

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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Short-Term Missionaries Wanted Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, Guyana



The Missions Department is seeking short-term missionaries for this year. The Choong Hyun church will send missionaries to Sudan, Suriname, Uganda, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan, and Guyana. Those selected will depart in December 2000 or early 2001. The department will dispatch 15 missionaries all, two to three missionaries per country. Qualifications to apply are as follows:

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 denominations qualification for the short-term lay missionary;
3. Can communicate in basic English; and
4. Has no binding limitation to travel abroad.

for short-term mission;

3. Resume
4. Self-Introduction Letter;
5. Four passport pictures;
6. Recommendations (from District Chairperson, and District Pastor); and
7. Comprehensive medical exam report.

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

The responsibilities for prospective missionaries can include;

1. Church Planting Ministry;
2. Medical Missions;
3. Discipleship Training Missions;
4. Administrative Ministry;
5. Computer Education Ministry;
6. Taekwondo Mission; and
7. Barber-Salon Hair Mission.

The applicant should submit;

1. Application form for short-term mission;
2. Statement of motivation

Adopted Children and Their Families Invited Please sign up to Host Home-stay

Choong Hyun church invited dozens of families and their adopted children and is asking the congregation to open their homes to host them overnight. They are staying for one night from Sat. July 8 at 3:00 p.m. to Sun. July 9, 19 families were invited, totaling 61 people. Please call the Missions Department (ext. 356) for more details.

Interpreters Needed for Vietnamese and Iranian Workers

The Foreign Workers' Mission is seeking interpreters to help Vietnamese and Iranian workers in Korea. The number of foreign workers is gradually increasing due spreading the good word about our church. With love of Jesus Christ, the Choong Hyun church extends a helping hand to foreign workers including Vietnamese and Iran. Thus, the church needs someone to share the love of God and assist their needs in their language. Please call 011-341-5115 and ask for elder Hong-yul Jun for more information or call the Foreign Workers Mission at church.

CHOONG HYUN FULL SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT NOMINATION FOR 2000 "BE STRONG IN THE GRACE THAT IS IN JESUS CHRIST"

The nominating examination for full scholarship students, part of the Choong Hyun church's annual effort to raise workers for His Kingdom, was held, on Sat. June 24. Sponsored by the Literary Scholarship Committee, the "Full Scholarship Students" will be selected based on the following criteria: an examination and interview which were held on Sat. June 24 at 9 a.m. in Missions Center's fifth floor in International Conference room. The applicants were reviewed about their general knowledge of the Bible, English, creative writing and personal interview. The fund to support the students who have a clear vision in mind to raise workers for His Kingdom. Therefore, both the judge and applicants should prepare their hearts in prayer for this.

"You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others"(2 Timothy 2:1,2).

Summer Retreat for Sunday School 2000 "Let Us Fix Our Eyes on Jesus, the Author and Perfector of Our Faith"

Various Sunday school departments are planning their annual summer retreat, beginning this week by the college group. Please pray for the upcoming spiritual revivals in each department that this summer retreat will be a spiritual blessing and rededication as gospel workers. The Choong Hyun English Ministry

will hold their summer retreat at the Asia Center for Theological Studies in Yangpyong from Mon. August 14 evening to Tues. August. 15th. The theme for this retreat is Abide in Me (John 15:5-8). Please make all the necessary arrangements to attend this fabulous love feast.

Service Information

Sunday	Services in the Main Sanctuary 7:00 a.m, 9:00 a.m. *11:00 a.m, 1:00 p.m, 3:00 p.m, and 5:00 p.m. *The 11:00 a.m. service is simultaneously translated into English, Chinese and Japanese. The English Service is held at Galilee Hall (Main Sanctuary, B 1) at 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Services in the Main Sanctuary 11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
Friday	Prayer and Praise Service in the Main Sanctuary 7:30 p.m.
Daily	Early Morning Prayer Meetings in the Main Sanctuary 5:00 a.m.

Evangelism Department for Foreigners

Wednesday	Teachers Prayer Meetings - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	Service in Amen Hall - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study in Amen Hall - 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Service in the Main Sanctuary - 1:00 p.m. *Simultaneous interpretation in Sri-Lankan, Chinese, Mongolian, Hindi and Indonesian are available.



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

Jesus At The Grave

(John 11:38)

“Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb.
It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.”

