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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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Third National Pastors' Conference Spirituality and Power of the Gospel

To be led by Dr. Harris and Dr. Childers from Feb. 21-23

The third Pastors' Conference will be held from Feb. 21-23. With the purpose of rekindling the true spiritual revival and focus the centrality of the gospel in pastoral ministry, the conference gained popularity from many Korean pastors in the first and second pastoral conferences. This third conference is expected to give many challenges and edification to all pastors since the professors who will give their lectures are at the forefront of ministry or very closely involved with pastoral ministry. The guest speakers are Dr. Allen and Dr. Steve Childers. Dr. Harris is the senior pastor at Columbia Presbyterian Church and lecturer at Westminster Seminary. He is expected to deliver a message on spiritual leadership by beautiful co-workmanship between the pastor and the elders. Dr. Childers is a professor at Reformed Theological Seminary and world-renowned speaker on church planting and ministry and transforming power of the gospel. In his seminar, he is expected to deliver a message on transforming power of the gospel. The Education and Training Committee is asking the church to pray for the success of this conference as well as to work as key spiritual agents.

TIME	21(Mon)	22(Tue)	23(Wed)
06:00 - 07:30		Daybreak Prayer Meeting	Daybreak Prayer Meeting
07:30 - 08:00		Breakfast	
08:00 - 09:30		Allen Harris (5)	Steve L. Childers (5)
09:30 - 10:30		Break	Break
10:30 - 11:30	 (Dr. Allen Harris)	Allen Harris (6)	Steve L. Childers (6)
11:30 - 1:00		The Midday Meal	The Midday Meal
1:00 - 1:30	Opening Service	Allen Harris (7)	Steve L. Childers (7)
1:30 - 1:45	Break	Break	Break
1:45 - 1:55	Allen Harris (1)	Steve L. Childers (1)	Closing Service
1:55 - 1:58	Break	Break	
1:58 - 3:40	Allen Harris (2)	Steve L. Childers (2)	 (Dr. Steve L. Childers)
3:40 - 4:10	Break	Break	
4:10 - 4:30	Allen Harris (3)	Steve L. Childers (3)	
4:30 - 5:00	The Evening Meal	The Evening Meal	
5:00 - 5:30	Allen Harris (4)	Steve L. Childers (4)	

New Songs Filled with the Spirit!

Fourth National Choir and Vocal Seminar from Jan. 19-22 in His grace

A national choir and vocal seminar was held at our church from Jan. 19-22 for general choir members and soloists. Focusing on theories and practice of vocals, the seminar was able to meet the demands of participants by allotting more practice time and professionalizing the instructors. Above 250 people from Cheju Island to Kangwon Province participated. Many registered in groups and ages range from middle school students to those in their 50s. About 20 members from our congregation participated in this event. The Worship Committee expressed their gratitude that the seminar was fulfilling the musical needs of the churches as progress was made. The committee also indicated their desire that the seminar will develop into a revival in ringing true spiritual praises in throughout Korean churches nationwide.



Short-Term Missions Commissioning Evangelization Through Love-Filled Medical Treatment, Three Lay Missionaries Sent

The short-term mission to Sudan, comprised of a seven-member delegation led by elder Pil Sung Eun, departed on Jan. 29. It was organized last October and, for over three months, they have prepared for their mission through weekly and monthly overnight prayer meetings. The team began their outreach through medical service upon their arrival, in addition to assisting with the Bible and theological education that were part of missionary Young Dae Kim's

responsibilities. Meanwhile, three lay missionaries Yong Il Kwon, Su In Park and Eun Hee Chu also departed with the short-term team and will stay in Sudan for a year to carry out ministry at Ezra Bible School, the foreign language ministry, children's ministry and medical missions. Earnest intercessory prayers are requested for lay missionaries to Sudan for their health and ministry.

