

# Bridges Bulletin



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## Vision Conference in Atlanta

After Christmas I went to the Bridges Winter Conference, which was in Atlanta, this year. There were over 1,200 people there from around the world, 30 of those being part of Bridges at ASU. In our group alone there were people from S. Korea, Rwanda, China, Iran, Japan, Liberia, Taiwan, India, and Brazil. We were in different tracks while we were there (tracks allow students to learn about Jesus in a cultural context that is meaningful for them). The staff had a variety of roles, but it was our campus times and our dance practices for our talent show dance that made the times together sweet and built community.

One of our Japanese students who became a Christian earlier last year, wanted to meet Japanese Christians at this conference and she was able to meet both Japanese Christians and American Christians who had been missionaries in Japan for several years. She was encouraged as she asked them what it will look like for her to be a Christian in Japan and how she can start preparing for it now. I'm thankful for those God brought into her life who could tell her about specific things in ways I couldn't because I've never lived overseas in a place that wasn't open to Christianity.



*Please pray for our Christian students who came and learned what it looks like to follow God and cross cultures in sharing their faith with others. Pray for God to put steps of faith in their hearts and for them to have boldness to be obedient. Please also pray for our non-Christians students who came to have softened hearts, and that the experience of the conference and the truths which the speakers shared will continue to be in their thoughts throughout the months ahead.*

## **Back on Campus**

Now the students are back on campus and we are well into the swing of things! At the start of the semester, our students helped us table for Bridges (photo on the right) at two events the university hosted for international students. Our students did a fantastic job. It was fun to see them sharing about Bridges and hear how they describe it to others.

Because the majority of international students (particularly the grad students) are guys, we need more: staff men, men from the community, and students (both American and internationals) to provide leadership in befriending, evangelizing, and discipleship. Currently, with me off campus seeking additional ministry partners full-time, there is only one staff man and just a few male volunteers ministering to the students.



*Please pray for more Christian guys to participate in leadership with us.*

Thank you very much for your part, through prayer and/or finances, in helping us reach the world through the international students who are here – now.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

