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Fast Facts ~ January 2012

2012 Exchanges

Planning continues for all of our 2012 exchanges. Many thanks to Peter Peiffer and Judy Greene who have agreed to serve as co-exchange directors for the outbound exchange to Brazil in September. For more information about this exchange you may contact Peter at 288-0014 or peiffer@aol.com.

Marcia Meis, exchange director for the inbound exchange from Berlin scheduled to arrive in late May, has learned that eight ambassadors have signed on and we anticipate the size of this group will grow.

Donna Lambeth, exchange director for the inbound exchange from Northern Ireland scheduled to visit in September, has been in touch with her counterparts in N. Ireland. This club usually sends about a dozen ambassadors. They will be arriving in the Triad after two other one-week home hostings, so we anticipate scheduling a week of activities at a slightly slower pace for this group of busy travelers.

With both of our inbound exchanges we hope to incorporate one of our key learnings from the Ottawa exchange and expand the use of day hosts. Please review your schedule for 2012 and consider being involved with one or both of these inbound exchanges. There are many opportunities to assist in the planning and execution of these exchanges and we are confident you will enjoy spending time with our ambassadors from Berlin and Northern Ireland.

To learn more and offer your assistance please contact any of the following members:

Inbound exchange from Berlin, co-exchange directors:

Marcia Meis	724-9540	pmeis@triad.rr.com
Judy Greene	768-1732	green111184@bellsouth.net

Inbound exchange from Northern Ireland, co-exchange directors:

Donna Lambeth	727-1539	Dilambeth@triad.rr.com
Ray Kiszely	656-0945	RayKiszely@hotmail.com

As plans progress throughout the year we will keep you posted on all these exchanges.

Outbound Exchange to Indonesia

Remember this charming group of teenagers from Indonesia? They were our guests in April 2010. Doug and Peggy Judkins of the Asheville FF club are planning an outbound exchange to Indonesia. The Asheville club also hosted this group in 2010 as well as a second group in 2011. Any FFCNC members interested in this exchange are welcome to join the Asheville group.



The dates for this exchange are June 20 – July 10, 2012. The trip will begin with three days in Bali, 5 days in Yojakarta, one week in Jakarta, and end with 3 days in Bangkok. Ambassadors on this exchange will visit the students that traveled to N. C. in 2010 and 2011.

Currently there are 24 ambassadors signed up and room for 30. Specifically there is room for one single female and one single male that needs a roommate as well as two couples or four more singles.

The cost is anticipated to be \$3400 - \$3600 from Los Angeles. This includes hotel stays in Bali and Bangkok. For more information, contact Doug Judkins at 828-891-9897.

Nepal Adventure

In the fall of 2006 Marvin and Linda Scherl accepted the offer of Scott Freese (FFCNC member and Campus Minister/Director of International Campus Ministries) to serve as a Friendship Family for two Nepalese girls attending Salem College. Five years later they can count no less than 70 Nepalese Salem College students as their friends. They have spent endless hours transporting them, feeding them, entertaining them and housing them so it comes as no surprise that they were frequently told by the girls, "You should come to Nepal."



On October 18, 2011 Marvin and Linda were able to accept that invitation. With the assistance of the father of one of these young ladies, they were able to spend approximately five weeks in Nepal. During that time they visited eight of their former Salem College "girls," visited with twenty different girls' families, and contacted over 100 family members of these girls! They changed sleeping locations 23 times and slept in 15 different places!

If you know Linda, you know there is a treasure lode of photographs to document the journey as well as a blog. To read and see all about this adventure head to the

Internet. Their blog can be found at <http://marvin-linda-nepal.blogspot.com/>. A couple of tips about navigating the blog:

~ The most recent entries are at the top. Go to the bottom to start at the beginning.

~ At the bottom of the blog, click on "older posts."

Their photos can be reached by a link on the blog or go directly to them by visiting <http://picasaweb.google.com/linda.scherl>

The 2010 edition of the Salem College Alumnae magazine featured Marvin and Linda in an article entitled, "International Students at Home with the Scherls." We have pulled from that article a couple of quotes that serve as a testament to the value of Marvin and Linda's friendships with all of these girls.

- "They have done things for me, for us all, without hesitation, no questions asked. I found a place where I could hide, confide – a home away from home while I was at Salem."
- "My perceptions of American culture, love, happiness, responsibilities and life in general have been enriched under their influence."
- "My desire to help the underprivileged people of Nepal and of the globe is certainly fueled by people like the Scherls."

2012 Calendar Highlights

February	LEO (Let's Eat Out), Winston-Salem, date to be decided
March 1	Board Meeting, 11:45 AM MSUMC Kernersville
May 3	Board Meeting, 11:45 AM MSUMC Kernersville
May 28 – June 1	Inbound Exchange from Berlin, Germany
July 12	Board Meeting, 11:45 AM MSUMC Kernersville
September 6	Board Meeting, 11:45 AM MSUMC Kernersville
September	Inbound Exchange from Causeway Coast, UK
September	Outbound Exchange to Cascavel, Brazil
October 25	FFCNC Annual Meeting
November 1	Board Meeting, 11:45 AM MSUMC Kernersville