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Evangelizing Korea
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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District Evangelism Project Will Start October 16th Until November 13th



In John 4:35, Jesus says, "Do you not say, 'Four months more and then the harvest?' I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

The Evangelism Committee and District Committee will combine their efforts together for an evangelism project. It will be held from October 16 to November 13.

It is not hard to notice that it is difficult to share the gospel with others these days. Most people are very busy and do not have much interest in hearing others, especially about the gospel. The image of Christianity has been tarnished by the lack of practical living of the gospel by too many Christians. For these reasons, the committees decided to create a project to evangelize surrounding neighborhoods. The committees plan to share the gospel with those they have already been praying for first.

It is also understood that the reason it is hard to share the gospel is not only because of the many cultural changes taking place today, but also because of the changes in many Christians attitude. Many Christians are faithful in sharing their hospitality, but too many miss the chance to clearly show this is done in the love of Christ. Many Christians have also lost their passion for the gospel. So, the committees are praying that through this project, all Choong Hyun members will be challenged and grow in their commitment to share the gospel with their neighbors.

Through this it is hoped that the members can better acknowledge the love of Christ as being greater than just charity. It is intended that the flame of the gospel will be kept brightly lit through the participants in this project.

Short-Term Mission Team Leaves for Sri Lanka Departed October 6th

The short-term mission team to Sri Lanka left this past Wednesday, October 6th for an 11 day, 10 night mission trip.

The members include Rev. Sung Soo Lee (Pastor of the Mission Committee), Intern Pastor Tae Kyu Oh (Sri Lankan Mission Team Leader), Kyong Hee Oh and Jin Hee Choo ('99 Summer Sri Lankan Summer Short-Term Mission Team Members).

These four members will visit those who made a profession of faith during this past summer's short-term mission project to encourage them. They will also visit family members of Sri Lankans who are currently attending Choong Hyun Church to give a report to them about how their respective family members are doing in Korea. They also plan to visit with some high school students they met during last summer's trip. It is important for them to meet with young people there and encourage them, since in Sri Lanka it is difficult to share the gospel due to the strong Islamic influence there.

Therefore, the church is planning to send a specialized team to Sri Lanka this winter to focus ministry upon high school students.

Donation for Earthquake Victims in Turkey

The church donated a monetary gift to the people of Turkey to help those affected by the earthquake and to share the love of Christ.

However, the gift goes beyond just money, as many members have dedicated themselves to pray for the affected people in Turkey, that they may recover quickly. It is also part of their prayers that Turkey will become more open to Protestant Christianity at this time as well.



Foreign Workers Evangelism Department Translation of Bible Study Materials in Progress

The Foreign Workers Evangelism Department has decided to translate and print Bible study materials for foreign workers. The department plans to translate the materials into several different useful languages, so as to teach the Bible more effectively. They are also planning to produce praise tapes in several suitable languages as well. The initial translation will be done for speakers from Pakistan, Sri Lanka and India. Through this work, it is hoped that a clearer message of the gospel will be heard and will make discipleship an easier process. The ultimate plan is to equip these students so when they return to their home countries, they can be steadfast witnesses of the gospel there.

Love Department Shares the Gospel with the Disabled

The Love Department took time to share the gospel with many disabled people on September 29th. This was not an easy challenge, since there was a wide range of mental understanding and physical means to clearly respond among the disabled. Yet, it was considered to be successful due to all the hard work of the Love Department members.



School Evangelism Project The Gospel Will Renew Students

The School Evangelism Committee has decided to send Intern Pastor Yoon Shik Kim, Sung Kyum Kim and Licensed Pastor Hyun Il Yeom to Deagwan Middle School each Monday for Bible study classes. They are expecting this will give them some new ideas about how to better develop a good strategy for school evangelism. This project is important since they are focusing upon teenagers who can tend to be troublesome and are generally quite sensitive at this time in their lives. It is requested that church members remember this project in their prayers for God's success to take place in these young people's lives.



by **Sung Kwan Kim**
Reverend

COMPLAINING

(Numbers 11:1-3)

The Israelites spent about eleven months by the mountain of Sinai in preparation for their journey to the Promised Land. During this time of sanctification they received specific instructions from God concerning His law and Tabernacle. They were so blessed! God provided them with everything they needed to lead them to the Promised Land. He gave them His presence, which could be seen during the day in a cloud and at night in a fire that surrounded the Tabernacle. He gave them His written and oral commandments to worship and fellowship in His love. He gave them freedom, food and water, shelter, and clothing. He provided them with protection. They lacked nothing. All they had to do when the cloud lifted from the Tabernacle was walk in faith to the Promised Land.

