

My Name is Sight



"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may declare the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9).

In May 2013 our community experienced an indescribably great blessing. We heard that a group of medical doctors and optometrists from the United States were on the way to visit our city. Anyone who wanted could sign up for a free examination and treatment.

I am 61 years old and very nearsighted. So I put my name on the list and was examined on the very first day. My teeth were treated and I got new glasses. It was good that I was treated right at the beginning, because afterward, when so many people from the city came, I volunteered to help. We had our hands full. News of free medical care spread like wildfire through the city. The people stood in long lines outside the gates of the church building. Day after day, I stood at the table and distributed New Testaments and Christian literature to the visitors. After five days I had distributed far more than 2000 books. All these people heard the good news that there is a doctor who can cure not only the teeth or eyes, but the heart. That is Jesus Christ. He has the power to transform the darkness in us into a wonderful light. The Evangelism Cube that we used helped to explain the good news of Jesus.

Just 11 years ago I came to the church for the first time myself. I still can hear the words of the preacher as he spoke about sin and the Savior. I repented from my sins on the same day and was baptized six months later.

The last 11 years have been the most beautiful in my life. God has forgiven me of my sins, and given me an indescribable joy and entrusted tasks. I am responsible for the local church library and manage the textbooks of the IBCS* in which I am a student myself. I participate in a small Bible study

group where we get rich spiritual food. We use the Bible School textbooks to help us better understand the Bible. I encourage many people to also become students of the Bible School. God has shown me in His Word that He makes no distinction between people, whether they are rich or poor. He loves them all. I also want to be more like God, and visit the homeless people. They also need the gospel.

In my country, there are many disabled children and children living in poor conditions. I visit them regularly as part of the Child Sponsorship project of the Bible Mission. Along with the food and clothes that I take to them, I practically want to show them the love of God. Currently I am studying the IBCS course on "Romans." The Word of God tells me to continue to pass on the love that I have experienced myself.

The American doctors left, but the testimony of Jesus Christ lives on in the hearts of men and women of our city.

*Even under threat of harrassment by the local authorities, **Sight** gets Bible Study course materials to students in her country as they seek to understand God's Word.*

**IBCS, the International Bible Correspondence School is a ministry of Bible Mission International, with whom Free Will Baptists partner in ministry throughout Central Asia.*