

Miriam Charter

Miriam Charter worked in Romania in the 1980s, one of the darkest periods during the communist era. She returned in 2018 after 35 years to do research for a book project. Her intended book audience is the millennial and next generation to tell the story of the Romanian church with a challenge to engage with God in reaching the yet unreached peoples of our world. This will be the story of the Romanian church, which is today a strong church having been perfected through the adversity of the communist era.

Miriam was born in China, a third-generation missionary. Her grandfather was a medical doctor in China where her father grew up. Her mother, from Calgary, went as a missionary to China and married Mr Charter there. The family had to leave China during the Boxer Rebellion when Miriam was two years old. The family relocated to Three Hills, Alberta where her parents joined the faculty at Prairie Bible Institute. She tells the story of a Calgary church that affirmed her gifting and directed her to seminary and paid for her tuition.



Miriam has three ministry passions: 1) the millions who through no fault of their own have never heard of Jesus, 2) the millions who suffer because they are known as Christians, 3) the next generation who are the future leaders.

Miriam has had three careers which have placed her in a pastoral career, work in the academy and then international work. In these careers her methodology has focussed on practicing 2 Timothy 2:2.

Her time in Europe was living in Vienna, Austria and travelling into Eastern Europe, primarily Romania for 60-70% of her time. These trips would involve meeting with groups of women of the underground church for three days of continual teaching, three times a year. The basic understanding was that Miriam would teach ten women who were committed to each go on and mentor ten

other women, who would then each mentor ten others. In those days, it was written down notes they would take by listening to Miriam's teaching, and those would be hand written and passed on. 25 years later it was estimated that 2000 women had been trained to the fourth generation. The ongoing training is now at the fifth generation. Now with modern equipment, books are being published locally.

When liberation came to Romania, Miriam moved on to do a PhD research project in Russia on what was the impact of Soviet era on the way that young people process truth. (Her PhD abstract is [here](#))

Miriam has worked on the faculty of Canadian Theological Seminary, Ambrose University and served as director of the Doctor of Education program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Chicago.