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Evangelizing the World
Loving Neighbors

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I love you, O LORD, my strength.
(Psalm 18:1)

For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:21)

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Recruiting Short-Term Missionaries to Be Sent in the Year 2000

Choong Hyun Presbyterian Church is recruiting missionaries for next year. This is being done now in order to provide sufficient training before they go abroad. These short-term missionaries will be sent to foreign countries either where Choong Hyun Church's long-term missionaries are serving to help support them or to other nations where Choong Hyun has sent short-term missionaries in previous years. The candidates that may be recruited must have already completed the layperson's missionary training course or will complete the course by December 1999. The church will recruit 10 short-term missionaries providing for over half of their support, including return airfare, 60% of their funding and faithful prayer support. The minimum time these

missionaries will serve is one year with the maximum being three years.

Choong Hyun acknowledges that it is necessary to send these short-term missionaries to places where other Choong Hyun missionaries have gone before. This is to follow-up on the work that has already been done and to expand the witness of Jesus Christ to other nearby areas. The short-term missionaries will meet with many of those internationals who previously attended Choong Hyun Church in the past and have returned to their home countries, so that they may be encouraged and others around them may be evangelized as well.

Special Evangelism Project For 4th and 8th Districts



The 4th District held an Evangelistic Conference for newcomers at Manna Hall on Saturday, July 10.

The District prepared for this invitational over three months ago, with the understanding that evangelism needs to begin first with people from their district area. The 4th District members have been praying for the people they targeted. In total, they invited 100 people. They had fellowship with them while they shared about the gospel.

The 8th District also held an Evangelistic Invitational on Saturday, June 19th. It was a successful event with 110 people in attendance. The District followed up with those who came by sending the Choong Hyun Weekly and evangelical pamphlets to them. Both the 4th and 8th Districts are planning to invite these same people who came the first time to a concert. The concert will be held August 14, with a performance by the Hallelujah Choir as additional follow up.

Rural Evangelism Project



During this month, from July 26-31, Choong Hyun Church will be sending several Rural Evangelism Teams throughout Korea. The 1st District will send some people to Ga Kum Church, which located in Choongju City, Choongbuk Province. The 9th District will be ministering to Gu Jeul Jung Ahn Church, in Jungsun City, Kangwon Province. The 15th District will go to Ban Suk Church in Wonju City, Kangwon Province. The 16th District will attend Set Byul Church in Wonju City, Kangwon Province. The 17th District will travel to Kum Sueng Church in

Jae Cheon City, Kyonggi Province.

During the last week, the 3rd, 10th and 14th Districts went to various areas of Korea to support many local churches in their ministry. The College Group went to Cheju Island and visited Toesan Church to help them in their ministry there. Choong Hyun Church sends evangelistic teams all over Korea to be a good witness of the gospel and to encourage other Christians and support them in their ministry.

Loving Our Neighbors Supporting Lower Income Families

The Choong Hyun Service Committee has decided to support some of its neighbors financially. This support will be primarily for low-income families for a six-month period. In the Yoksam dong area, 34 people were selected for this type of support. This will not only provide a good opportunity for Choong Hyun members to support some of its neighbors financially, but also to build a community witness for Jesus Christ.

Recruiting Winter Short-Term Mission Teams Planning to Send 80 People to 8 Different Countries

The Missions Committee has decided to recruit people for the winter short-term missions teams earlier than usual this year. This was done because training is necessary for these missionaries before they go. The selected countries include Sudan, Suriname, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Mongolia, Vietnam and Sri Lanka. The church is planning to send 10 members to each of these countries. These winter short-term teams will sent during the period beginning in late November to March 2000. Each team will stay approximately 10 days in their respective host country. The candidates for these teams will need to commence their missionary training in September. For more details, please contact the Missions Committee (ext. 356).

