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MISSION STATEMENT

Build financial relief for missionaries-in-training and missionaries in the field.
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A Fourth Generation Missionary

By Lianna

2020, 2021 Harvester's Scholarship Award Recipient

In 1998, I was fortunate enough to be born to a missionary family in Asia. Outside of my participation with my parents' ministry work, I was able to travel often with my father or my church for mission conferences and service projects. Trips through many countries and cities in Asia offered me chances to step into leadership positions running childcare programs, participating in orphan ministry, teaching English, playing soccer, learning new languages, and practicing street Evangelism.

When I graduated from high school in Asia in 2016 and moved to the US for the first time for university, I mourned the loss of such enriching cross-cultural opportunities. At that time, I was ignorant of the large international and refugee population of even a city like Columbia, South Carolina. Since my first year at CIU, I have been blessed with many opportunities to serve the international community. From being a helper with International Friendship Ministries and translating childcare programs for their Asian children, to working for an

intercity Montessori school and coordinating their summer program, God greatly built up my faith through my relationships with these children and their parents. In addition to these cross-cultural opportunities, I have been able to serve as a leader on my soccer team with the RALI (Rams Athletic Leadership Institute) program. I completed my Undergraduate studies at Columbia International University double majoring in International Community Development and Bible and minoring in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages. I am now pursuing my Masters in TESOL at CIU.

I gave my heart to Jesus when I was four years old, in part because of how much I respected and admired my parents and their ministry. I am now 21 and have given my entire life to Jesus because of how very deeply I have fallen in love with Him over the past seventeen years of my life. He has used every experience to deepen my relationship with Him. I am a 4th-generation missionary, it feels as though the calling is in my blood. I long to serve Jesus and witness for Him

in any nook or cranny of the world where He should guide, whether that is through teaching English, sports ministry, community development, inner-city ministry, or something completely unforeseeable is entirely up to Him.

I feel personally called to serve God and His people on the mission field abroad because of my relationship with Him which leads me to testify to His good works, my childhood growing up under a regime in a country that strongly persecutes Christians, and my passion for helping underdeveloped communities with sustainable agriculture methods and sports ministry. God tells us to love the foreigner in the Old Testament when He states in Deuteronomy 10:18 that “He ensures that orphans and widows receive justice. He shows love to the foreigners living among you and gives them food and clothing” (NLT). As believers, we are all called to love the orphans, widows, and foreigners - doing so is practicing “pure religion” (James 1:27). Having had experiences across the world on mission fields in Asia, Africa, Central America, and

more, I have seen far too many instances of the core message of the Gospel being diluted and distorted.

A verse that I believe captures the heart of the Gospel message well for a new believer is Romans 10:9 which states “If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved” (ESV). This is the message that I hope to preach. The Lord has equipped me in many ways over the course of my life to be involved in numerous forms of ministry. The vision He has laid upon my heart is to return home to Asia and work in community development fields there. Teaching English is a very practical way to attain a work visa to live in Asia long term, which is why I am pursuing my Masters in this field.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Donation:	\$18,381
Expenses:	
<i>Scholarship Distribution</i>	\$40,500
<i>Office Expenses</i>	\$ 661
Total Expenses	\$41,161
Shortage:	(\$22,780)
Assets:	
Cash	\$ 48,173
<i>Mutual Fund</i>	<u>\$1,324,394</u>
Total Assets (as of 6/30/2021)	\$1,372,567

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“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Luke 10:2