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Wow. What a semester! Not what we're used to at all. Students didn't return to campus after Spring break in March, finishing their classes online. So all of our American students have been gone since then.

We miss them terribly. Sending a text "Bible verse of the day", email and other

conversations have happened, but it's just not the same. And it's a shame that our two seniors weren't able to have the usual joy of graduation.



But here they are!

Emily Tallman of Austin, majored in math and minored in Business and Computer Science. She'll be pursuing a Master's Degree at Duke.

John Klinkerman from Houston, a Geographic Information Systems



(GPS) major, will study for his Master's at Sam Houston State U. in The Woodlands, Texas.

Here's a "Zoom" (online) session we had to honor them.

Life sure got crazy for the students, and there's

plenty of uncertainty about the coming year, so please do pray for them. Trevor, Rachel, Cameron, Katy, Carlton, Cailyn, Cassie,



Sam, Hayden, Austin, Isabelle, Tyler, Maggie and Randy. And new students!





Our international student ministry actually expanded during this semester, after we went online with our classes!

Current students and former students who are back in their countries, or another city have joined us! Altogether there have been over 80 adults and children coming from 20 different countries who have participated in our program.

For an idea of what a class looks like, below is an English Conversation group.



We are so grateful for a wonderful team of volunteer teachers who were able to adapt to online skills so we could offer 11 different sessions, including 4 Bible classes and Mommy & Me, which uses a Children's Bible.

At right are a few of our teachers: Al Lange, Donna Halliburton, Betty Bobo, Nancy Giese and John Jacob, along with Marcia and Pastor Richard.



This is a very challenging time for us. But we're attacking the situation and working to make the best of it. This can be an opportune time for God to do great things - and we're already seeing some of what He's doing!

We move forward in faith and not fear. Prayer, not panic. Service, not selfishness.

Thanks so much for *your* partnership in this ministry. We really appreciate your standing with us in prayer and financial support.

Your servants for the Gospel at UT,

Pastor Richard & Marcia Mittwede