

GOALS
 Godly Worship Service
 Raising Workers for the Kingdom
 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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The Second Phase for Short-Term Missionaries 2000: Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and Guyana

The Missions Department of Choong Hyun Church is seeking short-term missionaries for this year. It will send missionaries to Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and Guyana. Those who are selected will depart in December 2000 or early 2001. Two to three missionaries - 15 missionaries total - will be dispatched to each of these nations. Qualifications to apply for are as follows:

2. Medical mission;
3. Discipleship training mission;
4. Administrative ministry;
5. Computer education ministry;
6. Tae Kwon Do mission; and/or
7. Barber Salon mission

Applicants should submit:

1. An application form for short-term mission;
2. Statement of motivation for short-term mission;
3. Resume;
4. Self - introduction letter;
5. Four passport-sized pictures;
6. Recommendations (from a District Chairperson and District Pastor); and
7. Comprehensive medical exam report

The deadline to submit the documents is Sunday, July 9 at 6:30 p.m. and the interview date will be announced in the near future. For more information, call the Missions Department (Mission Center, Rm. #406).

1. Must be a baptized member of our church who has a clear vision for world mission;
2. Completed LMTC training at our church and acquired our denomination's qualification to be a short - term lay missionary;
3. Can communicate in basic English; and
4. Has no binding limitation to travel abroad.

Responsibilities for prospective missionaries may include the following:

1. Church planting ministry;

Beginning of 2000 Summer Rural Ministry

The Evangelism Department started its summer rural ministry last week. This is an annual Choong Hyun church event and is served by various districts, young adult Sunday classes, college groups and high school students in connection with assigned rural churches. Please pray that this ministry will give an opportunity to bring many souls to Christ. The rural ministry's schedule for July is as follows:

Date	Department	Location
July 1-5	Sixth District	Misan Church; Yonchon, Kyonggi Province
July 6-8	Eighth District	Yangmoon Church; Tanyang, North Chungchong Province
July 12-16	Tenth District	Bansuk Church; Wonju, Kangwon Province
July 24-28	Tenth District	Saemaum Church; Yonchon, Kyonggi Province
July 29-31	Eleventh District	Kyohyun Church; Chungju, North Chungchong Province
July 31	College Group	Bupyoung Church, Boksang Church, Sattbyul Church and Yongsan Church; Kangwon Province
July 24-August 4	First Young Adult Group	Yemi Church, Chonkig Church, Yongsuk Church, Samheung Church and Bongung Church; Kangwon Province
July 29-31	Institution Evangelism	Daesowon Church; Chungju, North Chungchong Province

Five Campaigns for Spirit-Filled Worship



The Worship Committee has decided to encourage the following five points to congregation members in order to enhance spiritual worship. All Choong Hyun members are requested to participate in this effort for a successful campaign.

1. Punctual Sundays - Attending Sunday services and Praise worship is a must
2. Eliminating Tardiness - Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of all services
3. Attending Friday Services - To be trained in prayer, praises and the Word
4. Attending Early Mornings Prayer Services - Daily participation in early morning prayer meetings
5. Giving Wednesday Worships - Attending Choong Hyun's Wednesday service

Choir Retreats

The summer retreats for the 13 choirs are now underway. While the Mandolin, Chroma-harp, Hosanna and Siloam choirs' retreats have ended, other choir retreats will continue until August. We pray that all choir members will be spiritually blessed by their respective retreats and will in return praise the Lord in supplication.

"I will sing to the Lord all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live" (Psalm 104:33).

Nominations for the 2000 Choong Hyun Scholarship

For students who continue their studies in the second half of this year, a Choong Hyun scholarship application can be filed for the fall semester. At the same time, new applications may be filed for those attending college or university in the spring semester. For detailed information on qualifications and other questions, please contact the Education Department (ext. 471).



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

Beware of Hypocrisy

(Luke 12:1)

“Meanwhile, when a crowd of many thousands had gathered, so that they were trampling on one another, Jesus began to speak first to his disciples, saying: “Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy.”

