Get Involved: Pray

EMBRACE Prayer Group
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As the leaves change colour and the days grow shorter heralding the coming of autumn, there are other signs that summer is over. There are longer lines at the local grocery store and a 'buzz' on the street that wasn't there one month ago. Students have returned to University.

While some students do not have far to travel to get to University, others come from as far as India or China to study here. People migrate for many reasons and education is one of them. Just as students travel to Northern Ireland to study, people from here also travel to other countries to further their education. Perhaps you or someone you know travelled to another country to pursue a degree. What was that experience like for you or them? What was it that made you feel 'at home' in that new setting?

Sometimes students travel with their families. I've recently met a young woman who moved here along with her husband who is studying. She mentioned that while she's excited to be here, her days can get quite lonely since her husband is in classes all day. Before leaving home she was a medical researcher and she misses her work and colleagues. Since she arrived, she has been working on improving her English and is looking for ways to continue to get connected with people in the area.

This month, and throughout the school year ahead, let us pray for all students, especially those who study far from their homes.

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This month, we give thanks for...

- Opportunities for learning and growth that take place in schools and Universities.
- Teachers who commit themselves to helping students learn.
- Students who come here to study and bring with them new perspectives and cultures.

And we pray for...

- Students who are far from home.
- Families of students who also travel here, leaving behind familiar work and friends.
- Families of students who remain in the home country.
- Churches and organisations who reach out to students by providing special meals and activities.