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"My family immigrated 11 months ago from Vietnam. I miss my friends." You could see in this young man's eyes that there was deep sadness. God had brought a friend and me to this table on campus with Phong as he shared his story. I asked him about his spiritual journey and he told me that his family was Buddhist but that he really didn't believe that anymore. His answer to my next question moved me.

"Phong, has a Christian ever explained what Christianity is about to you?"

Phong's simple reply was, "No."

So I asked him, "Would you mind if I shared the central message of the Bible with you?"

What a privilege I had that day to explain the Gospel to Phong—the very first time he had ever had a Christ follower tell him what following Christ was all about. He heard about what Jesus did, our need for a Savior, and how when we turn to Jesus he can become both our Savior and our friend.

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It says in John 1:12 that "to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God." Phong didn't receive Christ that day—but until that day he didn't even know he had the option of becoming a child of God.

Would you pray with me that God would move in Phong's heart and that God would bring other Christians into Phong's life to share more (and more often) about the truth of the Gospel.

Thanks for your part in reaching students like Phong. Just a couple weeks later I had another conversation with a student named Can. It was remarkably similar and again I got to be the first person to share Christ with a student out of a Buddhist background. The world shows up on the steps of the university. Thanks for sending us to welcome them!

