



prayer

Summer 2024

University of North Texas

Jennifer Rasch, St. Paul Lutheran Church and University Center in Denton

- Pray for continued good learning of English, the Catechism and the gospel of John by the teens who zoom in from East Asia.
- Thank God for the volunteers that we have, and pray for even more volunteers to join us in this ministry so each student can have a one-on-one friendship with a Christian.
- Pray for more contacts with Chinese and Indian students who are open to relationships.
- Pray for deeper relationships with the Indian students.

University of Central Arkansas

Jason Hancock, Peace Lutheran Church in Conway

- Praise God that Jason Hancock, a professor of English, is restarting ministry among internationals at UCA.
- Pray that Jason and other volunteers will find ways to interact with the international students from Asia, Africa and Europe.
- May God provide the needed resources and sufficient volunteers to begin the work.
- May God guide Peace Lutheran Church as they go through a transition period.

Boston College, Harvard, Northeastern, MIT

Rev. Miguel Barcelos, First Lutheran Church, Boston, MA

- Thank God for First Lutheran Church in Boston, which serves as a home away from home for students and researchers from the area's colleges and universities.
- Thank God for providing contact with 120 students from several universities and multiple countries in Asia and Africa.
- Thank God for the Bible study taught by Pastor Barcelos. May God continue to open the hearts of all of the students who attend.

Arriving Students and Scholars

- May God help all students and scholars to arrive safely at their university and be able to find suitable living arrangements.

- May God move many Christians to volunteer to offer rides, welcome students and help them in practical ways.
- May God grant grace to all ministering among international students during these very busy weeks: May God grant health, strength and the fruit of his Spirit.

Unreached Peoples

- Thank God for the ISM sites which minister to students from unreached people groups.
- Pray that the people in the 465,000 Indian villages with no Christian presence will have access to the gospel via the 268,923 Indian students currently studying in the U.S.
- An estimated 70,000 people from unreached groups around the world die each day. Pray to the Lord of the harvest to send workers into His harvest fields. Pray that American Christians will pray, send, and go to these people with the gospel of Jesus.
- Pray that Christian university students will become aware of the great need for the gospel to reach the unreached among international students. May they also develop ways to bring Jesus' love to unreached students.

Honoring others

- May God help all of us grow in our understanding of those from honor-shame cultures.
- May God help his people to remember that Jesus was Middle Eastern.
- May God help us to be willing to learn from Asians how they understand Jesus' life, words and deeds from their cultural perspective.
- May God open our eyes to see how God deeply values family relationships, how he bestows his honor on us who have dishonored him, and how, by placing his name on us in baptism, he has given us the honor of calling us his own.

Ministry Catalyst

- Wisdom in following up with leaders and potential leaders of new ISM sites.
- Wisdom in hiring an assistant who will take on important tasks freeing

the Catalyst to provide more support to ISM volunteers and sites.

- Praise God for the many ISM prayer partners who have provided accommodation for Sue during conferences and other events.
- Praise God that dates are set for In-Depth Bible Seminar May 14-21, 2025 and Equipping Conference May 29-31.

Equipping Conference application

May God help the Equipping Conference participants and all ministering among internationals to:

- Involve American Lutherans in ministry among international students.
- Develop caring relationships with Muslims, understand them and share Christ's truth and grace in ways that communicate well.
- Find people of peace where international students and scholars live so that Bible study and other activities might be offered near the students.
- When inviting international students and scholars to a worship service, to prepare for what they might experience, and take time to listen to their reflections and answer questions afterward.

If you would like to receive more frequent prayer requests by email, please write isminc@isminc.org

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We praise God for each person you honor or remember as you give. From January 2024 through June 2024, gifts totalling the following amounts have been received.

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