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verb. to dwell or live in a place as a temporary resident, or as a stranger, not considering the place as his permanent habitation.

THE NEWSLETTER OF CHRISTINA

International Students!



Future English teacher! Beware!

This semester can be summed up in one phrase: INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS! In August a friend invited me to be a conversation partner for 22 students from Turkey. They were in Fayetteville for 6 weeks, learning how to become better English teachers.

Over those six weeks, I spent many hours with my new Turkish friends. They were here during the Islamic month of Ramadan, so we were able to have several good spiritual conversations, and I learned a lot from them.

After the students left, I signed up for a 10-month internship run locally by Every Ethne. Every Ethne staff have been leading this program in different locations around the country for several years, and this is the first year we've run it in Fayetteville. It is focused on training people to be more passionate about Jesus and to reach out to Muslims effectively.

Our group is cultivating a passion for Jesus, a passion for His kingdom, and a passion for going strategically. We spend at least two hours each week with our Muslim friends, getting to know them better, learning about their lives and needs, and sharing our lives with them. We focus on learning stories about Jesus from the Gospels and sharing these with our friends.

I've spent a lot of time the past few years learning about ministry, but actually being challenged and held accountable to do it has been an incredible growing experience. Once a week I meet with my conversation partner from Saudi Arabia. As we practice English, we've had several opportunities to talk about Islam and what it means to be a follower of Jesus.

- Please pray for the nine of us in the internship, that God will grow our passion for Him.
- Pray that our friends will see Jesus as their Treasure, and will find that He is worth it.



Students with the CD "Turkish Groove."



Our mini-golfing adventure!



A student on her birthday.



New Apartment!

Since I got to Fayetteville last July, I had been living at the "Shad pad." At the end of September, I moved to an apartment with Laura (who works for The Body Builders, a sister ministry of the U.S. Center). We've been settling in, and have really been enjoying the new place!

XPLORE is Xploding!

Ok, cheesy pun intended. But take a look at how God is using this tool!

At the University of Arkansas:

- About 50 students are going through XPLORE in small groups.
- Campus Crusade is using the curriculum to help their student leaders gain a vision for the world.



Worldwide:

- 3 languages: English, Mandarin (Chinese), and Spanish
- 1,000 Mandarin copies in China being used to disciple Chinese college students.

Check out what Lauren, a student at the UofA is saying:

When I read that only 4% of missionaries are going to unreached areas, it made me want to go. But knowing that I'm meant to be here at college right now kind of made me feel helpless. XPLORE pointed me to Matthew 9:37-38, helping me see that prayer, and specifically praying for laborers, is just as necessary as physically going. Since then, one of my friends and I have started a world prayer meeting on Tuesday mornings where we pray that God's name would be glorified, unreached nations would begin to hear, and that God would raise up laborers. It's so cool knowing that God promises there will be people from every tribe, tongue, and nation praising him someday, and that we get to be a part of it!

--Lauren, University of Arkansas

GOer Group and Website

My main projects the past few months have been the **Every Ethne website** and the **GOer Group videos**. Sometimes working on these huge projects feels a little bit like trying to push a giant barge down a river, but I can tell that by God's grace, I'm making some progress.

The **website** is almost ready to launch, and should be live within the next few weeks, which is exciting.

I'm working backward on the **GOer Group videos**, and finished a rough-cut of Lesson 8 (the last lesson). If you'd like a sneak preview, contact me and I'll give you a test link!



The editing lair, where the magic happens.



It only took us 5 takes with a self-timer to get this photo...

Seeing Family

My parents came down to visit me for a long weekend! We went up to Springfield, MO, to visit my mom's alma mater, Evangel University, and then they spent a few days with me in Fayetteville. It was good to see my family for a little while!

Perspectives

Now is the time to sign up for Spring Perspectives classes! Check the website to see if there is one near you.

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