

GOALS
Godly Worship Service
Raising Kingdom Workers
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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Choong Hyun Neighborhood Evangelism Project Held Thursday May 27th

Approximately 700 members participated in this event, which far exceeded expectations. The turnout was especially surprising due to the fact it was raining heavily that day. Those who couldn't come made commitments to prayer to support the workers. Even though the members didn't know each other well, since they came from different districts (arranged by areas in Seoul), the unity that quickly developed was a blessing to all who participated. The outreach was considered very successful and it is hoped that projects like this will encouraged throughout the year.

2nd Biannual Conference for Korean Pastors To Be Held August 23-25

This conference is the second one offered this year for pastors throughout Korea. The first conference was held this past February. The conference's theme will be "The Restoration of Preaching: Interpretation of the Bible and Biblical Preaching." The speakers featured will be Dr. Richard Pratt from Reformed Theological Seminary and Dr. Richard Craven from Westminster Theological Seminary. The Education Training Institute will be the department in charge of organizing this exciting upcoming event. It is requested that church members pray that many pastors throughout Korea will register for this exceptional opportunity to provide additional training for them in preaching. The registration fee will be ₩30,000. Only pastors are encouraged to apply.



Dr. Richard Craven,
Professor of Practical Theology at
Westminster Theological Seminary.
Dr. Craven has had recognized
success in his seminary ministry to
students.



Dr. Richard Pratt,
Professor of Old Testament at
Reformed Theological Seminary. Dr.
Pratt received his M.Div from Union
Theological Seminary and his Th.D
from Harvard Theological Seminary.
He is well-known worldwide for his
expertise in Old Testament
Hermeneutics.

Missionary Eun Hee Jung To Be Sent to Kenya

Choong Hyun Church will be sending missionary Eun Hee Jung early this coming July to the African country of Kenya. She will join lay missionary Eun Bin Goh to serve among the Lele people. After they have settled, Eun Hee is expecting to take some time to do some additional research of other people groups in the area that haven't heard the gospel. It is very important that she be supported in prayer during this critical initial stage of her ministry.

Education Seminar Training Workers for the Kingdom

*Educational Strategies for the Next Century
To Be Held June 28-29
All Sunday School Teachers Required to Attend*

The Educational Research Institute will combine with the 1st-3rd Education Committees to host this summer's Education Seminar, which will be held June 28 and 29. The purpose includes establishing more effective text and development of educational materials, plus improving the current structure of the Sunday School programs and their finances. This will be a valuable opportunity for all Sunday School teachers to share their experience as they consider ways to improve their ministry for the next century.

Rev. Hyung Young Park will present a special seminar contrasting Christian education, Early Church education and Korean Christian education. Rev. Sung Soo Lee will give an address regarding the past and present of Choong Hyun's Christian education.

This seminar will provide a unique opportunity for the Sunday School divisions to have ample time to discuss critical issues related to their respective divisions. This will be encouraged so the members can develop strategic plans for the years to come.

Summer Short-Term Missions Sowing Seeds of the Gospel, Nourishing Sown Seeds Three More Countries Added for Ministry During July and August

The Missions Committee decided this year to send summer short-term missionaries to seven countries. These include Sudan, Mongolia, Pakistan, Kenya, while added to the list this year were Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka. It was decided that a short-term mission team was needed to be sent to Sudan to replace long-term missionary, Young Dae Kim, who is currently on medical leave. In Mongolia, Pakistan and Kenya, short-term mission teams will be sent as pioneer missionaries, to initiate the message of the gospel. However, in Bangladesh, India and Sri Lanka, the missionary teams are being sent to do follow-up work among people where the seeds have already been planted by former missionary teams.

Many of these members were part of the original pioneering seed planting projects initiated in these countries. Now they plan to see again the people they met and ministered to before, to encourage them in their faith in Jesus Christ.

The Missions Committee had to hold interviews with all the short-term missionary applicants, since the response was overwhelmingly greater than expected. Those that have been selected will be notified this week. All church members are requested to keep these servants in their prayers throughout the summer.



by **Sung Kwan Kim**
Reverend

THE WORK OF GOD

(Ezekiel 11:18-21)

It is true that God works in mysterious ways. Our mind cannot fathom the unlimited knowledge and understanding of God's work. God is omniscient (all-knowing), omnipotent (all power), and omnipresent (all places). He is the one and only God! the world which we live in now - the 21st century - is becoming a place overcome completely with moral confusion. It is vital that as Christians we return to God.

