYER**

(SON MINISTRIES)

We are thrilled for the opportunity to host a Free Legal Clinic, sponsored by the Columbus Bar Association (CBA), to offer families in need access to free legal advice on the west side of Franklin County.

## **MISSION TEAM**

(HEART TO HONDURAS)

Serve our sister churches in the village of Caliche and Aguas de la Reyna, Honduras, January 13-20, 2018. Focus will mainly be community construction projects, but no construction experience is necessary. Applications are due immediately, for as long as spots remain open. Contact Jen Geistfeld at [jengeistfeld@gmail.com](mailto:jengeistfeld@gmail.com).

## **PRAYER SUPPORTER**

(SON MINISTRIES)

Join us Tuesday mornings, 9:00-9:30 am, wherever you are (in person, via Skype or conference call) as we pray for the Hilliard community.

## **STORE VOLUNTEER**

(SON MINISTRIES)

Volunteer at our Coats for Kids store in a way that will allow us to build relationships for Jesus' sake, with the families God brings, by providing coats for children. Or serve at our Good Tidings Christmas Store, a Holiday gift store that helps families in the Hilliard School District who could not otherwise afford gifts for their children.

# Training Opportunities

## CROSS-CULTURAL TRAINING WITH INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

OCTOBER 16 AT MILL RUN. OR ONLINE TWO HOUR TRAINING

International Friendships provides cross-cultural training as a prerequisite for some of their volunteer roles. These types of volunteering require training including:

- Airport pick-up
- Temporary housing of a student/scholar for two or three nights
- Conversation partner – Meet an international one hour each week to practice English/Be A Friend,
- English Conversation Club – Meet on Saturday mornings with a group of students/scholars to practice English together.
- Host internationals in your home or at UALC for Thanksgiving, Christmas or Easter.

Training offered on Monday, Oct. 16, 7:00-9:00 pm at Mill Run. Details and registration at [ualc.org/ifi](http://ualc.org/ifi).

For online training, go to: <https://www.ifipartners.org/get-started/>.

Other live training sessions scheduled throughout the year. For information about live or online training, contact Jerry Cable at [jerry66.cable@gmail.com](mailto:jerry66.cable@gmail.com).

## INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS TRAINING DAY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2018 - AT MILL RUN

This all-day conference is an excellent opportunity to gain increased skills in relating to internationals from many countries. There will be plenary sessions as well as multiple break-out groups. In addition, there will be live training opportunities for new volunteers. For registration information, "stay tuned" to <https://www.ifipartners.org/events/>.

# About the Organizations



### INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIPS

International Friendships, Inc. (IFI) is a community organization that works in partnership with universities and Christian volunteers to promote friendship and hospitality for international students, scholars and family members. IFI also partners with internationals through on-campus student organizations.



### SERVING OUR NEIGHBORS (SON) MINISTRIES

Serving Our Neighbors (SON) Ministries is a faith based not for profit which partners with children and families facing the unique challenges of suburban poverty in Hilliard, OH and beyond. We mobilize life-improving resources and connect families to these resources (some of which we facilitate) and to a network of organizations and people who together strive to help strengthen families and our community. We offer a respect-filled HAND UP to those in need and mobilize the community to Serve Our Neighbors!



### HEART TO HONDURAS

Heart to Honduras is a holistic ministry that is centered in Christ and resourced by passionate partners. We strive to meet the spiritual and physical needs of the poor in Honduras. By partnering North American churches with sister churches in Honduras, we provide food for the hungry, clothing for the naked, housing for the homeless, healing for the hurting, and hope for the hopeless.

**For information for any of these serving opportunities or training, contact  
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