The movement of the cloud was the means by which God guided Israel. When the cloud finally lifted from the Tabernacle at Sinai, the Israelites started their historic trip. Just three days into their journey (see Num. 10:33) the people began to complain, "Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the Lord; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp" (v. 1). After only three days the people of God started to look down at the earthly things instead of looking up at the heavenly things. The fire of the Lord, which we know sometimes blesses those in obedience and sometimes curses those in disobedience (see Lev. 9:24; 10:2) came down upon Israel in judgment against their murmuring.

The fire of the Lord came down upon Israel because they complained about their hardships. Can you believe it? They resented the comforts of God. As they walked down God's pathway the people of God expressed their dissatisfaction with the way things were going by whining and grumbling among each other. Who heard these low, indistinct, continuous tones? God heard them! They thought God wasn't listening to them, but they were wrong. Just three days after leaving Sinai they put aside the wondrous blessings of God and decided instead to focus on their earthly pleasures.

For four hundred and thirty years these people were oppressed as Egyptian slaves. God delivered them. He not only freed them from captivity but He gave them the highest human standing amongst all people. He pronounced to them that He was their God, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He promised them life and the Promised Land. That's why they were traveling! They were heading to the greatest dwelling place on earth, a land chosen by God for His people. Their ancestors believed by faith in the future promises of God; they longed for the day to see the Promised Land; they died in their faith. Here, the people of God are now traveling to the Promised Land. They are living the dream in which their forefathers placed all their hope.

The Israelites crossed the Red Sea on dry land.

They walked from Egypt to Sinai with one pair of shoes. It is here during their march to the Promised Land that they should be praising God in the highest with their mouths. The mouths that were being fed manna from heaven should have been glorifying God. Instead, after only three days these mouths were complaining. They continued to sin against God and rebel against the Most High in the desert (see Ps. 78:17). God gave them manna, an amazing food I believe must have tasted so good and was filled with plenty of vitamins, minerals, and proteins. This heavenly food was looked upon by the people as plain, and they wanted something tastier. They wanted something different from what they had. They were discontent with the best; their desire was just for something other than what they had.

After seeing firsthand all the plagues that befell Egypt and especially the Passover; after witnessing all the great miracles God performed for them, one wonders why Israel complained? The answer is disbelief. They didn't believe in the power of God. Their doubts led directly to disobedience. God wants to hear from us praise, worship, and thanksgiving. He wants to hear all the things, which bring glory to Him. He wants to give us the Promised Land, which is

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filled with milk and honey. The Israelites had a wonderful leader—Moses. He was a man who loved God with all his heart; he was a great man. Amen!!! They also had Aaron as their spiritual leader. Together God used these two men to destroy Pharaoh. But humans have mouths, which spill out both blessings and curses. They have hearts that love God and anger God. The one way confesses faith and glorifies God; the other way expresses doubt and leads to disobedience.

When we look back a few verses from today's passage, we see Moses asking Hobab, his brother-in-law, to accompany them on this journey and give them the benefit of his knowledge of the area (see Num. 10:29-32). Moses was a bit taken back about traveling in the desert, and Hobab was an experienced desert man who could help in many matters unfamiliar to Moses. Remember that Moses was an experienced shepherd and traveling in the desert with two million people without any food was a scary experience for him. Sadly, this was just the beginning of doubt. Only three days into the desert, and all of Israel saw the desert as rough, tough, and scary. They started crying out loud, and their evil complaining definitely made God angry.

The fire of the Lord started to burn against Israel. "The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses

prayed to the Lord and the fire died out" (v. 2). What's the matter with Israel? It's not just today's passage in which we see complaining but the whole of chapter 11 reveals it. In verse 5 the people crave different food and therefore complain about what they have. In verses 19 and 20 they will end up complaining about having too much of another food. Even Moses in verses 21 and 22 lacks faith in the power of God to provide the meat promised in verses 18-20. In verse 3 we find the name of the first episode of complaining called "Taberah" and the second one is called "Kibroth-hattaavah" which is found in verse 34. Two different places of evil complaining, all found in chapter 11. Actually, the Bible records three separate places (see Deut. 9:22). The third place was called "Massah" and is found in Exodus 17:1-7. So all together we see three places in which the people of God provoked the Lord.

