Shirley Harrison, Executive Director of the International Visitors Center of Jackson, will be traveling to Zambia as part of a missions trip with her church, Greater Mount Calvary. The church will be the guests of U.S. Ambassador Lewaneka who is a frequent visitor to the great state of Mississippi. While in Zambia, Ms. Harrison, along with other church members, will assist an adopted church in the day-to-day activities of an orphanage, tending to a garden, and providing needed supplies. A total of 14 members will travel. Rev. John Cameron, Pastor, and an avid IVCJ resource and supporter, is pleased to participate in the program.

Derwin Miller, Program Officer, International Visitors Center of Jackson, took part in a month-long study of Chinese culture in Mado Taiwan at Diwan University. “The program really exposed me to the various cultures that exist even within the Island of Taiwan as opposed to the idea of Chinese Culture being a monolith,” explains Derwin. “Diwan University and the JSU China Initiatives Office did a wonderful job of exposing my group to a myriad of students and professionals from various ethnic, socioeconomic, and career backgrounds. I made lifelong friends and associates during my trip.” In addition to educational activities, several social and sightseeing activities were arranged.

R.S. Enterprises, owed and operated by Robert Silas (left), has been providing quality transportation to International Visitors for over eight years. One of the competitive perks of working with R.S. has been its willingness to provide transportation to visitors after-hours at no additional charges. When guests are in town over the weekend, R.S. Enterprises has ventured as far as Memphis and New Orleans at regular in-town rates. On several occasions, R.S. Enterprises has traveled many miles out of town to pick up guests when their flights were delayed or cancelled.

R.S. Enterprises has been an asset to IVCJ because of its flexibility and dependability. The transportation company has even provided free rides and drivers to guests who required out of town travel and direction.

The Mississippi American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi has been an avid supporter of the International Visitors Center of Jackson for a great number of years. Briefing internationals on a host of topics from school prayer to search and seizure laws, the ACLU and its staff have provided excellent examples of American democracy in action.
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Mississippians Greeting the World!
During 2007, Mississippians met with, greeted, and entertained numerous internationals through IVC. Their areas of interest and countries vary as much as the everyday laymen and professionals they meet. People the world over come to Mississippi to learn, live, and play.

African-Regional Group meeting with Mississippi Association of Muslims representative.

Mr. Simon Lee of Hong Kong and State Senator John Horn

Clinical Interns and Syrian Health Professionals share group pose at close of exchange session at Bailey Magnet High School.

African Regional Group touring Museum of Muslim Culture with Okolo Rashad

Thailand Group at home of Mr. and Mrs. Banger

Home Hospitality for a Pakistani group at the home of Rev. Dr. John Cameron

IVCJ Numbers in 2007

Number of Visitors: 187
Number of Programs: 21
Home Hospitalities Provided: 14
Professional Meetings arranged: 144
Classroom Visits: 8

About International Visitors
The International Visitors Leadership Program annually brings to the United States approximately 5,000 foreign nationals from all over the world to meet and confer with their professional counterparts and to experience America firsthand. The visitors, selected by American Foreign Service Officers overseas, are current or potential leaders in government, politics, the media, education, labor relations, the arts, business and other fields.