



Hello,

This has been a busy fall, and is now coming to a busy Christmas season for Steve and I. We are now involved with the Bridges movement once a week at IUPUI (Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis) campus. Bridges is the international ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ, that ministers to International students who are studying over seas. Bridges has one weekly meeting time a week. They start with a Bible study, in which students meet to get into God's word, and practice reading and speaking their English. They also have Conversation Club, which is also an opportunity for students to talk about differing topics of conversation and also practice their English skills. Most of the students involved in Bridges are not Christians, and are curious to know more about the Christian faith. A couple of Chinese students did come into a relationship with Jesus this year, which is exciting.

In November, we had a special Thanksgiving dinner for these students. Most of them had never experienced our American Thanksgiving. We had 65 people show up for this dinner. We talked briefly about Christianity, and went over the history of Thanksgiving. Then, students sitting at the tables talked about things they were thankful for. We had traditional Thanksgiving dishes, and pumpkin pie. It was really a lot of fun meeting many students for the first time, from many different nations. There were students from China, France, Iran, India, the Ivory Coast, and Vietnam, to name a few that we talked to.

We also had our staff conference, which is run by the regional office staff, to serve the 500 staff in our region. It is a time for our staff to get together, and relax, and be refreshed. The theme this year was Uncommon. Staff had the chance to talk with other staff and relate about the uncommon lifestyles we all live.

We are also really busy getting ready for our regional Christmas Conference. This conference is for the students throughout the Great Lakes Region. There are other conferences throughout the other regions of the United States as well. Our theme this year is Unmistakeable. As Christians, we want to be unmistakable in the way we live. We want people to see a difference in us, and the way we live as Christians, that stands out from the rest of the world. About 2,000 students will come from throughout our four state region to Indianapolis for this conference, to grow in their faith with God.

Prayer Requests and Praises

- Pray for students coming to the conference, for safe travel for them. Some of them are traveling a distance.
- Pray that God will work on hearts of students for whatever next steps He is calling them to in their lives, be it their personal ministry, becoming involved in full time ministry, or even beginning a relationship with Christ.
- Pray for the non-Christians who come, that we could be welcoming to them.
- Pray against any attacks from Satan that would hinder students from drawing closer to Christ during the conference.