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 Raising Kingdom Workers
 Evangelizing Korea
 Evangelizing the World
 Loving Neighbors

The Biweekly Choong Hyun

I love you, O LORD, my strength.
(Psalm 18:1)

For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:21)

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Mission Research Team Returns from Suriname

Visited from April 13th to 23rd

The Choong Hyun Mission Committee decided to visit Suriname, where Missionary Sook Yul Ahn is serving. The Committee was there to research future mission possibilities for approximately 10 days from April 13th to 23rd. This was the first major followup visit since Sook Yul Ahn was originally sent to Suriname. The research is expected to produce useful information for future mission work there.

Suriname is located in South America, with half of the population either being Hindu or Muslim. Yet, Christianity is permitted, so the Gospel can be shared there. The current economic situation in Suriname is also another gateway for the Gospel, since many are in economic need. The Surinamese may have more open hearts to learn about Christ and His security.

Missionary Ahn was originally sent to Paraguay in

1987. In 1990, he was transferred to Suriname and he has served there ever since. His mission focuses upon providing education and ministering to the local people. The research team members included Rev. Sung Soo Lee, Elder Kwang Hun Roh, Elder Young Shik Park and Elder Kwang Nam Kim.

High School Group's "In Jesus' Love" Week For Invitation Sunday, April 25th

The High School Group members were actively inviting their friends this week to attend church with them this Sunday, April 25th. They invited approximately 500 previous newcomers and those not attending regularly. The church is also expecting parents of high school students to encourage their children to attend as well.



Evangelism Training Institute Recruiting for Second Semester 1999 Must Apply By May 2nd

The Evangelism Training Institute began its First Semester, March 3rd, 1999. The two-month long semester will finish this week on April 28th. thirty students are expected to complete this semester's coursework. During the first semester, the students have had practical training, including practicing what they have learned on the field.

The applicants who desire further training for the second semester should apply no later than May 2nd in the Education Department Office. The course will begin May 12th and run for eight weeks. The training will be held in the International Meeting Room, which is on the 5th floor of the Missions Center Building

Reaching Out To Foreign Workers in the Suji Area

17th District and Foreign Workers Evangelism Committee

Joined Together in Service

Both the 17th District and the Foreign Workers Evangelism Committee joined together to reach out to the foreign workers who live in Suji on two Saturdays, April 10th and 17th.

During these two days, the team visited with workers from North and Southeast Asia, who are currently working at small factories. It was considerably easier to share the Gospel with them here in Korea than it would be to go to the workers' home countries.

Because of this they feel it is important for our church to show our Christian love to them during their stay. The foreign workers who receive Christ can be bridge builders of the Gospel when they return to their home countries. The 17th District and Foreign Worker's Evangelism Committee are passionately concerned about this fact and are diligently serving that they may make the most of this remarkable opportunity.

Children's Day To Be Celebrated May 5th

It is unknown exactly when and where Children's Day first began. However, since the middle of the nineteenth century, one Sunday a year was kept for children to encourage them to dedicate themselves to the Lord for His purposes. In 1865, it was formally decided to name the 2nd Sunday of June Children's Day.

In Korea, churches keep Children's Sunday on the first Sunday of May. Unfortunately, Children's Day today has become primarily a secular holiday for play, instead of a day to remind children to dedicate their hearts to Jesus. Therefore, it is essential for Korean churches and parents to remind the children the true and original purpose of Children's Day.

The true purpose should be to let children know the Word of God and about Jesus Christ, that they may put their entire trust in Him. Those who come to know Jesus as their Savior and Lord as children, often grow up to be mature followers of Christ. Let us not miss this valuable opportunity to welcome children into the Kingdom of God.

Police Evangelism Committee

Spiritual Training and Visitation at Choong Ju Police Academy

The Police Evangelism Committee will hold their 1st Semi-Annual Spiritual Training seminar for 1999 in Joong Do in Choonchun City on May 1st. They will leave the church for Joong Do at 6:30 am. This training seminar is intended to help members become spiritually more fully armed to fulfill their mission successfully.

