

# The Townsley Times

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Dear friends,

In January, we started a new 12 week adult Bible study designed for unbelievers and new converts to teach foundational Bible doctrine. We are excited to see that the studies have been well received with as many as 14 adults attending and averaging 8-10 adults. With their children, we have from 22-30 total! Please continue to pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of those attending. Also please pray for wisdom for us to be able to better help them and meet their needs.

The Saturday children's club has continued to be well attended with an average attendance of perhaps 35 children. During the last five-week period, there were about 70 different children who attended! They are doing great learning and have been enthusiastically helping with setting up the chairs in our carport, cleaning up, and other things. They really have been a great bunch of kids!

Hannah has been discussing the ladies' ministry we plan to start with some of the ladies in our Bible study, and they are really excited about it. We haven't worked out all of the details yet, but it looks like it will be a once a month time to teach a new recipe or handicraft followed by a devotional time.

Also, we are making plans to start a youth group. Please pray for wisdom in this endeavor. Regarding the youth, at this time, we are not seeking to reach a large number of young people. What we would like is to have a definite life-changing impact among a few. Also, some of the young people who come to our children's club will be turning 13 within the next year, and we wish to have something to offer them and to continue helping them mature in the Lord.

Regarding our search for a building, we have been offered the first floor of a residential duplex at the price of US\$400 per month plus utilities. We are excited about the possibility of having a regular meeting place. It is in an accessible location very close to where we are working now from our home. We feel that it would be a good option, and we are seeking the will of the Lord concerning it. I estimate that we could seat up to seventy in the main room and perhaps another twenty in a side room that could be used as an overflow. Also, there is patio area in the back that could be used for the children. It would probably cost us about US\$3,000 to outfit the building with fans and other things including a power backup system to keep things running when the power goes out. In addition to those things, we would need to buy chairs for the adults and children. We could start using the facility in July when we return from our short furlough after the baby is born. We plan to be in the states from 4-6 weeks during the months of June and July.

We are encouraged with the interest in and response to our ministries here. Please continue especially to pray for the salvation and spiritual growth of those with whom we are working. Finally, please don't forget to check out our new website at [www.bimidr.org](http://www.bimidr.org). You will find several pictures of our ministry and family. Thank you again for your prayers and support.

In His Service,



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**Balloon Pop Relay Game at  
Saturday Kids Club**

## **Please Pray**

- 1. Salvation and Spiritual Growth** for those attending the adult Bible study and children's club
- 2. Wisdom** in starting the youth ministry
- 3. God's Will** for a building

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