After Jesus left His lunch engagement at the home of a Pharisee, He found Himself in the midst of a very large crowd. Thousands of people had gathered around Him ; most were friends but some were enemies. Jesus’ popularity was widespread! The majority of Pharisees, Sadducees and high priests hated Him because of the influence His teachings had on the Jewish people. They were jealous. Instead of appreciating His blessings upon their nation, these religious people despised them. From their viewpoint, Jesus was not one of them, and it was their responsibility, not His, to preach and teach the things of God. Nonetheless, the crowd and disciples respected Jesus. They wanted to hear what He had to say. And so Jesus, who had just experienced the ideal example of hypocrisy, being cordially invited into a Pharisaic home under the pretense of love and kindness, when the homeowner and his other guests truly hated him and wanted to kill Him, instructed His disciples concerning its dangers.

The first thing He says to His disciples and the attentive crowd is, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy” (v. 1). Here, Jesus delivers a very important message, one that every Christian needs to understand and practice. Jesus doesn’t want His disciples to become like the Pharisees, religious leaders who only appear virtuous. He wants them to be sincere. He warns them to watch out and be careful about hypocrisy because false appearances don’t fool God. There are no secrets between God and man because hypocrisy damages humanity. It’s one of the lowest forms of deception with the most adverse consequences. His words, directed to the disciples, were also meant for the listening ears of His friends and enemies. His warning is a fundamental principle that applies to everyone.

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the Corinthian church’s practice correspond to unleavened bread. Unleavened bread lacks pride, the root of all leaven.

My dear friends, whenever the devil is allowed to be placed in between God and man, leaven is produced. The dangerous thing about leaven is that you can’t see it! You don’t know it’s there until the outside begins to show signs of its existence. No matter how little is added, leaven will affect the whole batch, the whole

church! Moreover, it’s not a slow moving phenomenon. Leaven grows quickly; it spreads fast. As such, it’s a very dangerous substance that can spoil a church in no time. Interestingly, it’s often contracted from respectable authority figures, especially within the church. During the time of Jesus’ earthly ministry, the Jewish nation relied heavily upon the Pharisees, Sadducees and high priests for spiritual enrichment. Indeed, it was their responsibility to lead the nation of God’s people, but Jesus pointed out their bad influence. Therefore, you need to be cautions of hypocritical leaders.

It should be noted that leaven also comes from a variety of other sources. It can come from human love, socialism and humanity in general. Anything that departs from the pure Gospel may look good, but it will become leaven. If you believe in humans, they will negatively influence you. Amen! It doesn’t make a difference how kind, or loving, or generous, or whatever someone else may be, if you depend on that person for your well being, your future, your livelihood, you’re in trouble. No one but Jesus can truly help other human beings. Sure, God uses other people in administering His grace, but it’s not them but Him who provides the grace.

A servant of Christ is a soldier of God. You have to see the enemy, the devil, in order to stand firm against his schemes. You have to see the grace of God and recognize the salvation of the cross in order to fight the spiritual forces of wickedness. You have to believe in the Word of God for victory! Let’s concentrate on Jesus and the Word of God. Let’s be watchful vigilant in detecting and escaping the danger of hypocrisy through our faith in Jesus Christ. 

A Hymn in My Lips

Oh My Soul!



I was raised throughout my childhood, hearing my mother singing hymns in tears and reading the Bible. Perhaps, because my mother heavily influenced me, I too met my Lord in my praises in tears. Now, I am serving as a member of the Praise Team every Sunday and I experience Jesus through our preparations for praise. Jesus loved me and died for me on the cross in spite of my shortcomings and sins. I went astray because of my selfish desires. How can I not sing in tears thanking Him for His unfailing love?

*"One day they led Him up Calvary's mountain,
One day they nailed Him to die on the tree;
Suffering anguish, despised and rejected, Bearing our sins, my Redeemer is He!*

Living, He loved me; dying, He saved me;

Buried, He carried my sins far away;

Rising, He justified freely forever:

One day He's coming O, glorious day!"

My Lord purifies my life through this hymn like pure gold and gives me hope for that glorious day through the sufferings and difficulties. I pray to my Jesus through my praises today. May my soul long after Thee, and work faithfully to be like you.

