

## 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)

Place of Publication : Choong Hyun Church,  
665-1 Yoksam-dong, Kangnam-gu, Seoul 135-080, Korea (TEL: 02-552-8200 EX. 348 FAX: 563-3942)

Chairman: Sung Kwan Kim Publisher: Kwang Hun Nho Chief Editor: Sun Keun Cho

## Reflecting on 47 Years of the Choong Hyun Church

We do not believe that the New Testament church described in the Bible is an example of a perfect church. However, the New Testament churches were the most beautiful churches in history. This is because the New Testament church was led by the Holy Spirit in their course of direction with the cross and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the guiding light in their lives. They came to hear the message daily; the Word was the standard and value of life and gathered for fellowship and praise. They were persecuted by the unbelievers but also were called Christians by their foes.

The establishment of churches on earth is because of the motive, will, grace and love of God the trinity. Therefore, the church should not be an individual's possession nor should it be moved by some certain group of people. That's because God did not design the church to be operated and managed by man alone. It's not God's original intention. Just as God is the King over Israel, the Holy Spirit and Jesus Christ is the head over the church. Thus, the church needs true servants and people who will follow the direction and leadership of the Holy Spirit and Bible, who will faithfully work according to the principles of the Bible in all situations and surroundings. When the church listens to the guidance of the Holy Spirit and obeys the voice and leadership of the Holy Spirit, that will be sufficient. This is because when the Lord returns there is no longer the need for establishing more churches on earth.

As it celebrates its 47th anniversary, the Choong Hyun church is not exempt from these principles. Right now, the church is striving for expanding the gospel's meaning. This is never achieved by administration or decree. It is not by things seen. Never once with man's wisdom or system, God revised the church. The church can only be changed through God's truth and His holiness and through the prayers of His people who joins God's heart. Therefore, the more the church is filled with man's plans and wisdom, the further the church is from God's revival. Can you hear David's prayers of confession that soaked his bed in tears? Can you hear Nehemiah's cries embracing God's fallen sanctuary? That cry and those tears are the only way for our revival. O Lord, may your soul reside in us.

## Search for Dream Team in Short-Term Missions

Currently, it is reported that 93 percent of missionaries are currently working in places where the gospel has already been sent or was sent but not spread. Only seven percent of missionaries are known to work in an unreached world. It is important to bring the Good News to places where the gospel is not accepted. However, for the past three years our church has focused on summer and winter short-term mission trips on sharing the saving grace of Jesus Christ to unreached people where the gospel is never heard or known. Therefore, we are aggressively trying to send short-term mission teams to unreached areas. We eagerly await for those prospective servants who will confess 'Not I but where Lord sends me.'

focus on Southeast Asia, Central Asia and Africa centered around our short-term mission field.

4. Number of Applicants Sought: The short-term mission team needs five to 10 people while the short-term lay missionary team seeks three candidates.
5. Length of Missions: Short-term mission team will work for 10-20 days; short-term lay missionary team will work for six months to two years.
6. Team Organization: 1) Male/female ratio, 2) High School/College/Young Adults ratio, 3) Prospective teachers of Foreign Workers Mission and 4) if a high school student volunteers, their teacher will be selected.
7. Period: The mission period will be decided according to each team's proposed work plans.
8. Application Deadline: Sat., Sept. 30
9. Each team's application will be announced individually after the Mission Department's evaluation.

1. Qualifications: Must have completed LMTC training or will complete it before the departure date for missions. Applicants must be at least high school age.
2. Documents to be submitted: a copy of the ministry philosophy (should address the specifics of the missions work at the field), financial affidavit (should specify the cost for the mission in details) and a list of prayer supporters.
3. Mission Field: the unreached mission team will

*\*\*Any questions? Contact the Mission Department (ext. 356-8).*

## Opening of three Choong Hyun Training Classes: Weekday Bible Study, Teacher and Choir Member Training

The Choong Hyun Education Department is providing three training classes to instruct workers for the church. All Choong Hyun members are challenged to be trained through these classes to better equip themselves for the expansion of His Kingdom. The Teacher and Choir Training classes began last Sun., Sept. 3 and Weekday Bible Study classes started on Tues., Sept. 5.

