

With Child-like Faith - by Ruth Cheng, Missionary to Romania

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it. (Mark 10:15)

The pandemic wreaked havoc on the comforts of our previous norms, and my comparatively short hiatus from Romania to the United States was also not spared. My time in Pennsylvania since mid-January 2021 was filled with initial quarantining with my adult children in downtown Harrisburg, weekly visits to my ailing father near Philadelphia, and catching up with annual health appointments. I managed to find time to reach out to extended family and friends, but of course, in person visits were rare.

My homebound mission work consisted of Zoom participation with various ministry organizations, i.e., Serge, Spiritual Orphans Network (SON), Thrivent, The North American Lutheran Church (NALC), and Evangelical Church in America (ELCA). I also volunteered a few hours at Bethesda Mission and Zion Lutheran Church in Harrisburg. My weekly participation in online worship, bible studies and fellowship allowed me to enjoy the camaraderie of English-speaking adults and resulted in “outside-the-box” contemplations on a regular basis. Finally, I resumed my passion for practicing piano and martial arts.

I want to reiterate my appreciation for all your prayers and financial support, particularly those at St. Mark’s and Zion. Without this, I could not leave my family behind in good conscience. My kids and dad fully support my desire to continue mission work abroad, and we are able to remain connected via WhatsApp.

I resume my calling abroad this summer with planned stops in England and Romania. The SON bible camp in the Ukraine was postponed again year. However, I am happy to report that the corrupt bishop has officially been stripped of his power, and all the seized property will be returned to the Ukrainian congregations. Praise the Lord for answered prayers!

Please continue praying for me and keep in touch electronically through any of these methods:

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With the enthusiasm of a wide-eyed child, I await the Holy Spirit’s guidance for the next mission journey. I look forward to sharing my ventures with you!

Peace and prayers, your sister in Christ,

Ruth