

Bridges Bulletin



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Dear friend,

Classes at ASU have started up and the Fall semester is in full swing. One major change for Bridges this year is that we've split up into an undergraduate group and a graduate group, and I'm working primarily with graduates. The majority nationality, so far, which has been showing up at our meetings is from India (Hindu), but there have also been several from Pakistan (Muslim). You might already be aware of the intense dislike these two groups have for each other, so we have been excited to see them co-existing at our gatherings. *Please pray that they would continue to be amenable to each other and continue to build relationships with us Bridges staff and volunteers.*

Speaking of staff; as you may already know, at the end of the school year, back in May, our local Bridges team here was down to three of us working full time and one contributing 10 hours a week while working on raising her ministry finances (Laura). Over the summer God was active in answering our prayers, and now we have a full time intern added to our team (Carley), as well as a full time staff who is splitting her time between the ASU ministry and a national leadership team (Suzanne). Top that off with another full time staff who has moved to Tempe to finish his ministry fund raising (Jordan), as well as a previous volunteer who has decided to join Bridges staff, part time (Dylan). So, while our workforce has grown significantly, our next prayer goal is for the God to open the financial flood-gates for Laura, Jordan, Dylan, and myself (getting only partial paychecks for many months), so we may all be fully available for reaching the nations on our doorstep.

Last week we took 51 students on a trip to hike and site-see among the beautiful red rocks of Sedona. I had the pleasure of driving six Indian grad students. It was a blast as they commandeered the sound system and proceeded to create playlists of American classic rock with contemporary Indian songs mixed in. I was quite surprised when I heard Elvis singing *Love Me Tender*. We ate, hiked, and got rain-soaked together. Then was a great honor to me, when I dropped off the last four roommates, to be asked to come up to their apartment for chai (milk tea seasoned with cardamom, ginger, and other spices). *Please pray for a continued relationship with these men which would result in trust, conversations about the deeper meaning of life, and ultimately about Jesus.*



Yours for helping reach the world,