The Bible reveals many incidents of doubting and complaining. Isaiah prophesied the coming of John the Baptist to witness for Jesus Christ some 700 years before his ministry and Malachi prophesied it about 400 years before its inception. John the Baptist was the greatest of men. Even Jesus said, "among those born of women there has not arisen anyone greater than John the Baptist" (Mt. 11:11). Yet, even he doubted (Mt. 11:3). Elijah, the great prophet of God who prayed and it didn't rain for three and a half years; who prayed and fire came down from heaven and consumed a wet offering; even he complained (see 1 Ki. 19:4).

The point is that we often think that God only listens to our praises. We forget that He hears our complaining. What should we do? We should walk by faith! What does it mean to walk by faith? It means to live your life by pleasing God. Lack of faith leads to doubting and complaining. We are not great, God is great. Let us live by faith in Him. Jesus said "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me" (Mt. 16:24). Let's walk by faith in His power through the guidance and leadership of the Holy Spirit. That's pleasing to God! He's going to be happy with people who follow Him in His way. The month of October is harvest time my dear friends. In your spiritual life, are you going to reap doubts and complaints or are you going to yield the fruit of His Spirit which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, and self-control? God has provided us with everything we need! He has given us His Son, His Spirit, His Word, His love, mercy and grace. He has promised us eternal life in His presence. All we have to do is walk by faith to the Promised Land! Our only duty is to believe and obey. If we trust in His promises we will move forward. Everything is in His faithful hands. Therefore, as we walk the pathway towards heaven, let us not doubt God's power and love nor complain along the way about our blessed journey. Let's be grateful and worship the Almighty in spirit and truth through prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.

A Modern Parable of The Gospel

This is quite a story. It's long but it might be helpful in sharing sometime.

Forwarded by Janet Tinsley

The day is over, you are driving home. You tune in your radio. You hear a little blurb about a little village in India where some villagers have died suddenly, strangely, of a flu that has never been seen before. It's not influenza, but three or four people are dead, and it's kind of interesting, and they're sending some doctors over there to investigate it. You don't think much about it, but on Sunday, coming home from church, you hear another radio spot. Only they say it's not three villagers, it's 30,000 villagers in the back hills of this particular area of India, and it's on TV that night. CNN runs a little blurb; people are heading there from the Center for Disease Control in Atlanta because this disease strain has never been seen before.

By Monday morning when you get up, it's the lead story. For it's not just India; it's Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, and before you know it, you're hearing this story everywhere and they have coined it now as "the mystery flu". The President has made some comment that he and everyone are praying and hoping that all will go well over there. But everyone is wondering, How are we going to contain it? That's when the President of France makes an announcement that shocks Europe. He is closing their borders. No flights from India, Pakistan, or any of the countries where this thing has been seen. And that's why that night you are watching a little bit of CNN before going to bed. Your jaw hits your chest when a weeping woman is translated from a French news program into English: There's a man lying in a hospital in Paris dying of the mystery flu. It has come to Europe and panic strikes. As best they can tell, once you get it, you have it for a week before you know it. Then you have four days of unbelievable symptoms. And then you die. Britain closes it's borders, but it's too late. South Hampton, Liverpool, North Hampton, and it's Tuesday morning when the President of the United States makes the following announcement: "Due to a national security risk, all flights to and from Europe and Asia have been canceled. If your loved ones are overseas, I'm sorry. They cannot come back until we find a cure for this thing." Within four days our nation has been plunged into an unbelievable fear. People are selling little masks for your face. People are talking about "What if it comes to this country," and preachers on Tuesday are saying, "It's the scourge of God." It's Wednesday night and you are at a church prayer meeting when somebody runs in from the parking lot and says, "Turn on a radio, turn on a radio." And while the church listens to a little transistor radio with a microphone stuck up to it, the announcement is made: "Two women are lying in a Long Island hospital dying from the mystery flu."

Within hours it seems, this thing just sweeps across the country. People are working around the clock trying to find an antidote. Nothing is working.

California, Oregon, Arizona, Florida, Massachusetts. It's as though it's just sweeping in from the borders. And then, all of a sudden the news comes out. The code has been broken. A cure can be found. A vaccine can be made. It's going to take the blood of somebody who hasn't been infected, and so, sure enough, all through the Midwest, through all those channels of emergency broadcasting, everyone is asked to do one simple thing: Go to your downtown

his blood is clean. His blood is pure. We want to make sure he doesn't have the disease. We think he has got the right type."

