

Campus Ministry with Victory44 International



Greetings and blessings from Phil & Michelle Parker in Blacksburg, Virginia. We serve the Lord with Victory44 International, an international campus ministry and refugee ministry, "helping people see, experience, and respond to the love of God through Jesus Christ around the world." I just wanted to share several important activities we participated in to connect with and meet new international friends this year from Virginia Tech.



Our ministry at VT is called Hokie International Fellowship. We set up a table in front of Walmart with our banner as well as activity cards promoting Bible studies and other activities this semester. We offered free drinks and free rides to internationals to their home for two weekends in August. We stood out in front of Walmart for a total of 24 hours for those days. This was a great service and fun way to meet new friends!



During this activity, our daughter's car got a flat tire, the A/C in the Honda Pilot broke, and I (Phil) received a phone call that my mom might not make it through the night. Satan was working overtime and didn't want this Walmart outreach to happen. But with God's grace and strength we were able to push through the challenges and had two great weekends meeting many new people. Please pray for these relationships and for new people to attend small group Bible studies and learn about Christ.

We have two baptisms to report: Qi and Grace. Praise God! Qi came to our Bible Study last semester where she learned more about baptism and committing her life to Christ. She moved to Washington D.C. in July and was baptized shortly thereafter at a local church where she now attends regularly.

Our teammates were discipling Grace and in need of a hot tub to baptize her in because of health concerns. Our good friends were very gracious to let us use theirs. We thank you all for your prayers which are coming to fruition through the grace of God!

Another important activity we participated in was headed up by our teammates, Bob and Sandra Jackson. They organized a large welcome dinner at Northstar Church in Blacksburg, VA. It was so fun to visit and eat a meal with new students and researchers at Virginia Tech. The students and scholars learned more about the English classes and Bible Studies offered by several of our teammates including the activities of Hokie International Fellowship.

Please pray for two key Bible studies this semester. The Sunday night Bible study is entitled, "People Who Believed God, and What Happened as a Result". So far, we have studied the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Joseph, Moses and David. This Bible study has been well attended with people from China, Pakistan, Taiwan, Singapore, Tanzania, Nigeria, South Africa, and Cote d'Ivoire. Another Bible study is called "Friday Night Lights" which alternates between our home and the Wilkin's home on Friday nights. We are studying a video series called, "The Grave Robber" which emphasizes miracles of Jesus from the Book of John. Our house has been packed with people from Iran, Egypt, and Turkey. It's through these important Bible studies that people are taught about Christ and His love for them. How can you get involved? Pray for open hearts and for the Holy Spirit to convict people of their need for Him. We are truly thankful for all of your prayers which keeps this ministry going!



Acts 1:8 (NLT) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."