

## The Twelve of Thirteen

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Hello!

Thank you so very much for your generous gift of the Steinbeck Memorial Scholarship. It is a great blessing to me and my family as I continue in my educational studies Concordia University Wisconsin.

I was born in St. Louis, Missouri shortly after my father finished at the seminary there. We then moved to Macau, China where my father served as a missionary. After five years, our family moved to Hsinchu, Taiwan. My father taught for a year at China Lutheran Seminary and then we moved back to St. Louis for his

doctoral studies. After coursework was complete, we then moved to Chiayi, Taiwan to be close to our grandparents, who still do not confess Christ. There, my father also served as a vacancy pastor at Salvation Lutheran Church. My siblings and I switched languages in school each time we moved and had wonderful opportunities to witness Christ's work around the world. We moved back to St. Louis for two years as my father completed his doctorate. He then received a call to start a Chinese mission congregation in Evansville, Indiana.

After five years, my father received a call to return to Hsinchu, Taiwan, where he currently serves the church as theological educator. My father teaches seminary classes, coordinates and translates resources into Mandarin Chinese, and mentors the local pastors and vicars. My mother and father are currently working hard at translating the hymnal into Chinese with many new hymns. My mother is also a wonderful resource to all the women and children in the area, teaching classes and sharing Christ wherever she goes (in the taxi and the elevator!) My younger sister Elizabeth teaches Bible class to the kiddos and accompanies for church every Sunday. My brother Jonathan (another Steinbeck Recipient) is attending UWM for Mechanical Engineering. The three of us greatly enjoy playing our instruments (flute, violin, and clarinet) when we are together.

Presently, I am finishing up my last year of undergraduate studies in Lutheran K-12 Instrumental Music Education. I am so grateful for the Christian atmosphere at Concordia as I study with my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This is my last semester of classes as I prepare for student teaching in the Spring. Each class delves deeper into the purpose and best practices of Lutheran Education, of which I am excited to soon be a part of. After graduation, excitingly, I will be getting married to Eli James (another Steinbeck Recipient). We are looking forward to life together in Christ as we live out our future vocations.

Thank you again for your kindness and support in my education and in God's work around the world!

In Christ, Rachel Paul

