

# Bridges Bulletin



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After the Bridges International student conference two Decembers ago, one of our Chinese students who attended made a confession. Robbie (not his real name) said that when people at the conference asked him if he was learning a lot he would tell them that he was, but he didn't actually feel like he was but just didn't want to disappoint people by telling them that.

Throughout the following semester he began to realize that he really had learned some things at the conference - some important things, like how he didn't have a purpose in life. He continued to be involved with Bridges throughout the following year, but did not seem to be moving any closer to Christ.

Then, the day before finals last year, one of our staff team, Leslie, was burdened by the thought of Robbie graduating and moving away without knowing Jesus, so she invited him to church with her that Sunday. After church Leslie and a friend ended up sharing a clear gospel message with Robbie. His heart was ready and he trusted Christ to be his savior at that time. Since then he has graduated, found a job here in the U. S., joined a local church and continues to grow in his new faith.

It would be easy for Leslie to take credit for leading Robbie to the Lord, but she is quick to point out that his new life in Christ is the result of many people who were active in helping Robbie know about Jesus. Robbie even wrote a *thank you* note to all of us staff citing how each of us had contributed in some way to showing him Jesus and helping him along his journey to eternity with God. I remember a time of studying the Bible with him when he had numerous questions that seemed to be random, but he was silently processing what it would mean for him to be a Christian.

Other people to credit with helping Robbie trust Jesus include the many people like you who have been praying for our ministry to international students, and specifically for those 11 students from ASU who went to that Winter Conference. There are others of you who gave financially to our scholarship fund to defray some of the cost for those students to attend that conference. There are the families who hosted Robbie in their homes for Thanksgiving meals. I'm sharing this story with you to point out the patience and extended participation that is sometimes required to lead someone from another culture to the Lord. While you and I may not see immediate results from our investments of prayer, financial gifts, and time, God *does* use them to His glory, in His time. Thank you for partnering with me as we persevere in love and good deeds in order to build bridges to the lost, so that we might save some.



"Robbie" is one of the students pictured here.

