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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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Educational Seminar

Considering Sunday School for the Next 100 Years To Be Held June 28-29 All Sunday School Teachers To Attend

There are current concerns about Sunday School, since the numbers of participants are noticeably decreasing. This concern is held at various churches that students are not being faithful participants and seem not to be interested in studying the Bible. There are many students who are attending church only to please their parents' wishes to attend. The foundation of their salvation is doubtful and weak in far too many cases, yet, most Sunday School programs are not seriously concerned about developing more effective ways to best educate their students.

In order to overcome this problem and develop more effective methods, all three educational committees are planning to have this seminar. During the seminar, all the teachers will discuss textbooks, quality of the teachers, the Sunday School structure, activities and finances. Discussion will also be held to establish scriptural and effective teaching methods for Sunday School. Training for Sunday School teachers will also be held, therefore all current teachers are required to attend this seminar. The timetable will be posted for each Sunday School department

MISSIONARY YOUNG DAE KIM RETURNS TO KOREA DUE TO ARRIVE AT THE END OF JUNE WITH FAMILY



Missionary Young Dae Kim, who was sent in 1995 to serve in Sudan, will temporarily return to Korea with his family to have some time to restore his health. He has faithfully served in Sudan for the last four years, however, his physical health has deteriorated. He is coming back home to allow for his physical rejuvenation. It is asked that prayer be offered for him for his quick recovery. As he leaves Sudan, Tae Yang Park is being sent to Sudan and he will take over for Young Dae Kim until he returns.

Missionary Eun Hee Jung Commissioning Service to be Held this Sunday, June 27th

Missionary Eun Hee Jung will be officially recognized as being sent to Kenya during her commissioning at this Sunday evening's 5:00 service. Sincere prayer is requested for her as she prepares to depart. She will leave for Kenya on July 3rd.



△ A picture from the welcoming party held in 1998

Choong Hyun Invites Adopted Koreans Welcoming Them as Members of our Family

Many Korean adopted children will visit Korea with their adopted family to experience their biological parents' home country. We are excited to welcome them. They will visit on July 3rd Saturday, 4:00 pm and stay until July 4th Sunday, 3:00 pm. The Missions Committee organized host families for them. Choong Hyun English Ministry will assist them while they visit our church and they will join the English services.

Prison Evangelism Department Held Special Evangelism Outreach at Youngdeungpo Prison

The Prison Evangelism Department held an evangelism outreach Monday, June 21 at 2 pm. For this outreach, the 4th District offered their assistance. The pastor, Reverend Hui Su Kim, gave a message and approximately 250 prisoners and guards attended. About 60 prisoners made a confession of faith. Pray that they will be encouraged to be faithful believers and continue to genuinely grow in their new faith.

Summer '99 Rural Evangelism Project Training to Begin July 4

Matthew 9:35 says, "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness."

The Rural Evangelism Project has been productive and fruitful for the Kingdom. This year, the Evangelism Committee and the District Committee are putting their efforts together to evangelize rural areas in Korea. The High School and College groups, like last year, are also joining to support this important project. This year, teams will be sent to the six major provinces, including Kyonggi, Kangwon, Chungchong, Kyongsang, Cholla and Cheju. Training for this event will be held July 4 on a volunteer basis to encourage faithful service to the Lord. Those who join in this project will also participate in prayer meetings. In each of the provinces, door-to-door evangelism, physical field work, medical services, free haircuts, and assisting small churches will be provided. The Missions Committee will hold a special prayer meeting for this event, on Sunday, July 4 at 3:00 pm in Bethany Hall. This summer evangelism project will begin at the end of July and continue until the end of August. The teams will visit 33 different churches scattered throughout the provinces.

The Third Pastors Seminar Held in Egypt June 15-18

Missionary Joon Kyu Lee organized the annual seminar for pastors in Egypt, which was held from June 15-18. It was held in the city of Alexandria with the theme of "Spiritual Development for Pastors and Church Growth." Approximately 60 Egyptian pastors attended the seminar. Please continue to pray for these pastors who are diligently serving the Lord in the midst of a strong Islamic environment.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

EXAMINATION BEFORE COMMUNION

(1 Corinthians 11:28)

On the first Sunday of January, March, and May of 1999, Choong Hyun celebrated Communion. Today's service is another special blessing time for us in following God's order. This fourth Communion service is also our fourth self-examination. The Bible mentions, "But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (v. 28). The Lord's Supper is not for all people, only those who

require cleansing through repentance.

