

Jo Dublin Is an Answer to Prayer

Jo Dublin is an amazing Christian. She has been a blessing to All Saints Campus Ministry ever since she walked in the door in 2010 and volunteered to cook our Korean student meals. She has been such an answered prayer that we would like to share her story.

Jo was born in South Korea. She grew up with very few material possessions, but she and her siblings were rich in having a mother who was a Christian. She is the one who set an example for Jo and her brothers and sisters. Because of her influence, they are Christians.

Jo brought her faith with her when she moved to Slippery Rock with her American Christian soldier husband, Mark Dublin. While they raised two daughters Jo worked at Slippery Rock University. During this time she took a special interest in being friends with international students. She loved to help the students and delighted in sharing the Gospel with them. She did this because she is a missionary at heart.

How did Jo become such a great friend to All Saints? It began when she invited my husband and me to a social gathering she was holding for students. She asked us to join in the games she was playing with the students and to eat her homemade meal, too. While there we had time to talk. We discovered that she and All Saints Campus Ministry had something in common: we were passionate about including students in our lives for the sake of the Gospel.

Before meeting Jo, All Saints already had a ministry to students. Church members Dr. and Mrs. Henry Lenz had enthusiastically supported the annual university-wide international student dinner. My husband and I continued the outreach by inviting students to All Saints for free pizza and Christian movies. Movies were a lot of fun until the students decided they would rather talk with each other instead of watching movies. Students were also “pizza-ed out”. Pizza was served at almost every gathering they attended, so something new to eat was very much in order.

We concluded that we needed a cook to prepare homemade meals. Jim prayed that God would send us a cook. Within a short time, Jo walked into All Saints and offered to cook. She would prepare the meals. She offered her talent and refused to take anything in return. She is a special Christian.

Jo’s offer to cook the student meals each month was an answer to prayer. She is remarkably generous and hard-working. Her meals don’t come out of the box. They are homemade. She even goes to a farm to harvest fresh Asian cabbage and radishes. She has no leftovers because she sends the remaining food home with students to enjoy in their dorms. Jo insists that making the meals is what she wants to do; it is how she serves the Lord.

At Christmas Campus Ministry tries to give her gifts, but the only thing she will accept is gifts to her favorite charity. Jo describes herself as just a Christian who shows her love for Jesus in her actions and words to students; especially to students who enjoy her meals at All Saints.

All Saints is thankful for Jo's help. We don't take her years of cooking for granted. We are thankful to God for answering our prayer. The seventy students who poured in for the January meal are, too. They came to eat and experience the friendship of Christian fellowship offered. Thank you, Jo, for your willing, loving, helping us to share God's Word. We love you.



L: Mrs. Augusta Mennell shares a moment with Jo Dublin who cooks the Korean Student Meal for the All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center's Campus Ministry.



R: Jo Dublin shares leftovers from Korean Student Meal with Jin Lee. Jin Lee helps spread the word to other students at Slippery Rock University about the free meals.