Five tense minutes later, out come the doctors and nurses, crying and hugging one another - some are even laughing. It's the first time you have seen anybody laugh in a week, and an old doctor walks up to you and says, "Thank you, sir. Your son's blood type is perfect. It's clean, it is pure, and we can make the vaccine." As the word begins to spread all across that parking lot full of folks, people are screaming and praying and laughing and crying. But then the gray-haired doctor pulls you and you wife aside and says, "May we see you for a moment? We didn't realize that the donor would be a minor and we need ... we need you to sign a consent form." You begin to sign and then you see that the number of pints of blood to be taken is empty. "H-how many pints?"

And that is when the old doctor's smile fades and he says, "We had no idea it would be a little child. We weren't prepared. We need it all!" "But-but ... You don't understand." "We are talking about the world here. Please sign. We-we need it all!" "But can't you give him a transfusion?" "If we had clean blood we would. Can you sign? Would you sign?" In numb silence, you do. Then they say, "Would you like to have a moment with him before we begin?" Can you walk back? Can you walk back to that room where he sits on a table saying, "Daddy? Mommy? What's going on?" Can you take his hands and say, "Son, your mommy and I love you, and we would never ever let anything happen to you that didn't just have to be. Do you understand that?" And when that old doctor comes back in and says, "I'm sorry, we've - we've got to get started. People all over the world are dying." Can you leave? Can you walk out while he is saying, "Dad? Mom? Dad? Why - why have you forsaken me?"

And then next week, when they have the ceremony to honor your son, and some folks sleep through it, and some folks don't even come because they go to the lake, and some folks come with a pretentious smile and just pretend to care. Would you want to jump up and say, "MY SON DIED FOR YOU! DON'T YOU CARE? DON'T YOU SEE WHAT WAS DONE FOR YOU? WHAT WE SACRIFICED?"

Is that what GOD wants to say? "MY SON DIED FOR YOU. DON'T YOU KNOW HOW MUCH I CARE?" "Father, seeing it from your eyes breaks our hearts. Maybe now we can begin to comprehend the great Love you have for us."

You can now go and SPREAD THE GOSPEL (or keep silent about it).

I Want to Be a Friend

By Eun Yi Ji (Elementary Group)

"We are going to visit the Love Department, starting next week. So, after the Elementary Sunday Service, please meet at the back gate." I was a little scared when I heard the announcement from my teacher. Anytime before, I always felt nervous walking by the door of the Love Department, catching only a glimpse of some of the disabled people there. My parents even encouraged me to go worship with them, which made the pressure worse. My fear only deepened.

The dreaded Sunday came. I dutifully went with my class to see the disabled people and to join them in worship. My friends and I had to really suppress our true feelings of helplessness and fear. We patiently waited for the service to finish. However, in reflection, it wasn't so bad after all. I recognized just how very blessed I am and I gave thanks to God. I asked myself, "Why were the people in the Love Department born like that? Does God really love them? Why did He make them this way? Why didn't He make them as healthy and whole as I am?" One of the teachers who serves in the Love Department explained to me that God loves the disabled as much as those who are not. He loves everyone equally. This special group of people also have joy in their hearts because of the love of Christ.

I have now visited three times. I have found what the teacher said to be true: all the people in the department have true genuine hearts that love God. I long to be a friend to them and be more like them in the way they know Christ.



hospital and have your blood type taken. That's all we ask of you. When you hear the sirens go off in your neighborhood, please make your way quickly, quietly, and safely to the hospitals. Sure enough, when you and your family get down there late on that Friday night, there is a long line, and they've got nurses and doctors coming out and pricking fingers and taking blood and putting labels on it. Your wife and your kids are out there, and they take your blood type and they say, "Wait here in the parking lot and if we call your name, you can be dismissed and go home." You stand around, scared, with your neighbors, wondering what in the world is going on and if this is the end of the world. Suddenly a young man comes running out of the hospital screaming. He's yelling a name and waving a clipboard. What? He yells it again! And your son tugs on your jacket and says, "Daddy, that's me." Before you know it, they have grabbed your boy. Wait a minute. Hold on! And they say, "It's okay,

Returning from Sudan "Come and Help Us"

By Jihyun Shin (Sudan Short-Term Mission Team)

When I left for Sudan I thought it would be a very long two month stay in Sudan. However, it went by very fast and was not long enough for the team to fully share the love of Christ.

