

# Endowment for Higher Education in Asia



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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous support of Bradley Hill's Endowment for Higher Education in Asia. On February 1, 2012, this endowment reached its initial goal of \$50,000. I experienced a sense of epiphany when we reached that goal. The Bradley Hills Asia Team officially kicked off the program with a fundraising dinner held at the church on June 5, 2010, with featured guests Ambassador Akbar Ahmed, who spoke on the topic "Building Bridges among the Children of Abraham," and Mrs. Harriet Mayor Fulbright who offered remarks of encouragement.

The initial focus of the Endowment for Higher Education in Asia has been to provide scholarships for women students at Forman Christian College, a chartered University, in Lahore, Pakistan. The College was founded by the great grandfather of the late Douglas Forman, a member of this congregation for many years who, with his wife, Ruth, supported the launch of this work. This year, proceeds from the Endowment, together with generous gifts from the Forman family, the Pat and Lily Okura Mission Fund, and designated donations to the Angel Gift Tree fund, enabled 12 women students of Forman Christian College (six of Christian background and six of Muslim background) to receive scholarship assistance. Last year, five Christian and Muslim women students received scholarships from these sources.

Ruth Forman, who recently moved to New Haven, Connecticut, will continue to support several scholarship awardees until they graduate from Forman Christian College. She said that she is doing this because of her love and in memory of her husband, Douglas Forman, who was mission oriented and championed interfaith work. Our program for Forman Christian College has been further strengthened by congregation members Leslye and George Johnson who began teaching on the science faculty at the College in 2010 and are now in their second year.

You have been generous and gracious to support this "mustard seed" ministry to educate and empower women, to equip them to participate actively, knowledgeably, and across faith boundaries in shaping the future in a volatile part of the world. Through the education of future leaders, this ministry will enhance mutual understanding and contribute to a more civil and pluralistic world.

I thank you for your graciousness and generosity in support of our adventure.

Sincerely,

Cindy (Chang Hyun) Geer  
For the Asia Endowment Committee

Enclosure: Photograph of 2012 scholarship recipients with Drs. George and Leslye Johnson.

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