## The Fifth Communion Service

The Fifth Communion Service of year 2000 was held last Sunday during the First through Fifth services. The Communion service were especially meaningful to fall on the day commemorating the 47th anniversary of the Choong Hyun Church. Members were able to meditate the heavenly blessings and suffering on the cross and responded with dedication to His cause.

## Service Information

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday    | <b>Services in the Main Sanctuary</b><br>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.<br><i>*The 11:00 a.m. service is simultaneously translated into English, Chinese and Japanese.</i><br><i>The English Service is held at Galilee Hall (Main Sanctuary, B1) at 9:00 a.m.</i> |
| Wednesday | <b>Services in the Main Sanctuary</b><br>11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Friday    | <b>Prayer and Praise Service in the Main Sanctuary</b><br>7:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Daily     | <b>Early Morning Prayer Meetings in the Main Sanctuary</b><br>5:00 a.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

## Evangelism Department for Foreigners

|           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-----------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday | <b>Teachers Prayer Meetings - 8:30 p.m.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Sunday    | <b>Service in Ames Hall - 9:30-10:30 a.m.</b><br><b>Bible Study in Ames Hall - 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.</b><br><b>Service in the Main Sanctuary - 1:00 p.m.</b><br><i>*Simultaneous interpretation in SriLankan, Chinese, Mongolian, Hindi and Indonesian are available.</i> |





by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim  
Senior Pastor

## Never, Ever (Hebrews 13:5)

"Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."

Today's message contains a powerful emphasis on the words of Jesus. The Bible reads, "for He Himself has said." The double referencing of "He Himself", instead of "He said" or "God said" or "Jesus said", tells you that the following words are directly from the Lord. It lets you know that this is God's real Word, from His lips to your ears. No interpretation required! This isn't food for thought, but real meat. This is real medicine for your soul! I hope the Holy Spirit touches your heart in such a way as for you to understand the deep meaning of what He Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you" (v. 5). God Himself promises that He will never leave or give up on you. He will never, ever turn away from you. Do you believe this?

Decadent people, like you and me, frequently say we love Jesus, when in truth we really don't. Many times our thoughts and actions contradict our profession of love. How often do you want something you currently don't have? How often are you afraid or anxious? Think about it. Is the peace that passes all understanding evident in your daily life? From the time you rise, to the time you lie down, to the time you rise again, is God's love at the forefront or does your selfishness take priority? Trust in the never, ever aspect of God's promise gives you the confidence, hope and faith needed to live as His child.

When you read the Old Testament, you find the same promise of God, "Behold, I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Gen. 28:15). Amen! Do you know that God is love? Do you fully appreciate that God will never forsake you, and never leave you until He has finished what He promised? This particular passage was addressed to Jacob, the deceiver. Even though Jacob was far from perfect, God still gave him His Word. God promised him His presence wherever he would go. He promises to be with you, His child, wherever you will go.

Knowing that God is always with you, and no matter what will always be with you, is the most assuring confidence one can possess. "The Lord is the one who goes ahead of you; He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed" (Dt. 31:8). Do you truly believe this? Why worry about anything, especially the future, when God promises to go

ahead of you to prepare the way? He never deserts you, so you never have to worry. Please, don't worry! Joshua lost Moses, the great leader of God's people. He had to take over and face with certainty the battles and trials that lay ahead for the Israelites to live in the Promised Land. God never forsook him, nor will He ever forsake you.

King David was given the vision for plans to build God's temple. His son, Solomon, was given the authority to build it. David's last instructions to his son were "Be strong and courageous, and act; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the Lord God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you nor forsake you until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished" (1 Ch. 28:20). Do you believe this? The Bible tells us of Solomon's preparation, construction, dedication, and full completion of God's temple (see 2 Ch. 2-7). God keeps His promises. He is always and can never be anything but faithful and true.

Isaiah also tells us of God's Word to His people, "Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand" (Is. 41:10). The Israelites were a small nation with little power, but God assured them of His presence. He promised to strengthen, help and uphold them because He is their God. He is your God! Isn't that wonderful? You don't need to be apprehensive or concerned about the folly that surrounds you in this world. God is with you. He will empower you to handle everything that comes your way. He will help you to overcome adversity. He will support and sustain you in every circumstance and situation. God promises never, ever to leave you alone. He will always be with you.

