

# THE CHURCH

## AT BROOK HILLS

**April 16, 2017**

### **PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH**

Praise God for Jesus' sacrificial death on the cross, which made the way for us to be reconciled to Him. Confess and repent of your own sin in your life, and ask and thank God for His forgiveness. Praise Him for Jesus' resurrection, which demonstrates His power over sin and death. Thank God for the faith He grants us through His grace so we might be saved from our sins.

### **PRAY FOR OUR CITY**

This week, we are praying for our ESL Ministry (English as a Second Language) at Brook Hills. The ESL Ministry serves English learners in the community by providing free English classes on Thursday nights. The ESL Ministry aims to extend hospitality to strangers, establish community between people of different nationalities, ethnicities, and religions, and share the love of Jesus Christ with internationals living in Birmingham. To learn how you can serve with the ESL Ministry, attend an Interest Meeting on April 27 or drop by the Local Missions kiosk for an informational flyer. Read more at [brookhills.org/ESL](http://brookhills.org/ESL). We are also praying for Arabic Baptist Church and Pastor John Constantine.

**DAY 1:** Pray for the 106 students from 12 countries that have participated in the ESL ministry this year. Pray for patience and persistence as they continue to grow in the understanding and practice of the English language.

**DAY 2:** Pray for the volunteers in every area of this ministry to create a hospitable environment and be effective in communicating gospel truths through conversations inside and outside of class times.

**DAY 3:** Pray for the children participating in children's activities while their parents attend ESL classes. Pray for the volunteers to effectively demonstrate and declare the love of Christ to them and that they would learn of God's great love for them.

**DAY 4:** Pray for the relationships formed between students and volunteers to continue to develop throughout the summer.

**DAY 5:** Pray for God to provide spiritual blessing as the ESL ministry seeks to make disciples of all nations. Pray for the gospel to be multiplied.

**DAY 6:** Pray as the leadership team reflects on the past 2 years and seeks to make Spirit-led decisions about the expansion and future of this ministry.

### **PRAY FOR OUR WORLD**

This week we are praying for Brook Hills Mid-Term Kristi K., serving in North Africa. Kristi was sent out last year and has recently returned to North Africa after a few weeks back in the states this winter. Kristi is working on a church planting team that is actively engaging a Muslim unreached people group in a very difficult part of the world. Join us this week as we pray for Kristi and those she is serving with.

**DAY 1:** Kristi has been reading the bible with two Muslim friends, Hannah\* and Rachel\*. Ask the Father to open their eyes to see their sin and their need for a savior, and pray that they will understand the great love the Father has for them.

**DAY 2:** Kristi has also started to read the bible with her friend Mary\*. Ask the Father to give her dissatisfaction with her current religious practices. Pray for her to have a restless heart.

**DAY 3:** Kristi has been sharing the gospel with her friend, Diane\*. Recently Diane, has been hostile towards any conversations about Christ. Pray for God to give Kristi wisdom with her friend. Pray the seeds that have been planted would take root and that Diane would be saved.

**DAY 4:** Pray for Kristi as she starts a small group with other female missionaries in her city. Kristi feels a burden for these women who want to serve the Father and need encouragement.

**DAY 5:** Kristi's team is in the middle of a transition with a few teammates who have been moved to other cities. Pray for Kristi's remaining team as they get used to life without their dear teammates and friends.

**DAY 6:** Praise God for how He is using Kristi's life to make Himself known. Pray for Kristi to be bold in her faith and for God to be glorified in her time in North Africa.

*\*Names have been changed for security purposes.*