You're probably asking yourself - what does he mean return to God? I go to church, tithe, help the poor, and do all kinds of "good" deeds. Well, the Israelites thought the same way. They may have even followed God's law more religiously. Yet we find Ezekiel telling the Israelites to return to God.

Yes, Ezekiel told the Israelites to return to God and remove all the vile images and detestable idols. In

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spirit in you! Just like Adam and Eve prior to their sin. God created man in His image! Just imagine that for a moment. After He created all else, the light, the sky, the earth and all its wonderment - God created us. And what is so amazing is that God created us in His image.

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And God tells us that when we return to Him, "They will be my people, and I will be their God." (Ezek. 11:20). This is God's grace. His wonderful and beautiful grace. He wants us to be His people and He will be our God! This is the greatest blessing. This is God's grace!

Oh how thankful we should be! Yet many Christians still go to church looking for moral blessings, looking for success, searching for outer happiness - earthly treasures such as economic wealth and political power. Where is their heart? Where is their mind?

Those who refuse, those who do not return to God must face His judgment. "But as for those whose hearts are devoted to their vile images and detestable idols, I will bring down on their heads what they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord" (Ezek 11:21). Don't hold on to Satan's clever tricks and pleasures. Don't let him fool you - don't let God's judgment fall upon you.

Of all the things we don't know there are two very basic and very important elements about God that we most definitely need to understand - God's grace and God's judgment. Let's learn from Ezekiel and really hear God's voice. God cries out to us that we will be His people and He will be our God. Let's go to God - let's return to God - through the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Let us be His people and go to the most high and holy place. Let us call Him our Father - our God!

The Israelites were given the promised land filled with milk and honey. Their every need was met. Unfortunately, they lost sight of God and in turn God's judgment fell upon them. Today, there are people in this world who struggle just to meet basic life needs. The United States of America is one example of a land filled with "milk and honey". Yet, we find many Christians there struggling with their detestable idols and vile images. These are Christians who need to return to God. Are we Christians who are also losing sight of God?

so doing, God told them, "I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them; I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 11:19). Returning to God enables us to have an undivided heart and a new spirit. This is some heavy material. It may take awhile to sink in. Most Christians may think that their heart is undivided. Think about it. An undivided heart is a pure heart. It is not hateful, vengeful, mean or angry under any circumstances.

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Remember this is not something that you can simply do and then it's in your pocket. No! It doesn't work that way. This is something you do and then God does. Yes! You return to God and He changes your heart from stone to pure flesh - He puts a new

Return to God. What does that mean? I'm already a Christian, how can I return to God? Again, I mention the Israelites and their particular situation. Did they think they had left God? No. On the contrary,

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Ezekiel tells us that God wanted them to return to the promised land to receive His blessings, to be His people. And so we too must give up our way of thinking and return to God. We must give up our detestable and vile ways. We must repent. Yes, repent! "Return to God." means repent and let God change your heart into an undivided heart. It means letting God put a new spirit in you - the Holy Spirit -

The work of God is utterly amazing! His grace is beyond our understanding and yet is there for all who believe in His son Jesus Christ. All who believe - all who have faith - all who have a pure heart! Return to God and He will change your heart from stone to flesh. He will put a new spirit in you. Let not His judgment fall upon you. Return to God and let the work of God begin.

My Testimony (A Vision Of Jesus' love)

Sent By Herique Senra

Continued from previous issue

Suddenly, I felt an invisible hand to lift me up from where I was, and put me in the center of a kind of city. I looked curiously around the place and I noticed that everything was different from the present time. There was a big movement of people there. All people followed quickly in the same direction. I followed too and I found a place where there was a big structure with outside columns and at the staircase, many soldiers tried to restrain the people that had gathered with loud outcries. I got to come very near and I heard the question of a man, that was seated like a judge. It was there that judgement was being passed upon Someone. "What will I do about Jesus of Nazareth?" As these words were spoken, the judge pointed in the direction of a young man, that was tied to a column and sternly watched over by soldiers. I didn't distinguish His countenance, because His head was a bit hidden, but, I noticed that His vestment was very white. Immediately at that question, thousands of voices shouted: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" I turned back and I contemplated those creatures of all kinds and ages, in which their faces, full of rancor, was stamped all human evil. They shouted: "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" I looked at the prisoner. I was waiting for Him to defend Himself, but He maintained Himself in silence, while the judge washed his own hands. The judge got up and gave the prisoner to the hands of the soldiers. They led Him to an interior courtyard of the building where they undressed Him of His white clothes and they put in Him red clothes, and they began to whip Him hard. All of them alternated and their whips in the air and came down upon His back, opening deep wounds from where blood strongly flowed. The scene was terrible. The groans of the Accused were muffled by the roar of laughter of the crowd. After some time the soldiers gave Him into the hands of the crowd of people. Oh! What horror! The crowd threw itself as a beast over Him, beating and spitting on His face. His lips were bloody, and His eyes were marked with big dark bruises and from His nose the blood was flowing. All rejoiced to hurt Him each time more. During that entire time I watched that scene petrified, in front that unreal scene, in its coldness. Then the

