

## EVENTS

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### LINC Mentors

Shelby (International Advisor, UNL) was able to obtain a grant to set up this 8-week program for linking community members with incoming international students. Many local believers were recruited and met their students January 11.

Mentors have to be careful within the confines of the program, but are free to be themselves and gently invite their students to church and other activities where they can hear biblical truth. The program completion celebration will be held on campus, March 7.

International Women & Children meets Tuesday mornings at UNL and Nebraska Wesleyan's International Relations Organization meets for lunch on Tuesdays.

### ISF

Ladies' Evangelistic Tea  
Chinese New Year  
Taiwanese New Year  
Malaysia Night  
Colorado Ski Trip  
UNL Spring Break  
Omaha Zoo Trip  
ISF Fridays, 6-9pm  
& Th Discipleship Group

February 2 & April 5  
February 10  
February 16  
March 1  
March 15-18  
March 16-23  
March 29  
January 18-May 9



Nanette and Shelby at International Women & Children



## New Life

Yi is a brand new believer who participated in this retreat, where we discussed what it means to have salvation in Christ, how to spend quiet time with God each day, how to share your personal testimony and what it means to be a leader. Yi is only 18 and plans to be here at least 4 years—and longer if he pursues graduate studies at UNL. His parents want him to obtain a degree which is marketable in the workplace, but his desire is to study biochemistry. His degree is likely to be the least of their concerns when they learn of His decision to follow Christ. Pray that Christ's love will burn in Him for his family and that Yi will be used to bring them to His throne of grace.

Yi and Xiu (both of whose names we've changed for this letter) placed their faith in Christ at the same time and are eager to grow. Xiu, an older man who is a post-doctoral scholar, asked our co-worker Ron, "Does Jesus have the keys to open the jail?" He was referring to his likely situation back in China if he is outspoken about his faith. Xiu will return to China in a couple of months. He also commented, "Never again will I worship in the temple." Xiu is a family man. He is one of the men who took the trip to Mt. Rushmore with Kurt over Fall Break.

## FOR PRAYER

- \*Please keep the above dates & events in prayer.
- \*Praise God for our Strategic Planning Team and local volunteers.
- \*Praise Him also for the special gifts we received in December to help with our ministry expenses this semester.
- \*Dream with us what our vision fulfilled might look like and for wisdom in planning and executing concrete steps to get there.
- \*Pray for Yi and Xiu as they learn to fellowship with Jesus and follow Him.
- \*Pray for "Takuro"-- a Japanese graduate student with whom Kurt has been sharing the Gospel. He loves to be with Christians and came to the retreat.

\*Pray for unwavering commitments from our student leaders--that they would submit to a developmental process which will help them become all that Christ wants them to be.

\*Pray for the kind of lasting fruit Jesus spoke of in John 15.

- \*Praise God for our new nephew, Finley Thomas Reibestein, born January 20!
- \*Praise God for four-and-a-half years of being cancer-free for our sister-in-law, Paula Olsen.

*Prayer for Nancy (Nanette's mom):*

\*Clayton died December 3 and Mom was with him. She then joined us for Christmas, traveling to Kurt's family in Minnesota, and returned to Tennessee January 7. She's relearning life without a companion. Pray that she clings to Jesus in her loneliness and finds great fellowship in her local church. Pray for Clayton's family, especially Dora and Freda.



With Aunt Paula & Uncle Todd



Grandma Nancy on Snow Shoes!



A Tender Moment with Grandpa

We look forward to seeing how God continues to work in and through us, the Spauldings and the ISF students this semester.

## Local Volunteers

One of our goals is to find as many local believers as possible to join in the student work. With our Strategic Planning Team, we came up with the following vision statement in Nov:

**A DYNAMIC, SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT IN  
LINCOLN  
IMPACTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS  
WITH CHRIST'S LOVE  
BY LINKING THEM WITH CHRISTIANS  
WHO SHARE THE GOAL OF MAKING  
DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.**

We shared our vision with the congregation in our local church one Sunday evening and were able to have a number of people sign up to help in various ways. Dustin, a graduate of UNL, has expressed interest in greater involvement. We are excited to see how God will use him as perhaps a new member of our Strategic Planning Team.

**We cannot adequately express how thankful we are for your support in this ministry. Thank you for choosing to have an eternal impact in the lives of students like Yi and Xiu. Together with you, our Strategic Planning Team and the ISF student leaders, we are obeying the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).**

In Christian love,

*Kurt & Nanette*