
Prayer Requests and Praises

July 1-3, 2010: ISM Athens, GA

Kelly Michael, volunteer

In thanksgiving for interest from the international community to participate in the ministry at Christus Victor.

For guidance for the congregation as we begin an intentional international student ministry.

That God would provide workers to help in implementing our ISM efforts.

For a successful Fourth of July event for international students.

July 4 -10, 2010: ISM Carbondale, IL

Eric Wood, ISM director

In thanksgiving for the baptism of a Taiwanese graduate student on June 6. Her husband was baptized here before they were married in 2006. God bless this Christian couple!

For international children to attend our congregation's VBS program (July 11-15).

For my July 16 presentation to the SIU Chinese Bible Fellowship. Also for the English-language small group that I lead on Friday evenings within SIU-CBF.

For a Chinese couple who are expecting their first baby.

For the welcoming cookout scheduled for Saturday, August 28, co-hosted by Our Savior Lutheran Church/Student Center and SIU Chinese Bible Fellowship. For good weather, good attendance, enough helpers, and hearts that recognize God's love.

ISM Champaign, IL

Rick Milas, pastor

For a student from Africa who has been with us for two years. He will be returning home this month for his new job. He's very excited, and I would like it if folks would keep him in their prayers as he starts his new position and that God's blessings continue to go with him into the future.

ISM Pittsburgh

Eric Andrae, campus pastor

An ESL student from Japan (Keiko) attended Christian worship for the first time. She had just arrived in Pittsburgh and joined us for a cookout the previous Friday. Keep Keiko and her husband in your prayers, especially as they are expecting their first child.

For Nobuko who is soon returning to Japan. She has completed our ESL Bible study on Jesus and is considering baptism.

July 11-17, 2010: ISM Ames, IA

Bessie Fick, ISM coordinator at Memorial Lutheran Church

That God would be with our family as we move to Elm Grove, Wis., and that God would provide for opportunities to minister in the Milwaukee area among internationals.

For the congregation as they evaluate the needs of the program and seek to find an ISM Coordinator for Memorial Lutheran Church.

Thanks that Jin and Hui were able to attend the In-Depth Bible Seminar this past May. Pray that those who attended were strengthened in faith and prepared to be strong Christian leaders in their communities.

Pray for all those who are returning home or moving on to other colleges that they may continue to grow in God's Word with Christians in their communities. Pray that we will be faithful and work to establish Christian contacts for those moving away.

(July 11-17 cont'd.) ISM LaCrosse

John and Karen Jaeger, directors

Thanks and praise for the two Chinese students who attended church recently to see what a Christian church service was like. May the Holy Spirit continue to work in their hearts.

Thanks and praise for the opportunity to provide tables and chairs for two international students' graduation celebration.

Blessings on our opportunity to be involved with freshman student orientation.

July 18-24, 2010: ISM Lansing Area

Anna Kortemeyer, director

Thanks be to God for the two successful brain surgeries received by the son of a family from Vietnam. Pray for healing, for this family to enjoy their time in Vietnam, and for a successful summer of research that will contribute to H's PhD thesis.

For our summer teachers to be given many opportunities to share Jesus and for sensitivity in conversation.

Thanksgiving for an exciting week of Bible study and for the five students from East Lansing who attended the In-Depth Bible Seminar in St. Louis in May.

For newly baptized M. to find a Christian group during her summer in Taiwan.

ISM West Lafayette, IN

Jim Barton, campus pastor

Thanks for a Korean student baptized in April after nearly two years of study and discussion in God's Word.

For a Korean child baptized in May and for her family.

For four international students in the Christian Basics class this summer. Three of the four are not Christians.

For students from India and Ukraine, who were back in worship in May after not worshipping since last fall. They said they would be back regularly. Pray they will.

For students from Korea, Greece, Thailand, and Sri Lanka and other places where there are ongoing struggles. May God's peace be sought and seen.

July 25-31, 2010: ISM Tempe, AZ

Linda Steinbart, director

For Alleluia Lutheran Church and Student Ministry as it undergoes a major transition, and for the International Friendship House as it deals with the changes.

For the many students that have graduated and returned home. We pray that they will continue to seek Christian fellowship and Bible study.

For God's guidance and a strong start this fall as we meet many new international students and visiting scholars. Keep our volunteers in prayer as they make new friends.

For a young mom and her son living in China. She is not a Christian but wants to write weekly emails and share her life with me. Pray that through these emails she will learn about Jesus.

ISM Iowa City, IA

Angela Carriker, director

That God would give safe travels to all the students traveling this summer. Also, that He would continue to work in the heart of a particular ISM student who is seriously seeking the Gospel.

