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# Bread of

# Life



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# Coordinator Letter I

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

Our God is calling us. It is my hope that we will respond through our pursuit of Him. I had envisioned this pursuit by our growing in the knowledge of Christ. To this end, the vision for CBS was chosen based on Philippians 3:8-11,

*Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith; that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.*

For me personally, I had more of my heart on verse 8, the idea of suffering the loss of everything in order to know Christ, my Lord and Savior. This is the emphasis that the Bible puts on knowing God personally, that it is worth us giving up everything. This is the emphasis that I had hoped CBS would put in knowing God this year. Of course, to get to such a point is a process. God have been using speakers, prayer meetings, brother and sister groups, and various events to work us towards this point.

Through our study in Luke, God continues to reveal to us His qualities, His love, His mercy, and His grace so that we can better know who He is. Through the new brother and sister groups, we gain a better understanding of God through the practice and experiences of fellow brothers or sisters so that knowing becomes more than just head knowledge, but life-practicing heart knowledge.

I sincerely hope we will continue to strive towards Him, even if we feel no progress at times. We must trust in the truth that our Lord will never leave us nor forsake us; He will continue to the end works that He's started in every one of us. Do not forget, we are here to bring Him glory, and He will use us to His good will.

Through Christ your servant,  
David Bu

# Coordinator Letter II

There's this poem by T.S. Eliot called "The Love-Song of J. Alfred Prufrock," in which the main character says "It's impossible to say just what I mean!" That's how I feel sometimes—it's very hard for me to express just what I want to say!

I first would like to apologize for not being the coordinator that I wanted to be—for not being the spiritual leader that I had hoped to be. There was a period this semester where I was distracted by the logistics of being coordinator and the busyness of school and life, and just went through the motions, without thinking about the heart behind all the things that we do. On a personal note, though, being coordinator has been a great experience for me. God has forced me to re-examine my own personal walk with Him, and made me realize that I must be increasingly personal and real with Him. He must be in my heart and on my lips. I love all the lessons that God has taught me through this semester—of doing things for God's glory rather than my own, of being responsible, and of digging deeper into who God is.

Our vision for this year was Philippians 3:8-11, but specifically 10:

*that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,*

I just wanted to take a moment to challenge you in regards to this vision. In our walks with God, it's not where we're at right now that really matters, but where we're heading. Oftentimes we can become complacent about who we are—thinking that we have attained to a certain level of spirituality or maturity, but even if we have, be reminded that our heart must continually yearn for more of God. I love the song "Cry in my heart," because there's a line that says "there must be more than this." In my own walk with God, I realize that, if the Bible is true and God is real, then I have really experienced so little of Him. I will admit that I don't have a heart that truly loves and knows God at this point, but I'm filled with the certainty that there must be something so much more to God and in God than I have experienced. I am filled with the hunger to know what that is and to fully live that out. It is my intense desire that CBS be brought deeper into the heart of what it means to live for Christ and have that hunger to know what we're still missing. If the Bible is true, how should we live our lives? If God says that our relationship with Him is what life is all about, do we live like that? Is Christ really the reason why we do things? Do we think about Him during our days? Do we talk time out of the day to talk to Him and do we enjoy doing so? When you like someone, you enjoy spending time with them. It's like in photos, when the couple is together, they're usually smiling or happy. It's not about what you guys do together (though that does help), but you're just so thrilled that you're with them at all. That's how I desire our relationship with God to be. That it would give us deep joy in the presence of the God of our hearts. How should we live if we say that we are Christians? Lives filled with compassion, love—living with different goals and different hopes in a different way.

I hope above all that we can live in a community filled with truth, with sincerity about our weaknesses. Let us pray for a desire to seek God personally and spur others to a more Christ-filled life.

Justin Deng

# Discipleship Ministry

Serving as coordinators of discipleship ministry has been a very fruitful learning experience. It has been a breathtaking journey full of struggles, trials, joy, perseverance, and above all, full of the abounding grace and love from the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. We both came in knowing that it was not going to be easy, but we were not certain until the semester began and we started to actually put our commitments into action. The daunting task of setting up prayer partnerships involved totally surrendering ourselves to the will of the God and being led by the Spirit. Through it, God challenged us both to truly seek Him – not only for the energy to meet with all the brothers and sisters who signed up, but also to prayerfully seek God for who He is, to glean wisdom from Him alone, and to trust that He will use us to work all things for His good pleasure and our good.

During the discipler meeting, we attempted to define and explain discipleship, present how Jesus Christ built up His disciples, share how the Bible illustrates discipleship, and exhort disciplers to examine their own hearts. We wanted them to meditate on what we can do to model ourselves after Christ and walk alongside a growing Christian, nurturing and teaching them to attain their full potential as faithful, resilient, souled-out disciples of our Lord and Savior. Even though we cannot say that we're anywhere near mastering our own sinful nature, we have learned a great deal about what it means to share a life with someone, to invest in them so that we ourselves can fulfill Christ's commandment to go and make disciples, and to challenge our fellow brothers and sisters to strive for Christ in all things.

*"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." (Colossians 3:16-17)*

James Gao & Sandra Quah

# Prayer Ministry

Our vision for prayer ministry this year is for CBS to develop a heart for prayer and to know God. Ephesians 6:18 says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." We want to develop this type of heart for prayer – bringing everything to God in prayer and praying on all occasions. 1 John 5:14-15 says: "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him." We want to know God and therefore know His will, and pray according to His will, with full confidence that He hears us and gives us what we have asked of Him. Therefore, this year, we want to see CBS grow a heart for prayer and know God, as these two things go hand in hand. You cannot know God without developing a heart for prayer, nor develop a heart for prayer without knowing and loving God.

This semester, prayer ministry has been holding weekly meetings to pray for the leaders, ministries, events, people, and needs of CBS. Each week, prayer ministry has been reflecting on CBS's general spiritual state and has been praying for the general vision of CBS - to know God - to be seen in each of these things, whether through the large group speaker, personal convictions, or in being challenged in brother and sister groups. We have spent much time in prayer for the fellowship as we feel that by lifting up these aspects of CBS, we are remembering and recognizing that all things come from God, are done by God, and are for God's glory.

Olivia Lee & Jamie Tsai



# Evangelism Ministry

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

The beginning of this semester was both a very exciting and challenging time for us as evangelism ministry coordinators. During the past few years and particularly, this past spring semester, there were several clear indications of corporate growth in regards to evangelism. This change was evident, not only in Chinese Bible Study, but also in the entire Christian body on campus. In some ways, this heart for evangelism was reflected in the spirit of weekly interfellowship prayer meetings as well as the general excitement for Monday and Thursday EV. Due to the growing passion for evangelism, this was an exciting, yet daunting time for us to step up and serve God through EV ministry.