Prison Evangelism Department To Hold Special Summer Evangelism Outreach at Choonchun Juvenile Justice Center Volunteers Needed

From August 9-13, the Prison Evangelism Department will hold a Special Summer Evangelism Outreach at the Choonchun Juvenile Justice Center. This outreach is designed for 200 teenage prisoners. There will be a special speech by Rev. Kwang Jin Seo, plus prayer meetings, Bible studies and testimonies. These programs are intended to encourage the prisoners and offer the chance for them to hear the gospel clearly. There will also be a baptism service for those who choose to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

Since there are many prisoners in the Juvenile Justice Center, the Prison Evangelism Department is looking to recruit as many volunteers as possible. The Department is planning to invite members from the College Group to assist them. The Department started preparing for this special outreach on July 4th. On that Sunday, they began holding special prayer meetings after the Evening Service and these will continue each Sunday until the outreach begins. The prayer meetings will be held at the Prison Evangelism Department office. All are welcome to join in the prayer meetings, including the volunteers planning to assist in the outreach.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS

(Philipians 4:4-7)

‘Rejoice in the Lord, always; again I will say, “rejoice” (v.4)! The first two lines of blessedness in today’s scripture passages concern rejoicing in the Lord. The key word is “always”. This qualifying term means that we are to be joyful at all times in the Lord. To continue rejoicing always in all circumstances is the command Paul wants us to grasp. This biblical message applies to every Christian, in every context and is a secret key to

In view of the coming of the Lord and the great reward reserved for faithful servants, holy joy dispels anxious care. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (v. 6). The world heaves with anxiety - creating situations. He who rejoices in the Lord is not disturbed by distracting anxiety over worldly things. Holy joy keeps the mind clear and calm. It

we must take delight in holding conversation with Him whose presence is our prime joy. Prayer is general conversation of the soul with God. Supplication consists of indirect petition for ourselves and others. Intercessory prayer is also a Christian duty; so we must pray for our family, neighbors, nation, and world. Holy joy implies thanksgiving. Every moment we need to think about Jesus in appreciation. In everything we give thanks. Amen!

Holy joy expresses itself in prayer and thanksgiving and prayer and thanksgiving bring peace. “And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (v. 7). Peace is the fruit of the Spirit and the Spirit is given in earnest to honest prayer. The peace of God is something the Christian is expected to enjoy. “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body; and be thankful” (Col. 3:15). The peace of Christ should rule and determine every circumstance of life. It keeps your balance and direction in a world trying to tip the scales. The peace of God surpasses the limits of human understanding, it is an unspeakable joy.

The truest and the most abiding joy is joy in the Lord. That’s real truth! Jesus tells us, “Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (Jn. 14:27). That’s something we need to know and can experience only in the Lord. The best of earthly joys come from

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unlocking the inner peace found only in Christ. It’s easy to rejoice in moments of excitement or when we experience minimal problems but it’s more difficult during painful, turbulent, and unpleasant situations.

Indeed, Paul rejoiced with the hardship of prison and confining chains. He rejoiced with a constant and discomforting thorn (illness) in his flesh. He suffered many things for the sake of Christ and yet continually rejoiced. Christian joy is joy in the Lord. Paul had faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. He found God’s wonderful revelation! He enjoyed the knowledge of truth. As such, he could rejoice in Christ’s ascension, perpetual intercession, humility, purity, unselfishness, holy courage, love, gentleness, sympathy, power, glory, and majesty. He could rejoice in spiritual fellowship with Jesus, in His most gracious presence abiding in the Christian heart.

Christian joy is the responsibility of every believer. This manner in which Christians should behave is what I call the duty of rejoicing. It leads to gentleness and forbearance toward others, “Let your gentle spirit be known to all men. The Lord is near” (v. 5). He who rejoices in the Lord is happy in that great possession! He is not selfish and does not insist on his own right but will give way to others. He will be gentle and kind because the Lord is at hand! Amen!!! In other words, a Christian who rejoices in the Lord looks for His appearing, loves to think on it and to prepare for it. He does not set over much store on this earth but diligently works for heavenly treasure.

concentrates the thought upon the great gladness of the presence of the Lord. In comparison to holy joy, the objects of earthly pursuits are indeed insignificant. Believers retain joy as a result of learning to rejoice in Jesus. We also learn in like measure the difficult lesson to cast all our care upon Him.

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change things ourselves and worrying needlessly about things we have no control over destroys Christian joy. By ourselves we are nothing and can do nothing. Believing in Jesus is the only way, truth, and life. Knowing Him and obeying His words is the narrow pathway we must follow to heaven. When we focus our thoughts on Christ, our hearts beat to the tune of eternal joy. The heavy burdens become light and we have cause to rejoice in the Lord!

