



## Reaching the Unreached...

Right here in America's inner cities



Some African and Iraqi students in a classroom



Some students attended a Christmas program



Students brought food from their own country for the Christmas program

## Prayer Requests:

- Praise for the relationships that have been built through teaching English
- Praise for the students who came to the Christmas program, especially the Muslim students
- Pray for our own building so we can have few breaks and more consistency
- Pray for consistent children's workers for next year,
  especially people who want to teach Bible stories

## **Teaching English to Refugees**

Every Monday and Thursday night from September until May, refugees and immigrants from all over the world come to learn English for free for two hours in Phoenix. The students love coming because the classes are small, and the program is free. It is a great opportunity for us to meet a felt need of these people as well as build relationships with them. As a result of teaching English, many doors have been opened to get to know families and to share the gospel with them. Many have either received Bibles or the Jesus film or have heard the gospel through another means. One Muslim family has actually begun attending the Arab church! Also, a few months ago over 20 students (including many Muslims) came to a Christmas program at a church!

Currently, there are two major needs for the school. First, we desperately need our own building to meet in. Right now we meet in a school, so when the school is closed or has an event, we cannot meet. That means we can only offer classes twice a week and must close for three months in the summer. Many students have expressed interest in studying more frequently and not breaking in the summer.

Second, there was no one who could consistently help watch the children while the parents learned English this last semester. This severely hurt attendance because many people had no place for their children to go. If we could find reliable workers with the children, then we know more people will come and learn. We are praying that someone with a heart for sharing Bible stories with the children will be willing and able to commit for the next school year.

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