Many may wonder what type of questions should be on the exam. Well, since the Lord's Supper is a feast, not a funeral, one may begin by asking do I have life? Obviously the dead can't sit at the banquet table because Jesus resurrected and ascended, so only those who are born-again can be rightly seated. Do I have an appetite? Those in Christ hunger and thirst for righteousness. Have I

tells us that this cup is the New Covenant of His blood. Am I in covenant? Do I rest in Him with all my hopes? Jesus calls His people to remember Him in this Supper. Can I remember or do I attempt a vain thing? Do I know Him? Are my past dealings such as I wish to remember? Is He so loved by me that I wish to envelope Him in my memory? Our daily conduct, profession, experience, design, and hope should all pass the test of this self-examination.

Our duty after the exam is to eat of the bread, not to neglect, postpone, or go away trembling but to partake reverently. Our duty after the exam is to drink of the cup. This is especially commanded so that we do not go to papist beliefs where there is no cup. To eat and drink as to discern the Lord's body, having our minds awake to symbolize Jesus in this ordinance, is the deep, mysterious, and awesome meaning of true communion. Our duty is to give thanks for so great a privilege. Twice, Jesus gave thanks during supper, and at the close He sang.

Communion is a great festival! You who have come needlessly, repent of your wicked intrusion, and keep away until you are able to come right. You who do not come at all, understand that if you're not fit for this feast below, you're not fit for heaven above. All of you think for yourself of Jesus, and having examined yourself to a humbling position behold Him to be your conciliation.

Commitment to the Lord in Holy Communion

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The object of examination is for Christians to rightly eat and drink at the Lord's Table. We are not to examine ourselves to justify why it is we should step away, but rather why it is we may step forward. We need to know that the responsibility rests within, not without, for the exam is not given by a priest or preacher but by one's self. We examine ourselves so that we may communicate solemnly, not come carelessly. We make our hearts search and inquire, and so approach the Table with humility. As such, we come intelligently, knowing for what purpose. Also, our self-examination opens our hearts to fully appreciate and participate with confidence and joy. After our personal examination, we know that we are right for the Lord's Supper and feel at ease.

No one can reach the Table who does not need self-searching. God's grace brought us to repentance and faith through our search for the meaning of life. Knowing who God is and who we were leads us to repentance which in turn leads us to an understanding of the Gospel and thus the need for union in Christ. Self-examination is a necessary human endeavor that produces both sorrow and joy in Christians through the Holy Spirit; sorrow over Christ's death and our continual sin and joy over His glorification and our forgiven sin. Remembering Christ's sacrificial death on the cross requires a deep, inner, and personal analysis in which the Holy Spirit illuminates Christ's presence, and certain sinful areas of our being in Christ that

friendship towards the Lord who has invited me to His Table? You don't attend this holy meal as an estranged guest but rather as a close friend, someone who personally knows the Host. Have I put on my wedding garment? Jesus bids us to come and show forth our best.

Jesus explained the wonderful purpose of His death. He told us that His death brings eternal life to those who believe in Him. He told us that He

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alone is the way, truth, and life, and that nobody comes to the Father but through Him. Therefore, we must ask ourselves do I have faith? Do I live by His death? Do I listen to what He has said? Eating and drinking at the Lord's Table should have more than a symbolic effect, if not, it is mere mockery. Is this really and truly food for my soul? Do I have the right heart to eat and drink of Christ in remembrance of Him? Jesus bids each believer to do this in union. Am I one with Him and His people? Am I dwelling in love with them all? Jesus

requires His Spirit and your duty to repent, worship, and praise Him. As a member of His body, the Church, examine your heart. Is Jesus real to you? Do you believe in His resurrection and ascension? Do you believe He's coming back again? Do you look forward to His return? He bids you as God's child to take frequently in remembrance until He comes again. Please, review your inner and outer spiritual life through honest self-examination before coming to Communion.

