HOME

away from home

A Campaign for the IFM Ministry Center

IFM

Bridging Cultures

Building Friendships

Transforming Lives

"Go therefore and teach all nations... and I am with you always."

Jesus

From the Founders

Dear Friends,

Did you know that each year, IFM reaches over 100 nations of the world, right here in Columbus? We are excited about all the Lord is doing among internationals in the Valley Area! Many are giving their hearts to the Lord and preparing themselves to share Christ with others.

The majority of the international officers and families who come to our area are from countries where governments are cracking down on religious freedom and where secularism is greatly increasing. The educational and political systems of a growing number of countries are becoming hostile to Christianity and to the Biblical truths and values that we have cherished for generations.

Now more than ever, we need to take advantage of the amazing doors open before us to befriend as many internationals as we can, aware that their eternity is at stake. **This is a strategic time for believers in the Valley to join together to reach the people from many nations who are coming to our area.**

From the beginning of IFM in 1997, our vision was to establish an International Friendship Center. We believe that time has come. We have outgrown our current location. A larger space is necessary to increase our programming, outreach and capacity to serve. We invite you to learn more about our life changing programs and the vision for our future center. This truly is an "all hands on deck" time. The needs are great and IFM is uniquely qualified and strategically positioned for this expansion - but we must have your help!

Please seek God's guidance in how you might join us in this effort.

Sincerely,

Ron + Carole

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...a Ministry Center to serve our incoming friends from over 100 countries each year who are impacted from IFM programs

You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself... I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 19:34

IFM at a Glance

There are over
1,500
internationals that come to Ft. Benning each year through the military

There are over
28,000
internationals not affiliated with Ft. Benning living in Columbus, Georgia

35% Women
45% Men
20% Children

80%
of International students visiting the U.S. have never been invited to an American home or Church

IFM reaches over
100
countries each year from Columbus

Mission

To reach out to internationals in the Valley area with God's unconditional love, leading them into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and then equipping them to impact their world.

Core Values

Biblical Foundation, Kingdom Focused, International Outreach, Friendship Focused, Unity in Diversity, Evangelism and Discipleship, Acts of Mercy, Education and Enrichment

History

International Friendship Ministries (IFM) began in 1997 by Ron and Carole Collins with a vision to share Christ's unconditional love with internationals in Columbus, GA. The mission is to connect the Christian community to the international community creating opportunities to share Christ with them.

Community Partnerships

Columbus State University, Goodwill Industries of the Southern Rivers

Fort Benning Partnerships

IMSO (International Military Student Office), WHINSEC (Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation)

Local Church Partnerships

Beallwood Baptist, Central Baptist-PC, Christ Community, Church on the Trail, Cornerstone Baptist, Crosspoint, Edgewood Baptist, Edgewood Presbyterian, Epworth United Methodist, Evangel Temple, First Baptist Columbus, First Presbyterian, Grace Presbyterian, Hunter Road Baptist, Morningside Baptist, Northside Worship Center, Pierce Chapel United Methodist, River of Life Church of God, Rock Presbyterian, Rosehill Baptist, Solid Rock Assembly, St. Andrews Presbyterian, St. Luke United Methodist, St. Paul United Methodist, Tabernáculo Familiar, University Ave. Assembly, Wynnbrook Baptist

2018 Operating Budget

Revenue Source	Amount
Individuals	$170,335
Churches	$29,463
Businesses	$50,900
Foundations	$53,500
Total Revenue	$304,198

Expenses	Percentage
Programs	80%
Administrative	16%
Fundraising	4%

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MINISTRY VENTURES CERTIFIED

SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY
GOLD
GUIDESTAR

From Columbus, GA to the Nations

Columbus provides the ideal setting for IFM to reach internationals. Statistics indicate over 150 nations of the world have come to Columbus as a result of several large corporate headquarters, military, banking and educational industries.

IFM Key Distinctions

IFM is the only organization of its kind in the Tri-City area proactively reaching out to the international community and providing programming to meet their needs. IFM has an open invitation to Ft. Benning and long standing relationships with IMSO and WHINSEC.

Fort Benning's International Military Student Office

(IMSO) houses 470-500 officers and noncommissioned officers, representing 110 nations, per year in an effort to advise the U.S. Army in the areas of security assistance and foreign military training.

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

(WHINSEC) provides military training to government personnel in US-allied Latin American nations. The student body is drawn from countries throughout the Western Hemisphere such as Latin America, the Caribbean and Canada. Over 1,000 students per year are chosen from military, law enforcement, and governmental and non-governmental organizations to participate in the WHINSEC program.

