

FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY PROJECT NEWSLETTER

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Friendship Community Project

- *Free English classes for adults in the Iowa City Area*
- *New students may enroll at any point during the school year*
- *Conversation group at Lucky's Market*
- *Additional classes at Grant Wood Elementary and the Coralville Public Library*

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In our second year, 2016-2017, we served over 290 adult students from 43 different countries in our English classes, levels literacy, basic, beginning, intermediate, and advanced, with tutors for students with specialized language needs. We also:

*partnered with the Iowa City Community School District to teach beginning and intermediate adult classes at Grant Wood Elementary on Monday and Wednesday nights, 6:00-7:30PM and a basic adult class at the Coralville Public Library on Friday mornings from 9:30-11:00AM.

* hosted a weekly informal English conversation and help session at Lucky's Market, in the Community Room, on Friday mornings from 10:00AM to Noon

*provided an AHCA health insurance enrollment session with interpreters, VITA tax assistance information, , information about domestic violence and the DIVP, and a talk by a ICPD officer about interacting with the police.

*assisted 8 asylum seekers access Iowa City Compassion's low-cost immigration legal services and provided free translation assistance to some of them.

ENGLISH CLASS CALENDAR 2017-2018

Good News Bible
Church Site, 845 Pepperwood Lane

Registration for fall classes: Wednesday, September 6, 9:30AM-11:00AM

First day of fall classes: Monday, September 11th, 9:45-11:30AM

Winter Break: December 14th to February 4th

Registration for spring classes: Monday, January 29th, 9:45-11:00AM

First day of spring classes: Monday, January 29th, 9:45-11:30AM

Last day of spring classes: Wednesday, May 9th

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WE CAN HELP!

During class time or at the Friday Conversation Group Bob can help students with:

1. Reading a letter in English
2. Filling out a job application, making a resume, or practicing for a job interview

3. Finding low-cost immigration legal help

4. Finding free medical help

5. Finding help if someone is hurting you

6. Studying questions for the driver's license test

7. Making phone calls in English

8. Finding help with work-related problems.

9. Looking at Iowa City bus routes

10. Practicing citizenship test questions



"Bob help me to built my resume and advise me to take the NCR which help me."

-FCP Student

THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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Stump, Anne Tanner, Julie Walters, David Welborn, and Julie Zahs.

Thank you, Good News Bible Church and Corvallis Library for welcoming our classes in your church classrooms!



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OUR WISH LIST FOR IN-KIND DONATIONS

20 copies of *Taking Off Beginning English* student textbooks, workbooks, and literacy workbooks: <https://www.amazon.com/Taking-Student-Literacy-Workbook-Package/dp/0077192907/>

cartridges of Brother TN

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5 sets ABC English's Easy English Readers: <http://www.teachabcenglish.com/>

5 sets of ABC English's Core Books: <http://www.teachabcenglish.com/>

20 copies of *Excellent English 4* student textbooks: <https://www.amazon.com/Excellent-English-Level-Student-Book/dp/0077197682/>

"I love these classes and these are very helpful to improve my English"

-FCP Student

Monetary donations are crucial to our program and are used to provide modest honoraria to help us retain qualified, experienced lead teachers and a director as well as a modest rent to the Good News Bible Church to help defray the cost of providing our classroom space, and professional printing services for pamphlets and fliers. Funds are also used to purchase textbooks, classroom materials and on-site printing supplies such as copy paper and printer toner.

Checks may be mailed to:

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Friendship Community Project is a local 501(c)(3) non-profit founded in 2015 with the mission of providing free English language/life skills classes to refugees and immigrants in the Iowa City area, as well as assisting this population with accessing local resources to enroll in health insurance, write résumés and apply for jobs, find low-cost legal help for immigration issues, and more. Our volunteers have served as conversation partners, interpreters and driving instructors, and have become mentors and friends to students.

THANK YOU TO OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS!

Thank You to Our Staff and Volunteers:

Literacy/Basic level teachers: Brian Witzke, Darcy Lipsius, Dakota Boyse

Beginning level teachers: Mary Jo Langhorne, John Loomis, and Sylvia Dean

Intermediate level teacher: Dona Saforek

Advanced level teachers: Jane Olson, Nancy Keith, and Mary Jo Langhorne

Grant Wood teachers: Heidi Galer, Susan Prepejchal and

Dona Saforek

Coralville Library teacher: Dave Welborn

Tutors: Lorraine Whittington, Katie Runde, and Jared Killberger at Good News, Beth Smith, Nancy Weber, Mary McMurray, and Tom McMurray at Grant Wood, and Margaret Mellecker at the Coralville Library

Conversation Group Leaders: Bob Richardson, Mike Gregory, Sue Otto, Tim Goloshchapov and Sylvia Dean

Classroom Aides: Julie Walters, Jean Donham, Mike Gregory, Tim Goloshchapov, and Abdurrahman Moghram at Good News, Beth Smith, Nancy Weber, Mary McMurray,

and

Tom McMurray at Grant Wood, Chuck Murphy .

Interpreters: Nancy Keith (French), Sheima Krezi (Arabic), Timofey Goloshchapov (Russian), Sue Otto (Spanish), Abdurrahman Moghram (Arabic), and Sylvia Dean (Spanish and Chinese)

Registrar/Student Assistant: Robert Richardson

Technical Assistant: Alexander Goloshchapov

Bookkeeper: Thomas Dean

Program Director: Susan Prepejchal