Spiritual joy expresses itself in prayer and supplication. Prayer is conversation with God and

society, whom we dearly love, and are all temporary. Christian joy springs from fellowship with Christ and is eternal. Pray for grace to win you to Christ. For to know Christ, to love Christ, is everything! Love, joy, and peace are the fruit of the Spirit. Pray for the blessed experience of the working of the Spirit in your heart. Just pray for His lovely heart to come to your heart and rejoice in the endless source of holy joy.

Our Doors are Always Open to Travelers

By Karen Tinsley-Kim
(Teacher of the English Ministry)

The last few weeks in the English Ministry have been somewhat bittersweet. We've had to bid farewell to a number of faithful members including Sean and Jenny Park, Mark and Carol Hickey, Deacon Oh Suk and his family and Chan Young Park. There are still some others who plan to leave us very soon to embark on new international horizons, all guided by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The temptation to take on a heavy heart is readily present. Yet, a choice remains before us. We can simply mourn our losses or take on the perspective of Christ. The ministry Christ had was full of farewells, since He often traveled to various cities and places, usually for short periods of time. Certainly, the people He left behind must have felt some sorrow. However, nothing is found where Christ encouraged that kind of feeling to remain. In contrast, He expected the people He had touched to continue to spread the good news and to live as people of God.

The Apostle Paul had similar teachings, as found in Romans 12:9-16, "Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

Paul offers quite a list in this passage that probably few of us are confident that we fully meet. However, the list includes ideas that infer that our fellowship will change, such as being joyful in hope, practicing hospitality and living in harmony with others. The word, "fellowship" usually has a positive connotation for us and this is what the Lord intends it to be. However, real life with real people makes maintaining this pleasant association with the word "fellowship" less than easy at times. This is one likely reason why Paul was compelled to write Romans 12:9-6. But, our desire remains for pleasant and godly fellowship.

It sometimes may not be until we are saying farewell that we again realize "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1) Again, we may feel a loss over saying

"God Bless You," "Take Care," and even "I love you in Christ," as we part ways. But our hope should remain. As we send some of our members off with our prayers and hugs, we need to keep our arms open to embrace the new ones that will come among us. Many of those who visit us are business people, teachers or tourists. Most are here only for a short time and therefore, like Jesus Christ, may be considered travelers. Throughout Scripture, the idea of taking good care of travelers was expected. Job, in one of his defense statements, declared that "my door was always open to the traveler." (Job 31:32b) Can we confidently say in our hearts the same thing? Or is this an area we may need to ask for the Holy Spirit's help?

Many of the travelers who come among us are looking for love, understanding and shelter from a new and foreign land. In other words, most of them have only been introduced to Korean culture and may even be confused by the style of Christianity present here. It will take the humility of our hearts and the generosity of our time to get to know and encourage these new brothers and sisters. Let's not lose the wonderful chance to expand our unity with them. Then when they also leave, they also may rejoice in the pleasant fellowship they found among us in the English Ministry at Choong Hyun Church. And then we'll also be ready to embrace the new ones who follow will behind them.

Return from the Rural Evangelism Project

Doing the Work of God with Joyful Hearts

By Jung Oak Kwon (2nd Young Adults Group)

During this past June 21-24, I joined one of the Rural Evangelism Teams. Our team went to Woodo Island, which is about an hour by boat from Tongyoung. There were about 32 homes and 42 people total who live on the island. Most of them were quite old, save for seven children there. Out of the entire tiny population, only seven people were Christians.

As soon as we arrived at Woodo, we started to unpack. After that, we began to visit door-to-door. We invited everyone to an evening service we were holding, including a snack time. For the next three days, we served the people there in specialized teams, including ones providing haircuts, cleaning the beach, mowing and cleaning outhouses. We tried hard to do the best job we could and in the meantime we shared the gospel with them. We wanted very much to share the love of God with them.

Every night we were there, we met with the local people and invited them to share with us in the Word of God. We sang songs with hand motions and had fellowship over snacks later. All the people on the island were amazed at our work, with some of them bringing snacks to us as we labored during the day. We were even invited

for dinner by some of the local people one night. The morning we were leaving for Seoul, as we walked to the island's harbor, we met 12 grandmothers and grandfathers who came to see us off. They asked us when we were coming back again. We were able to see how the people opened their hearts to us.

