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Raising Workers for the Kingdom

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Evangelizing the World

Loving Neighbors

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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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The Second Bi-Annual Conference for Pastors

Revival In Preaching

Begins Tomorrow, Continues Through August 25th

The purpose of this conference is to encourage pastors throughout Korea to be loyal to the Word of God when they preach before their congregations. To be responsible and loyal to the Word of God, it is necessary for all pastors to be reminded of the humility of the Lord Jesus Christ. All pastors throughout Korea are invited, including assistant pastors. One of the speakers, Dr. Richard Pratt, Professor of the Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary will give a talk titled, "The Preaching of the Gospel in the Old Testament." The

other speaker, Richard Craven, Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary will give a talk titled, "Preserving the Power of God in Your Preaching." Each of the speakers will break their talks into seven portions each, totalling 14 sections. The church encourages its members to invite pastors they know around Korea to attend, and accommodation will be provided for them by the church if needed. For more information, please contact the Education Department Office (ext. 472-4).

Helping Flood Victims

Service Committee Provides Assistance

Several Service Committee members visited Yunchun, Munsan, Chulwon and Paju in Kyonggi Province to encourage the flood victims in these cities and help provide for their needs. The Committee donated rice, clothing, laundry detergent, and chili and bean sauce to 450 families in need. They also helped to rebuild two churches and offered additional money to them to continue their rebuilding of these structures. The Service Committee members were thankful they were able to provide for some of the needs of so many people, thanks to the prayers and donations of many Choong Hyun Church members.



Recruiting Laypeople for Short-Term Mission Service

To Be Sent in 2000

The Missions Committee is currently recruiting laypeople for short-term mission opportunities in the following countries, listed in the table at right.

The requirements for the candidates include a recommendation letter from their respective departments plus a certificate stating completion of the Layperson's Missionary Training Course or from the Missionary Training Institute. Those who expect to complete these courses by the end of 1999 may also apply. The church will provide return airfare and support them up to 60% of their total financial need. The periods of service are between one to three years. For more information, please contact the Missions Committee Office (ext. 356).

Country	Number of People	Purpose
Sri Lanka	2	Children's Ministry, Computer Education, Discipleship Training
Sudan	3	Medical Services, Computer Education, Language Training
Suriname	2	Children's Ministry, Visitation and Discipleship Training
India	2	School Evangelism and Discipleship Training
Kenya	1	Medical Services and Discipleship Training

Missions and Evangelism Training Institutes

Starting 2nd Semester of '99

Laypersons Missions Training Institute, which is designed for laypeople to be trained as missionaries, will begin its second semester this coming September 4 in Bethany Hall. The Missions Survey Course will begin November 3 and continue to November 6. The Evangelism Training Institute will commence classes

for the 2nd semester on Wednesday, September 8. The classes will be held on Wednesdays at 2:00 pm on the 5th floor of the Missions Center Building. The students will learn about evangelism theory as well as have practical training. For more details, please contact the Missions Committee.

Police Evangelism Department

Evangelism Project for

The Third Specialized Police Force

The Police Evangelism Department will hold an evangelism project for the Third Specialized Police Force on August 26. The speaker will be Reverend In Shik Kim. For the project to be spiritually successful, in that many officers may come to know the Lord Jesus personally, much prayer is required.

Worship Services for College and

Young Adult Members

Celebrating Their 2nd Year

Anniversary

A service began two years ago in the Main Sanctuary, designed especially for the college and young adult members of our church. The purpose of this service was to encourage them to acknowledge Jesus Christ, who died on the cross for them and is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The young people who join this service at 3:00 pm on Sundays have been opening their hearts to the Lord through praise, using a variety of musical instruments. The service has been regularly held for the last two years. Today, this Sunday, August 22nd, the Bethel Choir will offer special praise in thanksgiving for this young people's service during the evening service today at 5:00 pm.