The Committee will visit Choong Ju Central Police Academy to have a special service for the 3,200 students there on March 11th. The service is intended to evangelize and encourage Christian police officers-in-training to perform their duties in the character of Christ.

Evangelism Service at Chung Song Prison April 27th at Main Prison Hall

The Prison Evangelism Committee will hold a service at Chung Song Prison to preach the Gospel to the prisoners there. There are 500 prisoners and 50 officials in the facility. The Committee is hoping and praying that some of the prisoners will be touched by the Holy Spirit and come to know Christ through this service, that their lives may be forever changed.

We would like to encourage you to pray for the committee while they prepare for the service and for the prisoners.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

THE LORD'S SUPPER

(Luke 22:19-20)

We started this year celebrating the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of January, then in March, and now this coming month of May. Next Sunday will be our third celebration. Time is flying! We've almost already spent the first four months of 1999. We've all heard and many have experienced the sorrow, sadness and despair that prevails all around us. Despite the difficult circumstances and situations, I'm so

Table.

Jesus is the One who provides us with strength and joy. The chosen elements of the Lord's Supper are bread and wine - the sources of strength and gladness. There are our constant source of nourishment and joy. Our hearts are forever glad in Christ Jesus. When we come to His table, we can expect to be filled with His love. His mighty presence empowers us to persevere and

outpouring of wine we realize that sorrow was born but death died for us. "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me... This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood" (vv. 19-20). Isn't this propitiation for our sin? It is, indeed! Amen!

Our Lord's great work provides individual propitiation. To each one He declares the personal need of a divine Savior. Jesus Christ affirms the conviction that God's sacrifice was offered for you. Your faith can be renewed in the divine Redeemer. You can recognize the claim He has on those who love Him unto death. You can rededicate yourself to Jesus and service. You can rejoice in His spirit and be reconciled to God the Father through your divine Lord and friend. Whenever you eat and drink from the Lord's Supper, you can really understand that it is propitiation for you - He proclaims His love for you.

It's such a wonderful blessing to experience happiness and holiness with one another in Communion. We gather around one table in the felt presence of our common Lord. We all drink from the same cup (cf. Mt. 26:27). We are drawn to one another in the bond of Christian love. We realize the strong bond of our unity in Christ which triumphed over all the world. Faith, joy, and love are kindled and burn within us. We are

glad that we have gathered together regularly for the beautiful worship expressed through the communion service. My heart burns for the Lord and I want to share His message with you. It's really a simple message just as the Lord's Supper is a very simple rite.

Before Jesus left this earth to make our eternal home (cf. Jn. 14:2), He gathered together His disciples for a last supper. Christ entertained His disciples and invites us to join Him. He created a permanent institution -- not just for His first twelve disciples -- but for all His disciples! He entertains His friends around a table, not a tomb. He chose our gathering place and asks each of us to 'remember Me'. At this table of meeting we commune with friends in remembrance of Jesus' once and for all sacrificial death for our sin.

We may indeed feel secure for the living Lord meets with us! The near presence of our Lord - the Living God - is in our midst! This isn't something make believe but real truth. It's here that we truly experience the visible form of His invisible grace. It's here that our thirst for righteousness is filled. The Lord's Supper is a Holy Communion that personally joins us to Him and each other. Even though we are unable to physically see Jesus, through the Lord's Supper His spiritual presence abounds within each participant. His Spirit is at the table with our spirit. Because our union in Christ is experienced in the Spirit, it is rarely closer or more strongly experienced than at the Lord's

continue on until we are blessed to be face to face with Him.

