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We have exciting news to share! This past March our term ended on the Field Director Team. We were offered multiple roles and after much processing, counsel, and prayer we sensed God leading us to accept a primary role with The Navigators International Student Ministry (ISM).



I will be a Divisional Director for the North Central Division and for the Northeast Division. (Most likely the Northeast position will be an interim position until we find someone who can take that role.) You can see with this map the states these cover. The yellow circle represents the states in the North Central Division which are blue. The black circle those in the Northeast.

Tina will also be serving on the ISM Leadership Team. We will both be giving a smaller percentage of time to help with a Leader Development program in The Navigators that seeks to prepare and develop up-and-coming leaders. We focus on 3 key areas of being a servant leader as illustrated in the Bible: Lead, Develop and Care.

One aspect that drew us to serving with International Students was the unique opportunity of reaching and discipling international students while they are here in the United States. There are over one million foreign-born students enrolled at U.S. colleges and universities. Students come to the U.S. from roughly 200 different countries, many that are closed or restricted to missionaries. Additionally, most will return to be key leaders in business, education, and government. Of current world leaders, 62 were enrolled in U.S. universities! Just think if they had been reached for Christ while here, the difference they could have made in their own country.

Let me give you a quick picture of international students at a few schools in the Midwest.

- **Purdue** has 9,085 international students (4,651 are undergraduates)
- **Indiana University** has 5,795 international students on campus, 3,159 are undergraduates
- **IUPUI** is home to nearly 2,000 international students
- **University of Illinois** at Urbana-Champaign has a total of 11,100 international students on campus, 5,261 of whom are undergraduates

Another aspect of why International Student ministry was a draw for us is we were blessed to have international students in our campus ministry. China, Kenya, Singapore, Taiwan, and the Bahamas to name a few. We loved being able to learn from and serve these students realizing the long-term impact they would have in their home country.

I love the picture that Revelation paints in chapter 7. I especially like how the Phillips translation puts it.

Rev 7:9, 10 (emphasis mine)

When this was done I looked again, and before my eyes appeared a vast crowd beyond man's power to number. They came from **every nation** and **tribe** and **people** and **language**, and they stood before the throne of the Lamb, dressed in white robes with palm-branches in their hands. With a great voice they shouted these words: "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb!"

What a day that will be to see and hear people from every nation, tribe, people, and language shouting "Salvation belongs to our God." And to think we can be a small part of that now in our day. What a privilege!

Speaking of privilege, Tina and I are privileged to have your continued partnership with us. We simply could not do this without you. Your prayers and gifts sustain us and enable us to engage both with staff and students. Thank you for your gracious and generous support. We appreciate you!

Gratefully,

Hen & Tina



The ISM staff team at IUPUI in Indianapolis