soldiers came back bringing a crown of thorns. They put it on his head, and they did it forcibly, so that the crown stayed stuck into his skull. Then they beat the crown more with a hammer. The blood was flowing from his temple, all over his face and his body was bloodstained. I couldn't bear any more of that scene, and I shouted, "Stop, stop! He doesn't deserve to suffer this way. But, I deserve it, because I was a bad person." In that moment, a hard silence fell upon all and He turned to me. I shuddered. Never I have seen a look full of such love, compassion and tenderness. How could He undergo such suffering in that way, to love a sordid sinner like I was? And as one that was going to commit suicide? Then, as He read my thoughts, He said to me, "Not my daughter Vilma, not one creature could ever endure this suffering. Only I could, and I did it, for the love of you."

In that exact moment, I opened my eyes and I looked the clock. It was ringing 5 o'clock in the morning, the very hour I was planning to leave my home to end my life. In that moment, I had a great meeting with the true God. I knelt down and asked for forgiveness for my sins. I had finally known that He loved me and that He had suffered until death for me. I gave Him my life and my heart. He gave me, in exchange, a life of peace and He has increased all kinds of blessings in my life, because He is good and His mercy is forever."

After reading such words, I also had a true meeting with the Lord Jesus. I felt as if a light coming from Heaven had entered and changed my heart. My heart began to beat fast. God was real. There was a God that really loved me. I felt the desire to speak to all people what had happened into my heart. But, there were many inward things that I hadn't the courage to share with others. I preferred to close my lips. But, around July 1980, I went to a church. There, I found many others that had found the same God. I was baptized on August 24, 1980. I began to grow in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. I then understood the necessity to share my testimony with others. It's very hard for me to write in the English language. So, I hope you can understand what I have written. God bless you all.

No One Can Enter Heaven Without Jesus

Remembering Deacon Sun Hong Song
(Foreign Workers Mission Department)

"Where do you come from?" India, Sri Lanka, or Pakistan? Bangladesh? "Yes, I am from Bangladesh." "Oh, nice to meet you. I have many Bangladeshi friends, including Babul, Bollash and Mashood. My name is Sun Hong. What is your name?"

In the subway, he was always interested in talking to foreigners. He was very good at it. He always and very easily initiated a conversation with the foreigners on the subway. He was gifted in that way. In addition, he invited many Bangladeshis to church. He also regularly visited their houses in Sooji, Kyoungi Province, on Thursdays. He did not fail to encourage them with his smile and discipline for the gospel. Although he was not always welcomed by them, he did not stop to visit them and his heartfelt discipline and love persuaded them to listen and accept him as their friend. Many of them later attended church services. He also registered to learn other evangelism skills and to develop his talent. He continues to participate in the lay people's mission training course every Saturday night.

On May 4th, he collapsed at his workplace just after the morning service with his coworkers. He had a cerebral hemorrhage. He continued praising God while 119 rescuers drove him to a hospital. A few days later he died. Although he is not with us any longer, what he did while he was with us here on earth will remain in our hearts as a good principle. He ran his own small company in order to share the gospel with the workers. He was a good example who practiced the command "spread the word of God whether you have time or not."

Whenever I see the creatures God made, I realize that He puts many different things in harmony to reveal His glory through them. The flowers reveal the glory of God and their beauty in harmony. This is amazingly different from what I am doing at my school. I often find myself trying to lead the children into one direction according to my assumption. I often think that they are just like a crowd who has the same desire and character and yet I keep discovering that they are all different. It is my prayer that I become aware that each child has a different talent and character, and they should be treated in different manners in accordance with their talents. I also give thanks to the Lord, the Creator, who blessed me to teach these children at my school. I hope that God will grant me His wisdom to teach them in His manner. He leads all different creatures, which have different talents and characters in harmony. I pray that I may lead the children not according to my own assumption, but through His marvelous guidance.