We are Heirs of Martyrs

By Rev. Dong Seok Kim
(Pastor of the Love Department and 17th District)

There is a village called Ssang-gur-chun-ja in Gillim, Manchuria. In the early part of this century, people in this village heard the good news earlier than other surrounding villages and built a church. In this church, there were about 70-80 Christians including two young people known as Tae Bong Choi (21 years old) and Kwang Wook Kim (23 years old). After the Manchurian War broke out, Communists who persecuted Christians came to this village and forced this village's people to join the Communist Party. While many people of this village joined the Party, these two young men strongly resisted joining. Their resistance caused the Communists to kill them along with five other believers in the church. They followed the first martyrs known there, Rev. Thomas and Hong Joon Bak.

In January 1935, the Reverend Kyoung Hee Han, who was sent as a missionary to Manchuria by the Chosun Presbyterian Assembly, was killed in Manchuria by cruel Communist followers. It was reported, "Missionary Kyoung Hee Han was travelling to villages to preach the gospel. On January 1st, missionary Kyoung Hee Han left for Horim village to evangelize the people in the village. It was a most dangerous mission trip for him to visit the village. However, he could not help visiting the village and gave a message at Moorim Church. He then left for Yohahyun with four other church people. The Communists captured him and the four other people while they were on their way to Yohahyun. One of the Communists from China requested from them 1000 won, while others from North Korea wanted to kill all of them by drowning them under an ice-covered river. On January 4th, the missionary was shot and one of them escaped from the Communists. The other three were lost. It is presumed that the Communists drowned the other three." The Reverend Kyoung Hee Han graduated from Pyongyang Theological College in 1914. Since then he had dedicated his life to serve as a missionary in Manchuria. When he left for Manchuria he said "It is my great hope to go to Manchuria to share the

gospel."

Eun Oak Lim was a Sunday school teacher and a daughter of the Reverend Taek Kwon Lim who served Sebu Church in Jae-Ryong-up, Hwang Hae Province. She quietly taught her students at her place during the Korean war. When the United Nation Allies were marching after the North Korean Army to North Korean territory, North Korean soldiers killed many Christians. They were passing by her village and found the church. They called all believers and put them in a police building to kill all of them one by one. She was there too. When a North Korean soldier dragged her away to be killed, she asked him, "Please, let me pray before you kill me. I want to die while I pray." She knelt down as soon as she finished saying this and started to pray. She died in her prayers. She was only 18 years old.

The Reverend Seok Hyun Park, a pastor of Yag-lim Church in Kewang Ju, led Sunday services during the Korean War in a church building. Some of his church members forced him to escape from the village and church to avoid unnecessarily being killed by North Korean soldiers. He escaped from the village and church, but he did not stop having services. He continued to worship God at Assistant Pastor Oak Mae Na's place. The North Korean soldiers finally found the place and dragged all of those who joined the services into a forest to kill them. Also there was a little son of the Reverend. He was a fifth-grader at Soong Shil Middle School. One of the more generous North Korean soldiers asked him to run away, but he refused his offer with the words "I want to go to the heaven that I see." He followed and died with his father while singing a hymn.

An elder known as Suk Pal Jang was born in Yesan in Chongnam Province. He became an elder of Eung Bong Church in 1933. After Korea was released from the colonialism of Japan, he served as the mayor of a small town. Later during this period, the Korean War broke out. When a North Korean soldier arrested him and demanded a full listing of the church

members, the elder refused to give over the list. Shortly after this refusal, he was stoned to death by the North Korean soldier on September 11, 1950.

It was September 29, 1950 when North Korean soldiers came to Bup Sun Po Church in Young Gwang-gun, Chollanam Province. The pastor, Rev. Chong In Kim, was highly regarded and respected in his district. He resisted the church member's suggestion to try to escape from the North Korean soldiers. When the soldiers arrived, they arrested 24 people, including him and his family, plus several church members. While they were dragging these people away, the pastor and his family were sharing the gospel with the soldiers. They pleaded, "Believe in Jesus Christ and have true peace in your heart. Only Jesus can give true joy and happiness!" The soldiers reacted in disbelief, "Jesus is the only one who can bring happiness?" The soldiers were irritated by the pastor's unending attempts to evangelism them. The soldiers began to kick him mercilessly. However, with every kick he received, the pastor prayed, "Lord, thank you! You carried the suffering of the cross. Make me strong to endure this suffering for your Name." Throughout this time, he also began to sing hymns loudly. The soldiers grew even more enraged, so they gave him something to drink. Being told it was water, the pastor drank what was actually lye. He died later after enduring great suffering.

