

Some Words and Sentences

Seven

I like seven. Seven is good. We finished the last school year with a team of four people, but *this year we will be starting with seven!* (Five full-time, and two part-time; plus three in the wings - raising their funds.)

Three

Three's not lonely. And it's not really a crowd - in spite of the well-known assertion to the contrary. *Three is the number of weeks until classes start at ASU.* International students are currently preparing to make long flights to be here by then. Some students who have returned home for the summer, or because of the pandemic, will be staying home and attending classes remotely. We are making plans to meet with them both in-person or virtually - whichever is better for a given situation.

Meeting Students

The university is providing a new way for us to meet with, both local and remote, students this year. They are organizing a virtual open house evening for all student clubs. They are setting up a system of virtual "rooms" where we can meet with students who drop in, and tell them about Bridges. A part of our "room" presentation will be a 1 minute introduction video. You can see it here: bit.ly/Welcome_Video_2020.



Frame from 1 minute promotional video

Shifting Roles

As you may already know, for the last year and a half I have been a co-leader for our Bridges ministry team at ASU. But now I'm passing that role onto the other man on the team, which will free me up to do more specialized projects and working more from my strengths and experience. One such project which we had in mind for this time was the development of a program of magical entertainment with special appeal to international students. Like most things now, though, the pandemic may necessitate that this be re-imagined within new constraints.

Funding

Last month I reported that I was close to my funding goal, and now I'm excited to report that God brought in the last \$300 in monthly commitments in a special way. Now that I'm fully funded I'm freed up to get back to full-time ministry - and just in time to get ready for the approaching semester.

Pray with Thanksgiving

Give Thanks for: Three additional teammates to help reach the international students at ASU, Me being fully funded, The ASU campus being open and the access that gives to the students.

Join in praying for: Adjusting to the new modes of ministry due to Covid 19, God to direct students to visit the Bridges virtual rooms at the student club open house, the team dynamics and fitting of roles with the new team members.

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