Jesus Whom I Met:

"Jesus, I Love You!"

By Yong Hyun Kim (High School Student)

I've had faith in God since I was in my mother's womb. But, it wasn't until the first grade of middle school at a winter retreat when I received Jesus as my personal savior. I remember the day was so cold. At that very night, after the revival meeting, I climbed up the mountain without any expectation but simply just to participate in the program. In a moment, the meeting began with a speaker presiding. My life began to change there. The praises were different than before. My entire life passed by like a movie. I was then praying and I began to yearn to Jesus. I was confessing about things even I did not know. And when I was praying about my future, the Lord wanted me to leave my future to Him. So, I laid down my dreams to the Lord in obedience. He showed me a new future - missions. And I prayed to Jesus: Lord, I will give my life for You for Your missions. Please take care of my future.

From then on, Jesus took care of my life. He led me to Geruteoki, a mission organization for Choong Hyun middle school students. There, I met Mr. Shin Dong Lee and Ms. Kyung Hee Oh who helped me so much with building my vision for missions. Last year, I went on a short-term mission trip to Sri Lanka and there, I vision for mission and through this trip, I firmly grounded what I needed to do for my vision. Right now, I am serving in the Foreign Workers' Mission with Sri Lankans. Lastly, I love and thank my Jesus who came and visited me.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand" (Isaiah 41:10).

Warm Heartfelt Stories 12th District

"Grandma, do you go to church?"

This story is about a deaconess I met the other day. An elderly lady was always sitting at a street corner. One day, out of curiosity, I asked her: "Grandma, do you go to church?" She said, "I cannot because of my bad health." When I looked at her closely, her left arm was trembling. When I presented the good news of Jesus, she talked about the many things that happened in her life. She said she attended church when she was young before marriage. But because her marriage to an unbelieving husband and his opposition about her going to church, she could not maintain her church attendance. Therefore, she thinks her life is a judgement of God for not going to church. But even now, because of so much sin in her life, she cannot go to church. She also had many family problems; her daughter-in-law left her home; her children have successful lives but don't look after her; one son goes to a Buddhist temple so if she attended church, then more bad things might happen to her family. She said she has only a high school education but has to stay home due to her illness. After listening to her, I promised that I would visit her once every week and she accepted my offer.

For several months, I visited her and repeatedly explained about salvation and Jesus Christ our savior. She complained that she cannot memorize anything

but after many months, she was able to say a short prayer "Thank you Jesus for washing my sins away. In the name of Jesus, Amen." She repeated this prayer night and day. After one of her sons stayed with her because of his financial problem, it became difficult to see her. But the deaconess who told me this story said that God laid a heart to pray for this elderly lady. Also, she regrets that she did not keep visiting her more. Such a sincere and loving attitude towards lost souls humbled me.

(By Sok Jin Kim, Reporter)



College Group Summer Retreat

By Kyung Sup Baek, Reporter

"O Lord. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy" (Habakkuk 3:2).

The college group has long been praying for one request: "Oh Lord, may your spirit revive our soul so that we may proclaim your name to the people and nations to reveal your glory." Our faithful God was listening to our prayers. This summer retreat was an answer to our prayers indeed. The spirit of God visited our assembly and allowed us to open our eyes and

mouth to confess our sins and to profess Jesus is our Savior. The retreat not only enabled personal spiritual restoration but also spiritual fellowship of the community. There was an opening of our hearts and confessions of brotherly love towards each other. The Lord came and embraced all of us so sweetly. The proclamation of the gospel has the power to lead us into God's miraculous work in the hearts of listeners. There is living power in the gospel of Jesus.

"Scribbling in a Cave"

By Sang Man Choi

(Deacon, Senior High Sunday School Teacher)

There is a secret military underground cave used during World War II by the Nazis in Cologne, Germany. There, on the walls of the cave, we find graffiti by the Jews who were faced with impending tragic death and unbearable forced labor without hope. "I believe there is sun, even when its rays are covered by the clouds. I believe in love, even in the situation when no love is felt. I believe in God, even when He is silent." How marvelous it is that we can have bright hope even in the midst of tragic situations.

