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HISTORICAL NEWSLETTER

My Teaching Method

By Laura Newell

Did you know there are over 60 minority groups in modern China? It wasn't until I was in the classrooms and met students that I realized what a diverse group they were. Practicing Muslims, for example, would not eat pork or any veggies fried in pork fat or drink alcohol, so my students, in deference to them, would always choose a restaurant that was compliant with their beliefs when we shared lunch or dinner. Mongolians were often looked down upon because they could get into colleges and universities with lower scores than the Han Chinese who are the majority.

For three years I taught a young Mongolian student whose mother was a math professor at our university. That family connection allowed her to study English at the school, even after she graduated. She was rather shy in class but not so much outside of class. She'd often say, "My English isn't very good." I liked to respond, "Your English is better than my Chinese."

After class one day she walked me back to the teachers' building, and about halfway there she stopped in the road and smiled at me. "I know your teaching method, teacher," she said with a twinkle in her eyes." Her comment took me by surprise and my first thought was, 'Teaching method? What's my teaching method?'

"Really?" I responded, "what is it?" I felt both curious and amused. "It's love. You love us and that motivates us to study harder, and we learn more because of it." I smiled and said, "You're right. That is my teaching method." We chatted a while longer, then she bid me farewell at my building and headed on to hers. It wasn't 'til years later that I was able to share some spiritual truth with her, although she did not come to Christ at that time.

Her comment made me think and I began to thank God for what she said. Most every morning before classes started, I sat at the big desk in my bedroom and prayed, "Father, empty me of all

that's not You, and fill me to overflowing with Your love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control so others will see Jesus in me and ask questions."

It took a few years for this young student to work up the nerve to tell me what she did, but I believe God was at work from the beginning because that's who He is. I rejoice that God still pours out His love into our hearts for others. Glory be!

JOHN 12:32

AND I, WHEN I AM LIFTED UP FROM THE EARTH, WILL DRAW ALL PEOPLE
TO MYSELF."

Announcements for August 20, 2020

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