Short-Term Bangladesh Mission Team Sent from Feb. 8-22

A short-term missions team, led by elder Hong Yuel Chun and headed by Rev. Byung Joon Cha along with nine members, left Seoul on Feb. 8 for a two-week missions trip to Bangladesh. They are planning to visit campuses, returned laborers and train and disciple to new believers. The team diligently gathered in prayer and prepared spiritually. The church should pray for their ministry country. Where God's presence is needed.

Continuous Short-Term Missions Mission Teams Sent to Three Nations

Three short-term mission teams were dispatched to Mongolia (Jan. 11), Sri Lanka (Jan. 14) and Suriname (Jan. 15). They were to participate in medical missions and visitation and disciple to the returned laborers, observe the local youth ministry and evangelize to native Indians, respectively.

Among these short-term missionaries, Jin Hee Chu, missionary to Sri Lanka, departed to oversee and make disciples of the local believers. The mission team to India concentrated on campus ministry and visited returned laborers and held a children's Bible camp. Continuous prayers and support to these mission workers are needed.

Missions' Sunday

The last Sunday of January was dedicated to the missionary vision of the Choong Hyun church. On that day, the entire congregation was not only encouraged to commit themselves to LMTC training, short-term missions or to short-term lay missionary but also to firmly establish Christian responsibility by sending missionaries to the mission fields and praying for supporting those missionaries who are overseas. The Missions Committee changed special praise with all committee members, MF(Mission for Foreigners) teachers and all short-term missions participants. After a time of praise, they gathered at Manna Hall for prayer fellowship. We pray that everyone who is interested in missions will participate and share in the vision of missions.

Winter Retreat of Foreign Workers' Missions

From Feb. 4-6, the Foreign Workers' Missions held its winter retreat at Amen Hall during the Lunar New Year holidays in order to encourage those brothers and sisters who cannot be with their families. The theme was, "Let's Experience the Traits of Jesus". Lecturers included Rev. Sung Soo Lee and Rev. Byung Hee Ryou. Please pray for all foreign workers in Korea so that they find God and will come to know Jesus as their personal savior.



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

David, as an exile, had a very difficult life. He was removed from his people and land. His enemies were all around. His body was dirty most of the time because he didn't have the luxury of taking baths. He longed to be near the house of the Lord. He envied the birds that got to build their little nests in the rafters and corners of God's temple. His passion for God's house is expressed in his song, "The bird also has found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, a place near your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God" (v. 3). David's heart was so humble and appreciative. He praised the Lord even during his most difficult times. It's for this reason that I write today's message; we need to closely look at it and find the inner peace and blessings which belong to those who love God. Right now, many people are screaming and yelling about their circumstances, even though they have clothes and a house. They ignorantly complain about their troubles. Christians, when pushed out from the assembly of saints, under spiritual desertion, will pine to be once more at home with God. These birds found in the sanctuary what we find in Jesus.

Isn't it remarkable that these birds found houses for themselves around the Lord's house? David fastened his attention to this phenomena with pleasure. Just think about what they were. Sparrows and swallows. Worthless creatures bought and sold for two pennies. Needy creatures that required both nests and food. Do they complain? Quite the contrary, they pleasantly sing all day long. Isn't that good? We are having troubles with water, electricity, and cold weather. How come the people of Y2K are

delight, and nearness. We can find the same thing in the assembly of saints, in the place where God's honor dwells. We come to this house of the Lord with joy. We remain in delight. We sit and sing it with pleasure. We commune with our fellow brothers and sisters with much content. But not every member is

need for church? Do you know that your children will be safe and free here? The swallow, a bird of liberty, is satisfied to find a nest near the altars of God. She is not afraid of bondage for herself or young there. Shouldn't you try to make your little ones happy in God and in His holy worship? Don't make

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"I am only a little sparrow,
of low degree, of little value,
but the dear Lord cares for me!"*

*Confess your sin and become humble, like a sparrow.
If you come to the temple of God, you'll receive safety, rest,
delight, society, and nearness.*

*Here they could stay and watch their young
ones grow happily and safely in God.*

*My friends, your children should be in the house of God.
The sanctuary of God should be the nursery for your young.*

so stupid? Why are all the trains and airplanes dysfunctional? Why are people globally complaining and scared about going without certain luxuries? They don't see God's use. All around the house of God rested uninvited guests, even this church is filled with uninvited guests. The temple did not need them, and it probably would be all the better without them. Yet, of all the numerous creatures, none were driven away.