The vision that we had at the start of the semester was that God would continue to cultivate our hearts for evangelism and compassion for the lost so that we would always be prepared to share the gospel. Our hope was to see the fellowship pursue sanctification and have not only a passion for God, but also a clear understanding of their faith:

*“But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” (1 Peter 3:15)*

As the semester progressed, the focus of evangelism ministry appeared to shift from cold-contact EV to personal and relational EV. To reach out to non-Christians in CBS, we began the “Gospel Friends Initiative.” This involved pairing a Christian with a non-Christian, or gospel friend, to establish relationships that might create additional opportunities for personal testimony and evangelism. We also spent time in prayer for the underclassmen and met up with a few to encourage them to evangelize to their friends.

Nevertheless, we also encountered some difficulties this semester with regards to our ministry. One of the greatest challenges for us was the declining passion in CBS for evangelism. While this is not true for everyone, there appears to be a general lack of excitement throughout the fellowship – compared to the previous semester.

*“One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek Him in His temple.” (Psalm 27:4)*

However, with winter break coming up, we pray that God will again revive our hearts and again desire to seek Him.

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

Tim Hu & Jesse Liu

# Inreach Ministry

Praise God! InReach ministry has been struggling a lot this semester, but God has continued to be faithful in providing for InReach. He has continually blessed the ministry and the fellowship in so many ways. He has blessed the fellowship with the addition of the freshman class and has answered many prayers. As students at Cornell, we will continue to face many drastic changes and challenges, and the challenges we face can divert us from our pursuit to God. However, God has encouraged InReach team members to serve through the fellowship as we continue to actively pursue God in our personal lives despite the challenges we face at Cornell.

The challenges that we encounter in our daily lives can change how much faith we put in God and how we serve Him and each other. Whether these challenges are related to academics, jobs, idolatry, or adaption to a new place, they can divert our walks from God and ultimately divert us from loving and serving Him and other people in our lives. Often this can hinder us from knowing God more in our lives and lead us astray from His greatest command, which is to love and serve one another:

*This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another.... This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers... And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. - 1 John 3: 11, 16, 23*

Thus, this year for InReach ministry, we wanted to obey and take to heart this command by translating our faith in Christ Jesus into action to serve Him and each other.

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. - Romans 12:9-13*

Paul reminds us that love must come from the heart and that sincere love can only be found by putting our faith in God and knowing Him. Through InReach meetings, we have learned that as we continue to grow in our faith and knowledge of God, we will continue to experience His goodness and love that He has shown us on the Cross, and as believers in Christ Jesus, we are able to convey that same love to our friends and families. We have also discovered that love, hating evil (sin) and clinging to what is good (God), devotion to one other, humility, serving, joy in hope, patience in affliction, and faithfulness in prayer, are all found in knowing the characteristics of Christ Jesus. However, perfecting each of these is a difficult task and what makes it difficult are the sins we face in our lives, which ultimately divert our walks with God and from fully knowing God. It is only through our faith in Christ Jesus that we are able to pursue God fully.

Thus, as we continue to grow in our faith in God this year, we encourage every brother and sister to think about what sins and challenges keep us from perfecting the characteristics that Paul has reminded us of in Romans 12:9-13. We pray with the hope we have in Christ Jesus, that we all grow in our faith and walks with God and that we will take to heart the commands that God has given us: to love and serve each other in a godly way as Paul mentioned in Romans 12:9-13. We want to know that this love and service only comes from the One who demonstrated the ultimate love and service by giving up His heavenly throne to humbly serve us, sinners who fall short of God's glory, and to die on the Cross to save us. Without Him, there is no real love.

Phuc Gin & Shirley Qian

# Praise Ministry

*“The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”*

*Luke 6:45*

It is too easy to thoughtlessly sing praises to God. We often attempt to put on a smile as we enter on Friday night and force ourselves to worship. Isaiah writes, “The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men.”

God is after our hearts, not our tongues. Our worship must be honest and sincere. Whatever stage of life we are in, whether we are struggling or rejoicing, God is worthy of our praise and we must make what we sing to God be from the abundance of our hearts. Sometimes, our hearts are in a spiritually dry place where all we can say is “Where are you, God?” Other times, our hearts are overflowing with joy and we cannot help but jump up and down. In either case, we must be sincere with the raw condition of our hearts and allow that to be the starting point of our praise.

This year, Praise Team studied different characteristics of God to understand why exactly He is so worthy of our praise. By reviewing concepts such as God’s sovereignty, comfort, or His ability to break us and give us rest, we hoped to deepen our knowledge of who He is and thus be more genuine and intimate in our praise to Him. God is the ultimate and only object of our worship and no matter the circumstance or condition of our hearts, we must never forget God is worthy of all we are.

Michael Hwang



Aaron Hui. Mathematician Extraordinaire. He can probably run circles around me while deriving complex mathematical proofs. But I digress. Aaron graciously came ridiculously early before our brother group meeting to entertain some questions in the Mott House. We seat ourselves on brown couches in what is apparently called the "Brown Room". With my laptop in hand, we proceed with the questioning. What will Aaron say? Let's find out!

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The grass is green. It's actually green. [Interviewer] Why does that surprise you so much?

The grass is never green in Austin.

**What is your earliest memory?**

Uhhh... earliest memory, that's hard. I remember putting my milk bottle in the microwave. You know, one of those baby bottles. My earliest memory of Cornell was of the roads being really small. Made me feel claustrophobic.

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

Most interesting place... hmmm... this is hard. Where have I been? Hong Kong is a real cool place, but I wouldn't count that as interesting. (Interviewer: That's going to be quite the controversial statement.) I go there too often. But they have a thing called "octopus cards". They are kinda like Cornell cards. You place it on the sensor, and it beeps at you.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Getting enough sleep, which is 10 plus hours. And then, play video games. And then, do some

math.

I could have multiple kinds of perfect days; like going to Hong Kong. [The one described above] is an average perfect day.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I want to be chimes master. That's the one that stuck out to me. I want to learn how to play guitar, relearn piano, and then learn how to read and write in Cantonese.

**If you could be any Disney hero/villain, who would you be and why?**

I would probably want to be Winnie the Pooh because all he does is eat honey all day.

What an amusing fellow! After going through the interview, we discuss little silly things and such before brother group started. Eventually, I found him sprawled on the brown couch, fast asleep. Maybe the interview took much more out of him than I expected... >>

It has been a pleasure getting to know this brother in Christ. He has a big heart and lots on his mind. If you have yet to meet him, what are you waiting for?! He will welcome you with open arms, and maybe a few answers to your math and/or physics questions.

