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Issue 10: New York City

From Fear to Boldness

Do you remember the story about a time when Peter was really, really afraid? It happened the night Jesus was put on trial, the night before He was crucified.

Peter was afraid to be near where Jesus was. He didn't want people to know he was a follower of Jesus. So he stayed in the courtyard, hoping to hear about how things were going with Jesus. When someone thought they recognized Peter as one of Jesus' followers, Peter said, "No! I do not know the man." (See Matthew 26:69-75)

Are you sometimes afraid to speak up for Jesus? The Chinese woman in our story has lots of reasons to be scared to be known as a Christian.

The same thing that changed Peter into a bold witness can help people like Janet and us, too. Page seven will tell you what that is.

New York City: Window to the World

Janet's Story



I want to tell you a true story about a special friend of mine, who we will call Janet. I cannot give you her real name because the government is very strict in her country. If they learned about her decision for Jesus she might lose her job or otherwise get into trouble.

Janet is from China. She works very hard as a professor who teaches at a very important college in a large city. She is married and has one daughter who is about eight years old.

Janet was assigned to come to the

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United States to study at a famous university in New York City. She was so excited. In China, it is a great privilege to be selected to travel to

America to learn at a top-level school.

After a few months in New York City, Janet became discouraged. She missed her mother and her

daughter in China very much. She began to feel distant from her husband. She was looking for hope.

Janet was curious about Christianity. A friend told her about a Bible study that met at her University. One day she decided to check it out. She loved it and decided to keep coming back again and again. Janet learned about Jesus there.

One week I visited that Bible study and that is when I met Janet. We began talking after the class ended and she asked me what it means to be a Christian. That started a wonderful conversation, and

that week that we began meeting to talk about Jesus.

We met every week for about six months. In a few weeks it became clear to me



Bible Study group like the one Janet joined.

that Janet had a new faith in God! She began to experience hope and happiness in new ways. She started to pray and find answers to her prayers. She wanted her friends to know God, too.

All too soon, it was time for Janet to return home to China. We spent a lot of time together before she left, talking about her return to her former life and the hard things she would face. Janet will face pressure from the Chinese government to be quiet about her faith. She will face pressure at her university to work long hours and be committed to her job. She

Think About It

Just before Jesus was crucified, all the disciples fled in fear. Peter even lied and said he didn't know Jesus. Why were they afraid? Imagine yourself in their place and write down some of the things that might have made them afraid. Hint: Would people make fun of them? Might they even have been beaten or put in jail? What else?

Are you sometimes afraid to speak up for Jesus? Why?

Being afraid is normal, but the Bible tells us that God has given us a special gift to help us be bold to tell people about Jesus. Read the verse on page six and write that gift here:

After receiving that gift, Peter no longer lied about knowing

Jesus. In fact, read what Peter said in Acts 2:36 and fill in the blanks to see what Peter said.

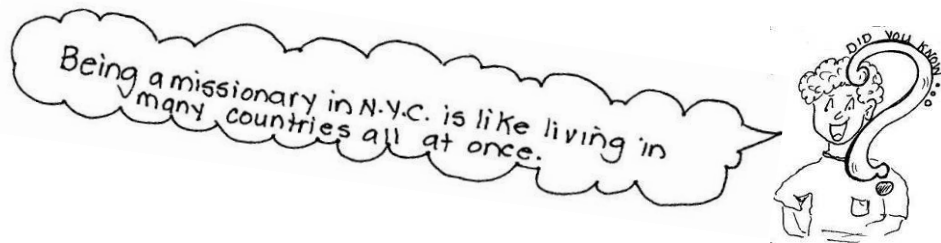
"God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both _____ and _____."

