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The Story Continues

Last month I told you about Har - a Masters student with whom I had begun the process of sharing about Jesus. I had asked you to pray for our next meeting when I would continue telling him how Jesus is the only, complete, solution to the problem of our sin. Well, our prayers have been answered - sort of. He decided to trust Jesus for his salvation, in spite of my efforts to talk him out of it. Really! I was concerned that he might just want to please me, since he is from a culture where it is not uncommon for relationships to be valued above personal opinions. And since he continues to accept my invitations to get together and participate in Bridges activities, **please pray with me that if Har's decision was not genuine that he would understand his need for Jesus and desire an intimate walk with Him.**

A New God

This year we were unable to meet in person for our annual national Bridges winter "Vision" conference, but instead we gathered virtually with students and staff across the country - and globe! We met in local "Family Groups" to participate in the conference programming which was streamed, and then we discussed the content in our small groups. Close to 600 international students "attended" the conference, which was a huge answer to prayer.

During the week after the conference - before classes started up again, one of our volunteers who had helped lead our ASU Family Group, wanted to host a 2-day follow-up gathering at her home with the students who attended the conference. During that time our volunteer led the students through an overview of both the Old and New Testaments. It was quite an undertaking, but faith outweighed the enormity of this task. The second night of the gathering a married couple from Iran made the decision to give their lives to Jesus! The couple said "We have given up our old god, and have found our new God". **Please pray for the discipleship training of this Iranian couple.**

Fun With Illusion

As part of the Vision conference students were given some free time to interact with others to build community through some fun shared experiences. One of their options was to participate in a virtual magic session with me. I hosted eight, 30 minute sessions, of interactive magic in a four hour block. We had a lot of fun, and this served as a trial for longer, virtual magic performances which could be hosted by local Bridges groups on campuses around the country - or anywhere, any time. I'm developing several shows, each of which would address different topics which serve to "prepare the soil" for the gospel. These topics will include: the possibility of the existence of a creator God, reason to believe in the possibility of a spiritual world, and the authenticity and reliability of the Bible, as well as one with my testimony and a clear, visual, illustration of how to have a personal relationship with God through Jesus. **Please pray for the development and promotion of these outreach and evangelistic programs.**

As always, thank you for participating with me in helping reach the world through international students.

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