

August/September 2021

Things are well underway on Campus; this being only the third week of classes (which are all in-person at ASU).

Welcome Party

The Sunday evening before classes started, it was evident to me that God was involved in our welcome event. The right amount of students showed up (114) for the available amount of food. Ninety-eight of the students were new contacts we have not met before. Our student leaders (all new to their officer roles this year) pulled together and planned, and put on, the entire program - and even rehearsed it several times beforehand to make sure it went smoothly. Please pray for fruitful follow-up of these new contacts.



Stealth Decision

Last semester a couple of masters students who had been attending church with us agreed to be part of the tech team and run cameras during the services. Over the summer, one of them, with no fanfare or announcement, quietly told us that he became a Christian. He is still trying to work out how outward he wants to be about it with his friends and family - one of the biggest challenges new believers face upon deciding to follow Jesus. Please pray for "Max" as he navigates this issue and continues to grow in his walk this school year.

Jesus and the Bible

Through our first-of-the-year tabling events we've seen 209 international students take our "Getting to Know You" survey. A third of these, 66 checked the box saying "I'm not a follower of Jesus, but am interested in learning about Jesus and the Bible." Last week we had the first meeting for people in this category and 12 showed up. It is notable that five of them came because of an invitation of two of our regulars who live in the same apartment complex. Pray that we can reach not just individuals with the gospel - but communities at once, because of this predominant cultural "group" phenomenon.

Heavy Medal

In July, two of our progeny placed in a regional bodybuilding competition. Hannah earned a First and Second Place in the two events she entered. Caleb decided to enter the competition only about a month in advance, but was still able to earn a Fourth Place medal. We are very proud of them for their discipline and self-control, something I'm confident they got from their mother.

Twenty Year Overdue Bath

-room remodel. Yes, our main bathroom is finally getting a makeover. This has given still more evidence of my wife being a saint, since it has taken over a month for me to do the job, and she hasn't complained about not having "her" sink and toilet for the duration. (For those not paying close attention, I can be a bit slow and particular.)

As always, thank you very much for your partnership in helping reach the world.



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