

The Whereabouts of Lucy Hsu

Dear friends,

I hope this email finds you well during this challenging time. Despite all the uncertainties, I am tremendously grateful for our God is still loving and in control. He is our hope and our peace. That is why I am even more convinced that the sharing of the gospel is all the more necessary and urgent as the world is ravaged by the COVID-19 pandemic. When all our plans seemed to be disrupted, God's plan is still for people to come to him and call him "Father." Let me share two stories of how God's love continue to pursue internationals.

God's Impeccable Timing

SW was a scholar here at UT several years ago. She returned to Asia where she is an English Literature Professor. We continued to stay in touch. Last winter, she was traveling in the U.S. for vacation when the COVID-19 outbreak started. She was stranded here so she started to read the Bible more deeply. Through this, SW encountered the Lord personally and surrendered her life to Jesus in faith. The pandemic was the divine opportunity for God to touch SW's life! Pray for spiritual roots to continue to strengthen as SW grows in her walk with God.

No Wasted Time

JW accepted Christ in spring of 2019. She graduated a few months after but had a rough time finding a job in the U.S. She was feeling depressed and useless as she received one rejection after another. She even had a situation with her roommate where she had to move out in short notice. It really felt like things hit rock bottom and God was absent. Once again, God's silence did not mean he was not working behind the scene. He orchestrated for JW to move into a home with a sister from my church. JW was able to see each day how this sister and her husband lived their life in joy in Christ. I continued to encourage JW to not give up on God. I knew that God had a purpose for JW to wait. Finally, this February, JW got an offer to work for a company in Florida. Before she moved, she decided to get baptized. In her testimony, she recounted how God used the trying times of the job search to strengthen her faith. She knew that if she didn't experience this trial she can easily walk away from God when difficulties arise in the future. JW moved to Florida two weeks before the COVID-19 shutdown. She still has not been able to make meaningful connections with local believers there. Even though being in a new place is lonely, JW continues to remain comforted by the Lord. I am also able to continue to disciple her remotely. Please pray for her spiritual growth and trust in God for her future because her work visa will expire in a year. She might have to return to Asia where there is increasing persecution of Christians in her country.

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Recounting God's grace and his miraculous ways somehow calms my heart about the future. For sure ministry this upcoming year will not be the same as before. It may be more difficult to connect with students in person, especially new students where we usually meet them in larger social events which are no longer allowed because of the pandemic. I know God has a plan. Pray for divine connections. Pray for students to have softened hearts to receive Jesus. Pray that we will all be obedient to do what he asks of us. **Thank you for the prayers and partnership. You are making a difference for God's kingdom! Please feel free to reply to this email and let me know how I can pray for you.**

Humbly yours,
Lucy

FAMILY UPDATE.

COVID-19 had made a big dent on our summer plans. We have been staying put at home which means we sadly had to cancel our mission trip to Japan. Otherwise, we are making the best of it. We can still count God's blessing each day and made many wonderful memories:

1. Lucy now cuts all the guys' hair at home. There is crying but everyone's ears are still intact.
2. We discovered several lakes and rivers nearby that we can cool off in during the hot summer in Texas. Our favorite pastime is to float on a tube in water.
3. We were able to purchase a used bike for Art at an insanely low price which happens to be a matching bike with Lucy's. Now we can ride around the neighborhood as a family. Although we still prefer the sunset in California where the sun disappear into the water, we are grateful to see the beautiful colors in the sky as we ride in the evening.
4. We discovered frozen dim sum that we can have 24 decent "har gow" (steam shrimp dumplings) for \$7.19. We also found a "5-minute boba" so we make our own boba slush or tea at home. Lucy had made many new dishes and everyone is well-fed. We are thankful for elastic pants/shorts.
5. There are a lot more video gaming at home. That's the way the boys stay connected with friends. We are on Animal Crossings. Come visit our island!
6. Art is able to volunteer in the community food bank. The rest of the family plans to join him next time.