



The Harvest is Plentiful

at Minnesota State University, Mankato



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It's Harvest Time!

Summer is coming to a close here in Mankato, while at the same time the university is coming alive. We have been very busy in the last several weeks, greeting and picking up international students at the Minneapolis airport. So far, we have been able to pick up students from Nepal, Cameroon, Japan and China. Also, we have had many opportunities to help students move into their new apartments because we have a big van and a trailer. Through meeting these basic needs of the international students, we have had many opportunities to share the gospel message with them.

Just the other day I was driving a Nepalese student back to MSU, and he asked me if we had reincarnation in Christianity. Seeing how Nepal is over 85% Hindu, you can understand why he would ask this question. This question led into a great conversation with him about Jesus, heaven, hell, and how one is declared righteous in biblical Christianity. Many of these international students will be attending our events over the semester. Please continue to pray that we would have many more open doors to share Christ with these internationals!

“This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.” John 17:3

Over the summer we have been very blessed to have Rony from Bangladesh attending our weekly worship meetings. Bangladesh is one of the largest Muslim countries in the world, located right next to India. In our last newsletter I mentioned that he came to our end of the semester picnic and was very interested in the idea that you could have a relationship with the Lord Jesus. Over the summer, Rony has begun to desire this relationship and has been reading and studying the Bible for himself. He tells me often how he is amazed that he no longer desires the sinful things he used to practice. Rony also has a burden for his Hindu friends to know Jesus, and is always inviting them to attend our events and worship meetings. Rony knows that the Lord is calling him and is getting very close to being baptized into Christ Jesus. Rony lives in an apartment complex that is full of many international students that we have been ministering to for the last two years. Please keep Rony in your prayers as he seeks to follow Jesus with all his heart and be salt and light to his unsaved friends!



Rony has been extremely helpful in serving and helping pick-up students from the airport and moving furniture.

Evangeline is baptized!

Heather and I were very blessed and honored to baptize Evangeline this past August 8th. Evangeline repented and gave her life to Christ over a year ago on July 15th, and in the last several months has been really excited about being baptized into Christ Jesus. Since then, she has also lead her two sisters to Christ. Here is her testimony that she shared at her baptism: "One day Mama and me were watching John Bevere and very quietly I gave my heart to Jesus. Jesus gave me a new Spirit!" She wrote this down and drew a picture of herself fighting with her siblings before and sharing and loving them after giving her heart to Jesus. Praise God for the simple faith of a child!



Faith (4), Isabel (5), Evangeline (7), Phinehas (3 mos), Isaiah (2)



Prayer Requests

- * Please be praying for the salvation of these students that we believe Jesus is drawing to Himself. Sunil (Nepal), Soyal (Nepal), Pramod (Nepal), Grace (China), Margaret (China) and Aliou (Senegal).
- * Please be praying for these events that we will be having in the next couple of weeks to meet and lead international students to Jesus: Welcome Week Picnic August 26th, Minnesota State Fair trip September 5th, and Prairie River Camp trip September 11th.
- * Please be praying for our Discovering Christianity Study Group that we're beginning this semester. This study is designed to reach out to international students that are interested in learning about Christianity, the Bible, and Jesus. It will be held every Thursday night from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm in the student union here at MSU.
- * Please be praying for Heather and the girls as they're preparing to begin another year of homeschooling. Evangeline will be in second grade and Isabel and Faith will be beginning Kindergarten. There is also extra grace needed with having the two young boys!

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