**word associations**

Snow: Awesome  
Senior Class: Justin Deng  
Sheep: Wool  
Junior Class: Yipu  
Fire drills: Baker  
Sophomore Class: Silly  
Lollipop: Three licks  
Freshmen Class: Not in my classes

# Bo Long

Major: Chemical Engineering/Materials Science

Hometown: Urumqi, Xinjiang, China

Interviewer: John Widjaja

Bo Long: a freshman too awesome to be interviewed by just one person. As Agatha, Jeff Huang, and I sit around table in a Duffield alcove, it takes our full concentration not to pass out from his sheer awesomeness. His long, silky hair dazzles us with the intensity of a thousand suns, and his cheerful, nonchalant voice calms even the most stressed out chemical engineer. For a moment, he turns down his awesomeness to a more manageable level, and we are able to proceed with the interview.

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

I don't know if its about Cornell or just college in general, but everyone ...okay, mostly everyone tends to be pleasant people. They are all really nice. I wasn't expecting that. I was thinking like, "Oh New York, everyone is going to be mean." And then everyone is super nice, and I'm like "Oh, don't I feel bad?"

## What is your earliest memory?

The first memory I can recall off the top of my head is ... I think it was when my older cousin was turning three years old. She was leaning in to blow out the candles on her ... birthday cake. And that's my earliest memory.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

I don't know if this would qualify as the most interesting place, but when I visited China this summer, we went to these caverns. They had colored lights everywhere to make the rocks look nicer. Some of them legitimately looked cool. And some of them really needed the lighting.

There was this one part where there was an overhang thing and a pond that was super calm, so it was reflective. And they had colorful lights on it. So I took like twenty pictures, like ten or so from each perspective. But because it was such low lighting, that was the most interesting place.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Waking up at a reasonable time. Do I have to do any work to do? On the perfect day, I don't have any work to do, and I don't have any work to get ahead on. Play either basketball or Frisbee. Eat lots of nice food. And gets lots of sleep.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I want to pick up my GPA.

Bo cranks up his awesomeness to normal levels, and we all lose consciousness. Hours later, we awake, only to find him gone. So long, Bo Long. It was a pleasure basking in your awesomeness.

## word associations

Snow: snowman

Senior Class: facilitator

Sheep: wool

Junior Class: whimsical

Fire drills: yo yos

Sophomore Class: so sexy

Lollipop: big round swirly ones

Freshmen Class: Not in my classes

Celena likes world literature, detective novels, travelling, and giraffes.

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

“That Cornell has deer!”

**What is your earliest memory?**

“It’s kind of blurred, but I think that my first memory was a singing toy that was hanging on the window of my grandma’s house.”

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

“Well, I guess Egypt...” (WHATTTT) “I was on a boat on the Nile. It’s really nice being on the boat because you can sleep on it and it’s comfortable.”

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

“No homework, staying in my room and reading novels in the morning and hang out with friends in the afternoon, and watch movies at night...AND I don’t have to get up early the next day.”

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

\*takes a deep breath\* “Well, because there are many courses overlapped in German and comparative literature, I’m thinking of minoring in German. I like reading German literature and my dad and some of my best friends speak German. I also think I’m a little

bit shy now, so I’d like to become more outgoing. Of course I’d also like to improve my English fluency.”

Fun facts: She can read Japanese, she likes Oscar Wilde books (but thinks that the movie adaptation of *The Picture of Dorian Gray* isn’t that great), and has three turtles and a rabbit back in China. Her turtles eat everything, including boiled eggs.

She “enjoyed her interview very much”. Also, she says she still likes giraffes.

## word associations

Snow: Cornell  
Senior Class: mmm...  
working  
Sheep: grass  
Junior Class: old  
Fire drills: Balch  
Sophomore Class: Fun  
Lollipop: Chocolate  
Freshmen Class: Fantastic

# David Cheng

Major: Environmental Engineering

Hometown: Queens, NY

Interviewer: Dave Ho

There are some things that are constant in life. For example, you might eat moon cakes every Chinese New Year. For myself, I know that every Friday after CBS, I can expect to find David Cheng playing Brawl Minus in my apartment (2E – ever heard of it?). Although I see David each week, I never had the chance to get to know him well. We met up on a Tuesday afternoon after class in Duffield, and here are just some of the things we talked about...

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

I thought people at Cornell would be more mature and that there wouldn't be any high school type drama here. A lot of people talk to me about their problems and I feel like...why are you still dealing with these kinds of problems?

Also – the weather. It's so sporadic and doesn't make any sense to me.

## What is your earliest memory?

It was during Halloween and I was really little. My sister came up to me and said, "Hey, I have something for you." We went into another room and she turned off the lights. My sister put on a scary mask that made me cry for 2 minutes until she said I could leave. I've been forever scarred.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

I actually haven't travelled at all. I've only been on a plane once when I went to St. Louis, Missouri for a robotics competition.

I love New York – the skyline here is way better than anywhere else.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

It would be a Sunday and I'd wake up in a tropical paradise. After going to church, I'll play on the beach for a while. There will be a TV on the beach so my friends and I can play Super Smash Bros (Brawl) with the ocean in the background. In the meantime, there are some tiki dancers dancing around us while we are

playing, but instead of singing, they would be chanting to the dynamics of the game. As the sun goes down at night, we will have a small bonfire and my friends and I would just hang out and eat some good food. My dog Hammy would be at the beach too – playing in the water for the first time.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Become a better student – I have really bad work ethic and sometimes lack motivation. I also want to be a better person overall in terms of exercising and learning more about God. I want to appreciate life more because right now I don't really know what I'm doing. I also want to become wiser – being intellectual and wise are different things! I'd like to be a better dancer (not just in terms of Dance Central). And finally, find a nice Chinese girl to bring back to my parents.

Some other fun facts about David: 1) he likes to yo-yo (I asked around and apparently he is a master. I need to see him in action sometime!) 2) his favorite color is purple 3) his favorite number is 11 – he was born on November 11 during 11am (2011 must have been a good year for him too)

I enjoyed meeting up with David and hopefully will get to hang out and learn more about him throughout the year. If you haven't spoken with this kid yet, you are missing out on getting to know a great and interesting guy!

## word associations

Snow: white

Senior Class: Tim Shin

Sheep: cotton

Junior Class: Tim Hu

Fire drills: annoying

Sophomore Class: slump

Lollipop: a lollipop

Freshmen Class: red

# Ellen Chuang

Funny, open, caring, and huggable- my first impressions of Ellen Chuang when I met her during the first CBS of this Fall semester. Through our conversation over a Trillium lunch, I could see how Ellen's personality exemplifies these characteristics, but that there is also so much more to know about her. I was so excited to finally be able to sit down and say more than just a friendly "How are you?" to her. Sitting there with her Trillium Chinese food, Ellen nervously asks, "So you're just going to ask me questions?" and flashes an anxious smile.

