



History

SIFAT was conceived in the jungles of Bolivia in 1976 when Ken and Sarah Corson and their four children moved to Sapecho to pastor a Bolivian church. Realizing that the homesteaders there needed more than spiritual nourishment, Ken and Sarah began to work in integrated development with the people of the village.

The indigenous mayor of the village and a great community leader, Benjo Paredes, became a Christian that year through his work with the Corsons. Benjo and Ken co-founded CENATEC (Centro Nacional de Tecnología Sostenible), a nonprofit Christian organization in Bolivia. In 1979, the Corsons returned to Alabama and established SIFAT as a training center for meeting basic human needs. CENATEC and SIFAT continue to work closely in many endeavors in Bolivia.

Since then, SIFAT has extended its ministry to all ages through Learn & Serve programs, training, conferences and short-term international teams to Ecuador, Bolivia, Uganda and Zambia.

Our goal is to help people from different countries, cultures and social classes understand each other and work together, so that everyone can have a chance to develop into the person God intends for each to be. We want to bring the Kingdom of God closer to all by sharing God's love through service, education, and personal involvement with a needy world.



Get Involved!

Join us in the exciting journey of allowing the Spirit of God to change our perception and alleviate some of the alienation and lostness in our world today. There are many ways you can get involved in the ministry of SIFAT:

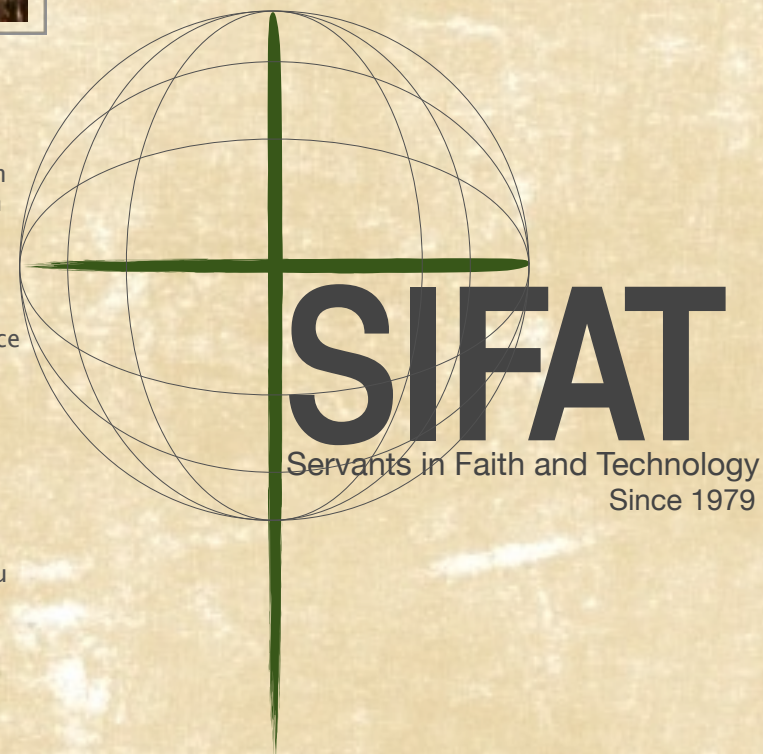
- Be a member of a short-term mission team
- Participate in a training
- Register for a Learn & Serve Camp Experience
- Plan a Learn & Serve Retreat
- Volunteer on our campus
- Bring a work team
- Contribute financially
- Donate to international graduate projects
- Contact us to learn more!

No matter what form it may take, we invite you to partner with SIFAT!

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Learn & Serve

Learn & Serve is a ministry of SIFAT that provides an opportunity for Americans to gain a holistic view of the developing world and challenges participants to explore how God calls us to live.

Throughout each year, churches, universities and school groups visit our 176-acre campus to learn through interactive programming and simulations, as well as a summer training experience. A simulated rural Global Village and Urban Slum are used as teaching tools to let people experience the lives of our brothers and sisters living in the two-thirds world.

We believe, as our founder Sarah Corson wrote, "When we walk in their shoes and feel what they are feeling, reasons for poverty become much clearer. Then, we begin to understand the Biblical teachings on our responsibility in the face of poverty and need." Understanding the global context challenges us to start at home, responding to local needs as well as global ones.

Learn & Serve can tailor programs for each group's specific needs within our retreats and our camp experience.

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Training

People from around the world gather at SIFAT's international training campus to learn practical skills to foster sustainable community development. SIFAT also offers this training periodically in Latin America, Africa and Asia.

For more than three decades, SIFAT has provided training and technical assistance in meeting basic human needs to church and community leaders from more than 80 different countries.

SIFAT's methods empower people to develop their families and communities holistically by integrating training for physical, spiritual and social needs.

Classes include:

- Community Health
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Appropriate Technologies
- Sustainable Agriculture
- Cross-Cultural Communication
- Micro-enterprise
- Christian Community Development
- Alternative Energies
- Bible and Spiritual Formation
- Adult Literacy

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International Missions

Part of SIFAT's vision is to bridge the First and Two-thirds Worlds by providing ways for North Americans to become personally involved in the lives of people in other countries.

We do this by sending short-term mission teams from churches, universities and other organizations to help empower our SIFAT training graduates with their approved projects. These construction, teaching, evangelistic and medical teams go at the invitation of the SIFAT graduate and work alongside the people in the community. We call this **short-term teams for long term development**.

Groups and individuals are needed today to serve on short-term teams with us in Bolivia, Ecuador, Uganda and Zambia.

You may also participate by financially supporting other approved SIFAT graduate projects in areas where we do not take teams, such as Pakistan, Nigeria and Ivory Coast. More information concerning all projects and how you can help is found on the SIFAT website.

More Information:

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SHARING GOD'S LOVE IN PRACTICAL WAYS