



EAST ASIA

Coincidences, or the amazing work of God?



Just a few short years ago, we would not have even imagined that CRM would be resourcing missionaries in East Asia to use the chronological Bible stories in their ministries, and that the story summaries would be translated into Mandarin. However, God worked through some amazing Divine appointments to confirm that was exactly what He wanted to do. Here is how He worked:

1. The Story Cloth Ministry was being powerfully used and blessed in the ministries of Central Baptist Church in Clovis, NM.
2. One of our members shared the Story Cloth and a summary book with her daughter and son-in-law who were visiting in Clovis, NM.
3. They took the Story Cloth and Summary book with them to Florida where they lived.
4. Friends of theirs, who were missionaries in East Asia, were on a break in Florida and were visiting with them when they noticed the Story Cloth and Summary book on a table.
5. After reviewing it, they asked if they could take it back with them to use in their work. Of course, the couple said yes and that they could get another from us.
6. As they started using it in their work, a Chinese lady in their fellowship became very excited about it and asked if she could translate it into Mandarin.
7. Out of the blue, we received an email asking for permission to have it translated. Of course, we said "Yes."
8. We were then asked if we could come and do some training on using it.
9. I was meeting with our Associational Director in Clovis, NM, telling him about the request and how I did not see how I was going to be able to add a trip to E. Asia to my already packed schedule. He said, "You don't have to go to East Asia." There is a young man from a church I pastored in New Mexico who is staying with his wife and family in a house we just provided them in Clovis. They are home on leave from...you guessed it...East Asia.
10. Over the next several months, I was able to meet with them often and train them to do the Story Cloth training when they returned.
11. We determined that for the price of round-trip tickets for a team of two or three, we could fly people already in East Asia to a central location to be trained, which we did.
12. The couple also served as editors for the Mandarin translation, which will soon be available on the website www.historycloth.com. They are also working on having the stories printed in East Asia.

This is all a testimony of the truth in Romans 8:28, ***"And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to [His] purpose."***

God worked through a ministry based in Knoxville, TN, to involve a Church in Clovis, NM, where a couple involved in ministry visited, and took a sample of the Story Cloth to Florida, so a couple from East Asia could see them and begin using them there, and then brought another couple to Clovis, who were missionaries in East Asia to be equipped to train and resource others to do work there. **All that is needed for the work to expand is the resources to train believers in East Asia and to supply them with Story Cloths.** *Oh, yes, I almost forgot:* The couple from Asia who were visiting in Florida was also friends of missionaries in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. They are now translating the stories into French to be used in their work.

No wonder Paul said, ***"for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."*** (Philippians 2:13 NAS95) **Does God want to work through you?**