

A LEGACY

FOR THRIVING
STUDENT MINISTRY



THRIVING TOGETHER

Like the tree in Psalm 1, IFES is intentionally rooted in God's word. Our hope for the 2020s is that, as we continue to draw from these life-giving roots, God will help us to thrive together as a global fellowship. Whether you are a student doing Bible study on your campus, a graduate seeking to make a gospel impact in your workplace or a supporter praying and giving faithfully to the work, you are a vital part of this global fellowship.

We desire to thrive in our witness, to see students reaching students with the good news, and thousands of students coming to faith in Jesus every year. We aim to thrive in whole-life commitment, to see students equipped to influence the university, the church and society for the glory of Christ. We hope to thrive on new ground – to see Christian student ministry in cities, campuses and countries where there is no witness at present. We want to thrive into the future – to be a fellowship of national movements that are strong, healthy, resilient organisations.”

Thriving together” is not meant in a superficial way. We are well aware of our brokenness, our fragility and limitations, and the challenging times in which we live – the pandemic, political instability in many places, and a growing hostility towards the Christian faith that many of our movements encounter. But it is from this reality that we are called to serve and support one another.



Tim Adams

IFES GENERAL SECRETARY





A GIFT IN YOUR WILL FOR THRIVING STUDENT MINISTRY

You know that students are exploring their identity, asking questions, seeking truth and making decisions for the future. You know too that almost all leaders in government, education, and business have passed through the university – but that universities, although centres of thought, leadership and innovation, often fail to engage with foundational Christian truths.

Students are being sent into the world unprepared to be the leaders of integrity and conscience that the world so desperately needs. Many do not have the opportunity to hear and respond personally to the gospel. Few are being disciplined to be strong in their faith, or prepared for service long after graduation.

IFES has built from work in 10 countries to more than 180 today. We are committed to investing in students themselves as the best people to witness to Christ on campus. To equip them, we plant and support biblical, indigenous and sustainable student movements, so that they can thrive and reach more students.

Faithful and generous graduates like you have allowed generations of students to be transformed by the gospel. Thank you!

Since 1947, Christian students – you may have been one of them – have been equipped by the previous generation to share Christ on campus, to disciple the next generation and to build a foundation for lives of integrity and faithfulness to God. Many student generations have passed since then, each leaving a legacy in the lives of the students who followed them. Your faithful support has taken Christian student

ministry to new campuses, cities and countries. God has blessed this work through the generosity of his people, with supporters like you all over the world praying and giving in love to see each new intake of students reached. Thank you for standing with those generations. Will you stand with the ones yet to come?

YOUR PARTNERSHIP – DECADES OF IMPACT

Our measure of student ministry success is not based solely on student or national movement numbers, but also on the impact that graduates have in the decades years after graduation. By God's grace, and with your support, not only will we see student and national movement numbers grow, but we will also see thousands of graduates shining for Christ in workplaces, families, communities and churches.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL CAN HELP NEW GENERATIONS OF STUDENTS TO EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE

As much as has been accomplished – there is more still do to. As more universities open, and more students enrol, campuses, cities and even some countries still have no Christian witness. Each new generation needs support from previous generations, and with the projected growth of the world's student population, there is a huge opportunity to reach more students for Christ, to teach more students to love God's Word and to empower more students to lead. Please join us to meet the growing need to connect and serve each generation of students.



WHAT COULD YOUR GIFT DO?

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO EQUIP STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN WITNESS

"No-one's asking, 'who is God?' anymore. Everyone is asking 'who am I?' The self-help books tell you not to worry, just be yourself. But how can you be yourself when you don't know who you are? And how can you know who you are when you don't know Christ?"

INTERVARSITY/USA STAFF MEMBER

Today, IFES staff worldwide are equipping students and staff to help students meet Christ and to find redemptive ways to deal with societal issues. Your support will allow IFES to make the best evangelistic resources available worldwide and see more Christian students share their faith and more seeking students find identity and hope in Jesus.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO EMPOWER STUDENTS TO THRIVE IN WHOLE-LIFE COMMITMENT

"I have seen from my own student days that IFES students learn things that other Christian students might only learn if they went to seminary. It was so valuable to spur each other on to knowing God more. We learned things at conferences, but more often in small groups and conversations, where we were encouraged to read and to think. Students and staff invested in me and then I in others, and it sets us up for life."