On October 7, 1950, Young San Church in Young Gwang, Chollanam Province was burnt to the ground. A 3rd year Christian high school student named Sam Do Ki was there watching his church collapse in the flames. As he was grieving over this, a North Korean soldier arrested him. Sam Do was beaten with a club and stabbed with poisoned bamboo spears until he died. Those who knew him remembered how the pastor of the church, Bang Ho Kim, was of great inspiration to Sam Do. Sam Do Ki had already committed himself to become a pastor one day, so the congregation deeply grieved this loss of such a young life.

Our Christianity is an inheritance from the saints who have been martyred for believing in Jesus Christ. Looking at the current Christianity found today, it is not hard to wonder where such examples of dedication could be found. Would we be so bold today to give our lives, if we were required to do so, for the glory of Jesus Christ? May the saints who have gone before us inspire us.

EWS Teacher Training Seminars Learning How to Teach

The Sunday School teachers of the English Worship Service have been receiving special training one Sunday night during each of the last three months. The first seminar's theme in April was "Good Examples and Responsibilities." The second seminar in May was titled, "The Challenge of Teaching and What You Bring to It." The third seminar was held last June 20, with the theme "Sorting Out the Pieces of the Teaching Puzzle."

These seminars have been primarily run by Einstein and Alice Lavina, who are originally from the Philippines. They both have long-term educational experience and well as doctorates in their respective fields. Through their thoughtful and wise training, the other teachers have been challenged and encouraged to develop their teaching skills to be better disciplers and evangelizers in their Sunday School classrooms.

Looking Forward to Evangelism at Isolated Island How the Lord is Working through Young Ones

By Tae Eun Jang (High School, 7th Grade)

When I read the announcement about the Isolated Island Evangelism Project, in the church bulletin for the high school group, I thought I was too young.

However, when I saw the application form, I began to debate whether I should apply or not. When I told my dilemma to my senior, I was encouraged to go ahead and apply. I discussed this further with my parents. My mother was not completely comfortable with the idea of my going to this island. So, I prayed. Later, my mother agreed and I

submitted my application.

Even though I am young now and quite timid to share the gospel with my friends, I have a dream that one day I will become more confident in sharing my faith.

Actually, I am so very excited about this chance to go to Isolated Island to practice sharing the gospel. I am very thankful to the Lord that He encouraged me to apply to go. I am looking forward to what He will do in my life during this evangelism project.



The First Fruit of Evangelism in My Life

By Hyun Ho Choi (Student, Elementary 1st Grade)

I entered elementary school this year. My first classmate was a girl. We became friends very quickly. We visited our friends' places to have fun. Her grandma is a senior deaconess (church mother). But my friend's family were not believers. I started to evangelize to my friend, her mom and her dad. Her mom told me that "because you (me, only a little child) evangelized me, I will attend church." She also said that she will send her daughter first and she will attend next.

When I told this story to my mom,



she was so happy. She prayed with me for my friend and her family.

"Dear Lord, thank you. For my son was able to share the good news with his friend. We pray that my son's friend and her family will come church and accept the Lord as their Savior."

I thank God that He blessed me to bear the first fruit of my evangelism. My classmate has attended church for four weeks. It is very exciting to evangelize friends and this makes me very happy. I think that Jesus is as happy as I am.