Just consider what the birds did? They found houses that were comfortable, suitable, and a permanent abode. Whatever nests were already there, they appropriated it. It was acceptable to them without question. They enjoyed safety, rest, society,

friendly, just like not every bird is like a sparrow or swallow. Look at the raven who wants to attack, the vulture who is foul, the cormorant who is greedy, the hawk who is too war like, the ostrich who is too wild, the barndoor fowl who is too dependent upon man, and the owl who loves darkness. These sparrows and swallows were little and loving. How little and loving are we? It appears that too many of us are ambitious.

church services dull and dreary, make them happy and joyful! Realize that your children are near the blessing when you bring them near the house of the Lord. In church, your children are in the choice society; they are companions with the companions of Jesus. Amen! Wake-up parents to the knowledge that your children are likely to return to the nest as the swallows do.

Children truly brought to Christ have every blessing in that fact. They are rich because they dwell in God's palace. They are educated because they attend the Lord's temple. They are safe for time and eternity. Your young ones have to follow you. They have to follow you to get in the house of the Lord. Through prayer, example, and precept your children will follow you. They don't take to religion as ducks to water. They must be led with training and earnest care. Let me ask, are you sighing after Jesus for yourself and your children? Are you content without Christ? If so, then you are not likely to care for your children. Do you already possess a home in Jesus for yourself and your offspring? My dear friends, rest not until all yours are housed in the same place!

It's my sincere hope that you can sing, "I am only a little sparrow, of low degree, of little value, but the dear Lord cares for me!" Can you humble yourself to that song? Are you in the nest of God's beautiful palace? Why worry? God gave His Son, He sacrificed His beloved, so that you could have life. Please find the peace that comes from Him. Confess your sin and become humble, like a sparrow. If you come to the temple of God, you'll receive safety, rest, delight, society, and nearness. Let's sing all together, "Great is Thy Faithfulness, O God my Father" — your Father, the Great King. Seriously, don't worry! God counts all the hairs upon your head

We want fame, titles, degrees, and honor. We want to computerize our homes with the best scientific technology. What's happened? Everybody's screaming, yelling, and rebelling here. Where are we?

These birds found a nest for their young. Why? They lived active and energetic lives, but the nest was a special place that they could put their young. Here they could stay and watch their young ones grow happily and safely in God. My friends, your children should be in the house of God. The sanctuary of God should be the nursery for your young. How often do you place the need for piano lessons, football, tennis, singing, and even secular school studies above the

Visitation Foreign Mission Committee Mongol team



I visited the Mongol team in the Foreign Mission Committee. I hesitated at first to start communicating with them due to their tough-looking appearance but I soon was able to approach them after seeing a smile on their face. I met a couple named Badda and Sutta. They have been in this country over for four years. They said they have been with the Foreign Mission Committee from its early days. I asked them how they came to know the church. They replied that they were between jobs and idle. A friend of theirs introduced and invited them to church. At first, they said, it was difficult to follow since they had difficulties understanding Korean. When they met a Mongolian friend they asked him if these people believe in Jesus. We want to believe also. Could you please tell us about Jesus? The couple said that they find all the answers from the Bible. Now, they witness to Jesus whenever possible to others. Buddha is only a man. He is no God. Believe in Jesus. One and two friends started to join them. Now, the Mongol team has a weekly average attendance of about 50 people with about 200 Mongolians registered. Most



Mongols live in Kwangju (in Kyonggi Province), Uijungbu and Chang-an dong where various small factories are located. Regarding the reason for the steady growth of the Mongol team, the team teacher answered that it is due to faith in God's works. It is the workers of the Foreign Mission Committee that they will visit the sick and lonely Mongols who go through difficulties as foreigners in this country. Through their love and care in Jesus Christ, the Mongols find His true love. Badda and Sutta translator Nan Sa, and Mongol team teachers all say God loves Mongolians very dearly. I envied their love and conviction of God's love toward them. When we come across Mongols, I guess we can greet them by saying, "Sain Beno" with a big smile.