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(July 25-31 cont'd.) ISM Ferris State University, Big Rapids, MI Bethel Larsen volunteer

Overflowing praise for the opportunity to be part of the In-Depth Bible Seminar--what an amazing week!
For Ginny and her husband to attend worship in the fall.
For MaTicha to have a summer of good health.
For good contacts to be made with new students.
For the former international adviser Janel to be blessed as she moves to Texas.

August 1-7, 2010: College Station, TX

Anya Knodt and Meredith Wright, peer ministers

Thanks for a great spring semester and for all of the students who attended classes and Bible studies.
Thanks for Pat, Helen, Laura, April, and all of the volunteers.
Thanks for the many opportunities to share the Gospel at Bible studies each week.
For God's gift of faith and salvation to be given to P and a green card for Yan.
For a smooth transition in the leadership of our ministry for Tyler and Meredith.
For many new students to hear about our classes and for volunteers to serve as conversation partners and weekly class leaders.
For our summer classes to be a blessing to those who attend.

ISM Stillwater, OK

Audrey Eggers, director

God's blessings on the material we received from the national LWML grant. May many students be reached with the Gospel.
God's leading in our plans for the coming fall semester.
That we will be able to integrate internationals into our congregational life so they may experience the love of God.
That God will call students to a knowledge of Him through our contacts at the mayor's welcome in August.
That Zion members will be drawn to volunteer to work with international students and will receive a blessing through the work.

August 8-14, 2010: St. Louis ISM

Karen Davis, director, Vicki Jameson, assistant director

Thank God for the opportunities to serve many St. Louis area international students this year! May the Holy Spirit nurture seeds that were planted in their hearts and bring them to the Lord.
Thank God for the baptism of Washington University international student, "J." May her life bring glory to God and point others to her Savior, Jesus.
Pray for international students who will be coming to St. Louis for the 2010-2011 academic year. May God lead international students to join in ISM-St. Louis activities and may the Holy Spirit prepare their hearts to hear the Good News of Jesus Christ.
Give thanks to God for faithful and loving ISM-St. Louis volunteers! May God grant them rest and rejuvenation over the summer. Pray that the Holy Spirit leads His people to share Jesus' love with international students this coming academic year.

ISM Lincoln, NE

Mark Meyer, director

For Don and Kathy as they start a Bible study in the married student housing.
For Leanna and Mark as they try to make their home a place where students love to come and hang out.
Praise God that Xin and Yonghua were baptized at Easter!

ISM Lincoln cont'd.

Pray for J, Y, J, D, E and L that they would continue to grow in their faith and join the family of God..

Thank God for the wonderful and consistent volunteers with which He has blessed us.

August 15-21 2010: ISM Slippery Rock, PA

Augusta Mennell, director

That many students will be eager to come for meals, movies, Bible classes, and worship.
That Satoru continues to have God's joy in ministry in Japan.
To be able to refurbish our kitchen to provide better ministry.
That we can take some American and international students to Pittsburgh for a fall retreat.

Thanksgiving for all the students we are able to get to know, love and with whom we can share the Gospel.

ISM Manhattan, KS

Liz Beikmann, director

Thanksgiving for the Americans who work with the internationals and are buddies or friendship partners and for the relationships built. May our witness have an impact on their lives.
For the 400 international students arriving for the fall semester.
Praise for the host families from St. Luke's Lutheran who are welcoming eight students from the Czech Republic.
Thanksgiving for a safe delivery of a beautiful baby girl (Julie) to Zuzanna, one of our former exchange students.

August 22-28, 2010: ISM Stevens Point, WI

Carl Selle, campus pastor

On August 22, we welcome international students to a Crossing Cultures Corn Roast. Americans are invited and we join in an exciting event of talking, sharing, and eating corn-on-the-cob. Pray for blessing on this event with connections especially with new students.

Our peer ministers are preparing to begin their work. Blessing on their training and on their outreach.

Andy Weden will serve one-third of his vicarage year with us at Peace. Ask God to give him ample opportunity to connect with our international student friends.

ISM New Platz, NY

Bob Griffin, volunteer

That God would give a burden to Christian students to reach foreign students at SUNY New Platz.

For a strong leader with the gifts and a heart needed to lead this outreach.

August 28-31, 2010: University of Texas, Austin

Keith Loomans and Marcia Mittwede, volunteers

Thanks for bringing these people to volunteer with international students this summer. Ask Him to continue to bless the relationships that are being built for His glory.

Thanks for leading Jonathan Brandenburg to be the campus pastor at University Lutheran Church. Ask the Lord to provide strength and wisdom for Jonathan and his family during this transition time and that He would bless their ministry here.

To provide open doors to share the Gospel with students and their family members.

To continue to provide strength and wisdom for Keith and Marcia, who head up the program, and that students would be lead to attend Bible classes as well as English opportunities.