What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

There are a lot of things, but there are two main things. First, I didn't know that ivy changes color! I always thought it stayed green and then died. Also I was pretty surprised to see how much focus is put on evangelism here. [Is that a good surprise or bad surprise?] Oh definitely good!

What is your earliest memory?

Well, there's one pseudomemory. When I was little, I remember I had a dream of me cartwheeling around and falling down the stairs and hitting my head really badly. I'm not too sure if it was a dream or not since I had fallen down the stairs before when I was younger.

And another one! My older sister used to live with me in the same room, but when she moved into the

new room I would always go wake her up on Saturday mornings with cereal and watch Saturday morning cartoons with her! [Aww cute]

Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited?

Yellowstone! There were those hot springs, but I didn't know they could smell so bad! And everything was just so pretty. And they had the cutest bear shaped soap in our cabin bathrooms! Also, Arches National Park in Utah. The hiking trails there are so pretty!

How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Absolutely Nothing. Just kidding! Take that back, that would be pretty boring. I would just want to go anywhere. I'd love to go to Europe, by only by tele-  
portation!

What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I really want to learn how to snowboard! And walk around campus without getting out of breath! Also, as I've taken a look around CBS, I would really like to form a closer relationship with God and be able to not feel awkward about sharing it with other people. She loves to bake (and is amazing at it too! Pineapple cake? Done.) You can ask her what recipe to prepare for a friend, and she'll tell you about the dishes she loves most. Always ready with a warm smile and a

## word associations

Snow: ...oh no, ice!

Senior Class: about to leave

Sheep: blanket or bahhh

Junior Class: ...taller?

Fire drills: annoying and showers

Sophomore Class: ...older?

Lollipop: rainbow!

Freshmen Class: uhh 2015?



I ran into George at the usual engineer haunt—a Duffield alcove—for an unexpected, unscheduled interview. It was one of those peculiar anomalies of circumstance; the day was charged with that subtle, excitable vibe of special appointment. It was a meeting of fate. Aaron Hui was there too.

### **What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

One thing that surprised me is how accepting people are, and how they want to get to know you.

### **What is our earliest memory?**

Earliest memory...of life? My earliest memory of what?

I don't know...when you look at pictures, you kind of feel like you remember things. I remember playing on the playground outside my house, on the swings with my mom. Maybe it's not the earliest, it's just one that I remember.

### **Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

My dad's hometown in China. That was interesting. Just seeing a rural setting (since it's all farming)—and seeing my dad's friends, since they're all like 70 and stuff. It's really pretty too.

### **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

A perfect day for me--getting enough sleep for one, eating good, solid meals, and spending the day with friends, with no worries on the mind!

### **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

Um. I want to graduate. Er-be able to graduate.

I want to develop close relationships, and then, let's see...a close relationship with God. And I want to have a clear understanding of what I want to do with my life.

As our brief, somewhat-distracted interview drew to a close, I had one thought: I may not know George very well, but I am already convinced that God has some special plans for this kid, and I am excited to see how he grows as the days go on.

### **word associations**

Snow: winter  
Senior Class: Tim Shin  
Sheep: baa  
Junior Class: Tim Hu  
Fire drills: alarm  
Sophomore Class: Haines  
Lollipop: stick  
Freshmen Class: Aaron

Major: PAM

Hometown: Toronto, Canada

Interviewer: Samantha Fung

# Gloria Hu

After two missed calls, three text messages, a call from Wendy Zhang, and a hangup halfway through the third call upon spotting Miss Gloria Hu, we were finally ready for our 1:15pm lunch date at Okenshields. After food first of course, bonding whilst dining, and finally ice cream devoured -- it was time for our interview.

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

How fast BRBs run out, thinking that a 9am class is early (was not expecting that), and, becoming nocturnal, or rather, having to become nocturnal.

## What is your earliest memory?

For Cornell: The Pre-Orientation Service Trip (POST)-made my first friends there, went to a different service project each day in Ithaca; helped set up dump-and-run (got a pair of Ferragamo Oxfords for \$30!)

Earliest memory in life: There were those dryer balls... for laundry... when I was little I apparently really liked eating them...

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

The Taiwanese Night Market - because there's a lot of really random food and its just amazing and everyone is trying to sell you things and they think that since you're Asian you speak Chinese, and since it was in the north (Taipei) and I spoke Taiwanese, everyone thought I was a hick. It was interesting!! And can't forget - stinky tofu -- the fried one, the fried one is soooo good.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

I would wake up..... and then I would go back to bed! This is what Cornell does to you... Oh, maybe grabbing coffee.... or maybe not coffee... maybe one of those strange expensive drinks that aren't worth your money.... "Like what?" Maybe an energy smoothie or a double shot soy macchiato with lots of foam and caramel drizzle!

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

If I ever live off campus, I really want to have trained a service dog. I hope to have an E-board position in a small club that either is taking off the ground right now or that has not yet been founded. I would love to be a part of developing a team and seeing it all come together. I'd also like to learn to put myself together within 10 minutes in the morning without looking like a slob; I'm working on it slowly. Oh, and I want someone to sing to me!

Through the chaos and confusion that is Cornell, it was an absolute delight to spend time in fellowship with such a precious (and amusing!) sister in Christ. I am looking forward to coffee dates, dump-and-run sales (teach me your ways, Gloria. Thirty dollar Ferragamo shoes?!), and continuing to gush over the superiority of Taiwanese foods with my sister. Above all, I am thrilled to see how God is going to grow her and mold her, challenge her and cultivate her.

Before parting ways, Gloria left me with a thought-provoking epigram that I will now forward to the readers: "Don't forget, you have to get lost before finding your way."

## word associations

Snow: snowcones!

Senior Class: old people

Sheep: moon, cause they're jumping over the moon while you're trying to fall asleep

Junior Class: blank?

Fire drills: red

Sophomore Class: West campus

Lollipop: food! uhm, Disneyland!

Freshmen Class: they suck at getting into frat parties

# James Zou

Major: Undecided, possibly psychology

Hometown: Ottawa, ON; San Jose, CA

Interviewer: Himmy Lo

James comes from a non-Christian family. But God gave James a curiosity for Him, and so James started going to church, which continues to be his delight. He enjoys this time with God and with other people where he can seek God's guidance and learn more about God.

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

James was most surprised by the difficulty of the tests at Cornell. In high school, the most he ever had to study was about 30 minutes the night before. Now, James “[studies his] butt off”, often around three hours every day for a week, and still “get owned”. It is hard for him to get good grades here, especially in the introductory science classes for his pre-med requirements.

Also, the weather in Ithaca is so different than in southern California. James particularly dislikes the randomness and the “vacillations” (swinging back and forth) of Ithaca weather.