GISELA MUÑOZ, IFES LATIN AMERICA STAFF

Your support will build on these foundations, training and inspiring new generations of students to think, to question the world that surrounds them, bring Christian values to their workplaces and families, and serve their communities sacrificially.



Gisela Muñoz, IFES Latin America staff

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO HELP STUDENT MINISTRY THRIVE ON NEW GROUND

Asafu (name changed) moved from sub-Saharan to a major north African city to study, and then to a university in a more remote city to start a new Christian student group hundreds of miles from the nearest Christian friend. He faced difficulties and discouragement, but a national conference and encouragement from a staff worker with the local IFES movement gave him new hope. Within months, he was meeting with six Christian students, some surviving on bread and water to rent a room where they could safely study the Bible. Today, there is a thriving student ministry with around 60 students in that remote city, including students who have come to faith through the group.

Because we believe that every student should have the opportunity to hear about Jesus, IFES continues to pioneer new student ministries in unreached campuses, cities and countries. Your support will help Asafu and thousands of others like him, passionate to see fresh gospel shoots in hard ground.

A GIFT IN YOUR WILL TO ALLOW IFES TO THRIVE INTO THE FUTURE

When you leave a gift in your will to IFES, you are giving to vital initiatives that support and train students, staff and national movements to make a difference for the kingdom. You are helping to offer opportunities movements would not be able to deliver on their own. Initiatives cover many facets of ministry, such as engaging with Scripture, supporting graduates to live for Christ in the workplace, developing student leaders and building sustainable movements.

"I experienced a most transformational weekend as 10 Board members and staff gathered to explore the notion of governance. We took a good look at where we have been, where we are now and where we would like to be. It was very challenging and exhilarating in that we can now see the possibilities of Grenada ministry... We look forward to the growing and thriving of our movement."

**JOAN PURCELL, ISCF
GRENADA BOARD MEMBER**



Joan Purcell, ISCF Grenada board member

WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE?

These stories testify to how the work of IFES is transforming the lives of students worldwide and impacting society for the glory of God. Alone, we cannot fulfil our aim to see a vibrant Christian witness in every university in the world. We need people like you who share our vision to partner with us. Through prayer and financial support in life and by leaving a gift in your will, you are showing love to generations of students and helping ensure the future of student ministry for generations to come.

With your support and by God's grace, we will thrive together as a global fellowship – more students will hear about Christ, more students will be discipled and trained for lifelong faithfulness, and more national movements will be pioneered, supported and strengthened. Thank you!

**“I declare your
power to the next
generation, your
mighty acts to all
who are to come.”**

PSALM 71:18



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

While writing a will can seem complex and confusing, it does not have to be. Here are answers to some common questions.

DO I NEED A LAWYER?

When writing or changing your will it is recommended that you seek advice from a legal professional like a lawyer, or in some provinces a notary. The Christian Legal Fellowship may be able to help you find a Christian lawyer in your area: <http://www.christianlegalfellowship.org/lawyer-referral/>

HOW DO I LEAVE A LEGACY TO IFES?

You can leave a gift to IFES when you write your will for the first time or by adding a clause to an existing will (a codicil).

WHAT KIND OF GIFT COULD I GIVE?

When leaving a legacy, you can choose to:

- Leave a portion of your estate once all other payments and bequests, for example to family and friends, have been made.
- Leave a specific sum of cash, real estate or stocks.
- Make IFES a beneficiary of a life insurance policy, RRSP or RRIF.

COULD LEAVING A GIFT TO IFES AFFECT MY TAX SITUATION?

A planned gift like a legacy can offer tax and other benefits. Please ask a legal professional or financial advisor for more details.

WHAT INFORMATION SHOULD I INCLUDE WHEN LEAVING A LEGACY GIFT TO IFES?

Due to the complexities of giving money to an organisation outside Canada, please ask the InterVarsity Canada gift planning team for guidance on the best way in which to word a gift to IFES in your will. You can contact their Director of Ministry Partnerships at <https://ivcf.ca/donate/planned-giving/> or on 416.443.1170/ Toll-free: 1.800.668.9766.

HOW DO I CONTACT IFES?

We understand that making a will is a very private matter, but we would be delighted to answer any questions about IFES ministry. Jill Bain and the IFES Supporter Relations team can be contacted on +44 (0) 1865 263777, or by email at supporter.relations@ifesworld.org

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