After hearing and believing all these wonderful things about God, what is the key to making them an important part of your life? Hebrews 13:5 gives you the answer, "Make sure that your character is free from the love of money, being content with what you have." Now that you believe, let your inner self be freed from the love of money. You've got to love holiness. Paul instructs believers not to be addicted to wine or pugnaciousness, "but gentle, peaceable, free from the love of money" (1 Tim. 3:3). Materialistic things can pull you away from godly living. Although God uses material things to care for us,

like food, shelter and clothing, they are not important unto themselves. God is what is most important. Without God, all the food, shelter and clothing in the world will not bring you life, but in reality death. So, place God first in all things, and be satisfied. He will provide for all your needs.

Look at Hebrews 13:6, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid. What will man do to Me?" You can confidently proclaim this when you believe in God's promise. Look at Hebrews 13:13, "So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach." As Christians, we are exhorted to leave false beliefs and join ourselves in Christ. This means that if you love Jesus you will suffer with Him. Sometimes being free from money causes suffering. Inside you will experience peace and joy, but outside you will bear the heartache and shame of being a believer in a non-believing world. If you really believe that God will never, ever be away from you, then you are free from money. Just go each day with Him and don't be afraid, "For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come" (v. 14). Amen!

If you are free from money, take your cross boldly, and you will have eternal life. You will be able to praise God continually, even in the midst of stormy afflictions. You will be able to say, "Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name" (v. 15). Can you do that without money, with only faith in God? He Himself has promised never, ever to forsake you, and to be your helper if you follow Him. Can you praise God with your lips? You can if you really believe. It's totally up to you how much you believe. Amen.

My dear Choong Hyun brothers and sisters, let's seek an eternal blessing. God asks you to never, ever worry about this world. He will never, ever forsake you or depart from you. He's going to be with you every moment of your life. Aren't you happy? Please be free from money, from the worldly things. Don't let your inner souls be slaves to money. Don't let money become your main pursuit. Money is a temporary commodity. God's love is an eternal substance that transcends everything, and brings everything to you. Be comfortable in Him. He Himself will never, ever stop loving you. 



## Sharing the Love of Jesus: Hands Joined Together

By Mi Hye Han (Sri Lanka Short-Term Mission Team)

Our team arrived in Sri Lanka in the early morning of Jul. 25. We stayed at the home of a local family in Nukegoda. Our short-term mission team's ministry schedule included campus ministry, visitation, home stay ministry, Victoria Park evangelism and farewell party ministry.

During the campus ministry, we met many college students and they did not know who Jesus was. Even if they did, they knew Jesus only as a philosopher or good person. Because the university is a Buddhist school, there were many who were devout about their religion. We pursued the challenge but some refused while others accepted the good news of Jesus Christ. The place was full of idol worship but God had instilled in them prepared hearts.

Through the visitation ministry, we visited the families of Choong Hyun Foreign Workers Mission members. The visits were done in teams. Our purpose was to visit those families of our FWM brothers and sisters and inform them of their family members living far away. It was an unforgettable scene as they listened to the news of their beloved ones in Korea. For us, it was truly a blessing when the diehard Buddhists were open-minded about the gospel. Many

families and relatives accepted Jesus as their savior. There were 64 local residents who accepted Jesus in their homes.

In Victoria Park, we played badminton with the locals as part of our fellowship. Afterwards, we searched for the souls that God would lead us to. While they didn't so much interest at first, they were more receptive at the farewell party. Many people observed and listened to our praises and watched our dances. We felt as if their hearts were slowly opening. All of us prayed with the local residents and shared the love of Jesus with them.

During the party, we introduced the address of our base and invited anyone to come for more fellowship. About 160 people came and we were so thankful to God for His marvelous ministry. As time passed, we felt that we were getting closer to the local people. Upon leaving, we shared our tears and laughter. This was how our short-term mission trip ended. Although we planted a few seeds in Sri Lanka, God is the One who will make them blossom. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ that Sri Lanka, a place full of idol worship, will come to acknowledge Jesus as their savior.