## What is your earliest memory?

When James was about three or four years old, he pressed the emergency button on an escalator of a mall out of curiosity. He remembers that everybody looked at him. James thinks he hasn't lost that tendency of doing things at inopportune times. He says he has bad timing.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

James visited Huang Shan (a mountain in Anhui Province that is famous for its scenery) last year. He took the gondola and also walked. James doesn't remember much else from this trip besides being terrified for most of the time because he is scared of heights. He likes roller coasters though.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

James would wake up and go to church in the morning. Afterwards, he would have a nice Indian lunch.

Later, he would watch a 49ers game while doing homework. James would relax after a steak dinner and then go lift weights. Finally, he would eat some Louie's—he likes everything there!

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

James wants to graduate with a decent GPA—above 3.65 would be good—so that he can get into med school. Also, he wants to have participated in good research that has a significant positive impact on the world, perhaps in the area of pathology. James wants to take lessons and “get decent at piano” as well. Additionally, he wants to end CBS' intramural basketball losing streak because that is just a sad state of affairs.

As you can probably tell from his responses to the interview questions, James is an extremely dynamic and multifaceted individual. With passions ranging from fast cars (knows and loves everything about them) to music (his two favourites are Nas' “The World is Yours” and Rachmaninov's “Piano Concerto No. 2”) as well peculiar dislikes such as dressing on salad and of multiple layers of clothing, he is definitely an interesting addition to our fellowship. I hope that James will really grow in Christ during his time here—knowing God, becoming closer to Him, and becoming more like Him—and that we will be a blessing to him.

## word associations

Snow: Ithaca

Senior Class: cool...except for especially Justin

Sheep: hotpot

Junior Class: buff...like James Gao

Fire drills: annoying

Sophomore Class: Lil' Wayne... can't think of anything else

Lollipop: Lil' Wayne

Freshmen Class: cool...actually don't know them well enough yet

Major: ECE

Hometown: Billerica, MA

Interviewer: Phuc Gin

# Jevon Yu

I was getting out of class and was running late to interview Jevon. When I got to the Physical Science building, I couldn't see him. I was scared that he might have gotten lost or, even worse, kidnapped. I looked around and saw no trace of him. Suddenly, I spotted him just in front of Goldie's, where I should have been looking in the first place. The interview was on!

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The abundance of squirrels! I just haven't seen that many who aren't afraid of you.

**What is your earliest memory?**

I remember throwing paper airplanes at my grandma's 8th floor apartment window.

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

When I was in middle school, we visited Malaysia on a vacation. I just remember seeing the different sights and cultures. The food was really good, too.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Eating with you [Aw, thanks!]. There is no such thing as a perfect day unless you spend it with God [Amen]. I guess a perfect day for me would involve allocating enough time to sleep, hang out with people, play video games, and read the Bible. I have been doing that lately, though it was hard at the beginning of the week due to a prelim.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I have no clue. [It's okay! You have plenty of time!]

I had a great time interviewing and getting to know Jevon. If you want to know a chill person Jevon is the person you want to know! He has done plenty of cool things and, if you want any tips, he is the one to go to!

## word associations

Snow: Snowman

Senior Class: Tim Shin [\*Glares at him.\* Wait, WHY!?!]. He is just really tall.

Sheep: BAAAHH!!

Junior Class: Tim Hu. He is my prayer partner.

Fire drills: Too many! I have had 5 already!

Sophomore Class: Himmy Lo

Lollipop: Tootsie pop

Freshmen Class: (Takes a while)

Hmm...awkward...

# Lauren Tang

Major: Biological Engineering

Hometown: Saratoga, CA

Interviewer: Yuna Gu

It was during lunch time on a Tuesday that Lauren and I scheduled our interview. Poor Lauren had classes before and after, so we quickly sat down in the Terrace Restaurant with our salads and commenced the interview...

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

A few things. People are nice and smart. It gets really dark really early here. Terrace salads are amazing! Also, the campus is so spread out and it takes forever to get everywhere! What surprised me about CBS is that everyone seems really close and everyone was welcoming.

## What is your earliest memory?

There was one time when my parents put up a video camera in our family room so they could see what we were doing during the day. This was when both my sister and I were really young. I think I was in pre-school and my sister was one-year old. Anyway, they caught me shaking my sister in this baby toy.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

I went to Venice, Italy a long time ago and that was interesting. It was when I was in 6th grade so I didn't take a lot of pictures, but I remember it was cool taking the boat through the city. We also went to one of those glass blowing factories and I got a small vase as a souvenir. I can't remember anything else but it would nice to go back there again.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

First I would probably sleep in, and then I guess I want to have a picnic with friends on some high-up place with a nice view. Then I would want to go shopping and eat good food, and around sunset I would go to the beach and watch the sunset.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I would like to figure out what I want to do with my life and build life-lasting friendships. And maybe study abroad and do research.

I have to admit that I felt bad forcing some answers on Lauren, like telling her to say the sophomore class is awesome (which we are), but otherwise I'm really glad that I got to interview her and know her a little more. I'm really excited for what God has planned for her in the next four years, and I hope Lauren can have the best time of her life here at Cornell!

## word associations

Snow: cold

Senior Class: old

Sheep: fur

Junior Class: old but younger

Fire drills: annoying

Sophomore Class: awesomeeeee because Yuna gave me the answer

Lollipop: yum

Freshmen Class: yayyyyyyyyyyyyy



# Marissa Lee

A bunch of forgotten emails and in-person “yeah we need to meet up!”’s later, Marissa and I ran up to 3C to complete this interview after a yummy lunch at Plum Tree. We had to rush a bit so that I wouldn’t be too late to praise team (my bad...), but it was fun to hear a bit about Marissa’s childhood, summer break, and interesting desire for knitted socks.

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

Uh... haha. Well. Hm. It’s hard because I’ve visited my sister a lot. Well, I knew there were a lot of Koreans, but didn’t know there were so many, and that they all speak Korean to each other.

## What is your earliest memory?

A lot of it’s a blur, since I don’t know what’s a memory or what’s from a home video, since I’ve watched a lot of those before. One thing I remember was traumatizing—my family went to a butterfly conservatory in Canada, and I remember I was terrified of butterflies because I thought they would eat or bite me if they landed on me. Yeah... I was scared of a lot of things when I was little... I was even scared of Disney characters.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

This summer I went to Germany with my best friend from high school. I really liked Berlin, and got to ride the Segway. We also got to see a lot of Nazi places, like parts of Berlin wall and Hitler’s bunker.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

A perfect day would be one where there is no work to do. I guess... a day when the weather is warm, I’d be sitting on a beach, sipping a cold drink, and eating whatever food I’m craving at the time.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

I hope... to graduate! I also want to become more involved in CBS, build meaningful relationships with people, and learn how to knit socks!

