



IDW Mission Grant Evaluation Report Form

Grant recipients are to complete and submit the report form within one month of the completion of the effort. If this is a continuing ministry, please submit a report by January 31st of the following year, in which the grant is received. Include pictures/videos that help share the story with other congregations to encourage them in their own ministry. Final grant funds will be sent upon receipt of this evaluation.

Contact Person, Congregation, and email address:

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1. Please provide a brief overview of the effort:

Computers and "Rosetta Stone" program were purchased to provide English lessons for internationals. Our old computers were starting to malfunction and the Rosetta Stone programs have been updated and no longer can be used by the old computers.

2. What goals were established for this effort and what did you hope to accomplish?

To provide opportunity for the use of four computers to be used weekdays by internationals. This would especially provide help for many parents of students who spend extended periods here visiting their children and grandchildren. We are the only ministry in Ames that targets this group. They have a greater influence on their children and grandchildren than in our own culture.

3. Did you achieve your goals? If not, what do you think were some of the contributing factors?

We are seeing progress towards that. Because of technical issues, it took time to purchase the programs, but now that they are operating we are having more and more internationals use them. They are being used daily, but we hope to have 3-4 be used at one time.

4. Is there anything you would do differently if you were to undertake this effort again?

Purchase the computers more promptly. We had a period of time when the old computers would no longer work and the set-up of the new ones when we lost people. But the word is getting out about what we have now.

5. What lessons were learned through this effort?

The need to have someone with the technical know how to get the right kind of computers.

6. Will this outreach effort continue and be sustaining? Did a new outreach opportunity present itself?

The effort will be good as long as the computers last. We will have to seek funding in the future when new equipment is needed. This has helped us to begin an additional English class that focuses on parents and the need to train a new teacher for this class.

7. What suggestions would you give to a congregation considering a similar effort?

Though there are many ministries to internationals bear college campuses, there are more than one target group to work with. Most ministries focus on the spouses of international students. But ministry can be focused on their parents, undergraduate internationals, visiting scholars, children of internationals, and also combine the ministry to work with immigrants.