## May God's Kingdom Be Established in Chung Sun Through the Young Souls

By Mi Kyung Baik (Deaconess, Second Young Adult Group)



Do Chun church is a small and warm church located in Chungsun County, Imkye, Kangwon Province. It is a rural church where there are 11 members who attend worship services with 22 Sunday school children. Our mission team members started contacting the church one month prior to our arrival and began praying for them, calling out their names one by one. These prayers enabled us to get closer to them immediately. Children loved the mini-Olympic games we played after the worship service. From the second day, however, it rained from the early morning. The children did not come but we started the dawn prayer meeting. But, unexpectedly, Tae Su came in from the rains pouring outside. We embraced him in tears of thanksgiving and joy.

After skits and Bible studies, we had a Bible Quiz game. All the children seemed to know the fact that Jesus is the master of the church. At the first day, a child

said, "I won't believe in Jesus" and shocked all of us. But, this child later accepted Jesus his Lord and confessed his sins.

After the afternoon service, we went out for evangelism outreach. The villages were on top of the mountains and when we visited them, many of them promised that they would come to church. At the last day, we invited all of them for lunch. The children did not, however, want to go back home and cried.

Through this summer ministry, I experienced many valuable blessings. I pray that the Chungsun area will be evangelized through youth of the children. In conclusion, I also pray for Rev. Su Ik Park who faithfully serves the Do Chun church. May there be a revival and God's abundant blessings on his ministry.

## At Work Through The Master Artist God

By Myung Kil Shin (Deaconess, Elementary Sunday School Teacher)



There are many beautiful colors in the world that cannot be expressed accurately enough with any manmade colors. Nothing can ever match the Master's work. When we see the color green, we find that the leaves come in many different colors.

Any manmade masterpiece will be humbled before the beauty of God's creation. The leaves, flowers and earth sometimes, their colors burst with energy; other times, with sensible touches, smooth fragrances, with music and wind. How beautiful is God's nature! I can only thank God for His majesty expressed in His nature.

Sometime ago, I earned the grand prize in an art competition. As I was working on my painting, I entitled my work as "The Origin of Foolishness". I used natural colors acquired from nature in my paintings. I used 'bunchae' and 'sukchae'.

In other words, I used God-given materials. I wanted to express man's foolishness through my work by praying to mother nature for blessings, before big trees and to the moon. I wanted to say that these are foolish things. The vine was a symbol of God's blessings and gift — that we can only receive true blessings from God. Winning the grand prize was a big surprise.

Whenever I am working with colors, I fall into deep appreciation of God's marvelous works. I can never decide the proper colors of God's masterpiece. Therefore, I try to humble myself and be honest before the Lord. God changed my life, paintings and value to live in this world. Furthermore, He touched my deep sinfulness and allowed me to change.

As I come to know God more and more, my life is changed and I am filled with 'thanksgivings' that is filled by His love. At times, the heaviness of my life will press me down, but because God is present in me, I am thus able to be free and abundant in joy.

There is no anger, hate or vanity of life. Therefore, I am exceedingly happy. What is a pitch, note or melody? I have praises in my mouth. Because I know that everything is God's gift. I grab my sketchbook under my arms to meet the most respected artist and the Master of colors — my God. I sing different praises cheerfully and head out the door.



## Presenting Gospel to Unbelieving Friends

By Ho Eun Lee (Second Grade, High School)

When I heard where I'm supposed to attend high school, I cried all day. The local Board of Education assigned me to a foreign school far from my house. "Why do I have



△ far left Ho Eun Lee

to go to this school?" I complained and grumbled a lot.

By the beginning of the second semester of this new school, a group called "Doulos" was established. This was a prayer group formed by Choong Hyun youth members. I thought I was the only one in the school from Choong Hyun but I found there were nine others who went to the same church. At first, I was glad to know that we could gather in such a group; before, I thought school was a place to study and meet friends. We gathered at the central hall of the main building for prayer meetings. We shared a short message and prayer requests and then we prayed.

One year has passed since the first meeting; now, we are joined with more friends who attend other churches. A friend who wondered why I would

disappear during lunch now joins me in prayer meetings. I realized why God sent me to this school. It was not by chance but according to His will.