It is a big blessing to me that my school has a School Evangelism Department. Schoolteachers can

Prayers of Thankfulness at School Poong Sung Middle School

By Seok Young Kim

(Deaconess: 7th District, Poong Sung Middle School Teacher)



join this department to learn about school evangelism, pray together for the students who are in need and develop school evangelism methods. The department also provides free Bibles to share with the students who cannot afford to purchase them. I gave Bibles at my school to many students last year during the Bible Study class and 20 of them accepted Jesus as their Savior. The Bible Study class is a club activity after class or during lunchtime, which is a wonderful opportunity for me to share the gospel with the students who do not know Jesus. Currently, there are around 40 students regularly joining the Bible Study class.

I pray that God will pour out His Spirit upon His people and send them to schools to introduce Jesus to as many students as they can. Each school may be able to have at least one honest and humble witness to share the gospel. Many students who have never heard of Jesus might be able to hear the gospel and Christian students might be encouraged to stand firm in their faith.

Language Training: Another Mission Opportunity



An overnight conference was held in Bethany Hall on May 21st for short-term missionary and research candidates. The Mission Department invited Missionary Yang Baek Jang, who is currently working at the Missionary Training Institute (MTI) as a trainer, to teach techniques to acquire new languages while on missionary field. Some of the other current language trainers at Choong Hyun Church assisted students to begin utilizing these techniques shortly thereafter.

Yong Baek Jang advised that it is important to discover the parables used within specific cultures to use as a context for building relationships that can eventually and effectively communicate the gospel. God has given all nations parables that can be used as bridges for communication. To discover what these parables may be, it is necessary for the missionaries to live

among the people. Of course, for this to occur the requirement includes acquiring the language, which will require a great deal of practice and application. So, it can be said that language learning is a way for a missionary to serve the people. The seminar continued until midnight that evening, with a result of many encouraged hearts. Many took time to pray before turning in to sleep.

This lay missionary course is becoming a critical piece of training for all missionary candidates. It is required for all candidates to complete this course before they are selected to go out on the many available fields of harvest. The desire to send missionaries that are well-prepared is always there, but now it can be better fulfilled by having them receive training by those who have successfully gone before them.

Short-Term Mission Team to Mongolia Establishing Spiritual Unity in Christ

The short-term mission team to Mongolia gathered together to prepare for their special journey this summer. This time together was of great encouragement to the members. The leaders of the team were also challenged by some of the members' humility, since several members currently work blue-collar jobs, but their sincerity to serve Christ was genuinely felt. The team leaders were also encouraged by some of the Mongolian nationals who visited with them. Some of these Mongolian nationals have been in Korea for almost three years now. Most of these Mongolians had heard of Christ while in their homeland, but they rejected it since it appeared foreign to them. However, when these same ones came to Korea, they chose to accept the good news of Jesus Christ. One of them who accepted Christ, known as Gongchiksuren, before knowing Him, was known to drown his troubles in Korea in alcohol. Yet, after accepting Christ, the temptation to drink alcohol has almost completely disappeared for him. He has started to share the gospel with his co-workers at his place of employment.

Most Mongolian Christians here in

Korea work through the night on Saturday so they can get the time off to come to church on Sunday morning. If they do not complete their required number of hours at work, they may be quickly fired. Regardless, their commitment to come to fellowship at church is more powerful than their fears of losing their jobs since they now have eternal life in Christ. Some of these Mongolian Christians take advantage of their breaktime at work to evangelize their countrymen. In Mongolia, the family structure is central. So, if one member becomes a Christian, it is not difficult for the entire family to come to know Jesus Christ. This cultural gateway is a great encouragement to the mission team, knowing that the ones they minister to here have a very good chance of spreading the gospel at home.



Report from the Evangelistic Sports Competition for Foreign Workers

God is Faithful

By Sung Ja Kim (Foreign Workers Mission Department - India)

The Foreign Workers Mission Department held an Evangelistic Sports Competition on May 22nd at the Choong Hyun Prayer Garden. Many foreign workers participated in this event, despite the fact it was a working day. Some of them had been there since the night before, preparing for the sports activities. On May 22nd, after the opening service, the sports competition began. The teams were divided according to nationality. Some had to leave early, so they could go back to work. However, throughout the competition, a spirit of teamwork and unity in Christ was found.

After dinner that evening, a special revival service was held. The message was "Jesus is the Only Way to

Salvation." This message was translated into several different languages. Many prayers were offered for the foreign workers that they may be effective missionaries in their homelands one day. The Pakistani group presented some special praise music singing in their own language using their native instruments. The audience was truly touched by the sincerity of their worship, despite the fact they did not understand the language.

That following Sunday, ten participants who came to the sports competition attended church for the first time. This was very encouraging for those who organized this special evangelistic event.

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 <i>*The 11:00 am service is simultaneously translated into English, Chinese and Japanese.</i> The English Service is held in the Welfare Center (Deaconal 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