

UPDATE FROM MARISA LEGER, MISSIONARY TO EAST ASIA

Welcome to my second update! I hope this letter finds you well. The month of October has been filled with so many changes and challenges. So much has happened, I have been stretched and taught greatly.

Week One: Our team attended a training along with our friends from a nearby city. We learned more about the type of ministry we are doing here in East Asia called *Catalytic Ministry*. In this type of ministry, we understand there are so many people that need to be reached, and not enough laborers to reach them all. Our goal is to reach half of the world's campuses by 2020. By raising up student leaders who seek to make Jesus known on campus and starting "student led movements," many more students will hear the gospel.

Week Two: My teammate Daniel and I attended our first "English Corner" meeting. English Corner is a ministry outreach event held once a week in the downtown area of our city. This is a place for students to learn and practice English, which is a highly valued skill, as some students' classes are taught completely in English. Daniel and I prepare a topic to talk about to teach new English words, then we have a discussion and a game so everyone can have a chance to speak English. I have been blown away by how much God has already used English Corner after just 4 meetings.

Week Three: An American professor from Cal-Poly in California made a visit to our city and neighboring cities. He gave a lecture about his area of study (computer science), and invited students from the Finance and Technology campuses to come and hear him speak. This was a great way to meet new people and gather 100 new contacts in just a few days. Through this event, we met 2 Christians.

Week Four: We continue to *Explore* campuses, which is the first stage of *Catalytic Ministry*. The goal is to find Christians who have the potential to be used greatly on their campuses. We also meet people who are spiritually interested and then share the gospel with them. This month I went on a campus with my teammates Holly and Serena. We went through a survey with students to learn if they knew any Christians/if they are Christian, and learn what their spiritual interest is. In two hours, my two teammates and I talked to a combined total of 65 people. In *Catalytic Ministry*, we are to trust that God has already placed the people and resources on the campus that we choose to explore. Then our job is to go, in faith, and talk to people and find them. When surveying the 65 students, it was sad to learn that none of them were Christians, and they knew very few Christians. These students had little to no beliefs, but some said they are afraid of ghosts, and some thought it is important to have beliefs, though they themselves do not have beliefs. More the reason why Christians on this campus need to be trained to share the good news. As I start to learn more of the language here in East Asia, I am able to ask students the survey questions in their own language. This is a small, but very exciting accomplishment. Through exploring, we have learned about the Christians that already exist on the campuses and what kind of activities their fellowships are a part of.