

Hello Summitview Family,

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Emily. I am Katelyn, Julie and Jacklen's sister. My Parents (Tim and Karen) were going to Summitview when I was born, we stayed there until I was 2 years old when we helped start what is now called Beggars' Gate in Loveland. When I was 11 I attended one of our region's winter conferences (Faithwalkers) and felt convicted to not just have Jesus be my Savior, but to be my King as well. It was not long after that, that God put the lost outside of America, especially those who have never heard the Good News before, on my heart. I was learning about China in my history class and thought, "Surely God must love the Chinese to have created so many of them and surely they haven't all heard the Good News if there are so many." The seeds for being a Cross-cultural Worker began to grow.

When I went to CSU, I returned to Summitview and was part of the college group. After several years I sensed that God was giving the green light to pursue moving overseas. I was again at a Faithwalkers conference and we listened to a powerful message about the need for the Good News around the world. I was moved and excited, but didn't want to mistake it for another spiritual high. That's when my sister, Katelyn, started sobbing behind me. Our friends asked her what was wrong and through tears she said, "I'm crying because I know Emily is going to go." It was clear to me at that point that this wasn't just another high, but that God was calling me to go and my sister was convinced. So in unity, John L. (at the time, over the college ministry), my family, ChingYu W. and Aaron R. (at the time, over ISM), and I decided I should transition to International Student Ministry. Several of us went through a cross-culture Worker training program and faster than I could comprehend, a team of 3 of us were being sent to Hong Kong.

That is when I really began to grasp what it meant to be sent. It was all hands on deck. It wasn't just my personal life plan but collective decisions. I couldn't do it solo or I would never have made it over there and would have washed out quickly even if I did. As I prepared, my dad had some differing opinions on location, but he told me, "Emily, if God is telling you to do something even if it's different from what I think, I want you to run as hard as you can in that direction." Through many tears, everyone in my family eagerly sent me. Summitview leadership made a lot of time for me/us to plan how to best go, how much I would need to raise, when we should leave, etc. They walked with me step by step, prayed for me, gave generously and held me accountable. They got the whole congregation involved. Everyone really owned it. We were not going solo, we were being sent and backed by Summitview. While I was in Hong Kong, Summitview continued to pray for us, check in, and send people to visit. I really got to see God's family in action on a global scale. Romans 10:15 became reality.

God then used the Covid pandemic to shift me to move to Central Asia to engage people groups who had never heard of the Good News before. I have now been living here for 4.5 years. The first local I met, Ava\*, was assigned to me as an international buddy helper at our college. We have been friends ever since and for many years she has not been open to the Good News, but that has been changing this year. She now comes over to my apartment every week and we watch The Chosen together and she plans to join me for Easter. She asks good questions and has now heard the Good News from at least 3 different friends over the years.

The primary language here is Russian, but there has been a growing nationalist passion which means more and more the ethnic majority language is being spoken. Ava is afraid we will have to start using that language over night (that would not be shocking). Both of us know only a little of this language. Last week she told me she found the only book she owns in that language... a bi-lingual N.T. that someone had given her! So in her fear to learn the language, she is attempting it through Matthew! God is pursuing her heart.

Please be praying for

- Ava's eyes to be open, that she and her husband would see their guilt and shame and turn to the only true hope
- My English teaching business to flourish so we can be a blessing (specifically for more English clubs to start)
- My local Fellowship as there have been many shifts in leadership with the lead worker going back and forth between his home country
- More workers to come and share the Good News with the many minority groups who have yet to hear it
- Access to the Word and resources—recently the Central Asian version and all books about faith related topics were made illegal

Thank you so much for sending me! Thank you for giving generously, praying faithfully, caring deeply, and loving my family who are with you! I would not be here without you and I mean that. Your prayers have literally kept me alive and your care has brought much encouragement!

He is worthy! Oh gocmouh!

Your sister,

Emily

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(\*name has been changed for safety)



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