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Dear Friend,

Bridges International can be described by four S's - four primary objectives of what we do. The first one is:

Social Connections — Connecting students with others from all over the world. We want to be their home away from home where they connect with other people from both the United States and every corner of the world.

Last month one of our Bridges team at ASU - Jessey - posted this photo to her Facebook page. It is a shot looking into our Bridges meeting space one evening. With it she included the following comment:

"I love that I get to look through these doors and see people from around the world talking with each other, laughing with each other, making food together, and learning from each other. I love that, through these doors, we come together from different places and cultures and build memories that unite us. I love that through these doors, memories are made, relationships are built, and people find belonging- a home away from home. I love that God loves each one of us and is working in our lives in unique ways. And I love that these doors are open for anyone who wants a safe place to belong and explore."

Upon seeing this, one of our graduate students from Southeast Asia made this reply:

"And I am so glad I walked through these doors and met you and Craig and Leslie.



I have been looking forward to Fridays ever since that day. Through these doors, I met some of the most awesome people, made so many great friends and connections, met people from many different countries, got to enjoy their cultures and cuisines. Such a relief from week after week of project deadlines, exams, and rejections.

Through these doors, I got to enjoy American holidays and traditions, and explore the beauty of Arizona. It really is a home away from home."

This gentleman has become increasingly open to spiritual discussions, and is even registered to attend our Bridges winter conference over the semester break. Please join me in praying for more spiritual openness of others who would consider Bridges their *home away from home*.

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