*Jesus' tears show us that
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bring him life. What great news! Other people cried
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Mary and Martha wept because their only brother
had departed from their earthly lives.
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of separation.*

Today is June 25, 2000. Fifty years ago, on June 25, 1950, the Korean War took place. Even though a half century has passed, we still remember the shocking and horrifying circumstances of that time. More than a million people died. Soldiers from other countries came and sacrificed their lives for our peace. Actually, we murdered each other. North against South, in the Korean War. It's not unusual for human beings to fight each other. Throughout human history, people have killed other people; nation against nation, family against family, brother against brother, etc. There's no trust because the devil controls this earth. As such, people conclude that death quiets problems. Since no one really knows exactly what happens after death, people view life as vanity of vanity because they don't know the future. In today's message, Jesus is at the grave. What a great title for a sermon! As He stood in front of a large stone that covered the entrance to the tomb of his beloved friend Lazarus, He cried. His spirit was deeply moved within by the anguish of death. What does that mean?

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him life. What great news! Other people cried over Lazarus' death because of loss. Mary and Martha wept because their only brother had departed from their earthly lives. Jesus understood the pain of their hearts. He understood their suffering of separation. He was deeply moved within because of the sorrow that sickness and death bring. But life doesn't end there. Jesus told Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die." (see 11:25-26). Amen! Still, Jesus shared in their grief because he understands sorrow. He gives us great hope!

We are not left alone in sorrow. Jesus is with us during our darkest hours. He joins us in sorrow. Although many people may gather around us during life's sad moments, they can't help us. But, if Jesus is with us, He can help us. When Jesus saw the blind man, He made him see. When Jesus met the lame man, He made him walk. When Jesus found the ten lepers, He cleansed them. When Jesus observes our sorrow, He comforts our hearts. Never more so did He join with us in suffering than at the cross. There He proved His love. He

died for our sin — our death! He joined all suffering and paid the price for our death. Even as He suffered upon the cross, He saved the robber next to him. Amen! Hear these words, my friends, Jesus is with us in our suffering and He helps us. Indeed, He lightens the heavy burdens of life.

Whoever hurts will find peace with Jesus. He is the Comforter! He gave us a most blessed hope at the cross. Whenever sorrow fills your hearts, there is a greater joy that overcomes it. Jesus always brings victory. He died and rose again. He's alive! He conquered death! He won and death lost! He's the ultimate winner! He has the power over death! He told the people at Lazarus' grave, "Remove the stone" (see v. 39). And they did. Then He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus come forth" (see v. 43). And

hope. When death closes your eyes upon this earth, they can open to the kingdom of God through faith in Jesus. I want Jesus in my life, not only to help me through today, tomorrow, and at my grave, but to be with me through eternity. Don't you?

Our memory of June 25, the separation of North and South Korea, is still today a major dilemma. Let's bring the problem to Jesus. He gives us hope. He gives us the good news of the Gospel. If we practice the Word of God, as it concerned Israel and Judah, "Therefore, return to your God. Observe kindness and justice, And wait for your God continually", we can have victory (Hosea 12:6). If we obey Jesus' call, "Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and

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he did! Lazarus walked out of his grave. Can you believe it? But it's not just Lazarus who can come forth from the dead. Jesus gives us the chance to live after death. He gives us eternal

humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light", we can have peace (Mt. 11:28-30). ■

A Step Towards Missions

By Yong Ku Hur, Evangelist



My wife, five-month-old daughter and I will be sent as missionaries by the end of June. I became interested about world missions through several short-term overseas mission trips and a few island mission experiences. I entered the Chong Shin Graduate School of Missions to further my understanding of missions and was challenged more deeply. Yet, even though I am weak to do anything, God calls, selects and uses us. "You did not choose

me, but I choose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name" (John 15:16). God opened my eyes to understand that it was not my will that I will believe in Jesus, or to be used by God. God calls and appoints me, thus; doing missions is really God's hand at work. I simply pray that my family will witness to how God works in the mission field. I thank God that I was able to respond by saying, "Here I am" when he called me.

The first thing I realized in my preparations for the mission field was a non-calculating attitude to God's work. However man may prepare and plan his ways, without the Lord's guidance we cannot move even one step towards our goals. Even if our plans change, but the Lord asks us, just as Peter threw his nets when Jesus called him, our total submission is the only way to glorify God. Expecting glorious progress ahead, I wish to become even more humble. I pray that many souls will come to Jesus through the prayers of Choong Hyun members. As Paul desired to please only God, I also pray that I will not seek the pleasing eyes of man but only from God and fear Him only. Please pray for me and our mission so that God will receive His honor.

To Jin Hee,

I really want to see you. I am worried that you will not be able to receive this third letter to you. I saw your letter of the 29th today. From April 1, I started to attend the English worship service. At first, I felt a little uncomfortable but I can still find peace through God's personal message and reading daily devotions. I realize that I need to take it slow to overcome language barriers.