It is obvious that the Lord has provided His gracious assistance to this service since it began. God blessed it by developing a new choir and orchestra, created from members of this service, who willing volunteered their time to participate. Other young people willing offered to work in other areas, including ushering. The members who have been attending have been putting themselves under the lordship of Christ and His teaching from His word. Many young people from this service, from high school age to college to young adult age, at Choong Hyun church have also volunteered to go abroad and serve as short-term missionaries.

Choong Hyun Church members hope that this service for young people will continue to grow and that those who join it will open their hearts and minds fully before the Lord. It is also prayed that all those who attend this service will personally meet Jesus Christ and confess their faith with genuine hearts and joyfully obey the Lord's calling upon their lives.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

THREE CRUCIFIXIONS

(Galatians 6:14)

When we read the previous two verses (vs. 12&13) of today's message, we understand that there are certain people who boast in the flesh. During Paul's time there were certain Jews who were proud of the fact that they were circumcised. This is similar to someone today who has a prestigious Christian education or Ph. D. in something and thinks they're great because of it. Some Jews thought that they were saved because of their circumcision and emphasized this fact to

forcefully in the latter words of today's text. The first main reason is because of "the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." Here, Paul displays the divine character of Christ crucified. He mentions the atoning death of Christ in the plainest of terms, "except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ." The cross was as shameful as the gallows tree, yet with the clearest contrast with the person enduring it, Paul gives his full honor in the glorious title of our Lord Jesus Christ. He refers to the doctrine of free

upon those who reject it. The world rejected Christ. "Now judgment is upon this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out" (Jn. 12:31). Tell me, who cares for the opinions of the world when the world has been judged guilty of sin by God? Its teachings should be despised. What authority can it have? Its pleasures, honors, and treasures have been rejected. Its spirit cast out! Its glory and fashion are fading. Its threatening embranchment has no where to go. It has nothing to offer but turmoil and death.

Not only is the world crucified, but believers are crucified to the world. Paul was no better than a man crucified. If we have faith, a Christian may expect to be treated as only fit to be put to a shameful death. He probably will be bullied, threatened and ridiculed at first. His name and honor held in small refute because his association is held with the godly poor. And his actions and motives may be misrepresented. He may be despised by others as having a doubtful intellect and his teachings may be described as out of date. And his ways and habits reckoned to be hyperactive and radical. And in addition, he may be given up as irreclaimable and therefore dead to society. Let us glory in the cross for it gibbets has hanged to death the world's glory and honor and power. Let us glory in the cross when man takes from us all other forms of glory.

Ignatius, the pastor of Antioch, was condemned to suffer death in Rome by the Emperor Trajan. Remarkably, he was more concerned about the great affection the Roman Christians had for him. He thought they might try to prevent his martyrdom. He sent a letter ahead to them, wherein he besought them to take no measures to continue his life. He wrote, "I long for death" and adding the reason, he said, "my

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others. This again is just like some Christians today, who think that their comprehensive knowledge is somehow part of the basis for their salvation and so they brag about it to others. Paul was so upset with this way of thinking that he vigorously rebuked it because it was often placed equally with the doctrine of the cross.

My friends, there are those among us who are truly blessed righteous people and there are those who are not. In order for us to correct and reprove the body of Christ, we have to simply go to the cross; not beside it or around it but directly to it. When we rebuke others, we have to make sure that we are in the right place. If we do wrong, then we can't do others right. Right now, there is a lot of doing wrong. Paul says, "But may it never be that I would boast" and in a different revision, "But God forbid I should glory." If we want to get glory then something is wrong. If we want to give glory then there's only one way to save, through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.

So, our faithful adherence to the truth when practically carried out is a very powerful argument against the opponent. When we are standing in truth, God's power takes charge; however, if we are not in truth then Satan's power takes charge. Paul rises with fiery compassion when he thinks of the opponents of the cross. He no sooner touches the subject then he glows and burns. To me this happens when we do right. Whenever we are standing in truth against the powerful attacks of evil, our hearts should become like fire for God's glory.