Operation World Pray for the Islamic Republic of Iran

Iran is located in the Middle East. It made up of 1,648,000 square kilometers of desert surrounded by mountains. Over 65 ethnic groups are there, many of which are nomadic, but primarily include Indo-Iranians, Persians, Kurds, Luri-Bakhtiari, Mazanderanis and a number of other large ethnic groupings. Shi'a Islam is the state religion and any deviation from this is subject to possible persecution, although the constitution states that rights of Christians, Zoroastrians and Jews are technically guaranteed. Only 0.4% of the entire population of Iran is Christian today, but the interest in the gospel among many Muslims has been apparent. Since missionaries cannot go directly into Iran today, more creative means have been needed to bring Bibles,

translate the Scriptures, and evangelize Iranians. One of the most successful ways to do this has been to reach out to the Iranians living abroad, especially in western nations. Pray for this nation and its large people groups to gain their first witness for Christ.



Jesus Came as a Short-Term Missionary

By Jin Kyoung Shim (Official Assistant, Missions Committee)



The main difference between short-term missions and long-term missions is the period of time missionaries stay in foreign countries in order to share the good news. While short-term missionaries generally stay in their mission fields for up to three years, long-term missionaries stay in the fields for more than three years. Was Jesus a short-term missionary? He actually served for only three years on earth. Although His ministry was a short-term ministry, He brought us eternal life.

Jesus is the first model of the short-term missionary. Jesus, as a short-term missionary, visited many different places and performed miracles in order to spread the Gospel. Current short-term missionaries, although they are under different circumstances and times from what Jesus had, are also visiting many different places to share the Gospel. It would be worthwhile to study why short-term missions continue in this current century. There are some very good reasons for continuing short-term missions.

1. Proclaim the good news to all peoples

The last decree of Jesus was to "proclaim the good news to all peoples around the world." Jesus wants us to spread the good news to every land and to all peoples. He intends that all peoples on earth hear the good news. To carry out this great commandment of Jesus, it is necessary for both short-term missionaries

and long-term missionaries to cooperate in their ministry to build the church on earth.

2. Expanding mission fields to the restricted access areas

The limited or restricted access areas mean that long-term missionaries are not allowed to enter and spread the good news. Currently, the restricted access areas have been significantly increasing, since the number of Islamic countries has been dramatically increasing particularly in Africa. Some Communist countries are also not allowing long-term missionaries to enter and spread the good news. In these countries, God is working effectively through short-term missionaries.

3. Increasing the number of young missionaries

The number of young missionaries has significantly been increasing during the last several years. Many young people in Choong Hyun joined short-term missions projects and visited different countries to share the good news. And the number of young people who willingly want to visit other countries as short-term missionaries is also increasing since Choong Hyun started the short-term missions projects.

4. Finding long-term dedicated missionaries

Those who have the calling to be missionaries can gain significant mission experience through short-term missions. They also can confirm their calling and prepare themselves to go other countries as long-term missionaries.

5. Spiritual Training

Short-term missions are very good training opportunities for missionaries. They can have field education and useful experience while they serve as short-term missionaries in their mission fields. This can also be an opportunity to grow into mature believers while working as members of a short-term

missions team.

6. Motivating Missions

Young people, who have participated in short-term missions, continue to contact with the people who they shared the gospel with in their mission fields, through letters and financial support. This motivates many young people to consider mission work and challenge them to participate in missions. There are many fruits of this type of mission work.

7. Early Mission Work

Short-term missions are very important as an early work in which to build the foundation of missions and sow the seeds of the gospel. The current short-term missions are more detailed and professional than ever.

Short-term missions are no longer just a leisure trip for young people around the world. It is the foundation for long-term missions and a very effective mobilizing method for connecting with the unreached peoples in the countries where Christianity is prohibited.

Service Information

Sunday	Services in the Main Sanctuary 7:00 am, 9:00 am, *11:00 am, 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm *The 11:00 am service is simultaneously translated into English, Chinese and Japanese. The English Service is held in the Welfare Center (Deacons Bldg. B-1) at 9:00 am.
Wednesday	Services in the Main Sanctuary 11:00 am and 7:30 pm
Friday	Prayer and Praise Service in the Main Sanctuary 7:30 pm
Daily	Early Morning Prayer Meetings in the Main Sanctuary 4:40 am

Foreign Workers Evangelism Department

Wednesday	Teachers Prayer Meetings - 8:30 pm
Sunday	Service in Amen Hall - 9:30-10:30 am Bible Study in Amen Hall - 10:30-12:00 noon Service in the Main Sanctuary - 1:00 pm