

## PRAISE

**Praise** for our ministry partners: Moises and Rosemary Gomes, Deb Taylor, and Don and Rena Toppen.

**Praise** for the referrals of new students by “old” students .

**Praise** for the widening contact with the students’ parents.

**Praise** for the opening of the hearts of the Bethel church family to internationals.

## PRAYER

**Pray** for the Friday Bible studies.

**Pray** for the parents of the Chinese students.

**Pray** for understanding for **HH**, her husband, and her father.

**Pray** for salvation for **Fg**, and for understanding for her husband, and her parents.

**Pray** for the Gomes travel safety and a fruitful ministry in Portugal.

**Pray** for Deb Taylor as she ministers to internationals.

**Pray** for the contact with Mrs. **F.** and the new Chinese teachers.

**Pray** for a growing involvement of Bethel families with students.

**Pray** for the development of a network of contacts for students returning to their own countries.

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# CURTIS CHRONICLE

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## Bethel International Outreach happenings:

The first week of March was Spring Break at Western Michigan University. It was also a week of catch-up for the Curtises – preparations for a student social outing in May, Bible studies, and ice fishing with students consumed much of our “time off”.

A number of international students traveled during Spring Break, and it had an effect on the Friday night Bible study attendance. So we gave time for Q & A sessions. A Christian student asked: “Why did you decide to do missions work?” The question allowed the students who are not Christians to understand the impact of knowing and following Christ.

“... *believing in God with all his house* ...” Acts 17:34

This year we’ve seen an interesting addition to the Bible study – visiting parents. They came to care for their grandchildren while the students attend classes. Their presence brings an increase of 5 parents, 3 toddlers, and a new born to the Friday night Bible studies!

**Pray** for an opening into the hearts of the student’s parents.

Our contact with **HH** is opening doors to visiting family. **HH**’s husband and her father recently spent 1½ hours at our campus office talking with our colleague, Don Toppen. They asked if it is possible to believe in science **and** the Bible. Don reminded them of a recent visit to our Friday Bible study by Dr. Michael Orth, a Christian professor in scientific research. Don told them that Dr. Orth’s faith clearly demonstrates one can be a scientist **and** a Christian. God’s “timing” in sending Dr. Orth to the Friday Bible study amazes us. **Pray** for **HH** and her family.

We are burdened for **Fg**, who has finished her studies and plans to return to China in mid March. She understands the Gospel, but something holds her back. **Fg**’s husband and her mother have attended the Friday Bible study. **Pray** for understanding for them.

Our co-workers, Moisés and Rosemary Gomes, will be ministering in Portugal until the end of April. Before they left Moisés taught on the subject: *What does it mean to believe?*

**Pray** that his study will have an impact on the students. **Pray** for their ministry in Portugal.

## Growing involvement of Bethel Baptist:

Thank you for praying for a growing involvement of the people of Bethel Baptist Church.

**Deb Taylor** recently joined the **BIO** (Bethel International Outreach) team. Deb has a burden for internationals, having served in Korea in a MAP program. She has a special ability to relate to international students and she is a valuable addition to our team.

Recently a woman from Bethel’s Spanish service invited Mrs. **F.**, a Chinese woman, to Sunday services. Mrs. **F.** has attended twice at the writing of this letter. You may ask so ... what is special about that? Mrs. **F.**’s husband is the team leader of the Chinese cultural teachers – the 5 new contacts made in January! He seems to be opposed to the Chinese students attending the Friday Bible study, but the contact with Mrs. **F.** may open another door. **Pray** for fruit among the Chinese teachers as well as Mrs. **F.** and her husband.

your servants in Christ,

*Harold & Charlene Curtis*

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