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Godly Worship Service
Raising Workers for the Kingdom
Evangelizing Korea
Evangelizing the World
Loving Neighbors

The Biweekly Choong Hyun

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

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

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Recruiting Winter 1999-2000 Short-Term Mission Team Members

*To Be Sent After Acquiring Training
Applications Due at the End of August*

Choong Hyun Church has decided to recruit 77 people to be sent to eight different countries during the period of December 3, 1999 to February 26, 2000. Those who are interested in participating in this special missions opportunity must apply by the end of August. It is required that all accepted applicants participate in training during September, run by the Laypersons Missions Institute. The candidates for all teams must be full members of Choong Hyun Church and baptized. The candidates are also required to submit letters of recommendation from their respective pastors. In addition to the training, the church will support these team members with round-trip airfare and a living stipend during their stay abroad.

Country	Number of People	Purpose	Period of Sojourn
Sri Lanka	15	Short-Term Mission	12/3/99-12/13/99
Bangladesh	10	Short-Term Mission	12/9/99-12/21/99
Sudan	10	Medical Mission	12/22/99-1/1/00
Suriname	7	Short-Term Mission	1/8/00-1/20/00
Mongolia	5	Short-Term Mission	1/11/00-1/25/00
India	10	Short-Term Mission	1/19/00-2/1/00
Pakistan	10	Short-Term Mission	2/1/00-2/13/00
Vietnam	10	Missions Training	2/16/00-2/26/00

Bongchun Dong Study Room Held Summer Retreat

The Bongchun Dong Study Room held their Summer Retreat for children from deprived economic backgrounds from July 27-28. This Study Room was founded by the Choong Hyun College Group. During this retreat, 7 middle school students and 15 elementary school students attended. They held Bible studies, worship services and additional activities with the children. This was a great opportunity to share the love of Christ with these children.



Sharing the good news of Jesus Christ
during a small group Bible study.

Missions Institute 2nd Semester of '99 To Start Saturday, September 4, 4:00 p.m.

Laypersons Missions Training Institute, which is designed for laypeople to be trained as missionaries, will begin its second semester this coming September 4 in Bethany Hall. The Missions Survey Course will begin November 3 and continue to November 6. For more details, please contact the Missions Committee.

Evangelism Outreach at Choon Chun Juvenile Justice Center

The Prison Evangelism Department is looking to recruit as many volunteers as possible for this upcoming evangelism project. It will be held from August 9-13. There are over 200 teenage prisoners housed there. Although they are physically in prison, we hope and pray that they will find true freedom in Christ. All those who may be interested in this type of outreach are invited to participate in this project, including prayer and volunteering.

The Third Annual Choir Leader's Conference

*Give Praise to the Lord Almighty
with All Our Hearts*

From August 11-14, the Third Annual Choir Leader's Conference will be held at Choong Hyun Church. The purpose of this conference is to reconfirm the fact that singing in the choir or playing an instrument is to be done for the glory of God. Many choir leaders who attended this conference in the past were warmly encouraged.

This year's conference will be of great benefit for all participants. This event is open to all choir leaders throughout Korea, as well as to those aspiring to become choir leaders in the future. The Choir Committee, which is sponsoring this conference, strongly encourages all choir leaders at Choong Hyun Church to attend, as well as all pastors who are interested or currently serve in a form of music ministry. The Choir Committee is also anticipating a large number of participants to attend this year's conference and because of this it is keeping the conference in regular prayer.

The Second Bi-Annual Conference for Pastors Keeping God's Power in Your Preaching August 23-25

The purpose of this conference is to encourage pastors throughout Korea to be increasingly responsible for their preaching content. It is also intended that this seminar challenge all the pastors in Korea to be responsible for their preaching approach. It is also designed to encourage them to be loyal to the Word of God when they preach before their congregations. To be responsible and loyal to the Word of God, it is necessary for all pastors to be reminded of the humility of the Lord Jesus Christ. All pastors should regard part of their calling as continuously developing their ministry skills in a godly manner. All pastors throughout Korea are invited, including assistant pastors. One of the speakers, Dr. Richard Pratt, Professor of the Old Testament at Reformed Theological Seminary will give a talk titled, "The Preaching of the Gospel in the Old Testament." The other speaker, Richard Craven, Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary will give a talk titled, "Keeping God's Power in Your Preaching." Each of the speakers will break their talks into seven portions each, totalling 14 sections. The registration fee is 30,000 won. For more information, please contact the Education Department Office.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

Heirs of God

(Romans 8:17)

This chapter reminds us of the Garden of Eden which had in it all manners of delight. But Adam and Eve sinned and we lost it all; we lost the pure glory of knowing and loving God without sin. Today's particular verse highlights the tremendous blessings of our progressive Christian journey upwards toward God, "and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him" (v. 17). As children of God, eternal life with Him is our promised inheritance. This wonderful

received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (Jn. 1:12). Amen!!! Heirs of God are those who believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Savior, Redeemer, and Lord. These are the one's who can be his children, not natural creatures but those who have received new life — and that's the ground of heirship.

Heirs are equal in the divine family. There's a certain universal character to divine heirship. Time within the Kingdom doesn't change heirship. Whether you're a baby Christian of one year or a

His love, for God is love. Hence, heirs acquire all possible good for God is good. We are heirs of all Jesus has and is as God and man. We are heirs of God Himself—what an infinite portion!

Believers are joint-heirs with Christ who has already been glorified. The eternal inheritance of future blessings premised by God is secure because it is "kept in heaven" (see 1 Peter 1:4). Joint heirship with Christ is the test of true heirship. We are not heirs except with Christ, in Christ, and through Christ. This sweetens everything because fellowship with Jesus is the best portion. You can't have anything without Jesus. This shows us the greatness of our inheritance and the worth of Jesus Christ. Such an inheritance as the Father gave to His well beloved Son, He gives to us. This insures it to us for Jesus will not lose it. His title deed is one and ours is one and indivisible.