I have something to give you. This was given to me during the morning meditation that washes my anxieties away. The reason for my anxiety is this: a Muslim friend began to join us for last three weeks and came to church twice. We later heard that he was brought in by the Religion Police for questioning. He was later arrested again yesterday and has not been seen recently. I think the police are carefully watching over those who have contact with us. This message gave me strength: "All men will hate you because of me. But not a hair of your head will perish. By standing firm you will gain life" (Luke 21:17-19). As these verses give me strength to carry on, I hope they will do the same for you. Jin Hee, be strong. God will take care of you. Many fellow believers are praying for you.

Thurs., April 12, 2000 5:45 a.m. in Sudan.

From your dear sister, Eun Hee



△ Picture right is Jin Hee Chu, left is Eun Hee Chu

shortcomings, God loves us so dearly. He does not regret how we are; then we should not either. The great mercies God has given us are so great. Please remember me because I love you dearly.

Until next time,

April 24, 2000 4:30 a.m. in Sri Lanka
Your beloved sister, Jin Hee

Sister Eun Hee Chu is a short-term missionary in Sudan and Jin Hee Chu is in Sri Lanka.

China's Day Testimony by Mrs. Hae Yon Lee



I am Hae Yon Lee from China. I came to know Jesus as my personal Savior through my mother. When I was a second-year middle school student, I went to church along with my mother. China is an atheistic nation. When I

began attending the church, I was not supposed to; Chinese people are forbidden to attend any religious gatherings. I was also a member of the Communist Party and district leader. But, my heart always yearned to go to church. So, I secretly followed my mother and attended church. During those days, no one believed Jesus in my family except for my mother and I; other family members persecuted us. Undaunted, my mother's faith grew stronger and stronger and so did mine. I was baptized when I was 22 years old.

About five years before arriving in Korea, systematic religion persecution increased. However, my mother's burning belief that she will never abandon her faith grew stronger and desired to keep the church at all cost; thus, she had to move from one church after another when it was discovered that she was attending church. I don't know how many times she was called in for questioning by the police. They also interrogated by several times. Through God's protection, we carried on with our worship. Thanks to my mother's strong faith and sincere belief, my faith also grew daily. Before I came to know Jesus, I was concerned about what others would think. I was even afraid to go outside. Once I accepted Jesus, nothing scared me. God's grace is truly wonderful!

I am fortunate to be healthy and working well in Korea. God led me to my present job after three days of prayer at the Choong Hyun Prayer Mountain. My boss and fellow workers are sincere Christians. If we humble ourselves with sincerity and patience, serving God, He will visit all those who serve Him. God is a close friend with whom I communicate freely. Brothers and sisters, believe in Jesus and He will surely come to your heart and become your best friend.

Shalom!

I pray that the surpassing peace of God will guard your thoughts. I couldn't sleep tonight so I woke up. Its 3:50 a.m. At 3:05, I woke up and wanted to check my e-mail and was glad to receive your letter, sister. Perhaps God woke me up for fellowship with you. My heart was saddened by the news about dad. The thought that our dad might die grabbed hold of me last week. Satan uses all circumstances to make us fall. During such moments, I know that God wants to teach us that only He is the true comfort giver. This was message given to me in QT yesterday and I want to share this with you, for God's gifts and His call are irrevocable. (Romans 11:29) Sister, even with our many

After Our Rural-Mission Trip

By Ji Heon Sung (Deaconess, 15th District)



On May 30th, I went to Dong Jum Church in Jengpyung in the Chungchong provinces, where the fields were planted with rice and red peppers. The Choong Hyun church has established a relationship with the church to support them. Many teams from our church participated—our pastor, barber-salon mission team, acupuncture mission team, street evangelism team and labor serving team members. They all were used by God to serve His people.

We arrived at Dong Jum church about 10 o'clock. Many people were waiting for our arrival, due to the Dong Jum pastor's repeated announcements. Here's a list of what some teams did:

* Barber Salon Mission Team—Cut the hairs of many people and earnestly tried to spread Jesus' word

to them.

* Acupuncture Team—Provided medical treatment to local residents and promised to return in near future to serve them again.

* Service Team—Prepared lunches and snacks for 60 people. This ministry attracted many people and made them happy.

* Evangelism Team—Members went to about 100 houses and were obedient to the Lord's command to witness to others.

Throughout our ministry, we encountered many barriers to rural ministry. Most residents were indifferent to our witnessing and invitation to salvation. Many people are illiterate and thus refused to come to church. We noticed a strong Shamanistic influence; that is, a blessing and prosperity theology pervaded the people. In other words, when people first attend church, they expect something to happen and when this does not happen, they gradually leave.

