

Greetings, dear brothers and sisters!

We are so blessed to be working with International Students Inc. (ISI)! What a privilege to meet young people from all over the world who have come to our small corner of the world. It is our hope and prayer that God will allow us to pour His love into their lives and draw them to a lasting relationship with Jesus! We are continuing our work with students at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Nebraska on a part-time basis as Ministry Representatives (unpaid staff) with ISI.

This semester brought 21 new international students to Northeast Community College, bringing the total of international students on campus to 60. Of those 60, approximately 27 participate on one of Northeast's athletic teams, with men's soccer drawing the most, followed by men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, and women's soccer. The Malawi students joining Northeast this fall have made it the most represented country of the Northeast student body with 19 total students. Second most populous is Brazil with 8 students, followed by the countries of Australia, Colombia, and Burkina Faso, with 5 students each. In total, there are 17 countries represented by students at NECC.

Our activities with students began before classes even started! We hosted a dinner for the men's and women's soccer teams on August 10. These athletes need to be on campus before school starts so they can practice and be ready for competition. Unfortunately, the college does not provide food service on the weekends. We provided a tasty build-your-own-burrito bar for about 20 students. There are 11 internationals on the men's team, and 1 on the women's team.



On August 16, we held a Welcome Picnic for our students at beautiful Skyview Lake. It was nice getting to know several of the new students and to see some of the returning students. We were blessed by an abundance of food provided by volunteers in the community. Our meal was followed by some games, including building towers out of toothpicks and mini-marshmallows! Just look at that intense concentration!

Occasionally, we are asked to help pick up students at Eppley Airfield in Omaha. That's how we met Gabriel from Brazil. His visa was delayed and so he arrived about a week after classes started. Gabriel arrived with just 2 small suitcases and needed to get some supplies for his dorm room so that meant a trip to Walmart and Target. Later that week, Brian took Gabriel to the mall so that he could also purchase some running shoes.





Sometimes students just need a quick trip to Walmart. Beth and Pauline (from Malawi) often hop over to Walmart for a quick shopping trip. Pauline also enjoys soccer, so she came with Beth to watch the men's and women's soccer teams play. Here's a quick Burger King Drive-Thru selfie!

In the course of teaching English as a Second Language at Northeast Community College, Beth has an opportunity to meet new immigrants to our country. Yasmany is a young man who left his home country of Cuba. He expressed an interest in learning more about the Bible, and so we have been using ISI's M:28 Bible study. This great study was developed by ISI specifically for people who do not speak English as their first language. Yasmany is growing in his understanding of God's plan for his life. He is also attending First Christian Church with us (where Brian is serving as an Elder).



In October, we traveled to Divide, Colorado for a regional retreat for International Students Inc. (ISI). We had some great conversations with others who are working on college campuses, reaching students with the Gospel. While there, we had an opportunity to meet with our regional director, Roy Yabuki, and with Ron and Judy Spaulding, who lead the ISI ministry in Lincoln, Nebraska. **They have approached us with the idea of returning to Lincoln to work with the ministry there as full-time ministry staff with ISI. While this is not a certainty, there is a good chance that this will happen, possibly as early as August 2020. Please lift us up in prayer as we consider if this is God's leading.**



Brian helping with worship



Brian and Beth, Judy and Ron Spaulding

Prayer Needs:

- We are slowly building relationships with our international students. Pray for more opportunities to meet with them and serve them.
- Many of our students come from warm, tropical countries. With the weather now quickly turning colder and the days shorter, they are feeling pretty stressed. Additionally, they are now bogged down with schoolwork, and many are participating on sports teams, so they are TIRED. Pray for strength and endurance for them, and pray for us as we seek to help them through this hard time.
- Pray for Yasmany as his wife and two small children are still in Cuba. He misses them a lot and hopes they can join him here in Norfolk soon.
- Pray for our decisions concerning where God wants us to serve!
- Pray for partners who want to support us financially and in prayer. We are so grateful for those who are already partnering with us!

Financial Needs:

We are seeking people who want to partner with us to reach the nations with the Gospel. Currently, all money donated to our account is used only to reimburse us for ministry costs, such as dinners for students, transportation costs, and training for Beth and Brian.

Since we plan to go on staff full-time within the next 18-24 months, we are looking for faithful people who could support our work on a monthly basis for our future work as well. **If you feel that God is leading you to support our work with International Students, Inc., please see the information below.**

Ways to Give to Our Ministry with ISI...

- **Send a check made out to International Students, Inc. to**
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P. O. Box C
Colorado Springs, CO 80901-3000
(Please write our account # **5681** on a sticky note and attach to check.)
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