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I can't believe it has been so long since I last wrote. The summer has flown by and we are a month into the Fall semester at ASU! I'll start with some summer highlights.

In early June I went to the Jackson Heights neighborhood in Queens, New York - known as one of New York City's most ethnically diverse neighborhoods. This trip, with nine other Bridges staff from across the country, was the culmination of our year long training about how to better relate to South Asian internationals. (photo on the right)



Upon returning home I helped organize some events for international students who stayed in town over the summer. We had fun doing a late evening scavenger hunt around downtown Tempe. Another time we played indoor miniature golf - a first for most of them.

Then, in July, I attended our bi-annual Cru staff conference - for the first time in 40 years not at Fort Collins, Colorado. This year it was fun to get to know downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin for a week while being refreshed and challenged to persevere in the ministry to which God has called us as a worldwide organization.

God has clearly answered some of our prayers here at the beginning of the semester. We had been praying to meet some Christian international students to disciple to become multipliers among their fellow students. Already this year the Lord has brought believers into the Bridges community from seven different countries who desire to serve and share their testimonies with other students! One such student whom I have started discipling is "S" - a new Masters student from India. He told me that he wanted to come study in the U.S. in order to grow as a Christian. Answers to prayer don't get much clearer than that!

Prayer Requests

- That our new, believing students would be *faithful, available, and teachable*
- For a Hindu background believer, "B", who has just joined our Bridges staff team and is now meeting with people about partnering with him through prayer and financially.
- That deeper relationships will develop with the 40 students who will participate in our Fall Break trip to Goldwater Lake near Prescott, October 8th.

Gratefully,