Actually, I joined this Rural Evangelism Team during my holiday from work. I really had no time to prepare, only just to go. But, God blessed me in return with many things. He made this holiday time for me the most unforgettable time I've ever had. Of course, we had some serious challenges and difficulties to complete our work successfully. Yet, while I was working in Woodo, I felt that God was working with me and this encouraged me in a great way to do His work well. I also learned during this time that the Rural Evangelism Team is not for "special people," but for those Christians who only have a heart to serve. God enjoys working through His people to call others to Himself.

Already, I am looking forward to the next Rural Evangelism Project. I believe that God will show His love and grace to others through people just like me.

I Still Pray for You

By Chung Shim Yoon (College Group)

When I was in my second year of high school, I met one of the teachers for the high school group at my former church. The teacher had an unattractive face and many of the high school girls ignored him because of this. However, I was able to spend some time with him and we discussed my future and how to grow more deeply in my Christian life. I was greatly encouraged by this teacher, especially by his prayers and letters to me. He often told me, "Whenever I pray for you, I feel so excited for you! If I miss the chance to pray, the Lord never fails to remind me. I am fully confident that in whatever you do, you will do it well. I know the Lord has an excellent plan for you."

During my third year of high school, this same teacher was fasting and praying for me. I intended to go to college. As I was preparing for my college entrance exams, I faced many difficulties. I lost interest in going to church. I got very depressed about the college entrance exams. One day, I met up again with my high school Sunday School teacher on the street. He told me confidently, "I am still praying for you." This greatly encouraged me.

A few years later, I received a message on my pager. I didn't recognize the number. I checked the message. It was from my former high school Sunday School teacher! His message said that he was now working as a missionary in a foreign country. He wanted me to know this and he told me again, "I am still praying for you."

While I was a graduate student, I received an invitation card from my teacher. The card was a wedding invitation from him. It said that after he got married he was planning to go to Hawaii with his new wife to receive missionary training. Sometime later, I got a call from him. He was in Washington, D.C. He called me all the way from the United States just to tell me, "Today, while I was praying, the thought of you was heavy on my heart. I just wanted you to know that I am still praying for you."

Operation World
Laos

The Lao People's Democratic Republic is surrounded by Thailand, Vietnam and China. It is mountainous and 70% forested. Over 103 ethnic-linguistic groups are known to exist, however others may not have been accounted for yet, since the land

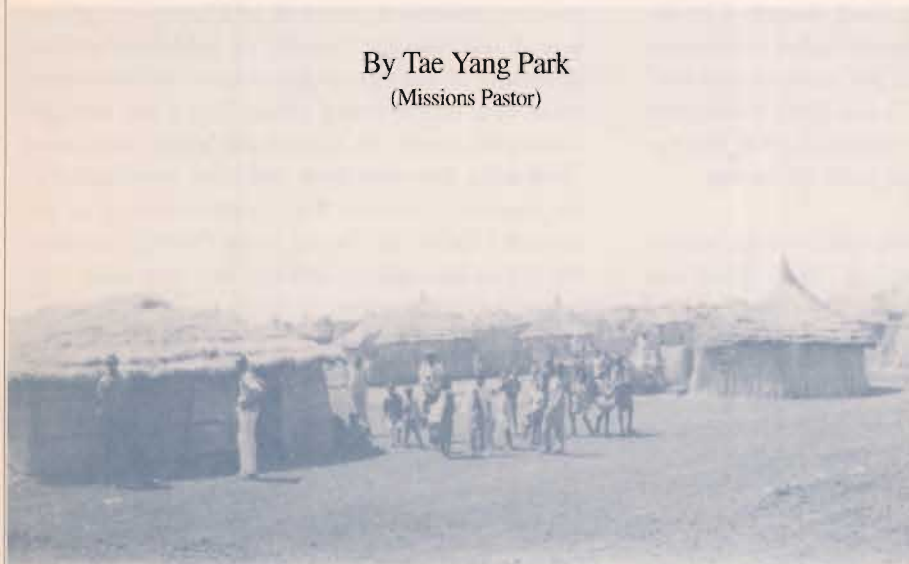


has yet to be adequately surveyed. It remains Communist politically, so the few Christians there are still subject to persecution.

