

# RUF-INTERNATIONAL

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## THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

WELCOMING THE NATIONS & EQUIPPING KINGDOM AMBASSADORS

### In Their Own Words...



“Knoxville...the Starbucks mornings...Thanksgiving...playing American football- they're such wonderful memories to me! I'm praying for you. God bless.”  
*(a Hungarian student who recently returned home)*



“Thank you for your guidance for us to get to know God, and your hospitality to host us. We are so honored to be your friends!”  
*(a Chinese couple, both Masters students at UT)*



“In the line for the train I read Romans again, how powerful the word is, I always feel different when I read it again, hope I can read it more and often.” *(a Chinese student who recently returned home)*

Dear Friends,

Spring is right around the corner....and like most of the nation, we're ready for it! But first....we'd like to fill you in on some of what's been going on with our family and ministry. Thanks for taking the time to “journey with us” through the last few months.

### ✂ Going Wide ✂

The most exciting and encouraging ministry “season” of last year coincided with our traditional holiday season. Apart from the final papers and exams, and the fantasizing about a winer-break visit to Orlando, LA, or NY City, Thanksgiving and Christmas continue to serve as open doors- into students lives and into our homes and churches. It's not so much the number of students placed (23 to be exact), but the quality of experience that matters when a family like the Salvadors warmly welcomes a Chinese family to share **Thanksgiving** with them. Or when a church enfolds close to 40 foreign students and scholars to participate in a **Christmas worship service**. Or when a



family hosts 60+ internationals and Americans for RUFi's **Christmas Party!** These events are often vital introductions to the person of Christ and the people of God that will shape how internationals respond to God's call through the Gospel to enter into relationship with Himself.



### ✂ Going Deep ✂

While we love the energy and the contacts that flow from big “gathering” events like a Christmas party or Pancake Breakfast, our hearts' desire is to get to know international students and scholars at a **deeper level**, and to help them discover that God has a **deeper purpose** for their lives than getting advanced degrees and high paying jobs. This semester on Sunday nights, as students and RUFi volunteers meet for “Dinner & Discussion,” we're exploring what happens to various people in the Bible through their “Encounters With Jesus.” One of the students asked me *why* we held these events- “because we want to or because we love Jesus?” I said, “Yes.”

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Other internationals raise **issues** such as : the historical reliability of the Bible, the plurality of world religions, the relationship between faith and science, the dark sides of both communism and capitalism, the very possibility of knowledge, among others. Some students are curious, others suspicious, some disinterested, and still others evidence signs of the Spirit's working. As American hosts and friends we have a great **platform** to be a careful, patient, loving and truthful voice speaking into the lives of the foreigners among us, for their great joy and for the glory of God.



One of those families we've really seen growing over the last year is the **Cho family** from Korea. The husband ("Woon") has developed a genuine Christian faith, and has led his wife ("JinYoung") and their kids to join our church. And, as of early February, I've now had the privilege of baptizing their daughter ("Eunchae") as well as their baby boy ("Yoon")!

### ✂ Going Forward ✂

We are honored by your prayers and support! We could not do this without God's people being involved in so many ways- praying, giving, serving, and encouraging. If you are reading this and are *not* currently part of our support team, we would humbly ask you to **please consider how God might use you**- through financially supporting RUF- to make a kingdom impact on the lives of international students and scholars at the University of Tennessee.

*So That the Nations May Sing and Be Glad,*

*Lee, Jen, Daniel & Phillip Leadbetter*

### Prayer & Praise

- Pray for the 3 RUF- Bible studies, Sunday "D&D", and monthly events
- Praise for several students coming to faith in Christ last semester
- Praise God for ending the year financially sound!
- Pray for sources of new or increased giving this year, and for fruitful upcoming trips to Chattanooga, Nashville, and Texas
- Pray for Lee as he preaches in Cleveland (3/14) and Knoxville (3/31)
- Praise for 12 years of marriage, and 2 wonderful boys!



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