The day was short but it was an opportunity to reassess the need for urban churches to be supporting and closely working with rural churches. Upon our departure, the pastor of Dong Jum Church expressed his appreciation for our visit and said that it was a valuable opportunity to encourage and revitalize the church. We headed back to Seoul, thanking and praising how precious testimonies we bore within ourselves through the services we did.

Dear Teachers of Sri Lanka,



Thank you for teaching us about Jesus. I think I know a little bit of God's surpassing love to me; to the one who always committed evil sins all my life. When I came to Korea and began working at a factory, I came across some bad people and, thus, I came to hate them. But, I was fortunate that I came to church and met God and many wonderful people. I consider myself lucky. Also, when the teachers and evangelists try hard to study and learn our language, I am glad and admire their efforts. We thank them so dearly.

A while ago, when the teachers and evangelists came to our factory to witness Jesus Christ, most of our people refused. I felt so sorry for them and my heart was sad. Those people are so nice but they simply don't know God yet. I will pray that my friends will come to church with me someday. I hope all church members will find God's love and be happy.

NaLara, Sri Lanka team in Foreign Workers Mission

After the First Choong Hyun Barber-Salon Mission Training

Praying That I May Be Used to Win One Soul

By Tong Gae Lim (Deaconess, New Family Committee Teacher)



last three months. Senior Deaconess Yu had to persuade her grandchildren to allow her to practice cutting their hair. One deaconess confessed that her hands became sweaty when her scissors slipped while cutting her husband's hair. Another deaconess said her children complained that it took too long for their mother to cut their hair. All these mistakes and episodes will, collectively, eventually be used to glorify God's name in missions. Many deaconesses said they wanted to participate in this course but regretted that they missed such a wonderful opportunity. If possible, I want to learn more skills to help others.

Currently, the Barber-Salon Mission serves people from the Welfare Center by assisting neighborhood residents, the Foreign Workers' Mission and Ebatha Department. Also, they participate in assisting Shin Am church in Keumho-dong to help 150 poor people; a youth school in Pongchon-dong; an elderly home in Tunchon-dong and many other districts and areas of the church. As a small seed dies and bears much fruit, I am confident that the time and energy spent to acquire this skill be used to win lost souls.

At the last day of the first Choong Hyun barber-salon ministry training, a three-month course, 21 students were closely listening to the instructor. To those who came for Wednesday worship, the scene quieted their hearts. I envisioned reaching out to the lost people by participating in this course—a chance I took through a deaconess' recommendation.

I now dream of helping those brothers in the Foreign Workers' Mission and cannot stop smiling. I really thank God for the privilege I had for the

A Tree's Dream

By Myung Ja Back

(Deaconess, Second Young Adults Teacher)



"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

I met a man in his mid-50s on his sickbed. He has terminal liver cancer; his abdomen swollen and face pale yellow. His heart was still hardened and I was shocked to hear him curse. When I presented the gospel to him, he condemned God and his fate that he wished to go to hell. Undaunted, I visited him frequently and, one day, he opened his heart and burst into tears of repentance. When he shared his burdens with me, he said that he could not die before his parents and we all cried together. But, unfortunately, he went to be with God.

I also remember Do Young, an eight-year-old girl from Cheju Island, who had to have back surgery again due to a relapse. She was with her grandmother and prevented me from witnessing to Do Young at first. Upon seeing Do Young's tears and wishing to hear the good news of Jesus, she promised to attend church when she returns home. A while ago, I met an elderly couple in their 70s. The wife was suffering from stomach cancer and the husband stayed with her giving all

his love to her. She desired to meet Jesus soon but worried about her husband's salvation. The following week, I visited them again and sang Hymn 293 together and encouraged the husband to stop ancestral worship and come to church. He said he would and tears formed in his eyes.

During my hospital visits, I sowed and harvested the seeds of the gospel. The one conviction I have is that my labor is not in vain. That's because I'm not alone in doing this ministry. I am only being obedient to the Holy Spirit. Sometimes, I fast and participate in all-night prayers, but even these things are not of my own doing. They are simply tools of God to save the lost souls. Just as the apostle Paul didn't boast, there is nothing to be proud of. Sometimes, due to our weaknesses, we feel as if we have failed but I am always assured that God never fails. I am preparing my heart in prayer again to whom I will witness. Because I also have unbelieving family members, those unbelieving patients to whom I come across in hospitals are like my parents, brothers and sisters. I completely sympathize with them.

Dear God, may I be a tree that bears much fruit; not like the fig tree with much leaves but no fruit.