

Prayer Requests and Praises

May 1-6, 2017: ISM Detroit, MI
Bob Dickhudt, director

Lord, please send replacements for the many former active ISM-ers at Wayne State who have gone back home to China!

Pray that our "ISM family members" who have gone back, will both continue in God's Word as well as share the Good News of Jesus with friends and family.

Give us wisdom as we seek ways and means to more effectively reach out to others on campus.

Help us to continue to "draw folks into our ISM family."

Help us lead them to feel at home though they are 10,000 miles from home!

May 7-13, 2017: ISM Chinese Ministry, St. Louis, MO
Becky Shaw, director

Praise for those who attended the catechism class.

Praise for continued support of family worship.

For speaker, children's and youth program leaders and participants at the summer retreat.

For confirmed youth to continue growing in faith.

For all Bible study leaders and participants to grow in faith.

ISM Champaign, IL
Rick Milas, campus pastor

That our soon to be confirmed international student continue to grow in faith and in the joy of all Christ has taught.

May 14-20, 2017: ISM Manhattan, KS
Liz Beikmann, director

That students might complete the semester successfully and have a positive experience at KSU.

Thanksgiving for the universities in Prague who are willing to have students participate in our ministry.

For the continuing help and participation of the many families who make our ministry possible.

Thanksgiving for such a wonderful group of students at this school who are grateful for our host family ministry.

For the awesome turnout for the spring banquet for internationals and the numerous requests for Bibles.

In-Depth Bible Seminar
May 17-24, 2017

Please pray each day of the In-Depth Bible Seminar for open hearts and minds to the teachings of the participants.

Pray for the leaders: Rev. Paul Hoemann, Rev. Lee Meyer, Sarah VandaVeer, and Sharon Riordan.

Pray for the staff of the Christian retreat center to be powerful witnesses to the people they serve. We are blessed to use this facility once again.

Pray for a community of friends to be built during this 8 day seminar. Pray for the blessings on the sharing of life stories and of faith journeys.

Pray for safe travels and good health during the seminar.

Praise our Lord for this opportunity to share the message of His grace and salvation!

May 21-27, 2017: ISM Shorewood, WI
Bessie Fick, director

Thanks for the baptisms of L and A. We pray that they will find a faithful group of Christians in their home country to continue to grow in faith through the power of the Holy Spirit in God's Word.

Thank you for God's people who are serving in many ways by providing transportation, support, friendship, and invitations to hear God's Word.

Pray that we are faithful in reaching those God is sending to us.

Pray for those who are training at the In-Depth Bible Seminar.

Pray that God's people will continue to bring their gifts for the work among the internationals. Thank you for God's care and provision.

May 28 - June 3, 2017: ISM Lincoln, NE
Mark Meyer, director

Pray for the students regularly hearing the gospel message, especially N, P, S, F, Q, and N. Pray that the Holy Spirit would continue to grow faith in their hearts and lead them to baptism.

Pray for encouragement and perseverance for the English and Bible teachers here. We are very thankful for their service!

Pray that we would be good stewards of the new students we meet. Pray that we may help connect them to individuals or classes where they can hear about Jesus.

ISM Austin, TX
Marcia Mittwede, director

Thank the Lord for His continuing to draw students to attend Bible classes. Especially for A, C, R, T, Z, L, J, and J to desire baptism.

Thank the Lord for the faithful volunteers who have served this semester.

For our summer program to be fruitful for Jesus' Kingdom.

For our Mommy & Baby group as we expand into two sections - one for infants and the other for toddlers. For Ms. Shannon as she heads up this program.

June 4-10, 2017: ISM Honolulu, HI
Janelle Dryden, director

That God would give a job immediately so that she can care for herself and her daughter.

That God would be close to Y, G, D, and R in their lives.

That the Chinese families in our preschool would allow Jesus into their hearts as their children bring home the Good News!

That J would pass all of his tests.

That the Muslims in Hawaii would stop rejecting the Lord as their Savior.

ISM, Inc. on Facebook ~ Join Us!



This group is for anyone who wants international students to know the love and the hope that is found in Jesus. ISM, Inc. wants to encourage, pray for and celebrate the work God is doing among international students.

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June 11-17, 2017: ISM Flint, MI

Kate Cole, director

For an Indian student from an unreached people group that he would come to know Jesus.

For a volunteer to teach the conversational English class.

For the upcoming baptism of one of our volunteer's students who participated in her 12 week Bible class.

ISM College Station, TX

Lydia Schinner and Andrew Cloeter, co-directors

For Galina's dad's leg.

For Haeja's husband's job search - in the U.S. or Korea.

For Fuping's paper that was submitted to journal.

June 18-24, 2017: ISM Big Rapids, MI

Bethel Larsen, volunteer

Thanks for Yadan's new job near my home!

Thanks for a Saudi event that allowed me to see many students on a day when my time at Ferris was short.

For good fruit from my conversation with I and that he will accept a Bible.

For Mohammed's summer internship, his health and his family; especially that Jesus would be revealed to them.

For Sara, Rawan, Istiqlal, Batool, Mariam, and their families.

That the exchange students will meet Jesus along the way as they travel and then return home.

That I make good use of opportunities in my conversations with the students.

That that we gain many new prayer partners at the national LWML Convention.

June 25-30, 2017: Madison, WI

Judy Tang, director

For L, H and LH from China who are so hungry in studying God's Word ... that they might put their faith in Jesus!

English classes, Bible studies, and cultural events continue at the IFC through the summer months ... praying for ongoing opportunities to connect internationals to life in the U.S. and life in Jesus Christ!

For continued healing for several volunteers.

ISM LaCrosse, WI

John Jaeger, volunteer

That God will bless our remodeling as we add a coffee house onto our Lutheran Student Center.

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Praising God for the 25 years of ministry at the International Friendship House in East Lansing, Mich.. The funds to purchase the ministry center was through the national LWML. What a wonderful blessing in the life of ISM, Inc.



THE YEAR OF 'THE ROOSTER'

by Bob Dickhudt, ISM director

A wonderful handful of Chinese scholars from ISM-WSU, Detroit, made the "Year of the Rooster" come alive for students at Guardian Lutheran School, Dearborn. Not only did they help children learn some good Chinese words like "Hello," "Thank you," "Good bye," they even learned to write a few simple words.

At lunchtime children were joined by older students in trying the art of eating noodles with chopsticks! They loved their morning experience, including using "Grandpa Mr. D." to "properly bow and greet and receive Hung Bao (red packets) with money in them. Great

fun for all, and, somehow, helping children recognize how John 3:16, God's love for ALL the people of the world, fit into our daily lives



and contacts with those different from us!

Back at WSU, the Thursday of Chinese New Year week, the ISM "FAMILY" celebrated the Year of the Rooster with a feast of dishes made by scholars, and even including homemade dumplings!

We entitled our Bible study, "The YEAR OF THE ROOSTER in the BIBLE." Although they could hardly believe the rooster was in the Bible, they attentively read and reacted to the story of Peter and his "cock-sure attitude" that he would never deny the Lord Jesus and his subsequent sadness when the crowing of the rooster reminded him he had denied his Jesus three times.

Other Scripture shared the joy the Lord wants us to have as we celebrate all kinds of things, including the new year as well as the precious gift of our families and even good food! They seemed to recognize that we can include our Savior in all kinds of happenings, including the New Year!

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