Pray for Laos to have a more widespread Christian witness throughout the land and that doors will open to allow this to happen. In 1975, over 90% of all the trained Christian leaders there left Laos for other nations. Less than a dozen men with adequate training remain. Pray for fresh Christian leadership to be established that it may grow and support ministry to the many other people groups who have never heard the gospel in their own language. Bible translation is in process for many of the groups there, but a tremendous amount of work remains. Missionary work is not officially recognized in Laos, so pray that those who go to serve in Laos will be provided with other open doors.

News from Sudan
LOOK UPON JESUS

By Tae Yang Park
(Missions Pastor)



The Short Term Mission Team to Sudan arrived in Khartoum, early in the morning of June 28th. A total of four people, including myself, arrived together. The morning we arrived, our mission work began with an early morning prayer meeting. I helped to lead a Bible Study and preached during the local services. I also had a special opportunity to preach to the Nuer tribe.

I found that most of the people who have been helping Missionary Young Dae Kim have diseases, such as hepatitis, malnutrition, various skin afflictions and tuberculosis. Most of them are in need of urgent treatment, but they do not have any facilities available to them. Fortunately, one of our team members has nurse's training. She helped by treating many of these needy ones.

I have been here in Sudan for two weeks, working to relieve Missionary Young Dae Kim while he is receiving treatment in Korea. During this short time, the water has been cut off at least ten times and the electricity is no better. On Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, the water and electric power was completely cut off. So, we didn't have a convenient way to cook or see anything at night. A hot shower was completely out of the question. It is a

constant and daily challenge to survive here. It is so dusty here that several attempts to dust each day seem fruitless. The ants don't seem to mind though, since they are always around. The tap water is yellowish in color. All these little things easily pile up to make for a tiresome day.

However, we cannot stop our mission work because of all these little strains. Early this morning, at 4:30 am, our two evangelism teams prepared to leave for two different villages, Mirawe and Garima. Missionary Kang Ki Yeop, brother Bum Jin Kim and sister Ji Hyun Shin and two local people made up these two small teams. They will ride in the back of a covered truck for the next 13 hours through the Sahara Desert to get to these villages. I am confident this will be a most unforgettable trip for all the team members involved. When they arrive, they will go door-to-door and invite people to view the movie, "Jesus," which will be shown using a manual generator.

As I mentioned earlier, the environment alone is enough to wear us out. We are still reminding ourselves to look upon Jesus. We are fervently praying with all our hearts and minds to be thankful, joyful and full of peace.

My Missions Training in India
This is the Time to Be a Witness for Christ

By Sae Ryung Kim (Freshmen College Group)



Matthew 10:32-33 says, "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." When Jesus appointed his disciples to spread the gospel He told them these words. I, too, want to live as an effective witness for Christ. Jesus is my all — my best friend, my favorite teacher and my counselor. The most tremendous work Christ has done for me is to deliver me from the darkness into the light. Since He rescued me from the power of darkness and put me into the light, he will always remain at my side. This is the time for me to testify about Him. God gave me this wonderful opportunity to go to India, where so many different tribes of people live with so many different idols. I'm so very grateful to the Lord that He led me to visit India, where some people say it is like a microcosm representing

the whole world, in terms of its diversity. I will only be one person following God's leading, desiring to serve Him. Whenever I consider what God may do with my life in the future, I feel like singing and dancing to express my excitement. I'm confident that God gave me this opportunity to visit India to get language training for my future mission work and to learn how to care for children. I will also have the chance to serve in the local church as pianist. I know that all these things are not possible by my own strength, but by the power of God. I only want to be a tool, which God can use effectively whenever He wants to. I hope and pray that I will be one who will confess like Paul, "I die everyday to follow Christ and to obey His command."

I sincerely ask for your prayers as I go to this different land to serve Christ. Through your prayers I trust will be blessed by the Holy Spirit's guidance.

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> <i>The English Service is held in the Welfare Center (Deacons Bldg. B 1) at 9:00 am.</i>
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