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## Peacebuilder finds inner peace

The ministries of Mennonite Church Canada sometimes reach across borders in unexpected ways. Just ask Erwin and Marian Wiens, Mennonite Church Canada workers in Chun Cheon, South Korea.

The Wienses work with Mennonite Church Canada's partner, the Korea Anabaptist Center (KAC), to provide training for church leaders and strengthen the connection between KAC and churches in the Anabaptist network. Recently, Erwin taught at the first annual Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) summer training session, designed to equip participants with peace building skills to use in their home communities.

Fifty participants, including instructors, represented eight Asian countries, Canada and the U.S.A. One of the participants was Emily Wang, from Taiwan. While Emily came to learn what she could about peace building to take back to her home country, she was also searching for inner peace.

"I work with many peace groups but nobody seems to have time to tell me how I can become a Christian" she told the Wienses in early August.

Fortunately, the Wienses had a response for Emily. They shared with her how she could choose to become a Jesus follower and gave her a Chinese Bible. A few days later, they

received an email message from Emily.

"Thanks for once again for encouraging me to claim that I am the follower of Jesus. Actually, I want to be confident to claim this too, and I want to try my best to love people, even my enemy. When I think this way, I feel a desire to be a follower of Jesus, so yes I will claim that I am the follower of Jesus."

Praise God for opportunities to share Christ's gospel of peace – the most powerful story of love and redemption, and an inspiring foundation for non-violent conflict resolution at home and across borders.

*We invite you to share this story with your congregation in celebration of the ministries we engage in together as Mennonite Church Canada. It should take no more than 2 minutes to read aloud. You might also wish to include it in your church newsletter.*

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ." 1 Cor. 3:11*