I have been asked very often, "How was Sudan?" from many sisters and brothers. Whenever I face this question, I find it is not easy for me to explain about Sudan in a short time.

There was the unpredictable weather, heat, different culture and lifestyle that were beyond my imagination, and so was the spiritual warfare. My first impression about Sudan came from the weather, which I could never have been able to imagine before I arrived. I can still feel the heat that could fry an egg in a minute and the hot tropical wind, which reminded me of my hair dryer blowing hot air on me. I also remember the distinctive smell of the African soil everyday, which blew around me with the tropical wind. I was really impressed by the local people's lifestyle. Although they do not have enough to live on, they know how to live a relaxed life, with no hurry and they do their best with their work whether it is small or big. Their hospitality seems to have been the major focus of their life. This always moved my heart during the period of time I was there.

Both the spiritual warfare that all Christians face



in Sudan and the very tough lives missionaries bear in this different country because of the love of Christ made me consider my own Christian life in Korea.

I used to complain that to be a model Christian at my work because I thought it required suffering and responsibility, and sacrificing my own personal benefits that I did not really want to

give up. Now I realize by comparison just how selfish I was. It is a huge risk to claim that I am Christian in Sudan since it is a Islamic country. In an Islamic country, if you proclaim that you are a Christian you can be easily excommunicated from your family and work. Your very life becomes threatened. Christians in Sudan bear daily life with a literal death threat hanging over them. This was the biggest challenge I had ever experienced in my Christian life. I would love to share this with my Christian sisters and brothers, that we may more truly bear each other's burdens in Christ's love.

When we departed for Korea, many young Christians came to see us off. They pleaded, would we please pass on the news of their spiritual hardship to Korean Christians and pray regularly for them? Hence, I have now told you about them and I ask you, my sisters and brothers, to remember them in your prayers.

Operation World: Singapore The Antioch of Asia, Yet ...

Singapore is located off the southern tip of the peninsula of Malaysia, primarily consisting of one larger and several smaller islands. The peoples there are quite multi-ethnic and multi-lingual, primary being made up of southern Chinese, with Malay, Indians and others following in much smaller percentages. Singapore is well known for its strategic location for trade and commerce, as well as being reputed to be Asia's cleanest and greenest city-state. Economic prosperity is high and unemployment remains quite low. However, Singaporeans tend to be quite religious. Over 50% are followers of blends of Chinese religions and philosophies, including Buddhism, Taoism, Confucianism and ancestor worship. Christians and Muslims are almost equally represented by 14% and 15% respectively. Others include Hindu, Sikh and Roman Catholic.

Over the last 25 years, evangelical churches have seen dynamic growth, which is cause for praise. Some have even labeled Singapore as the "Antioch of Asia" since many international Christian organizations and seminaries and other Christian training centers are located there. The continuing effect this has had upon Asia at large has been unmistakable. However, there are still quite a number of smaller minorities of people that are not being effectively reached within Singapore. These include the Malay, Sikhs, Sindhi, Hindi, Chinese and migrant workers, most of whom do not know English and are not economically well-off. Many churches are filled with young people today, but too many quietly walk away from the faith after marriage or getting a good job, blending into the materialistic fray of daily life. Pray for a continuing maturity of faith to develop among Christians in Singapore, that their light may continue to shine around them and to the farthest reaches of the world.

The Evangelism Project Continues

Seeking Little Children to Come to Christ

An evangelism project targeted for children was begun several years ago and it continues today through the hard work of many elementary school teachers. The 3rd - 4th Grade Department has been particularly successful in their outreach in afterschool programs.

The staff members of this department meet on Saturday afternoons just before school gets out. Then they prepare to evangelize to the children as they leave. They have had a great deal of success with this approach. While on the evangelism field, some of the teachers make personal arrangements with the children to bring them to church the next day. Despite their success however, some problems remain. These include children who are interested in coming to church on Sunday, but their parents don't permit it. Sometimes children who are invited to the Saturday events by other childhood friends, don't show up. However, at other times the response on Saturdays has been so overwhelming, they didn't have sufficient transportation to carry all the children. Yet, these types of problems do not discourage the teachers from



continuing to visit different schools, regardless of the weather condition.

Other departments in the elementary division are also making plans to include afterschool evangelism projects for their respective age groups. It is requested that this evangelism project be kept in prayer, that the Holy Spirit will guide the teachers and the students to a closer relationship with Christ.

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 (Deaconat Bldg, B1) at 9:30 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