



Dear Friends of Acorn,

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Acorn Outreach is just finishing another successful summer program, offering English and computer classes for adults, as well as providing assistance with a variety of needs. We had great volunteer support this summer, including 3 high school students, 4 college students, 3 recent college grads, and 6 more “seasoned” teachers. We were able to offer 4 different levels of classes each night, and a fantastic student to teacher ratio.

Several of our volunteers are going the extra mile and are on-call to help with housing, medical and job issues. A young OSU grad, Jon Nott, has been living at Acorn Center this summer, and has enjoyed playing with the neighbor kids, keeping his garden plot, and helping with various needs. Yesterday a Hispanic friend of ours came by Acorn, and Jon was able to give her a ride to a job interview and help with translation. She got the job!

We saw about 40 different students during the summer, and many of them are new to Corvallis with very limited English. Erika, from Iglesia Emanuel, has been taking a computer class with a woman who has recently moved here with her husband from New Jersey. She invited them to church, and they have been coming regularly for a month.

Many of you have been praying for the folks at Iglesia Emanuel, as they have had some major crises in recent months. On the positive side, they have recently moved to a new location. As of last Sunday, they are sharing the facility at Kings Circle Assembly of God, and the church now has lots of room to grow.

As the fall approaches, please pray for fruit from the relationships we are building through our classes and community advocacy work. Pray that the leadership of Iglesia Emanuel would be strengthened and encouraged and able to continue their mission of sharing the gospel with the Hispanic community.

In Christ,

Ellen