

Stories of Faith

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Dear friend,

Greetings from Emanuel University and Seminary of Oradea. Few years ago we started a habit of sending you periodic stories of how God works in our midst, in the lives of our students, of our faculty, and of our alumni.

We want to share with you today the story of one of our graduates who is praying for opened doors to serve long-term in the persecuted church of China. Margaret graduated in 2008 and recently returned from a short-term trip to this country.

We praise God for putting in our students a passion to take the Gospel to the utter-most ends of the earth. We also want to thank you for your commitment to support us through your prayers and financial giving. Your continuous partnership to us is greatly appreciated, especially during these turbulent times.

For His glory, Paul Negrut, President

Margaret's story

"Since the age of eight I had a desire to be a missionary to China. Last year I finally had the opportunity to go on a short-term mission trip. Together with two other members, our team ministered in four cities. We were welcomed by the people and were surprised by their hospitality. At the same time however, we were saddened to see how ferociously the government is fighting against any spreading of the gospel.

Because all three of us are praying for a long-term involvement in China, the purpose of this trip was to explore this "promised land." Our goal was to visit other missionaries to

strengthen them in their work and learn about ways we could get involved in the long run. Many of the missionaries we encountered were there not experiencing much fruit, and many entertained thoughts of returning home. They have been praying that the Lord would send teams to help them in their work, and saw our presence there as an answer to their prayers.

The projects we engaged in included social projects for abandoned children, for people with disabilities, and for adolescent youth. Because prayer is a great need of this country we did many prayer walks. We also attended underground church gatherings, and ministered to some of the persecuted churches.

An Indian young lady shared with us about one of the local pastors whom she knew closely and who was imprisoned on false charges of terrorism. His wife was left with two children, both under the age of five. He was supposed to be executed last summer, but due to the Olympic games the government postponed his execution. To this day they have no word about him, and the church is frightened and scattered.

Although the church in China is persecuted, it is also growing. Thousands of people are coming to Christ and seeking Him with all their hearts. What we can do is to pray for our brothers and sisters who are going through suffering, to pray for their faith and for the spreading of the Truth, and to rejoice over the way God works in their midst. And perhaps why not consider for us to go as well?"

*** Due to safety issues the name of our graduate is artificial.



Dear friend, thank you for choosing to stay tuned to Emanuel University and Seminary of Oradea. We covet your prayers for our students and for the responsibility we have here to train them to fulfill the Great Commission to the ends of the earth.

Thank you for being a friend of Emanuel University and Seminary of Oradea.

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