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A Great Start

This school year has started off big, with the largest Bridges International Welcome Party that I remember at ASU. More than 130 students showed up at our meeting facility to eat dinner and learn about Bridges.

I'm estimating that 85% were new students who had not previously been involved with Bridges - and most were of those are new to Tempe this semester.



The more significant and encouraging indicator is that nearly half came back for a second meeting, last week.

I'm fastening my seat belt in anticipation of what God may do in the lives of many internationals this year.

Family Update

Sheila: ●This summer she cut back her hours as Catering Director at Chick-fil-A to ease into semi-retirement and allow time for baking cakes, cooking for various events, and other things she'd like to do.

Hannah: ●Still Admissions Director at the Southwest Institute of Natural Aesthetics in Tempe.
●Last month she earned both First Place and a Second Place awards in a regional body building competition, qualifying her for national competitions.

Caleb: ●Paying his bills as a salesman for online legal services. ●Living back-and-forth between L. A. and Tempe - pitching a series to a television network and waiting for the writers strike to be resolved.

Joshua: ●Hail damage agent at State Farm - working from home three weeks per month.
●Just shedded several roommates and moved into an apartment by himself.

Prayer

●For relationships and spiritually meaningful conversations with international students. ●For the ongoing progress and direction with the documentary video project.

As always, thank you very much for your partnership,

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

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