Paul gives us three distinct reasons for not boasting in the flesh, and states them clearly and

justification and full atonement for death of Jesus upon the cross. God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself (see 2 Cor. 5:19). Also, Christ's crucifixion is really a manifestation of the love of the Savior, "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). Moreover, the putting away of sin by atonement is deeply rooted in Christ's crucifixion (see Heb. 9:26).

Christ's crucifixion gives us the breath of hope and joy for our despondent soul. It is the great

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means by which God touches our hearts and changes our lives. It ensures heaven to all believers. So, when we think of why it is we should not boast in the flesh, we must think like this. We must remember that there is nothing, "except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ," that we can be proud of.

As a result of seeing all things in light of the cross, the world is crucified. That's why Paul can say, "through which the world has been crucified to me." The cross is the condemnation of the judgment

love is crucified." The result of love makes the cross easy, amiable, admirable, and delicious! My dear Christian friends, the cross of Christ is your crown. The reproach of Christ is your richness. The shame of Christ is your glory. So, my dear friends of Choong Hyun, we really need to emphasize Jesus' crucifixion; not for little earthly things, not for the world's glory which is fading away, but purely and wholeheartedly for the glory of God.

Choonghyun English Ministry Sharing the love of Christ at Angels' House Saturday August 14th

By Assistant Pastor Benjamin Kim
(Choonghyun English Ministry)



The Choonghyun English Ministry visited the Angels' House in Koyang City, Kyounggi Province for the second time to share the love of Jesus Christ on August 14, Saturday. There are about 50 disabled people, mentally and physically, from infant to adult in the house. Fifty-five members, including

elementary, junior high, high, young adult and parents joined this visitation to practice what they have received from Jesus Christ. We arrived at the Angels' House late that afternoon. It was a really hot and steamy afternoon. We had to personally carry some goods that we prepared for the Angels' House, because the street to the house was not wide enough for the church bus. Fortunately, one of the members, Soo Kyoung Kim (Deaconess, English Ministry) drove her car and we loaded most of goods in her car to drive up to the house. It was about one kilometers distance from where we unloaded all the goods from the bus to the house. Most of the other members, including children, walked to the house. Although it was a long distance and too hot to walk in the sun, all the members encouraged one another and all of us arrived at the house safely.

The president of the house and a few staff members warmly welcomed us. They live at the house and take care of two little babies and the cattle. It was a little disappointing that almost all of the people of the Angels' House were away having a picnic on the beach. We decided to take a moment to rest and to find something to do. After a while, we had a short service to thank God for giving us this opportunity to serve our brothers and sisters, and share what we have with them. Assistant Pastor

Benjamin Kim gave a short message of loving our neighbors. Some brothers from another church joined us to serve our Lord, who also showed and practiced the kind of love which we ought to practice in our daily lives. We thank God that we were able to donate 100 kilograms of rice, 5 boxes of clothes, some snacks and some other necessities.

After the service, all the members were divided into several teams to do some housework: taking clothes from several different clotheslines in different places and folding them, cleaning bathrooms and others rooms, picking sesame leaves, washing and disinfecting dishes, cultivating two little farms and helping a cook dinner. All the members worked very hard. Some junior high students, who joined the visitation, had never worked on a farm before. However, we thank them for their hard work on the farm in the hot sun. We also thank everyone who joined the visitation and showed the love of Christ by their deeds. It could not have been possibly done without the blessings from God and having the love of Christ in our hearts.

We are now looking forward to another visit to the Angels' House to see our brothers and sisters in Christ. We believe that more Choong Hyun family members will participate to donate their time and energy for our next visitation.

Touched by Students Who Are Growing in Christ

Joo Young Park (Reporter)

In the Love Department, we have many people who physically need others' help to come to church on Sundays. We thank God for those who voluntarily pick people who cannot come to church without help up on Sundays. The "Pick-Up Ministry" has been active for eleven years. It has taken care of many children on the way to Church and home. There are many volunteer workers who pick people up on the way church on Sundays including, Deacon Bong Ho Kim, Hee Bum Lee, Han Joong Choi, Deok Gu Han, Soo Il Song and Eun Chil Kim. All of the deacons have served in the department for 4-5 years. They pick up children who are disabled in the morning on Sundays to take them to church. They rotationally drive minibuses every Sunday around the areas where the children are to pick them up. One of them drives his own taxi to pick the children up each Sunday.