Jesus Christ is our propitiation. His death upon the cross was an atoning sacrifice to reconcile man to God. How else does the broken bread and the outpouring of wine speak to your heart? Human life is marred and the weariness of the preservation, toil, and loneliness of this troubled life requires help. The grief, pains, and burdens of a broken life need mending. The shame and darkness of doing sin necessitates the need

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for Christ Jesus. For only Jesus can forgive sin and make us pure before our Heavenly Father. Only His blood can cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Prior to taking the bread and wine, we confess our sin and are completely forgiven by God in Christ. We stand with our heads bowed and with a reverent spirit at the cross. When we take the bread and wine, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Our hearts are filled with His love. Did ever such love and sorrow meet together? The thorns compose so rich a crown! In the broken bread and

strengthened and sanctified at the Lord's Supper. We are enabled to abide in Him.

The Lord's Supper is a simple meal filled with rich blessings. At this table we experience Christ's near presence and the strength and joy of knowing Him. We also come to better understand and appreciate His propitiation for all sin and more specifically for our sin. The happiness and holiness of our Communion with each other in Christ Jesus is a splendid Christian privilege. For only those who know Him are called by His invitation to share a place at His table.

SCRIPTURES TO LIVE BY

Vision

Part II: Watching Our Way

As the apostle Paul confessed, it is much easier for us to see our way with our own knowledge because we tend to see our way by the standards of the world rather than seeing things the way as God does. It is also very easy for us to be disappointed by what we have done in our daily lives because of differences between our expectations and God's. Our expectations are normally based on our own understanding of the world. This understanding often leads us to argue against our knowledge of God. Since our knowledge of God is not from the world, but from the word of God, it is very easy for us to

face conflicts in our daily lives. Paul again confessed, "I do what I do not want to do, but I do not do what I do want to do."

To overcome this conflict in our daily life, we should demolish arguments and every pretension that set us against the knowledge of God. It is essential for us to put our vision toward Christ. To help us do this, we need to spend time regularly in God's word, so

that we can train our minds and hearts to see the world more like Christ does. This is not an easy task and requires discipline. The apostle Paul is a good model for us to follow, since he openly shared about his own daily struggle to overcome his sinful nature. But, he also knew where to look for help. He looked at Jesus, who alone saves us from sin and the ways of the world. So, as we make our plans and consider His will for our lives, will we permit Jesus to be the one watching and leading our way?

Hello and Thank You

*The Love of Jesus Encourages Grandmother,
Tae Soon Lee, To Act*

"Beautiful Feet Deliver the Gospel"

By Jong Hee Lee (Reporter)



Tae Soon Lee (83 years old) delivers the gospel quietly and discretely to people she meets on the way to church on Sundays. Although her strength limits her activities, she regularly says, 'Hello' to foreigners she meets on her way to church and then back home. Often she gives the Choong Hyun Biweekly to them. When she gives the Biweekly to foreigners, she always fears a little they will reject her offer. However, she is always encouraged by the foreigners who take Biweekly with a smile.

She has a daughter who lives in the United States. Whenever her daughter comes back to Korea to visit her, she goes to Kimpo airport to welcome her daughter back. During one of her visits, she noticed that there were many foreigners in the airport and she decided to share the Good News with them. However, she wondered if she should give a Korean brochure to them or not, since they may not be able to read it. She shared her concern with some of her friends and they told her to use the English Biweekly for the foreigners. She was encouraged by her friends' advice. She now takes some copies of the Biweekly with her

whenever she goes to Kimpo airport and gives it to foreign people she sees.

She lives near Moran Market in Songnam where a lot of Asian foreigners work in small factories. It has become part of her daily life to give the Biweekly to them. She cannot speak any English, except one word "Hello," but she has a heart for the Gospel and always has cheerful smile. Whenever foreigners say, "Thank you," and receive Biweekly she feels thankful to God. "I know that what I do is less effective than other methods to preach the Gospel. But when I consider missionaries who go to foreign countries to deliver the Gospel, I see that it is much easier to share the Gospel with those who come into my country, Korea. I believe that it is my duty to share the Word of God with people I meet in my daily life."

We, as Christians, have the duty to share the gospel with people we meet regardless their nationalities. If we sow the seeds God will nourish them to grow and bear fruit. It would be good to find our own methods to share the Gospel with our neighbors.