Capital City: Ulan Bator

Land: Located in the heart of central Asia between north Russia and east, west and south China. 17 times bigger than Korean peninsula.

Weather: Dominantly strong continental climate where the climate change between the winter and

summer is extreme. Winter begins in mid-October until late March and the temperature falls well below a - 30-40 C° while summers are short.

Language: Over 90 % speaks Mongolian; that is, Hala Mongol.

Politics: In 1991, the socialist government handed over power to a democratic government. This is how diplomatic relation with the Republic of Korea began. As the result of last year's elections, Communists were voted out of office and a democratic coalition came to power. The cabinet is dominated by reformers and liberals in their 30s and 40s.

Economy: In transition from a central economy to the market economy. Average monthly salary is between \$25-50.

Culture: In Mongolian, as is the case with Korean, there are two distinct words referring to 'you' as in declarative and 'you' as in honorific use. Declarative 'you' is 'chi' and honorific 'you' is ta. Until one becomes very familiar with someone, they should never address the other person as 'chi'. The Mongols enjoy tea called sutaachi and drink horse milk (mayoo ju) and primarily eat horse meat and lamb meat. Traditional outfit called dell is worn during the holidays.

Missions: Mongolia is classed as the unreached people. It has been only 3-4 years since the gospel was first introduced. Some scattered missionary efforts existed in the past but the seed could not be established in Mongol soil. Therefore, no generations of Christians are observed. It could be expected to spread the gospel to neighboring countries such as central Asia, China, Russia, North Korea and the Middle East through evangelizing Mongolia.

Mongol Evangelism: Believe in Jesus: Isust It
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God loves you : Yort Chin Ea Jen Tand Ha Ir Te
(by Jung Seup Um, Report)

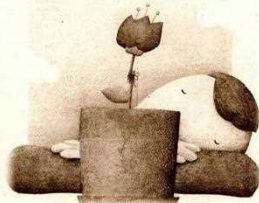
Words to Share Together: Those Who Are Less Fortunate Than I Am

"I Give New Hands"

Ok In Lim

There is a sad story that I read during my student years that I cannot forget. I forgot who the author was and what the title is but the message rings in my ear and brings pain to my heart.

The story was about a wounded soldier who lost both arms and legs in a battle. He lived in misery, cared for by his wife. But, when his wife had



gone out for something, this soldier rolled down the lawn, fell into a well and killed himself. I could not erase the image of that body. I came to think about all the patients of the world who suffer because of their physical conditions. I have endured years of discomfort in a hospital sickbed, having trouble moving freely due to physical problems. How we live is the point of the problem. This is another wounded soldier of another country. This soldier lost both arms and legs

and two eyes. He came to know that the only part that functioned was his tongue. From then, he trained himself to learn Braille and now he is ministering to underground churches in Communist countries. What a situation he is in! Could there be a better way to evangelize than this? Could there be deeper love of God than this? Recently, during my prayers, a

clear and vivid image of the wounded soldier came into my mind. I looked at my lack of love, patience and gratitude and felt sorry and sad. Compared to such a physically challenged person, my difficulties reading due to poor eye sight or bodily weakness, should be thanksgiving and joy to God. When all human conditions collapse, who must we trust and rely on? Dear spiritual father God, to whom can we go to besides you?