The Pick-Up Teams come to Church by 8:00 am on each Sunday to leave for the places where the children are. Two minibuses go to Chamshil, Mok-dong as far as Hwagok-dong and others go to different areas to pick the children up. Most of children are mentally disabled. Hence, it is required for the drivers to drive very carefully and safely because children are not able to control their bodies by

themselves while buses are running. It is also required for the drivers to stop at the same spot to let the children get off the buses and return home. Otherwise, they will get lost.

The number of children who want to come to church on Sundays has significantly increased. The department is looking for more volunteers who can also pick up the children on Sundays. They are also looking for more buses and volunteer drivers. They used to send buses further to Anyang City, Kyounggi Province to take children to church on Sundays, but the lack of volunteers has prevented.

Most of the current volunteers are working professionally this from continuing as drivers. They probably want to have a break from their job on Sundays. However, they say that whenever they see children who are waiting for them to come and take them to church, they are encouraged and touched by the children. The encouragement is profoundly strong when they see the children who grew up and joined the high school and college groups continuing their Christian life. Sometimes, grown children come to visit them and it is a most memorable moment for the volunteer workers.

Friendship

By Seung Shin Huang
(College Group)

When Jesus came to Capernaum, there was a paralytic who wanted very much to meet Jesus, but he was unable to reach him alone. Yet, he had some kind friends who helped him accomplish this arduous task. His friends took him up to the roof of a building in which Jesus was teaching and they lowered him through the roof before Jesus. And right then and there, Jesus healed him because of his friends' faith. This story is found in Mark 2:1-5. Although we don't know the names of the paralytic and his friends, the faith they had was enough to move Jesus to provide for his needs. Maybe like you, I heard this story many times in Sunday School. However, I never seriously considered before the faith his friends.

Whenever Jesus healed people, the element of faith was always required. He also often offered forgiveness for sin at the same time. Yet, there is a big difference between this story of the paralytic and other stories. The paralytic was healed not because of his faith, but because the faith of his friends.

I told this story to some of the children at Hea Shim Won Summer



Camp this past summer. I had two children in my class and we studied this story further. I asked the two students, "Would you choose help each other like the friends did in this story?" One of them

answered, "Well, this guy irritates me, so I wouldn't!" The other child defended himself saying, "No, no! I don't do that!" From their responses, I could see and appreciate their honesty, and I smiled at them.

Now the question I asked these children has frequently returned to me like an echo in my heart. How does the quality of my friendship appear to my friends? Could I possibly go to the same lengths that these friends of the paralytic did? Even more importantly, do I have the kind of faith on behalf of my friends that Jesus would act upon? So many of these kinds of questions have been coming to my heart and it has been overwhelming at times, since I do not have good answers for them. This is because I know I love myself more than any of my friends. So, I continue to struggle with this example I see in scripture. I pray and plead regularly that I might have the kind of love that enables me to bring my friends to Christ.

Short-term Mission to Pakistan

**"Do not be afraid,
but believe"**

By Min Hyung Lee (College Group)

The most impressive experience I had while in Pakistan was during the local worship service in a village there. The church building was half-demolished, yet dozens of people gathered together with clasped hands and praised the Lord. This was quite a contrast to my experience at Choong Hyun Church. I confess, this made it hard for me to open my hearts to them at first, but God opened my eyes to see a worship service done with all the hearts of the people. I realized at that point that the people there are worshipping the very same God I do!

One night, the leader of our team told us that we would go door-to-door evangelism tomorrow and that we should be prepared to go. I took this to heart very seriously, since Pakistan is a strong Muslim country. I felt it was like a death sentence. As I looked around me, I could see I was certainly not alone in my fear. The pastor also noticed this and said to us, "Do not be afraid, but believe!" So, we set our minds and hearts to prepare ourselves with scripture that night.