"Living Together"

*Help for Undernourished Students
Third Middle School Department*

By Yeon Hee Jung (Reporter)

It is very natural for those who have a light source to see the area clearly where the light shines. However, it can be difficult for them to see the shadowy land where some suffer under a poor environment and a lack of food. Yet, there are some people who saw this land and have followed the Lord's command, "Live with your neighbors and share what you have."



Middle School. They sent letters to each school to cooperate with their plan and asked that each school let them know which students needed their help. The department has decided to provide lunch boxes for these needy students and give them anonymously. To perform this plan the department is looking for some financial supporters. The department will also hold a fundraising drive.

The Third Middle School Department decided to help undernourished students and to share the love Jesus Christ with them. They selected middle schools which were located near church such as Unbook, Yoksam, Dogok, Eunjo and Eunkwang

It is not easy to love our neighbors in our daily life, but a few people's practice will make things change around us. We pray and trust that this opportunity of "Living Together" will be a successful event.

Choong Hyun Welfare Center

Disabled People, Our Neighbors

By Jung Hea Han (Reporter)

The percentage of disabled people is considerably lower in Korea than many other nations. For example, in England it is 14%, United States 14%, Netherlands 9.9% and in Denmark 6.5%. In Korea, however, it is reported to be only 2.35%. This percentage may seem unreasonably low, but it is because the definition of "disabled" is more narrow in Korea than in the Western nations named above. In Korean culture, the general acceptance of the disabled is very low and they often prefer to not acknowledge them openly.

The numbers of disabled people are increasing in Korea, however, due to longer life spans and increased injuries at work. Among the physically disabled, more than 80% have become this way from accidents, disease or age-related illness. So, the numbers of disabled people will only continue to

increase in the future.

It is recommended that the definition of "disabled" be widened to better serve people with physical challenges. The Korean government recently passed legislation to better assist the disabled, but with the current narrow definition, not as many can be assisted. The disabled should not be shielded from our care, but given the same affection we would offer to any neighbor in need.



▷ Physical therapy exercise

The Republic of Suriname

From Operation World

By William Johnstone

Suriname is located in South America, on the northeast coast between Guyana and French Guyana. It is only 163,000 square kilometers in size and in 1995, it was reported to have a population of 435,000 people. Almost half the population is either Muslim or Hindu. Suriname also has one of the most remarkable amounts of ethnic diversity found anywhere in the



world. Over half the population is Asian, the other half is mostly Afro-Caribbean, including dozens of other small ethnic groups as well.

Please pray for:

1. Peace, godly leaders, stable government, economic improvement. Race and religion have compartmentalized the nation and conflicts remain.
2. Spiritual awakening for the many peoples, that they may be unified in Christ.
3. Church renewal and outreach, that the nation that has lost its way morally and ethically may be grounded upon and led by Biblical principles.



Person to Person with Missionary Eun Bin Go

Wonderful Gospel Songs in Maasai Village in Kenya

Cultivating the Land of Stubborn with the Plow of the Gospel

Missionary Eun Bin currently serves in a land where people have to protect themselves from the daylight, then from the cold air during the night, from poverty, illiteracy, and strong superstitions. She is spreading the Word of God in the Maasai tribe's village of Lele in Kenya as a lay missionary.

Can you briefly describe your mission work in the Maasai village in Kenya?

Missionary : I visited the Maasai for the first time for a month in July 1992. I wanted to visit and encourage one of my missionary friends who serves there and to find God's plan for my future. I had dedicated my life to be a missionary when I was young, but I forgot my commitment as I grew up. When I visited my friend at the Maasai village I was challenged by her mission work and it reminded me of my early commitment to the Lord. I returned to Korea and packed my bags and went to my mission field of Kenya in June 1993. During my first three years, I learned the local language in Nairobi while I stayed in a Maasai tribe's village. During this period, I found that although I had dedicated myself to serve the Lord as a missionary, I was at all not ready for it. The Lord taught me a lot at this time. After the three-year language training period, I returned to Korea to be trained as a missionary for a year. I went back to Kenya for my mission work in April 1997. Since then, I have been serving local children at Lele Elementary school, and at the local church to teach the women there how to read and write. My current priority is to teach the women, because most of them cannot read and write in their own language, yet they want to read and study the Bible in their local language. They already have the Bible in their local language. So I spend most of my time teaching the local women with the Bible.

