

## David & Ruth Krehbiel

*David: B.S. 1975, MBA 1978*

*Ruth: B.S. 1980;*

*Both: Moody Bible Institute 1984*

*18+ years as an ISI Volunteer*

*Administrator at the UI – 25 years*

*David Full-Time with ISI - Sept, 2002*

*Ruth Quarter-Time with ISI – Sept 2006*

After searching for truth and meaning in life, I accepted Jesus Christ my senior year at the University of Illinois. I asked the Campus Crusade student leader who led me to Christ what I needed to do next. He suggested reading the Bible every day and attending a good church. I started attending Twin City Bible Church back in 1975.

Later that year I entered grad school at the U of I and a year later took a full-time job which began my 25 year career in University of Illinois administration. In 1978, I met my future wife, Ruth, at a leadership training class taught in the pastor's home. To our surprise, we saw each other at the Urbana 79 IVCF Mission conference - where I first understood the direction God had been leading me through my friendships with international students. It was at Urbana 79 that I first heard about ISI. International Students Inc. (ISI) is a Christian friendship ministry to international students.

Ruth and I were married in 1982 and after a year of marriage, we both attended Moody Bible Institute for a one-year intensive Bible program and joined ISI as non-support staff in 1984. In the fall of 2002, after 25 years with the University, God opened the door for me to join ISI on a full-time basis. We have had an International Bible discussion in our home on Friday evenings for the past 23 years. We continue to be amazed at the interest international students have in God's word. Ruth has coordinated the International Women's Connection which is a ministry to the wives of international students for 22 years. The group usually meets on Thursday mornings at our church and provides women with English conversation classes as well as a time for crafts, cooking, or discussing topics of interest – such as the true meaning of Christmas... This has been a time for many women to experience reading the Bible for the first time.

Ruth and I and our seven children live within a few blocks of the University of Illinois where we have the joy and privilege of leading Bible studies and befriending some of the 8000+ talented international students and scholars from around the world who attend the U of I. We enjoy working with local churches to help them better reach out to international students who will be leaders around the world in the next generation.

### Current Prayer Requests:

- Pray that God would direct volunteers to us and that we would be effective in equipping and encouraging individuals and churches who could join us in this strategic ministry.
- That we would have wisdom and grace as we work with international students. Pray that God's word would go forth with power so that these internationals may be able to effectively participate in God's work when they return to their home countries.
- Thank God for the generosity of approximately 100 people who support us financially and pray that an additional 10 more people would join our support team so that we may be fully funded this year.



*Nathan 25, Anna 16, Ruth, David, James 14, Joseph 19, John 12, Daniel 21, Christa 23*

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