Practicing Presence:
TRAINING MULTI-CULTURAL LEADERS

Thanks to your gifts to the Alma Hunt offering, WMUV invests in multi-cultural missional leadership development. MooHee Jeon was invited by WMUV Multi-cultural consultant, Esther Shin, to participate in a national training for Children in Action and Mission Friends. MooHee used her training to launch new preschool and children’s mission groups at her church in Northern Virginia. Virginia International Baptist Church has seen significant growth in churchwide attendance and mission involvement as a result of this ministry to children and their families. MooHee is now multiplying her efforts by training other Korean churches in the NorthStar Network to begin children’s mission groups.

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Extending Presence: 
VENTURING IN BUCHAREST

At just 13 years old, Brittany Garton experienced what it means to live through God’s presence as she followed God’s call to go on a mission trip to work with the Roma children in Bucharest, Romania. What began as a short trip to lead Vacation Bible School became Brittany’s life passion, and she spent the next seven summers in Romania as well. Brittany became involved in Project Ruth and the Ruth School, a charitable program created to improve life for poor and marginalized children through education.

As Brittany prepared to graduate from Bluefield College, she wrote, “God has been actively shaping me for a role in Romania that I never would have imagined.” While her summer work in Romania had previously been in caring for and educating children, she had been studying business and graphic communications. She felt God calling her to use her education and skills to help make Project Ruth a sustainable ministry through fundraising and also by developing a child sponsor program.

Brittany currently serves in Bucharest as a Virginia Baptist Venturer on a three-year assignment as she follows God’s call to bring hope to the Roma people as she lives through God’s presence there.

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