

BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP IN CHRIST

November 2016

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Psalms 67:4a *"May the nations be glad and sing for joy."*



Baking



Thursday World View Class



Thursday Children's program level one class



The pumpkin carving activity

International Student Ministry is a Ministry of friendship and hospitality. It is a wonderful privilege to serve the internationals and their families in the Milwaukee area. One of our international volunteers recently shared "I keep coming to the church because of the friendly people here. Also the ESL classes helped me a lot my first year in Milwaukee. "

ISM at Luther Memorial Chapel, Shorewood, WI began six years ago with four internationals attending English conversation classes. It was difficult to inform the internationals about the classes because of the language barrier. Another factor was that we were such a new organization on campus that the internationals did not always trust us. We learned to depend on the relationships built with the internationals in the classes to establish that trust. The difficulty was that our work was among visiting scholars who were here for six months or one year and then returned home. Our regular prayer each year was that God would send someone who would feel comfortable inviting others to the English classes. Each year God has answered that prayer.

This past year God sent Michael. This May he attended the In-Depth Bible seminar and asked many questions about the Bible and about baptism. The boys, Michael Jr., and James attended the children's program activities and there they learned that baptism was for children also. They saw one of their friends baptized in the spring and asked their parents if they could be baptized. This summer Michael and his wife requested that their children be baptized. We began baptism instruction together and their son James asked if his friend Alan might attend also. Soon Alan's mother was bringing him to the classes. We rejoiced when Michael Jr., James and Alan were baptized this past October. We thank God, that through the relationships built in the classes and the children's activities, these young people have received the blessings of forgiveness of sins, salvation and eternal life.

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The international Welcome meal- 72 were present



VBS-39 international children and adults attended activities



We celebrated the baptisms of Michael, Alan and James



Barbecue at Diane's home - She is one of our ESL teachers.

We give thanks for the many blessings God has provided through the relationships built among the internationals God is sending from other lands. We rejoice that last year from Aug. 2015- Aug. 2016 we had :

94 internationals visit worship services; 238 visit our Bible studies, 57 in the Children's Christian Education classes, 9 adults attended adult instruction classes and 1 was confirmed. We rejoiced in 6 baptisms among the internationals.

We celebrated Thanksgiving with 140 persons present. What a great joy to visit and converse with so many of our friends from around the world. Please join us for activities.

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Volunteer Needs:

We are thankful for many volunteers who assist with the conversation classes, the Bible studies, and the children's classes. Volunteers come from Luther Memorial, area Congregations and from different age groups: retirement age, college age, high school age and in-between. We are always in need of more volunteers. Volunteers can serve for one day or on a regular schedule. If you would like to help, please contact: Bessie.Fick@gmail.com.

St. John, Port Washington and Beautiful Savior, Milwaukee provided many household goods and winter clothing. If you have any gently used household items or winter clothing, baby items, or bicycles please contact Bessie at 414-477-9448.

English Classes are a wonderful way to help our international friends. We are in need of Conversation leaders and Bible conversation leaders. We also would like to begin a children's class while the mothers study. If you can assist in these ways we would love to hear from you.

International Student Ministry receives its main financial support from the gifts of God's people. If you would like to contribute to the support of this ministry, please send contributions to:

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