

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

**FLINT INTERNATIONAL FRIENDS/ TRINITY  
FLINT, MICHIGAN  
KATE COLE, DIRECTOR**

- For volunteers to share their faith with those who are suffering.
- For our student-teachers as they serve alongside our volunteers.
- For church families to open their homes to our refugee/ students for Thanksgiving celebrations.

**WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY / DETROIT, MI  
BOB DICKHUOT**

- Pray that more scholars may find us, so many have returned to China the past few months
- Pray that we share Jesus in ways that make Him "real" to the scholars and that the Holy Spirit work faith in their lives
- Pray for "Daniel" who accepted Jesus last year and is back home in very challenging non-believing circumstances....may he find other believers and "new family" over there, as well as that his personal family may come to the faith
- THANK THE LORD for the "team" we have at WSU, easy for "comers" to "feel at home", though FAR from "home"
- THANK YOU, JESUS, for your obvious presence with us!

**UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS & AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
AUSTIN, TEXAS  
MARCIA MITTWEDE, ISM DIRECTOR**

- Thank the Lord for a good first semester and the new students He has led to us. Thanks for your prayers!
- Prayers for holiday activities to present many opportunities to proclaim the Gospel to our students.
- In thanksgiving for the new class on marriage/ relationships which has been very well-received and helpful to students. Thanks for praying!
- Ask the Lord to give several who already believe the desire for baptism.

**LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRIES OF KENT / KENT STATE UNIVERSITY  
JJ VOELKER, CAMPUS PASTOR**

- Please pray for the upcoming year, that new students will have open hearts to learn and grow in their faith and love of Jesus. Help our active students and volunteers to serve the Lord and bring Him glory
- That new students will find our ministry events and programs and find the Lord
- Pray for M to find a job to help with bills
- Pray for L to learn and grow in a faith in the Lord

**UNIVERSITY LUTHERAN CHAPEL / COLLEGE STATION, TX  
LYDIA SCHINNERER AND REV. PAUL HOEMANN, ISM CO-DIRECTORS**

This fall has been extremely fruitful; God has answered our prayers when it comes to getting new students. We would like to extend a prayer of thanks for the increased numbers, as well as pray that we minister well to our new students. We also pray for our students, new and old, who do not know Christ. There are many who are not believers, and we pray that the Spirit would open their hearts and minds to hear God's word. Finally, we pray for the safe travel of the following students: Daisy, Frank, Flora, Xi, and Angela, pictured right with Rev. Paul Hoemann and Mary Beth Vanerpoorten. One of the most difficult things about international student ministry is when students that you've grown close to have to return to their homeland. While Flora and Xi have not yet confessed Jesus Christ as their Savior, we pray and trust that the seeds of the Gospel have been planted and that someday, they will make that bold profession of faith. God speed!



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**INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP HOUSE / ASU  
TEMPE, AZ  
SHARON OWENS, DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS MINISTRY**

**PRAISE GOD:**

- for the 22 new students who have participated in the ministry since the start of the school year.
- for the volunteers who have been so faithful in serving the international students.
- for a great start of the year and the fun social activities: movie night, Christian concert.
- the opportunities we had to connect with students at the start of the school year, we were able to collect 94 names of interested students.

**PRAY FOR:**

- the ministry to be contagious as students share their experiences with their friends and encourage them to come.
- the curriculum team, we have 5 people who will be trained on writing the ELL and intro to Jesus curriculum.
- the Friendship Family program and that the partnerships will be fruitful.
- the ministry nights and that the word of God will penetrate the hearts of the students and they can learn who the One, True, God is that loves them so dearly.
- new students to come to the events and feel welcomed.
- the Spring semester planning and the student leadership team to take more ownership of their new roles.
- for H who has been faithfully attending our ministry nights and for her curiosity, wonder and awe about Jesus to grow into a saving relationship with Jesus.

**THE FRIENDSHIP HOUSE/MSU  
EAST LANSING, MI  
RICH BEARUP, DIRECTOR**

Friendship House celebrates with thanksgiving to God for the outpouring of interest by MSU Internationals in our fall semester courses. God raised up sufficient volunteers to field 34 weekly classes including 9 weekly Bible studies. MSU International students, scholars and family members are so many that our class spaces are being pushed to their limits. We ask prayers for the health concerns of Teachers Don, Teacher Kathy's husband, Teacher Pastor Rich and Teacher Kris. We ask prayers for a student who has experienced horrendous domestic violence (but is now safe) and another student, who committed her life to Jesus, who is not being allowed back into our country to study theology at Concordia University.

We pray for all of the International student ministries across our nation who give witness to the Living Word.

**CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH / UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON, WI  
JUDY TANG, IFC DIRECTOR**

- We gave away 4 Chinese/English Bibles to friends who are truly seeking to know more about the truth of God's Word. Thankful for ISM, Inc. so that we can purchase more Bibles! The last Chinese woman who received a Bible didn't know much English, so she was using a translator. When she showed me the translation, it read, "God arranges the best." Praise God!
- Thankful for great autumn activities and times of connecting internationals to life in the U.S. and life in Jesus Christ!
- Please pray for more volunteers to join the International Friendship Center (IFC) so that we can offer more English classes and Bible studies.

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**WE ARE HONORED TO PRAY FOR YOU AND WITH YOU  
SEND US YOUR PRAYERS AND PRAISES!**

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- Send your submission as an attached Word document
- Send your pictures as separate images (not embedded in your article) high resolution jpeg.
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