

The Ninth of Twelve 2016 Steinbeck Scholarship Recipients

Hello!

My name is Rachel Paul and I was born in St. Louis, Missouri where my dad had recently finished seminary. After 2 months, we moved to Macau, China where I spent my first 5 ½ years. I attended a local kindergarten there. My father at that time began a mission station church and English learning center. We then moved to HsinChu, Taiwan where my father taught for a year at China Lutheran Seminary. Subsequently, we moved back to St. Louis as my father began his doctoral studies at the seminary. While finishing his



dissertation, we moved to Chiayi, Taiwan, where my dad also served as vacancy pastor at our church there. During this time, my siblings and I all attended the local elementary school, learning in Mandarin Chinese. We then moved back to St. Louis as my dad completed his doctorate studies. He then received a call to Evansville, Indiana, and started a mission congregation there. After high school, my dad received a call to HsinChu, Taiwan as a theological educator. Currently, in HsinChu, my father teaches at the China Lutheran Seminary, translates theological works, mentors pastors and vicars, helps with various projects, and presents lectures. My mom stays at home and helps with my sibling's homeschooling, and the women and children in being a wonderful resource and contact.

A long while back I began learning the piano, and in Taiwan (the 2nd time), I began learning the flute. Together, my siblings and I often play trios (flute, brother - violin, sister - clarinet) for fun, as well as in worship services. My father also enjoys composing pieces for us three, and the whole family. Right now, I am in my second year at Concordia University Wisconsin, studying Lutheran K-12 Instrumental Music Education. I hope to therefore teach music in a Lutheran school.

Thank you so much for supporting my education and my family! It has been a blessing being able to grow up in so many different places and to see God's Word at work around the world.

God Bless,
Rachel