

MAY 2026

EQUIPPING TO REACH THE NATIONS

Praises

- For the students we have had ministry with this past year, and we are now sending out!
- For how the Lord is at work here in Utah! Many are coming to faith in the One True Jesus!
- For Bud and Lois's health and strength to continue their work here in Utah!
- Our son Joey completely tore a bicep at work in March, had surgery a week later, and is healing very well.

Prayer

- For former students facing serious persecution back home, and those here dealing with Utah culture.
- For our upcoming International Christian Fellowship Summer Picnics in May, June, July, August, and September.
- For healing our son Jesse's eyes, our granddaughter Naomi's health (just graduated from GCU-Phoenix in April).

*May God be gracious to us and bless us & make his face shine on us,
so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

PSALM 67:1-2 (NIV)



I had no idea eight years ago that buying an old pickup truck from a family member would open so many doors for ministry to international students. We are blessed to have had the opportunities where we have made airport pickups with a load of suitcases, hauled bicycles or motorized scooters, hauled supplies and equipment for our summer picnics, and moved students in and out of apartments and dorms. What a blessing the Lord has allowed us serve others and Him in this way!

We have never had so many students getting married in one year than this year! Four of our faithful students have or will tie the knot before the end of July 2026. What an honor to come alongside these newly married couples and encourage them to make Jesus the center of their marriage.

Our church we invested our lives into here in Utah has created curriculum for groups. The booklet called "WeGrow"

walks you through the Gospel of Mark with interactive, daily devotionals. Beginning June 1, we will also be doing that with our students. Pray as they dig deep into Mark that we all will be transformed by the power of His Word.

There are several of our students from countries on the non-favorable list that are now having the renewal of their visas denied. Some are graduating and seeking postdoctoral work. Obviously, this is a major setback to their future plans. Please pray that these issues could be resolved and that the Lord would lead them in decision making.

We have several graduating this April/May, and again we'll have to say those difficult goodbyes.

Recently, I had shared lunch with a student (S) who asked me, "How do I know if God is calling me into ministry?"

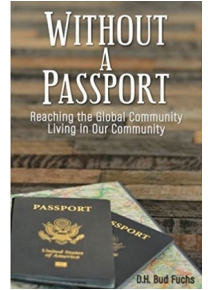
I was able to share my story of God's leading in my life and encouraged him to pursue the prompting of God's Spirit.



I told him that all of us who are believers are called by Him to serve in whatever role He has led us into and how He has gifted us. (S) spent over a month in Asia last summer and has shared with me several times

God's impact in that experience. We are thankful the Spirit led him that way!

In April, I had the privilege to speak at a Perspectives Class and give them my book *Without a Passport*. Several were excited about the opportunity of reaching out to internationals in our community.



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