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ALABAMA WMU – International Friends Retreat

Seven years ago, Alabama WMU came alongside Collegiate & Student Ministries at the State Board of Missions as they began hosting the International Friends Retreat at WorldSong Missions Place. This annual weekend away has grown to become an impactful world missions opportunity for college students across Alabama—without ever leaving the state!

American students invite their international friends to enjoy a weekend of canoeing, mountain climbing, zip lining, archery and breakout sessions about life in Alabama. The retreat provides an avenue for relationship building and sharing of the Gospel. Over the years, more than a thousand international students from 30+ countries have attended.

Each international student receives a welcome bag put together by WMU groups across the state. Collegiate & Student Ministries personnel place a simple English Bible in each bag. Above all, every student is prayed for individually as their goodie bag is packed. Seeds of faith are planted at every turn before, during and after the weekend. Last year, the International Friends Retreat saw a harvest of salvation— prayerfully, the first of many to come.

- Pray for the International Friends Retreat that takes place each October. Ask the Lord to prepare hearts and friendships even now.
- Pray for the campus ministers and staff of the Collegiate & Student Ministries office at the State Board of Missions, Alabama WMU and WorldSong as they plan for, pray over and conduct follow-up outreach from the event.
- Pray for the young man from South Asia who surrendered to Christ as a result of last year's event. Pray for his ongoing discipleship and that his family and friends will respond to the Gospel as he shares.