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IFYE UPDATE – September 2024

2024 IFYE Program Renewed in Chile as Pilot Project

We are pleased that we have been able to re-partner with Chile as a sending and receiving partner for fall 2024 with six inbounds and four outbounds. (Our earlier programs with Chile show 34 outbounds between 1951 to 2010.)

A brief schedule is listed below. More will be shared in our later publications yet this year.

- Sept 23 –24 Inbounds and Outbounds arrive in DC for orientation
- Sept 24-25 Orientation program with Chilean Inbounds going to their respective states and USA outbounds going to Chile on September 25.

Inbounds will stay with their host families through Thanksgiving before returning to Chile. Inbound hosting states are Virginia, Colorado, Kansas, and Illinois.

Outbounds will go to Santiago, Chile for two days of orientation in the country which will include a visitation to the USA Embassy. This will be followed by technical school and home stays in this host country. Outbounds will be in Chile for three months and are from Virginia, Colorado, and Illinois.

Mark Zeug Giving Challenge Announced

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We are delighted to announce a generous matching gift challenge from Mark Zeug, 1967 IFYE from Minnesota to India. Mark will match dollar for dollar the first \$25,000 in gifts contributed to this challenge. This gift is in honor and memory of his late wife Dr. Helene Hatsuno Horimoto Zeug, who was a State 4-H Leader in Hawaii and was inducted into the National 4-H Hall of Fame in 2020. Mark credits IFYE for placing him in the right place at the right time to meet Helene. They shared a 52-year marriage before Helene passed in April 2023.

To donate to this challenge, you may do so by check or online with a credit card.

- **By check** – On the memo line of the check, please indicate that this donation is to be a matching gift for the Mark Zeug Matching Gift Challenge. Please mail the check to: Roger Sherer, Associate Treasurer; PO Box 452. Bluffton, IN 46714-0052.
- **By credit card** – Go to our website at <https://ifyeusa.org/ways-to-give/donate.html> In the Donation information section, the donation options are available.

Stock Gifting Information on IFYE USA Giving Page

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We are happy to announce that we are now able to accept donated gifts of appreciated stocks directly to our Raymond James brokerage account. Please visit our “Ways to Give” page on IFYEUSA.org or click on the following link: (<https://ifyeusa.org/ways-to-give/stock-donation.html>). Please read all the detailed instructions to help facilitate the transfer with your financial advisor.

Save the Dates for the 2025 IFYE USA Conference

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Calling all members of the IFYE Family – including grandchildren and great grands. Mark May 29-June 1, 2025, on your calendars for the 2025 National IFYE Conference!



We’re traveling to Loveland, Colorado for “Peak to Plains,” co-hosted by the Colorado and Nebraska IFYE Alumni Associations. Negotiations are still in progress with a downtown hotel and conference center.

Your co-hosts are planning plenty of IFYE fun, from our traditional opening ceremonies to the international banquet to opportunities to explore the Colorado Front Range. If you’re driving, Nebraska IFYEs encourage you to explore “[The Good Life](#)” either on the way or after you depart the “Rocky Mountain Highs” of Colorado.

More information on the conference will be shared through social media and other IFYE communications in the coming months. Registration and lodging reservations are scheduled to open in January 2025. Stay tuned.



(Left) One of the sculptures around downtown Loveland – Many sculpture artists come to Loveland to have their bronze sculptures cast in one of the foundries here.

(Right) The stylized heart looking toward the mountains across Lake Loveland).



IFYEs on the Move

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Many IFYEs continue to enjoy traveling, hosting family and friends, as well as learning about cultures, global activities, and always making new friends. We look forward to sharing more travels and activities of IFYEs and others in the IFYE Family as they continue their explorations.

This month, we are sharing a photo of the seven USA attendees at the 2024 European IFYE Conference along with a few adventures from Jim Morgan (1975 Iowa to Switzerland), Ruth Trail (1982 Idaho to the Netherlands), Ellen Paine (1975 Connecticut to Costa Rica), and Vicky Warren (1978 Missouri to Germany) from the past few months.



Jim with his two IFYE sisters (Marianne Palmkvist Berggren - Sweden and Lisa Keen). This was their 2nd visit all together since 1975. So special! So fun!



Ruth and Ellen at Castle Pena in Sintra, Portugal just outside of Lisbon. Time in this country followed attending the 2024 European IFYE conference.



Vicky, recently in Nicaragua to build pews for churches in the Chinandega Province. Riding to the "Barrio" as the Nicaraguans often do on an open-bed truck.



Jim's first time riding the Icelandic horse. It has a very special 4-beat gait when it runs. So smooth!



2024 European Conference in Germany. USA attendees: Lyn Scott, Ellen Paine, Jim Gooch, Ruth Trail, Dean Bloch, Crystal and Dale Yonker,



Vicky and fellow church volunteers visiting the first latrine built in the "Barrio" from funds collected by their church in Missouri.

If you would like to see some of your recent travel photos in our next IFYE Update, or you have a travel story to share, please email the details with your name and your IFYE travel exchange information to me at sswackhamer@ifyeusa.org.