Noisiness in Bangladesh

Eun Mi Kim (Short-Term Lay Missionary to Bangladesh)

Noisy Azan sounds that rings five times a day and strange sounds of Hindi rituals: wherever I turn, there are spiritual Hindi meditations of sitting bowing down on a blanket. These are strange pictures of Bangladesh that were new to me at first, but just when I became gradually at home with these figures I had to come back home. Reflecting on the last 10 months, I must acknowledge my many shortcomings before the Lord but in spite of my deficiencies, I cannot thank enough my Lord's gracious love and His grace. The zeal of the students at the music school where I served is phenomenal. So distant from western civilization, people had no chance to experience music and the young people are touched by music so fervently their sharp interest and deep involvement sometimes made me feel tension in my lectures. All those who are heavily exposed to Muslim beliefs but through praises and gospel songs, and through Bible studies many came to understand Jesus as their savior and God they are speechless and excited. Eventually, they have formed a praise team called "Shalom" and produced a praise tape. I can still see their struggles and anxieties. One day,

several students came to me and asked a question, "When are you returning?" Momentarily, I was hesitant to answer that. At that moment, another voice said, "We don't want a minister who will return their home! We want someone who will stay with us, get married among us. We think you are that person!" That night, I cried out in tears to God, "Lord, what am I going to do with these poor children? I complain daily that the ministry is too difficult for me and wish to quit. Where are all the gifted, talented and prepared workers of yours?" As a result, I came back home and no Korean missionary remains there. I felt pity and sorry but because I had God's clear answer to come back I did not regret my choice. But, I am confident that someone, including me, will be sent to that precious place to serve those lovely souls. This is not a completion but another beginning of long training. I have witnessed so many dying souls in Bangladesh. Therefore, wishing that I will not come to displease my Lord, I will endeavor my best to live as His useful vessel. Wherever my Lord wants me to be, even to the ends of the earth, I will run to it.

Short-Term Mission Report from Mongolia

Thanking God

by Byung Yoon Min(Missionary Evangelist)

From Jan. 11-25, we went on a short-term missiontrip to Mongolia. It was so cold but we were able to defeat the weather by the joy of knowing that we are partakers of the ministry of spreading the gospel. I give thanks to God that not even one member caught a cold. Through the medical missions, about 800 people were treated and had an opportunity to hear the gospel. Despite weather that was -30 degrees C, we went out for street evangelism and evangelized to about 700 adults and 100 children. It was a blessing of success from God. Members were encouraged to find how God works His marvelous ways and carries His plans in the midst of cold weather. Mongolia is now undergoing transformation of their religion laws. Being conscious of elections this year, the government is implementing a new policy to revolutionize their nationalism and revival of Lamaism. Obviously targeting Christianity, this new law requires accompaniment of parents when children want to participate in any religious rituals or activities. When this new policy is enacted, considering that the youths are the majority in the Mongolian church can be threatening to Christianity. Also, this new law prohibits any kind of evangelism activity-which means no street evangelism. This law is a

serious stumbling block to the growing churches in Mongolia. United hands and voices are joined by the consulates of many nations as well as many Korean missionaries in opposition of this new law. This new law clearly contradicts the constitution where freedom of religion is guaranteed. In this context, it is a priceless and valuable thing to evangelize Mongolian souls in Korea. The price for such labor is priceless. Therefore, I felt that there is a need for more teachers in Mongolia on the Foreign Mission Committee. Fortunately, some teachers decided to remain as teachers and recommitted themselves to Mongolia despite their full ministerial duties. I thanked God evermore. The religious situation may be difficult in Mongolia but I value so dearly those Mongolians on the Foreign Mission Committee who are able to hear the gospel and the fact that they are growing encourages me. I pray for the many souls I got in contact with during this short-term mission. The future task for the Mongolian mission lies in reaching out to those Mongolians who stay in Korea and training them and educating them to effective Christian leaders when they go back home. I thank God first and to the many church members who supported and prayed for our missions.

