



*University Ministry of Baptist Mid-Missions
Gary W. Holtz, International Coordinator*

October 2014

Dear Partners in Prayer,

The many colors on the Autumn trees are reminders of the handiwork of our Creator and in this season of thanksgiving we rejoice in His goodness. What a joy it is to have the privilege of serving Him and of having you, our faithful friends, to partner with us. Thank you!

We are in the midst of our busy travel schedule for Bible college missions conferences – recently returned from Clearwater, Florida, and Gary leaves this Sunday for Appalachian Bible College in West Virginia. We would appreciate your prayers for meaningful contacts as we seek to recruit new career workers for the mission field of the university campus. The reports that we have been receiving from our CBFi campuses around the country have been very encouraging. Students are attending weekly studies in record numbers and student leaders are showing renewed commitment to living out their faith on a daily basis. Please pray that CBFi and similar campus ministries will be able to continue to function on our nation's campuses.

We are thankful for continued open doors at Wright State University in our efforts to impact the international student community through weekly Conversational English classes. We have a ministry team comprised of missionary personnel, folks from our local churches, and students from nearby Cedarville University. While we cannot share details, please be assured that God is blessing as students from nations that are closed to traditional missions or have restricted access are asking significant questions. We were initially told that we could not be "aggressively evangelistic" in the classes, but were free to answer questions as the students ask – and they are asking! One student recently told us that he told his grandmother that when he came to the United States, he might consider becoming a Christian. He says that he is not ready yet, but he does attend a weekly Bible study on campus. Please pray with us that God will open the eyes of these students, some who have never heard the name of Jesus nor seen a copy of a Bible.

We are currently heavily into plans for our upcoming Thanksgiving dinner for the international students, to be held on Friday, November 21. This will be our 30th Annual Dinner, so we are hoping to make it a bit special. Dr. Gary Anderson will be our speaker, two of the students from our ministry team will be providing special music, and our area churches will be providing food items and people to help with cooking, setup and serving. Please pray that the evening would be successful and would bring honor to our Lord as we share the reason that we are most thankful – for the provision of salvation in Christ.

On a personal note, please continue to pray for Betty as she deals with the effects of Lupus. She had an iron infusion treatment early this week and has another scheduled in about ten days. She carries a heavy load in the planning and especially in bringing everything together on the day of the Thanksgiving dinner and would appreciate your prayer support for strength and stamina.

Thank you to all who partner with us in this vital ministry to the world from the college campus. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Serving with you,

Gary and Betty Holtz

500 Wayne Dr. Fairborn, Ohio 45324

(937) 878.2873 e-mail: gholtz.cbf@juno.com