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Dear Friends and Family,

I hope you are doing well and enjoying the spring season. This time of year is always busy for our ministry team and filled with trips, outings, and events on campus. I'm excited to share about some recent events below.

Bridges Staff Conference

In February, I had the opportunity to attend the Bridges International Staff Conference in California. It was a wonderful week of connecting with other staff, getting updates on the direction and vision of Bridges International, and being encouraged by the Word. The theme for the week was "Abide", based on John 15:5, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing". The teachings throughout the week reminded us of our need to abide in Christ as we seek to effectively reach students!

One evening, the Bridges national team honored Chris's life and legacy during the main gathering. A dear friend shared about the impact of Chris's ministry, as well as the impact of his friendship on so many. As I reflect on the theme for the week, I'm reminded of how well Chris abided with Christ. He faithfully modeled complete trust and dependence on the Lord through every season of ministry and family life.

Chris's Ongoing Impact & Legacy

I continue to hear of the impact Chris had on so many. I recently talked with a friend who attends a church in West Chester, PA. She knows some of our former students who recently commented on how much they were shaped by Chris's ministry during their college years. Additionally, a friend of mine who works at PSU mentioned that the international students in her lab still talk about conversations they had with Chris.

Lastly, I recently had a conversation with A. A is an Indian grad student who has attended many of our ministry events and had gotten to know Chris during his time at Penn State. I was encouraged to hear about the many conversations they had regarding life, family and spirituality. We praise God that he is still growing the seeds that Chris helped to plant in the hearts of these current and former students.

Taste and See

Last Saturday, one of our students hosted an event called "Taste and See". During the event, we shared a multicultural meal and afterwards 4 Christian students shared stories from their culture that pointed to Jesus. These stories provided an opportunity for more spiritual conversations following the dinner. I shared a table with N from Columbia and K from Ireland. Both women were from religious backgrounds, but hadn't given much thought to the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection. I was able to share the Gospel with these women and explain what it means to have a personal relationship with Jesus. Please pray that N and K would be able to attend additional ministry events and would one day place their trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

Every week our team has the chance to meet students and scholars from around the world. For some, a conversation about God and Jesus is totally new. For others it's familiar. Wherever they are at, we do our best to answer questions and walk alongside them as they grow in their understanding of Christ. Thank you for your continued support in this mission. I am exceedingly grateful for each one of you!

In Him,

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