This is a story I read in the subway - a story introducing cautious hope through the summit conference between North and South Korea. People living in faith and hope in the midst of severe conditions - this was the current picture of North Koreans. Our brothers are walking in the steps of cross in North Korea: bearing intolerable persecution and extreme hardship.

The following is a news report about Christians in

North Korea:

A report reveals that there are about 14,000 Christians in North Korea. Open Door Missions, whose primary focus is on Communist countries and Islamic nations, reported through their World Watch List - a report of current religious liberty in various countries - that there are about 14,000 underground Christians in North Korea as of July 1996. (Kookmin Ilbo newspaper, October 10, 1996)

A German newspaper also reported on February 22, 2000 that Christian missionaries who work secretly in North Korea are sentenced to brutal punishment and open execution when found. I earnestly pray that North Korean Christian parents will give the most blessed inheritance of "fear of God and salvation through Jesus Christ" to their children in spite of punishment and executions.

"Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned; they were sawed in two; they were about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground" (Hebrews 11:36-38).



So Mang Singing Group:

"Praying That Praises Will Resound to the Corners of the Earth"



I'm learning. It's just little difficult to memorize the verses."

Members wore hanbok, a traditional Korean outfit to take a picture. One member had to undergo surgery just before an opportunity to sing at a

Friday night worship service recently. However, when the scheduled operation date was delayed, she was so thrilled to be able to join the group and sing. Another member, who was a tenor had to immigrate to another country. As a result, there is only one male in the So Mang Singing Group. We are trying to recruit any and all interested people to the group. Anyone who is over 70 years old and wishes to praise God through his or her voice can participate in this wonderful opportunity. May their praises uplift the Lord's name on high!

By Myung Ha Lee, Reporter

"It's a blessing to be used by the Lord at such an age," and "I love what

"The Joy to be Baptized"

By Crishan (Foreign Workers' Mission, Sri Lanka)



I came to Korea from Sri Lanka on August 8, 1994 to earn money. I was a Buddhist when I came. When I lost my job and was wondering, I came to meet deaconess Young Ja Ku from Choong Hyun church and she led me to this church. At the first day, I did not know God, Jesus or the Holy Spirit. But desiring to know more, I diligently attended the Bible study meetings. After several weeks of Bible study, I came to know that Jesus died for me on the cross and rose again and sits on the right side of God to pray for me. From this moment, I came to accept Jesus as my savior and Lord. I find that I am much different a person as believing Christian now than my sinful life before. Jesus allowed me to acknowledge my weaknesses. Lastly, I pray that I may have opportunities to witness Jesus Christ to my Sri Lankan friends in Korea and to my families back home.

"God, grant me your grace to discern your calling and empower me to be used as a faithful servant of yours."

I also pray for pastors, evangelists, and all Choong Hyun congregation members who sincerely work for evangelization of the Sri Lankan community.

Letter Relay

"To Those Whom I Cannot Forget"

By Do Yeup Kim (College Group)



In loving memory of my deceased father, I thank the entire faith community who shared in this sorrow. A month has passed since he passed away. It only seems like yesterday when I saw my dad's eyes close. It still feels like my dad will walk in our front door as he did all his life. During my high school days, he and I often fought because he would not allow me to go to church instead of studying. The ironic thing is that three years prior to his death, he did not even miss one day of early morning prayer services. It was my dad who was really obedient to God. Our family felt that we were not a really committed Christian family and did not expect so many people to come to his funeral. But we really thank everyone who came.

Many colleagues stayed for two nights: brothers and sisters from the college group helped in many areas: deacons who visited at night; teachers, evangelists and pastors - I thought I did not have anyone around but I found there are so many people around me. It was just like us - we complain that our Lord is not with us but in reality He is with us evermore. I vividly remember the worship service after the funeral. Our pastor opened my dad's Bible and there, all the pages were covered with his notes. Philipians 3 strongly encouraged me. "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead." I wish to express my sincere gratitude to the entire Choong Hyun community who attended my dad's funeral. We cannot forget the love and encouragement we received. We will commit our life to the Lord. Please pray for our family.