IFM's Signature Program

International Friendship Partners, has a distinct calling and respected position to serve incoming internationals receiving training with IMSO and WHINSEC. Each year, International Friendship Partners connects with over 120 students from around 50 countries who come to the area by providing host families from the local Christian community and friendship opportunities. Through the International Friendship Partner program, future leaders of the nations are being greatly impacted for Christ.

IFM's Other Programs

IFM provides five other programs to internationals in addition to their signature program. These programs allow IFM to continuously aim towards their ultimate vision of providing Christ's unconditional love to internationals. The programs are: Ladies' Ministry, Men's Ministry, Family Ministries, English as a Second Language and Arts Academy. IFM serves internationals from all socio-economic levels.

IFP
INTERNATIONAL
FRIENDSHIP PARTNERS

ladies ministry
International Friendship Ministries

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP MINISTRIES
MENS MINISTRY

FAMILY
MINISTRIES

ENGLISH
as a second language

IFM
arts academy

Testimonies

"Though I had attended church regularly in our country, when I started studying the Bible through IFM, I realized I really didn't know the Lord, but now I do! What a difference this has made in my life! I have learned more the past few months than in 40 years in my country."

Eliana, Chile

"I had suffered many years from depression but at an IFM meeting, God set me free. I gave my life to Christ and now I feel great joy and purpose and want to help others learn about God. I share the ladies bible studies, through Facebook, with my friends in different countries."

Adriana, Ecuador

"At an IFM retreat, God's healing power touched my body. A tumor, the size of a golf ball, completely disappeared from my throat while I was listening to the presentation on healing and prayer."

Lisette, Nicaragua

"My wife and I were experiencing a difficult situation in our marriage when we arrived in Columbus, GA. I had an encounter with the Lord Jesús Christ through IFM. Now we have a very strong marriage and we are happily serving the Lord together in our country."

Ruben and Marcela, Colombia

"And the Lord worked with them and confirmed His Word by the signs that accompanied it."

Mark 16:20

About the Campaign

IFM is launching a $2.5 million capital campaign to have a permanent physical headquarters for outreach and ministry to multi-thousands of internationals in the Tri-City area.

Our goal is to be the "home base" for internationals who reside in our area by establishing a central location that would serve as the hub of our programs. A 15,000 square foot facility (like the example below) would enable us to be positioned to serve more of this growing segment of our Tri-city's popultion by providing the community with an upscale, aesthetic, and Christ-centered atmosphere where friendships can be developed across social, cultural, political and religious lines.

With dedication to improving the quality of life for internationals, the IFM Ministry Center would provide:

A Location for Training and Education Classes
- Marriage Enrichment
- Financial Planning and Budgeting
- English as a Second Language
- Citizenship Course

A Location for Bible Studies
- Ladies' Group
- Men's Group
- Family Night Studies

International Friendship Partner Program Expansion
- Cultural Training
- Friendship Partner Training
- Welcome Lunches
- Outdoor Activities and Events

Arts Academy Expansion
- Art Classes
- Music Classes
- Recital and exhibit area

A Meeting Place for International Cultural Events
- Club meetings
- Small banquets
- Business meetings
- Receptions

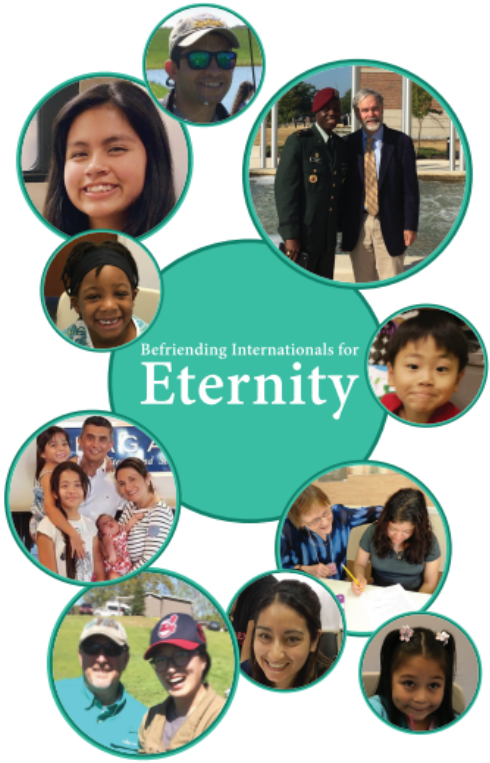
Administrative Expansion
- Staff Offices
- Prayer Room
- Conference Room
- Work Room
- Multi-Purpose Room

Example Floor Plan

Gift Plans

The gift plans on this page are provided as a suggested guideline when considering your pledge. Each donation, no matter the size, is critical to the success of the IFM Ministry Center.