What is the current situation of Lele Elementary School?

Missionary : It is a public school fully authorized by the government. There are 8 teachers including me — I am the only foreign teacher in the school — and 120 students from kindergarten to sixth grade. It is very difficult to maintain teaching the children because people in Maasai tribes are nomadic so they move around according to the weather.

How do the Maasai tribes respond to the Gospel?

Missionary : They are very brave and stubborn patriots. Therefore they are very resistant to other cultures and religions. They received the Gospel about 100 years ago, but today only 20% of the whole population of Kenya including less than 10% of all Maasai tribes have accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. However, considering their strong character, once a small percentage of the population accepts a Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, they will be very earnest, active Christians.

Could you tell us something about your experience in your mission field?

Missionary : I actually wanted to be friends with the local people rather than be a superior missionary for them. I remember one day when I was invited for a meal by a member of our church who comes every Sunday to church from an hour's distance by walking. The person who invited me and I walked for an hour and arrived at the place where I was supposed to have a meal. I was surprised by the family's hospitality and preparation of the meal.

After the meal and fellowship time, as I was leaving for my place, one of the family members walked with me for twenty minutes to see me off and gave me five boiled eggs. I was greatly encouraged knowing that I became a neighbor of the family. My great difficulty is at the times when I felt my spiritual health get weak. I would like to ask all Choong Hyun members to pray for me and my spiritual health to carry on my mission successfully for Him in the land of stubborn hearts.

Foreign Workers Evangelism Department

After Easter Standing As Witnesses To The Gospel

By Ji Hyun Oh (Teacher in the F.W.E. Committee)

Easter is not familiar to many foreign workers who come from North and Southeast Asia to work here in Korea. To share the story of Easter with them, the Foreign Workers Evangelism Committee prepared a special Easter Service. They placed a picture representing the life, death and resurrection of Christ in a visible area. They also prepared baskets of full of eggs, one for each country represented, to share the idea of new life in Christ.

For the service, Pastor Eun Hee Jung, delivered a message from 1 Corinthians 15:17-19, about the true meaning of the resurrection of Christ and what it means for our faith. She focused upon the fact that if there is no resurrection of Christ, then our faith is groundless. She encouraged all the attendants to accept Jesus Christ and to receive new life in Him. After the service, a presentation time was held when a sister from China read a poem about the resurrection. Sisters and brothers from Indonesia shared a praise song. Some other sisters and brothers from Sri Lanka sang, "He is the Lord." As they sang, they mentioned all the different country names represented among them, to remind all attendants that Jesus is Lord of all the nations and that we become one family in Christ, regardless of nationality or race. There also were special performances from the Hallelujah Orchestra Quintet

and the College Group. All the attendants were encouraged by the performances of these many groups.

It is essential for the foreign workers to believe in the risen Christ for themselves in their hearts. If this happens then the workers may be able to stand firm when they return and also be lights for the Gospel in their home countries.

Raju from Bangladesh

We visited Raju who came to Korea 6 months ago, in a hospital on April 12. He was very strong Muslim before he attended Choong Hyun Church a few times.

He worked as a daily manual worker in a small factory. One day as he was fixing the roof, he fell down from the roof and he injured his back. Fortunately, his back was not broken, but he just needed to rest for a while as he received medical treatment. His boss promised to take care of all his hospital expenses and still pays his wages while he stays in the hospital. He also regularly visits Raju in the hospital twice a day. Two other Korean patients who are sharing a room with him are also being very nice to him and he calls them his big brothers. He said, "I promise when I get out of this hospital I will attend Choong Hyun Church regularly." How thankful we are and how wonderful is the love which he is experiencing in the hospital! We pray that he will develop his faith in Christ and when he returns to his home country he will be a good witness for his family and friends.