Towards Sudan



Su In Park (Lay Missionary to Sudan)

I, hereby report that three we Young Il Kwon, Eun Hee Chu and I are assigned as short-term lay missionaries to Sudan for one year starting Jan. 29, 2000. Sudan is the biggest Islamic country in Africa where 40 years of internal conflict and severe droughts have caused endless pain to people. Recently, thanks to pressure from Western nations, the country is making the transition from military rule to a democratic society. However, there are many remnants of pain and conflict in the country. In addition, due to the strong influence of Muslims, no other religious activities are permitted. For a Sudanese person, to accept Jesus Christ and live a life of faith means to lay his/her life. Moreover, these days, Muslims are persecuting Christians even more and all primary schools are required to teach Islam in their curriculum. Therefore, many people might say that Sudan is a difficult country to evangelize. However, I think Sudan is a place where I can concentrate on God and His works unhindered by people or the world. Therefore, I am

delighted to dedicate my life to God. Our ministry in Sudan will revolve around what the missionary Young Dae Kim had initiated and is carrying on at Arab language schools, Ezra Bible School, Sudan Evangelicals and Ha Joseph church. Arab schools play a critical role by providing language training and visa preparations to foreign missionaries who wish to enter Sudan. Ezra Bible School is responsible for the theological education of Sudanese. Sudan Evangelicals is focusing on campus and youth ministry. My colleagues lay missionary Young Il Kwon, is responsible for Sudanese computer education; Eun Hee Chu will carry out medical missions; and I will work as a translator and elementary school teacher. However, we cannot do these things alone. First, we ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance and also many prayer supporters who will pray for us. Intercessory prayers are like a supporting missile towards our spiritual battleground. Please pray for us so that we can be victorious winners in our spiritual battle.

A Letter from a Mongolian

I am Nan Sa from Ulanbatar, Mongolia and majored in the Chinese language at the Foreign Language University in Mongolia. I came to Korea in October 1999. Now, I am a translator with the Mongol team. I came to Korea to find a job and earn money. Fortunately, my boss at work shared the gospel and led me to the church and I was baptized in December 1998. At first, I could not understand sermons at all. But, after three months passed, my understanding of Korean grew rapidly. I think God gave me a special ability. One day, God laid a dream in my heart. I was participating in Wednesday worship and the pastor gave a prayer request to hear God's voice. During my prayers, I saw a wooden bridge and could not erase that vision. I wondered what it was and kept thinking about it. That same night, I saw the wooden bridge again in my dreams. I asked God what it meant. In dreams, the Lord answered, I am the wooden bridge. Two ends mean heaven and hell. I will save many souls through you. Through this incident, I committed my life to God that I will live my entire life for Him. Last June, I became a translator at Choong Hyun church. When I first started, translating was very difficult. I sat there during worship service in fear and trembling at first but God assured me that He will use and guide me. I thank God for His strength and ability to me so that I can continue this ministry. The most exciting thing for me is to bring nonbelievers to church and witnessing them to become born again Christians. God said He will use those who are prepared. Therefore, I want to become a ready-to-use vessel for God's use. I thank those who continually pray for Mongolia. Also, my sincere gratitude to those who serve and toil without words in the Foreign Mission Committee.

Dreaming to Become a Missionary

Gi Man Ryoo (Third grade, middle school)



Hi. I am Gi Man Ryoo and serve as president of the middle school mission club Geruteogi(it means substance of tree). I started it in the second year of middle school. I joined the club without any expectations about my personal growth as a future missionary. But, I began to experience changes in my life. I started to pray longer for meals, which I had not done before, and am slowly reading Bible and doing Q.T. Moreover, I am learning various things about missions. Before Geruteogi, when I heard the word 'mission', I thought it involved evangelism in a foreign country or something that has nothing to do with me. However, I learned that missions involves not only doing foreign works but doing it in my social life as I bear God in my life. Writing encouraging letters to overseas missionaries is another way to do missions. But, you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth(Acts 1:8). (The word 'witness' here is a proclaimer of Christ's ministry and His resurrection.). This phrase may be a short one but it's an important theme that flows overall throughout the Bible. If spoken in other words, we all are given a command to do missions. Hence, comprehending such a fact I started envision future missions and began to participate actively in church activities. Seeing missionary seniors who already went over to other countries (mostly short-term missions) I compared myself that I am still far from achieving such commitment. But I am encouraged by the fact that this is just beginning and I will strive for continuing my preparations and envisioning the greater cause. The Great Commission to go is already given to us. We should not ignore this God-given command.