The Bible says that God has given us that gift, too. The apostle Paul told his friend Timothy, "*I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord,*" (2 Tim. 1:6-8)

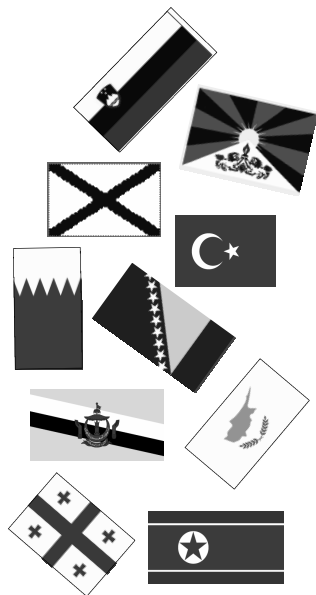


Turn Paul's words into a prayer for courage for yourself and people like Janet of our story. Write it here:





Can you identify these flags? Hint: Go to www.flags.av.org/flags



The Great Commission

Just before Jesus ascended into Heaven
He said to His disciples:

ACTS 1:8

"But you will receive power when
the Holy Spirit comes on you; and
you will be my witnesses in Jerusa-
lem, and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth."



will face the responsibility of raising her daughter well. Above all, if she is known as a Christian Janet risks losing her status and her job.

I would love to tell you that Janet is courageous and is sharing Jesus with all of her friends, but I think that she is struggling with some fear.

Maybe you are afraid sometimes too. Do you ever feel scared to share Jesus with your friends? When you feel that way, would you

remember Janet and pray for her to have courage and boldness to share the message of Jesus with her friends and family in China?

Pray that Janet will hold tightly to Jesus, even when she is lonely and has few Christian friends to

encourage her. And pray that the name of Jesus will spread in China – that millions more people might know Jesus and know they will have a home in heaven. ■



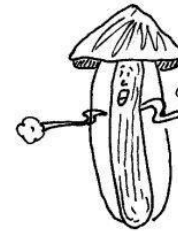
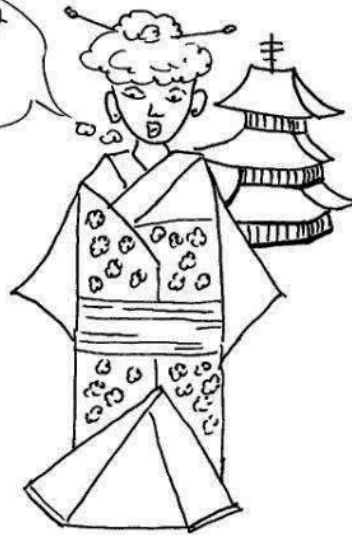
About the Author:



Hi! My name is Valerie, and I am a missionary in New York City (NYC). No, I am not working to reach Americans. I am trying to share Jesus with the thousands of people who come to live and study in New York City – who are from all over the world. Almost every nation or people group is represented in NYC. I meet people from China, Japan, France, Korea, and sometimes even Central Asia or the Middle East. It is exciting to meet people from all over the world and share the message of Jesus with them.

Can you fill in the blanks and draw the flags?

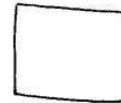
My name is Nakoto. I left my home in Japan so I could study in America. While I was there I asked Jesus into my life. When I go back to Japan I want to tell my family about Jesus.



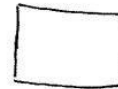
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Did you know that...

* More than 35 million people travel in and out of N.Y.C. each day.

Each nation has a flag.
Each flag has a symbol that represents something in their country.



The Korean flag shows the Chinese Yin - Yang symbol. The lines represent the four seasons.



Japan is the Land of the Rising Sun. Japan's flag shows the rising sun symbol of the sun goddess.



N.Y.C.'s subway system is 656 miles long.

* The seven rays of the statue of Liberty's crown represents the seven continents of the world.



* There are many different nations represented in N.Y.C.



The world lives in N.Y.C.

N.Y.C. is often called the Big Apple.

Pray For N.Y.C.



Announcing:

You can be a

How many words can you find in the word international?

1. _____
2. _____
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N.Y.C. = New York City