In the Choong Hyun high school department, there are 22 Doulos members. We can meet anytime, anywhere to remind ourselves that we are the Lord's servants (Doulos). This place — the school — is where most high school students spend most of their time. I confess that I have wasted too much time just like any other person. I have, at times, complained and given excuses that there

is no place to meet, not enough people coming to the prayer meeting. But God seeks us and calls us when this society is concerned with problems of formal schooling. God seeks us; and He will hold us accountable for not praying for our schools. We are, therefore, praying as God's servants who will take the spiritual responsibility of our schools. We pray for a pure heart and faith; we pray for unbelieving friends; for the teachers, for the future of our school. In the future, we will assemble together with other Christians and organize a joint effort for prayers. The 'Doulos' meeting should not simply be a prayer meeting but will evangelize the unbelieving friends to the Lord.

## Seohyeon Station Street Evangelism

By Heun Kyung Kim  
(High School Student)

On Aug. 8, just after the high school department's summer retreat, our Literature Mission Team and Missions Team went out for street evangelism at the Seohyeon subway station. Due to preparations for the summer retreat, we didn't much time in prayer preparing for street evangelism. So, I was concerned. At first, when the word got out that our team will go out for street evangelism, I thought to myself, "Why do we have to do this when others aren't?"

But when we were out there, I told myself not to think negatively. I repented that I had such thoughts and prayed that I can witness Jesus to the people passing by.

To begin our praises, we needed a microphone system and electricity hookup. But we couldn't find them. Then, we knelt on our knees and prayed. Eventually, we were able to find the electricity and with thankful heart, we praised our Lord.

We didn't prepare and practice a lot so I felt we weren't ready. But, I knew that I was being used by God to proclaim His goodness to the people; I did not feel it was difficult to sing before many strangers. I knew why God wanted me there. I felt ashamed that I did not notice it sooner.

The day was a blessing to me and I thank God for granting me that lifelong cherished memory.

A Song in My Mouth:

### Will You Live as a Fishermen Forever?

By Hyun Koo Yang  
(Teacher, High School Division)

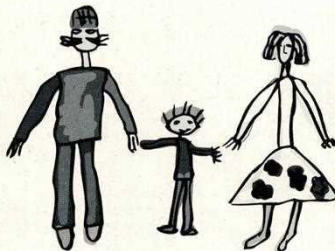
The fishermen are different from those who catch fish for fun. The fishermen draw nets in sea whether wind or rain for living. Also, after their work is over they will always clean their boats and nets for future use.

God called me to be a fisherman: not as a normal fish catcher but as a fisherman of man. Also, the Lord did not just call me to be a fisherman but one with special talents. The gifts are a boat called the Word and a net called Praises. It is a mighty gift indeed. This Praise net is no ordinary net. The ordinary net will seize and hold the fishes; but this Praise net won't arrest the souls but will mend and heal the broken hearts. There is an outstanding work of comfort and restoration of souls through this Praise net. For those who are physically weak, I saw restoration of their soul by this Praise net that no other net can offer. What wonderful testimony to witness a face that was covered with sorrows but now replaced with the peace of heaven!

God continues His work in His fishery through those fisherman who were called — including myself. Will you prepare your daily life and live your entire life like a fisherman such as me?

## I Pray That We Will Give Daily Family Devotions

By Hye Kyung Song (Teacher, Infant Class)



A baby entered her mother's bosom and is introduced to us: She is a month old and name is such and such. The newly registered infant is now able to walk when she was only able to crawl before. Babies would run here and there in enthusiasm; mothers, fathers and teachers who would accept their strange languages with positive feedback. Many "amen's" were heard in the worship service.

Much valuable time is spent together through the Infant Class on Sundays. These days, there are many

babies who can sing along with an accurate pitch, note and words. Their mothers would then say to us that those babies will be dedicated to God as church choir soloists in the future. I responded, "Yes, I pray that they will grow to please the Lord."

Two months ago, Ju Young Hur left for Rwanda. He started attending the Infant Class even before his birth. When I heard that he was going there, where the war had devastated the nation, I was worried but could only pray for him and his family's safety.

Two weeks ago, there was a special lecture given for Infant Class parents entitled, "How Spiritual Sharing is Conducted With Infants." During the discussion, one family said their family's

spiritual relationship is maintained through daily family devotions. Through the prayers of husband and wife, they are able to solve any difficulties in their lives and the family would pray together. They thanked God how they are able to come together as a family through family devotions.

In our Infant Class, there are many families that give daily family devotions. Our prayers are that the entire Infant Class and its families will give daily worships.