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Cindy Wu came from Taiwan to the University of Illinois for her doctorate. It was lonely but she began making friends; many happened to be Christians. They helped her find transportation, grocery shopping and getting a driver’s license. Back in her undergraduate years she had sought life’s purpose but found no answers. These new friends challenged her, a Buddhist, to study the Bible with them and to form her own conclusions about Jesus and the purpose He could bring.

She was attending a small group Bible study when something happened. “One evening when we were studying the story of the Samaritan woman by the well, I saw myself in the story,” she said. “I had been thirsty all these years. I realized what Jesus demonstrated was the unconditional love I had been looking for. I knew then that I had to accept Him as my Lord and Savior.” In the picture (*above, left*) she is sharing her testimony at her church before she was baptized.

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Today, Dr. Cindy Wu is the associate dean of Baylor’s Hankamer School of Business. Last month she spoke to 100 Chinese students at a Cru conference in Dallas. She was one of four Chinese Christian professors we were able to bring there to share their testimonies and meet with students— all in Mandarin.

Half of these students who attended were just like Cindy had been at Illinois— nonChristians eager to learn more about Jesus, and willing to investigate further.

“Because of my own experience, I see how critical the college years are to the development of young adults...Every one of us has a desire to seek the answers for life, because I know that God designed us so.”
Dr. Cindy Wu



Jacob’s story



One of the students I met at the conference was Jacob, who came from China to study medicine. He became a Christian less than a year ago and is the first in his family to become a believer. He was so thankful to be at a conference with other Chinese, some of whom are just like himself and new to faith in Christ.

As relations between China and the U.S. have deteriorated it has become harder for students like Jacob to come to the U.S. And, it can be harder for them to return to China and be open about their faith after they do become Christians. [*I have purposely used another image to protect his identity.*] Could you pray for these students –as they study in the U.S. and as they return home as believers?
Thanks SO much for caring about students and professors.

Steve and Sarah