

Whirlwind of Change

This year with Bridges International for Graduate Students we are alternating our Friday night meetings. The 1st and 3rd Fridays are for the typical (pre-Covid) structured meetings consisting of a free meal, ice-breaker activity, program/talk, and small group discussions. The 2nd and 4th Fridays then, are for simpler, community building “gathering” activities.

For the past 6 months, these meetings have been virtual and without food - until two weeks ago when we “tested the water” to see if students would come out for an in-person meeting. We hosted a Dinner and A Movie night making use of outdoor patio space, with individually wrapped foods, and distanced seating with face masks. As you can see from this photo, the turn out was good, with 30 people in attendance, and over half were international students who are new to us this year.



With that success we decided to try a hybrid meeting last Friday; in-person and also providing a way for people to join us online if they were unable to be with us physically. There were three of us who watched the presentation online, along with the 16 in the room. The photo on the left shows two of the discussion groups which followed the talk about anxiety. What was exciting to me was how, afterwards, nearly all of the students stayed around to chat, even after we had closed the doors.

Praise and Prayer

- God has now brought two male international graduate students who follow Jesus. Please join me in praying that they would desire to be discipled and involved in leading their peers to Jesus, and be able to make the time in their schedules to do so.
- A Pakistani gal has suddenly found a friend in our teammate, Elizabeth, and welcomes any opportunity for the two of them to get together. She seems to continuously barrage Elizabeth with questions about Christianity as she reevaluates her own current belief system. Pray that she sees the significant differences between what Jesus and the Bible says and what her religion’s founder and book says.
- Compared to previous years the number of people we have meet is significantly lower, but please pray with me that we will see God do great things as we are able to go deeper with the few He is giving us.

Thank you for your partnership.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Craig".