Gift Amount	Number Gifts	Number Prospects	Cumulative Total
$400,000	2	5	$800,000
$100,000	4	10	$400,000
$50,000	8	15	$400,000
$25,000	15	25	$375,000
$10,000	20	35	$200,000
$5,000	30	50	$150,000
$3,000	40	75	$120,000
$1,000	55	100	$55,000
Totals	174	315	$2,500,000



Campaign Budget

Expense	Actual 2018	Projected 2019	Projected 2020 Operating in New Ministry Center	Projected 2021	Projected 2022
Programs Cost	$184,172	$218,857	$382,743	$389,747	$405,747
Administrative Cost	$42,913	$47,555	$80,461	$81,862	$85,062
Fundraising Cost	$12,604	$15,742	$20,000	$20,000	$20,000
Rent	$28,836	$28,836	$0	$0	$0
Utilities	$4,249	$4,249	$17,564	$17,564	$17,564
Maintenance	$1,248	$1,248	$2,000	$2,000	$2,000
Total Operations	$274,022	$316,487	$522,768	$531,173	$550,373
Building Purchase	$0	$2,000,000	$0	$0	$0
Reserves	$0	$200,000	$0	$0	$0
Equipment, Furnishings and Repairs	$0	$300,000	$0	$0	$0
Total Capital Campaign	$0	$2,500,000	$0	$0	$0

Projected Income through Rentals

IFM will provide the community an opportunity to rent space in the building for meetings and special events (projected earned income ranges from $1,500 - $4,000 per month)

Additional Staff Positions Needed to Support Program Expansion in New Ministry Center

Full-time
- Chief Operations Officer
- Administrative Assistant
- Arts Academy Director

Part-time
- Director of English as Second Language Program
- Three part-time Certified ESL Teachers
- Four Teachers in the Arts Academy
- College Ministry Outreach Director
- Children/Youth Ministry Outreach Director

Equipment Needed to Initially Furnish the New Ministry Center

- Conference style tables and chairs
- AV equipment
- Kitchen equipment
- Furniture
- Office Equipment, Computers
- Art Supplies

We Need You

“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

2 Corinthians 8:7

Ways You Can Give

PLEDGES VIA CREDIT CARD, DIRECT DEPOSIT, CHECK OR CASH

Many families choose to give via credit/debit cards, automatic bank transfer, check or cash. To select this method, complete the pledge card below and mail it into our office or drop it by.

International Friendship Ministries
3404 University Avenue
Columbus, Georgia 31907

GIFTS OF STOCK

Donors can use their own broker/agent. If the stock has been held long-term (over one year), the donor does not have to pay capital gains tax on the stock and is allowed a tax deduction for the full value of the stock. Donors may also choose to donate stock to claim a loss, which may be beneficial for tax circumstances. Please contact the IFM Office before stock is liquidated (706) 653-0097.

GIFTS FROM RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS

The IRA Charitable Rollover provision of the 2015 PATH (Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes) Act permits individuals age 70.5 or older to contribute up to $100,000 from a qualifying retirement account directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the charity as income. Your financial advisor may have additional information concerning gifts via retirement accounts.

GIFTS OF PROPERTY, LIFE INSURANCE, ANNUITIES, WILLS OR BEQUESTS

There are different ways to support IFM both today and in the years to come via planned giving. Families or individuals can make gifts of real estate, personal property, automobiles, life insurance, estate bequests, annuities or charitable remainder trusts. For substantial gifts of property other than marketable securities, the IRS does require an appraisal.

Yes, I would like to partner with IFM on their capital campaign!

Name	Address
Phone	City, State, Zip
Email	Credit Card #
	☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
	Expiration Security Code

☐ I will become an IFM Prayer Partner

☐ I would like to become an IFM Volunteer

Enclosed is my gift of

☐ Cash ☐ Check ☐ Credit Card $ _____

☐ I would like to become a monthly giver. Monthly gift of $ _____

☐ I pledge a one-time gift of $ _____

Signature _____

All donations are tax-deductible. You can also donate online by visiting **www.ifmga.org** & clicking the "Donate" tab.

Reaching Over 100 Countries Annually

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