Most of us know Marissa as Olivia’s little sister. While that’s true, there is much more to her as well! Just from the interview, she sounds pretty interesting, right? I’m sure if you strike up some conversation about Disney characters, Koreans, or ask her why she thinks the seniors are old, you’ll have a chance to get to know Marissa better! And you can also question her about how the freshmen are “awesome”.

## word associations

Snow: cold  
Senior Class: old  
Sheep: baa  
Junior Class: sister  
Fire drills: loud  
Sophomore Class: uhm.  
Loud?  
Lollipop: sweet  
Freshmen Class: awesome

As I walked up to Appel Commons from Mann Library, I was eager awaiting my meeting with Max Ke. After seeing him on several occasions at CBS large group, I knew it would be a great opportunity to get to know him better. We met near the fireplace and headed up, ready to enjoy our time of fellowship together.

### **What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

Probably just the fact that I like it here. Coming from high school, I thought it would be difficult trying to make friends. I was pleasantly surprised, when I found CBS, and how easy it was to be part of a small group here. It really makes Cornell feel a lot smaller and enjoyable.

### **What is your earliest memory?**

I think my earliest memory was when I was about four years old one day when I was at a day care. I was watching my brother play Mortal Kombat.

### **Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

The most interesting place I've ever visited is probably China. All the people there speak Chinese, obviously, but the culture is so different there. Some places in China I've been to include Hubei, Shanghai, Beijing, and Guilin, where there is a large rock formation in the shape of an elephant, which was pretty interesting. While I enjoy the thrill of visiting China, I probably wouldn't want to live there simply because I like my life here.

### **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

(Aside from being in heaven), it would be a day where I woke up early and was able to finish all my work early. Then I would just goof around and play games with my friends, such as LoL and TF2.

### **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

My top goal would be to grow closer to God and eventually find all my delight in Him. Other than that, I would like to fill my resume with many research and internship experiences. In the end, I want to learn to hear his voice calling.

In the end, it was a pleasant experience eating with Max. He is a bright, appealing young man who is very outgoing and friendly. It has been very inspiring watching his desire for God grow and his longing for more involvement in CBS. I look forward to growing toward God together with Max through the rest of the semester and the future.

### **word associations**

Snow: White

Senior Class: Senior Photo

Sheep: Wool

Junior Class: Do a lot of work

Fire drills: fire hazard

Sophomore Class: nothing

Lollipop: small people, Poppy from LoL

Freshmen Class: inexperienced

Major: BEE/premed  
Hometown: Longmeadow, MA  
Interviewer: Katarina Ng

# Mona Yuan

Mona, Mona  
She's so great  
Mona, Mona  
From the best state!  
We met at Okies  
What a pal.  
Just read on  
To get to know this gal!

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

The weather has been pretty gorgeous, though erratic. I thought it would be a lot colder. But since I'm from Massachusetts, I think I'll be ready for the cold. I really enjoy walking between classes when the weather is so nice.

## What is your earliest memory?

I have really bad memory. \*chuckles\* My earliest memory would be...standing at the top of an escalator at mall and feeling really scared. This was after I moved from Canada to the U.S. in the second grade. Those memories in Canada are kind of blurred. [You're from Canada?] I was born in China, moved to the U.S. [She lived in Ithaca for a few years! Her dad did research at Cornell.], moved to Canada, and moved back to the U.S.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

The only place I've visited outside the U.S. and Canada is China so...the Great Wall of China. Its grandeur and beauty is self-explanatory if you've ever been.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

The perfect day for me would be relaxing, reading a book on the beach, taking a nap, and just hanging out with friends. [All done on beach?] \*laughs\* Yes, all done on the beach.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Since I want to attend medical school, this is obvious but I would hope to have gained a lot of knowledge and experience to be in good standing here at Cornell. Aside from that, I hope to have developed many close friendships and matured enough to be ready to step out on my own.

If you don't know Mona,  
You are missing out.  
Just go and say hi  
And see what she's all about.  
Because in the end you'll see  
A freshman at Cornell.  
A girl who plays the flute  
Who God has made so well.

## word associations

Snow: white  
Senior Class: big  
Sheep: fluffy  
Junior Class: friendly  
Fire drills: loud  
Sophomore Class: um...i  
said something for the other  
one so i feel like i should say  
something here. peppy  
Lollipop: sweet  
Freshmen Class: \*speechless\*

After some misguided directions about where I was actually sitting among the sea of freshmen in Okenshields and settling some qualms about this being some sort of high stress interview about being qualified to be in CBS or something strange like that, this BoL interview commenced!

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

No one here is fat. And every other person is Asian.

**What is your earliest memory?**

I caught my parents sneaking chocolate into my Christmas bag (they were pretending to be Santa). I kept trying to tell them that I didn't believe in Santa and they kept trying to make me believe so I stayed up and tried to catch them when I was 4.

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

Disney World! There were so many characters, rides, and Harry Potter land was awesome!

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

No homework, no classes, I would spend the day with my friends watching a movie and eating a lot. And going to bed early.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I hope to make long lasting friends, and hopefully find my passions in life. I don't really know what I want to do yet- and I want to figure out what I want to do with my life! I also want to learn how to juggle.

As we finished drinking our cranberry juice, Sally apologized and said that her brain is wired in an interesting way and said sorry that her answers were really bad. However, I had a wonderful time getting to write down her quick and quirky answers that definitely made me smile :)

## word associations

Snow: Ice

Senior Class: Mike Chin.

Sheep: Cotton

Junior Class: oh my gosh, can it be someone that I know in the junior class? James?

Fire drills: bathrobe

Sophomore Class: jerks

Lollipop: strawberry!

Freshmen Class: me

Major: ECE

Hometown: Winchester, MA

Interviewer: Justin Deng

# Stephen Wang

Scheduling my BoL interview with Stephen was surprisingly straightforward. He seemed as eager about it as I did, even though he didn't initially know what a BoL interview meant. We scheduled a Thursday dinner at Bear Necessities—it was like killing two birds with one stone. I had been really craving a Southwest sub.

## **What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

The weather. Even though I am from New England, I was expecting it to be just cold all the time here because of the rumors. Even in Boston right now, there's a lot of snow, but here it's nice and sunny.

## **What is your earliest memory?**

When I was still living in Baltimore, my dad was in residency at Johns Hopkins and my mom worked for the Federal Reserve in New York. My mom would have to take the train, and I wouldn't see her very much, so I would be very happy when she came back to the train station.

## **Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

I've been to Hell, Florida. A huge flat area with completely volcanic rock. You weren't allowed to walk in there because all of the rocks were sharp.

## **How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

It would be a day where I had nothing to worry about. I could just be outside all day, with my friends playing basketball or tennis. Preferably on a beach.

## **What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I would like to know enough to know how to build a computer. And to know what actually happened or what actually goes on rather than just putting the pieces together.

