



**What** is your name? Where are you from?

Seran Kook, South Korea.

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**When were you at Stanford? For how long?**

From 08/06/2010 to 02/15/2012.

**Were you a student or a spouse at Stanford? What were you/your spouse studying?**

My husband is a PhD, a surgeon and a professor at Chosun University Medical College. I was at Stanford with him while he studied at the SMC Trauma Center.

**Where do you live now and what are you doing?**

I live in Gwangju, Korea and am serving Chosun University students as a volunteer, teaching the Bible in English and Korean.

**When you were at Stanford, how did you hear about the CCIS?**

I heard about CCIS from my husband.

**Which CCIS programs did you participate in and in what capacity?**

I participated in the English-in-Action (EIA) program, Friday Morning Coffee and many free classes. And my EIA partner, Donna, introduced me to Barbra Breen, who invited my family over for our first Thanksgiving in the States.

**When and how did you decide to participate in these CCIS programs?**

When I met the volunteers supporting the CCIS programs, I decided to take part in the programs; the volunteers were so kind and nice.

**How was your experience taking part in CCIS's programs?**

I really enjoyed EIA with beautiful Donna a lot. She is my friend now. I could talk to her and discuss everything with her. Talking with her made me feel comfortable. And she took me to many beautiful places. And, thanks to her, my family and I could experience Thanksgiving dinner during my first Thanksgiving in the States. My family still keeps in touch with Donna's and Barbra's families.

**What message would you like to give to the CCIS?**

Hi CCIS,

Thank you so much for your sincere support for newcomers from other countries! I have never seen such beautiful support and sacrifice anywhere else in the world.

I had a beautiful life in Stanford with my family because of you. And I will support other people like you did me.

Seran