The next day we went to the market, hoping to meet those whom God had prepared for us. I met some people who had never heard of Jesus Christ before. Since it was easy to notice that I was a foreigner, they were very kind to me, but as soon as I began mentioning anything about Jesus Christ, the response changed, sometimes with them completely turning away from me. Although I didn't see anyone come to know Christ at this time, I thank Him that I had such an opportunity to begin to tell them about Jesus. I realized through this experience that it is absolutely necessary to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who live in Muslim countries, since they are regularly exposed to danger because of their faith. I hope and pray that I can live as a clear witness for Jesus Christ wherever I go.

Foreign Missions Department Summer Retreat

By Tae Kyu Oh (Missions Pastor)

The Foreign Missions Department held a summer retreat at church for its employees from August 1-3, for a total of three days and two

nights. The title of the theme for the retreat was, "Jesus Christ: The Living Word" from John 6:35. The main speakers were Reverend Sung Soo Lee, Reverend In Shik Kim and Missionary Reverend Young Dae Kim. Those who attended included people from Mongolia, Bangladesh, China, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia and Pakistan.

On the first day of the conference, we faced some difficulties due to Typhoon Olga. However, we managed to continue the conference successfully through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, although we had to keep our activities indoors. We had Bible studies that lasted an hour and a half at a time, special talks, evening revival services and prayertime consecrated to



each nation represented. It was evident that even though we had so many international members, we were one in Christ. This was especially felt

during the praise time, as we each prayed and praised in our languages. The Senior Pastor Rev. Sung Kwan Kim even joined us one evening and participated. He spent some private time with many of the international members to encourage them in Christ.

We had a total of 97 foreign employees attend this conference, including two from Uzbekistan, who came for the first time to such an event in Korea. All the volunteers, 54 in all, worked tirelessly from early in the morning to very late at night as drivers and cooks and many other important jobs to make the conference go smoothly. Everyone who came to this summer retreat could not avoid the blessed experience of Jesus as the Living Word.

Report from the Short-Term Mission Team in Sudan *God Opened the Door for a Church in Hajuship Village*

Shalom! Greetings from Sudan to all Choong Hyun Family Members,

Hajuship is about 40 minutes away from Khartoum by bus. There was a small piece of land available there for a new church building. However, we couldn't make things happen quick enough because we weren't sure this was the best decision or not. So, we had been praying for a while about this. Last Monday, we were able to meet with the landowner and sign a contract to buy the land. Unfortunately, something happened that same Monday night. The Khartoum police and the village committee forced our church to close down. We made an immediate visit to the police and committee members to find out why this occurred. We also wanted to find out what we should do next and build a wise strategy in response. But, we found ourselves without any clear answers, despite our best attempts. Another church established by Koreans in the same village was also forced to close its doors. We realized with heavy hearts that in Muslim countries such as Sudan, churches can be closed down at any time. Thankfully, since we had signed the contract with the landowner that Monday, on the following day, Tuesday, the land was ours.

We did everything we could for three days to try to solve these problems as to why the churches had been closed. However, we still met with no success, since the police and village committee were not willing to help us in any way. On that Thursday, out of desperation, we asked a company to help us to persuade the police and committee members to permit the church to re-open. Because of this additional influence, the church was permitted to open its doors. Yet, this didn't mean we were totally successful. About 30 people, including police and committee members, came to disturb us in many ways as we attempted to reestablish our work at the church. We spent the entire day Thursday trying to move goods and furniture from Khartoum to Hajuship, despite the resistance, up until beyond midnight. We held a contemporary service on Friday and that following Sunday we had a Sunday service, with very thankful hearts for what Lord has done for us.

Among the members of this church in Hajuship, there are many who are sick, including elders. Please keep them in your prayers that they might be healed by the power of God and stand firm as witnesses to the living Christ.

The Peace of the Lord Be With You Always!

From Missions Pastor Tae Yang Park

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 (Diagonal 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 - 1:40 pm