

*ISM-Southern Illinois University -
Edwardsville - Bessie Fick*

- Praise God that we received an LCMS - National Development Grant through which we have hired a part time assistant who is a recent graduate of SIU-E to help with ministry among international students.
- Pray for more LCMS families in the area around SIU to join the 'International Hospitality Program' and commit to getting together with a student about once a month. Seventy students are waiting to be assigned families.

*University Lutheran - University of
Texas Austin - Marcia Mittwede*

- Praise God that "K" (from Jordan) found a good used car. Pray "K" would return to English and Bible classes.
- Thank the Lord for M & Y (Japan) who are attending the American Bible study and worship on Sunday evenings. May the Lord continue to open their hearts to Jesus.
- For the Lord's word to bear fruit in the lives of those who are coming to Bible classes each week.

*ESL-C at Trinity Lutheran Church,
Norman OK - Vickie Loemker*

- Praise God for the increased number of volunteers and international students participating this fall!
- Pray that interest would grow in the Bible study that is held a half hour before the Conversation group.
- Pray for opportunities for volunteers to share their faith with the students.

General

- Pray for wisdom for all Christians to discern whether their friends are Receptive, Unreceptive or Seeking and to interact with them appropriately where they are.
- Praise God for the increased number of in-person participants, deepening relationships and opportunities to share Christ's love reported by many ISM sites.
- Pray for God to provide adequate numbers of volunteers to assist site leaders so that each international student and scholar can feel that they know one American well.
- Praise God for the ways LCMS university students are reaching out to international students in the classes, or whom they meet in the cafeteria, library or wherever! Pray that more Christian students would be a friend to internationals.
- Praise God for the positive relationships that some ISM leaders and volunteers have experienced as they offer their help and services to the Office for International Students and Scholars on their campus. Pray that these relationships would grow.

For upcoming Thanksgiving Events

- Pray for ISM sites and LCMS congregations near universities as they prepare to host Thanksgiving dinners for international students and scholars.
- Pray that many hear about the events and invite their friends to attend.
- Pray for good numbers of volunteers to attend and develop relationships with and exchange phone numbers with international students.

- Pray for winsome presentations during each event pointing to God's goodness to us and our response of humble thanksgiving.
- Pray that invitations to Christmas focused events could be shared during each Thanksgiving event.

For upcoming Christmas Events

- Pray for wisdom for individuals and sites planning Christmas focused events such as Christmas tree decorating, Christmas cookie baking, Christmas caroling, etc.
- Pray that many international students and scholars will hear of these events and participate.
- Pray that friendships would be formed between each participant and one Christian and that these friendships would continue and grow and point people toward Christ.
- Pray that Christians would invite those they meet at such events to join their family or congregation for other Christmas activities. †

COULD YOU SERVE ON THE ISM BOARD?

The ISM Board is seeking several additional members as some members are reaching term limits or need to resign for other reasons. Especially needed is a board secretary and members with experience in the area of public relations and development. Members in general are also needed. Please pray that God will strengthen and add to the board. Please contact Board President JJ Voelker jvoelker@kent.edu or Ministry Catalyst Sue Hasselbring sue@isminc.org if you are willing to serve, or to recommend someone else. †

SUBMIT YOUR ISM-RELATED PRAYERS

You are always welcome to submit prayers via email to: prayer@isminc.org. However, for an organization as spread out as ISM is, organization can become a challenge. We encourage you to use the Prayer Request Form you can find at: <https://tinyurl.com/ismincprayer>

Why not bookmark the form and send off a prayer request whenever the Spirit moves you?