Stephen is a charming fellow from Massachusetts, who also happened to go to Phillips Exeter. He also likes to learn how to fight, so 1) don't surprise him too suddenly, 2) maybe it'd be fun to spar with him if you ever feel like testing yourself out.

## **word associations**

Snow: Cold

Senior Class: Old

Sheep: Bah

Junior Class: Younger than senior class

Fire drills: I've been in 14. 4 in Upson, 2 in Duffield, some in CKB, some in Mews, West Campus, High Rise

Sophomore Class: Experience

Lollipop: Red

Freshmen Class: New



# Wendy Wei

Major: Undecided  
Hometown: Middletown, NJ  
Interviewer: Agatha Siu

Wendy and I met up at Alice Cook House for dinner. Upon arriving in the dining hall, we ran into Wendy's French teacher, who proceeded to speak to us in French. Unfortunately, it had been 4 years since I have last taken a French class and my French was really rusty. Luckily, she asked me simple questions, and I was able to practice my lackluster French. I could already tell that this was going to be an interesting night. After getting our delicious West dining food, we sat down to eat, and the interview was on.

## What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?

The Christian community. It's really big and you kind of get lost in it, like you're in a smaller group within a large group. And interfelly stuff too. I expected the fellowships to keep more to themselves and do things within the fellowship. Also the workload because senior year was really easy. And just the overall environment.

## What is your earliest memory?

It's too embarrassing! ["Think of a not embarrassing one."] They're all embarrassing! [continues to think for a while.] When I was 2.5 or 3, I ran into an edge of a piano. My parents took a picture of me and my black eye.

## Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.

Victoria in BC. Actually, Vancouver. They're really pretty places. Wait, I like Quebec too. Actually, Canada. But I think I like Quebec more.

Anyway, it's really pretty and it's old and new at the same time. It's historic, but at the same time, it's new and modern. It's the best of both worlds. And I really like the culture in Quebec [quickly glances around to make sure her French teacher wasn't around] even though I'm not continuing with French.

## How would you describe a perfect day for you?

Hmm this sounds like one of those newcomer's questions! It would be sunny, hot but not humid, at the beach all day, enjoying the waves and the ocean, and watching the sunset and the sunrise if I can stay awake.

## What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?

Study abroad- either for a semester or a summer.

Wendy is a fun, spontaneous girl full of energy and surprises. And just when I thought our interesting night was over, we headed over to Noyes to see some live wolves. Get to know Wendy and you'll see that any time spent with Wendy is never boring and always exciting.

## word associations

Snow: cone

Senior Class: (long pause) ...old

Sheep: baa

Junior Class: (really long pause)

[blank]

Fire drills: Chinese fire drills  
(when you stop at a red light  
and everyone gets out of the car  
and switches seats)

Sophomore Class: super cool

Lollipop: candy shop

Freshmen Class: fun! The best!

Ivy Room : the clink of plates and the chatter of conversations, the scent of food and the view of the Slope framed by gothic windows. It was brunchtime—half-past morning but not quite noon—when we sat down for a snack of peanut noodles and omelettes. And while the meal was good (as good as Ivy Room food can be) it couldn't compare to the company. This was my first time meeting Yang—I'm still not sure why we'd never run into each other before—but his good nature, level-headedness and chill demeanor made for a good discussion nonetheless. I was both privileged and honored to get to know this new CBS-er and to help introduce him a bit more to the fellowship.

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

I knew Cornell was going to be beautiful scenery-wise, but once fall came and the leaves started changing colors, it suddenly just impressed me even more. Like at dusk when the sun goes down, or the view from Libe Slope. . The scenery's more beautiful than I thought it would be.

**What is your earliest memory?**

I think I was two or three... I went to Disneyland and I got lost. So I was crying on a bench and this old lady found me. She saw me cry and was like, "Little boy, why are you crying?" and I told her I lost my parents. So she brought me to—wherever you find kids, that station—and my parents found me.

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

I'm not even sure. China, I guess. I went to Xi'an and saw the terracotta soldiers and the old city wall. There was a lot of history there that I didn't know about. There's also a palace on the mountain near where the terracotta soldiers

were found—there were hot springs and all kinds of good stuff.

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

Doing whatever I want! No homework, no worries. Hakuna Matata.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I would actually like to accomplish the 161 Things you have to do at Cornell before you graduate. We'll see how far I go with that, because some of them are pretty ridiculous.

Before concluding the interview, Yang had this to say:

"This is my first experience doing anything Christian. So before I hadn't gone to church, hadn't gone to a fellowship or anything, so this is my first time doing anything like that. And I thought it was really nice. Everyone was so welcoming."

Yang is a down-to-earth guy and overall cool to be around. I'm looking forward to seeing where his paths will take him during his next seven semesters here at Cornell.

**word associations**

Snow: white  
Senior Class: 2011  
Sheep: coat  
Junior Class: noobs  
Fire drills: hectic  
Sophomore Class: alright  
Lollipop: sucker  
Freshmen Class: worse

We agreed to meet in Sage Hall since Yeana had never been there for lunch. I told her it was across from Statler. I should have been more specific with instructions since she ended up going to the Statler hotel entrance. >< But in the end she called me and finally found Sage Hall, which she discovered is just the Johnson school.

**What is one thing about Cornell that has surprised you the most?**

Maybe just the classes I'm taking, but it wasn't as tough as I thought it would be.

**What is your earliest memory?**

Walking through the shopping mall with my grandma and my mom, eating soft serve ice cream and it was melting. I was 3 or 4 or 5. Probably 5.

**Describe the most interesting place you have ever visited.**

Buca di Beppo; it's a chain of Italina restaurants. The decoration is crazy. They have it in Chicago [and]California...

**How would you describe a perfect day for you?**

I'm sitting on Pacifica beach. It's not too hot or too cold. I'm reading a book, with a sandwich.

**What do you hope to accomplish by the time you graduate?**

I will have decided what I want to do with my life and not failed any classes

It was a pleasure to eat with Yeana and get to know her a bit more—her interest in singing, acting, music, as well as her spiritual background and family.

## word associations

Snow: Awesome

Senior Class: Justin Deng

Sheep: Wool

Junior Class: Yipu

Fire drills: Baker

Sophomore Class: Silly

Lollipop: Three licks

Freshmen Class: Not in my classes

# Jeff Yu & Charles Lai

Our brother group is led by Charles Lai and Jeffrey Yu. We use this time to encourage one another to do consistent and meaningful devotionals throughout the week. We start by asking each person what he has read that week and how God spoke to him through the Word. I personally feel that this is quite helpful in organizing my thoughts and helps me gain a more insightful and clearer understanding of what God is trying to teach me. I enjoy being challenged in this way every week. We then write down what we plan to read for the following week. This accountability is also very useful for consistent reading.

