International Outreach at Home

Anyone can make a difference in the lives of young people from other countries, studying in our nation’s colleges and universities, a long way from home. Needing a place to go during the holidays, or wanting to make American friends and learn more about our culture, international students begin signing up for Christmas International House (CIH) in September.

Some churches will host 6-10 students in members’ homes. Some will host just a few. Some programs like Atlanta, GA bring many churches together in mission to do what one church alone cannot.

There is no need for an expensive mission trip when the world comes to your city – just open your doors!

2018 Programs Report

In 2018, 52 international students and scholars attended 7 National CIH programs. Three of the students traveled to another program after one week and spent the second week in another host CIH city. We saw an increase in the number of students from Japan participating in our programs. Some of them are ESL students in the US for a year, and CIH offers them the opportunity to spend their winter break in the US with a host family. Other students are undergraduate students, graduate students, and we even had a Fulbright scholar participate this year. All students reported that they were glad to make international friends (with other students and their hosts), and the experience of hospitality during the Christmas season was memorable and special.

In 2018, CIH Programs:
- Atlanta, GA – 27
- Charlotte, NC – 1
- Ephrata, PA – 6
- Kansas City, KS – 10
- Malibu, CA – 1
- Orange Park, FL – 6
- Savannah, GA – 4

FROM AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT OFFICE:
Most of my exchange students have been utilizing the CIH program for many years. All have returned with wonderful memories and experiences. To quote a few: “I have found my second Mom”, “I was invited back for the next break.” The CIH family consists of extraordinary folks who deeply care about their fellow human beings! CIH is a wonderful addition and extension to our program and I am grateful for its existence.

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"Thank you for your help regarding this program. Without you we couldn’t spend such wonderful time as this. This program will definitely help international students in the future. Please continue this as long as possible.”

— CIH Student

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The dates for 2019 CIH are Dec. 18-28 or Dec. 18-Jan 2. Churches can offer a 1-week, 10 day, or 2-week program. Students will pay for their transportation to and from your city, and the host program provides meals and a place to stay in homes. Some programs collect a local fee to cover admission costs to local attractions, transportation and meals, and some churches cover expenses through their missions budget. Some programs keep students on a schedule and others let the students do whatever their hosts do. You decide how your program will be run and how many students you will take. The National CIH Office will send you student applicants who want to spend their winter break with you and will provide support, guidance and resources for new programs.

**# Students from Countries:**

Japan – 31  
China – 11  
India, Malaysia, Pakistan, Saudl Arabia – 1 each

**# Students from Schools:**

Coe College – 9  
Lindsey Wilson – 8  
NYU – 3  
Auburn, Carleton, Cottey, Duke, Georgia Tech, Georgia SW State, Georgia State, Hollins U, Jacksonville U, Loyola, New Orleans, Macalester, Madonna, Penn State, Pikeville, Purdue, Stockton, Syracuse, U of Idaho, U of Mich, U of N Alabama, Winona State, Notre Dame of MD, U of Alabama, U of Wis-Madison – 1 each

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**CHRISTMAS INTERNATIONAL HOUSE**

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