We then study a particular chapter of John. We delve deeply into the meaning of Jesus' words and brush up on our theology while applying it to our own lives. We discussed what it means to be born again and if we feel that we are born again. Subsequently, we go to God in prayer. I am very encouraged during this time because Thursday is usually my longest day, and my brothers are able to take some of the burden off the day before. For that, I am grateful.

# Tim Shin & David Ho

This semester, we were given the opportunity to lead a small group of brothers to grow in fellowship and in Christ together. Our group is based in West Campus, the sometimes-neglected community sitting on the wrong end of Libe Slope. Our vision as facilitators was to have a group of brothers that is open, welcoming, and relaxed in sharing our lives with each other, especially if we didn't see each other very much throughout the week.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. —Acts 2:42*

Our group got off to a somewhat rocky start at the beginning of this year, with job interviews and retreats conflicting with our weekly 11:30 brunch at Keeton. But despite busyness and event conflicts and oversleeping, by the grace of God we have enjoyed good eating and good fellowship on the occasions we met. It's been an encouragement to catch up with these brothers and share our weekly highs and lows, to pray for each other, and to get to know each other. And it's our hope that we will grow closer in our brotherhood so that the God through whom we can be called one family would be pleased and glorified.

But we need continued prayer! Each one of us needs Jesus in a very real and very daily way, so pray that we would be able to continue meeting to challenge each other in our spiritual growth.

# Elbert Chang, John Widjaja, & Himmy Lo

Every Wednesday night, North brother group gathers at the Mott house, each person tired from the activities of the week. In a small but cozy room, we calm our hearts and dedicate that time to the Lord. This past semester, we returned to the foundations, reminding ourselves of who Jesus was, why He came, what He did, and why He had to die for us. Going through various Bible passages, we encouraged and exhorted one another with the Word. However, North brother group is more than a Bible study; it is a time when we get together and open up our hearts to one another. A good part of our time is spent in sharing, reflection, and prayer. From our struggles to our sins, from the blessings that we receive from God to the amazing things that God has shown us, we lay our hearts out before one another, simply and purely. As we've learned to walk with one another, we've also learned how to build one another up in love. It is so relaxing to pour out what's been on our hearts, whether it be pain or praise, and to share it with one another as we bond closer and closer together.

To put our faith into action, the group decided to serve the community by helping out with relief at Owego, an area devastated by floods a month earlier. After waking up "early" on Saturday, we embarked on a bus and were able to spend time together sharing and praying. When we arrived, we saw the damage left from the high waters, and our hearts were moved for the people living there. Equipping ourselves with gloves, goggles, and various tools, we helped tear down a gutted office building and clean out a warehouse. Though it was hard work, it was all done in order to demonstrate God's love for our neighbors. Another way in which the group was able to show love to others was through making care packages for other freshmen. Spending the time to personalize each bag, we drew amusing pictures and wrote encouraging words and verses. In addition, each bag was filled with the essentials of supplies, junk food, and ramen. Going out on a cold winter night, we raided various dorms and surprised people with these care packages. Through these activities, we were able to bond as a group, showing love to those around us as brothers in Christ.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love" (1 Cor. 16:13-14). This is our vision, to become strong followers of God and to not be complacent, but to actively pursue Him and to strive to be like Jesus in his righteousness. We are trying to become warriors of God, clothing ourselves in His armor (Eph. 6:11) and learning to wield the sword of the Spirit, which is His Word (Eph. 6:17; Heb. 4:12).



# Mark Dong & Yipu Wang

Acts 4:29-31

And now, Lord, look upon their threads and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus. And when they had prayed, the place in which they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Located in 2D's living room, the Collegetown Brother Group studied the Book of Acts and prayed together every Sunday. The Book of Acts tells the story of the Early Church, and how God has been faithful to His Church. There are lots of lessons packed into Acts for us men. When we allow God to freely work in us and through us, amazing things can happen. It is truly challenging to see how God changed the Apostles during the early days of the Church.

Most important of these is their hearts for evangelism and God's People. They clearly and boldly preached the Gospel among the people, meeting them where they were. When there were needs within the Church, they listened and addressed them. All of these outward actions were built upon a strong personal walk with God, knowledge of His Word, and time in prayer. Although the times have changed since then, God's heart for His People has not changed nor have the expectations of being a Christian man changed. Through studying the Church Fathers, we hope to become more like them, and more importantly like Christ.

# Vivian, Shirley, Wendy

“North Sister Group Haiku”  
- a collaborative effort

Gloss:

Every Monday night  
“Excuse me this room is ours”<sup>o</sup>  
it builds character

*we always have to kick out people studying in our reserved room in RPCC*

candy ice-breakers<sup>o</sup>  
*involving candy*  
looking through the book of Luke<sup>o</sup>  
extra discussion

*i.e. ice-breakers*

*we studied Luke along with CBS large group*

praying together  
sharing about life, yah man  
too cool too cool<sup>o</sup> yah

*as in, “[our sister group is] too cool”*

Growing in Christ’s love  
praying for one another  
you got it sistah !

# Kathleen, Rachel

Angeline Madjukie '14 & Ellen Chuang '15

Kathleen and Rachel are the leaders of our sister group. After a semester of learning the word of God together, we have grown spiritually and closer together as a group. The weekly sharing and active discussions that we have every week have helped us in our walks with God greatly. Furthermore, we have also made an effort to memorize one verse of Colossians 1:15-23 every week so that we may better familiarize ourselves with the word of God.

Our focus for our study is the promises God has made. After weekly sharing, we read and discuss how passages from the Bible demonstrate God’s commitment to us and how his promises in the Old Testament relate to the New Testament. We’ve had an awesome time this past semester growing closer to God together.

# Agatha Siu, Samantha Fung

Our sister group is led by Agatha Siu and Samantha Fung. We have been studying the book of Ephesians. What has really made our discussions thought-provoking was what the sisters in our group contribute -what is meaningful to them and what they are confused about. At times, we delve into a different topic than what we read that week, but our discussions still end up with us being encouraged by the Word. Sisters often discuss and question the materials that we cover in sister group and other members seek answers in the Bible beyond just Ephesians. This helps us engage with each other and seek a deeper meaning in God's word.

After going through a discussion on Ephesians 3:14 that brought up the importance of prayer in our lives, Samantha and Agatha gave us a series of questions that helped us to be honest with ourselves about our prayer life. We were reminded of the importance of spending time reading the Bible despite our busy college schedule. From this process, we found that having a habit of spending daily time with God refreshes our spirit.

In verse 16 of chapter 3, Paul says, "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being." We realized the importance of taking a leap of faith to trust God more through our prayers.

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## Phillippians 3:8-10

More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righterousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His ressurection and the fellowship of His suffereings, being conformed to His death.