Jesus should be recognized as partners with us in all things for His love is unbounded. He takes us into union with Himself, and He secures our inheritance. His prayer for us obtains it, His going into heaven prepares it, and His coming again will bring full enjoyment of it. This joint heirship joins us fast to Jesus. Since we are nothing and have nothing and can do nothing apart from Him, we should all the more appreciate His being in unity and heirship with us.

Christians are heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. God both prepares us for glory and prepares glory for us. It is ours by inheritance. At the same time, however, we have our part to play; glorification should be sought and it will be wrought in us through our affliction and suffering. Let us joyfully accept the present suffering with Jesus Christ for it is part of our heritage. Let's believe in the glorification which is sure to follow in due time and

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verse shows us the higher and higher nature of our divine heirship. We go from sonship to heirship and heirship to joint heirship with the Lord Jesus. It's a step-up-step-up display of the real meaning of our true identity.

The ground of heirship begins as children of God. It doesn't follow the natural or ordinary mean of human creation. Heirship doesn't automatically come to every human being. The Bible doesn't say if creature then heir also; it says "if children" then heir of God. This is a big difference that people need to grasp because heirship is also not found through natural descendants, neither are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "On the contrary, 'His through Isaac your descendants will be named.' That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants" (Rom. 9:7-8). Not all Israelites (physically) are Israel (spiritually). This is proof of God's sovereign selection: God chose Isaac, not Ishmael, and Jacob, not Esau. Nor can heirship come through meritorious service (see Gal. 4:30) or ceremonial observance (see Rom 4:9). Heirship is given to God's chosen only.

Who really are heirs of God? The Bible specifically mentions, "For all who are being led by the spirit of God, these are sons of God" (Rom. 8:14), "Jesus answered and said to him, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God,'" (Jn. 3:3), "Because you are sons, God has sent for the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, 'Abba! Father!'" (Gal. 4:6), and have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him" (Col. 3:10), and "But as many as

mature Christian of many years, heirship is the same. God blesses His children under the same promise (see Heb. 6:17). Also, whoever becomes a child of God is directly related to His firstborn Son, who is the first among many brethren. The inheritance is large enough for all. It doesn't make a difference whether you're poor or rich, big or little, weak or strong, all heirs, except Jesus, are the same.

Our inheritance is divinely great! Not many people understand the awesomeness of being a heir of

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God. The Bible tells us so much of our wonderful and different privileges. As children of God, we are heirs of all things, "He who overcomes will inherit these things (all things newly created), and I will be his God and he will be My son" (Rev. 21:7), "So then let no one boast in men. For all things belong to you" (1 Cor. 3:21). Children of God are heirs of salvation (see Titus 3:7), heirs of the kingdom (Jam. 2:5), heirs of promise (see Heb. 6:17), heirs of righteousness (see Heb. 11:17), and heirs of the grace of life (see 1 Pet. 3:7). Amazing! Christian heirs possess all that God possesses and all that God is. Amen! We receive all of

let us anticipate it with immediate rejoicing.

My dear and beloved Choong Hyun friends, this is our blessing on earth and in heaven. This time is our future and it is forever and ever. Let's deny ourselves, take-up our cross and follow Him with faith. Let's join in heirship with Jesus. Today is our independence day in which we remember God's mighty hand in freeing us from Japan. This is such a wonderful earthly blessing, but let us not forget to receive His heavenly blessing. We can only get it with Jesus, through Jesus, and in Jesus.

Review of the Summer Retreat

By Chan Young Park (Reporter, English Ministry)



Though I am free and belong to no man, I make myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible" (1 Corinthians 9:19). This was the theme verse of the summer retreat held on July 17, in the English Ministry. Members from youth to adults who had different cultural backgrounds gathered and eagerly participated in the programs. Most especially, the Youth Group was really involved. We had a Scripture Dig-In, Darts of Fortune and a scavenger hunt.

A Scripture Dig-In is a pretty good way to read and study the Bible. Everyone is given a passage and colored pencils and they may draw a line or highlight the words or phrases that look important or are repeated while reading the scripture. After it, we gathered to share what we found out from the scripture.

One of the dynamic characteristics of the English Ministry is variability. People from different cultural backgrounds gather therefore, we are used to facing cultural differences. Therefore, it is more meaningful to us that in order to win souls and to tell the gospel, we need to be an expert in intercultural communication, and the best way is by adjusting ourselves to others to the point of being a slave to them.

The Field for Fishers of Men "Hello!" "What? Visit your church?"

By Woon Hwan Jung (Deacon, 6th District)

The 6th district visited Sae Somang Church in Yongin city. It is a very small church with 20 members. When we arrived at the church we divided into ten teams to visit the neighbors door to door. The Acupuncture Team arrived at Sae Somang Church a day before our team. They had already started offering their medical services to the people in the area in the village hall. "I can give you acupuncture, but it is Jesus who heals you." They kept saying this with joyful hearts to the people who came to them for help. The Hairdressing Team members were very busy to cut the people's hair. They also did not miss the opportunity to tell the people about Jesus, "Believe in Jesus, and go heaven," "Would you like to visit church?" When the people were invited to visit church while they were sitting for their haircut, they could not help themselves from saying "Yes" to the haircut team.

The Street Evangelism Team arrived around noon. They left for the village to visit door to door. When they left for the visit, they were very excited about their mission, but by the time when they were returning to the place where we put our base camp for the evangelism, they were dragging their legs. They did not see anyone on the street or in their homes. However, after lunch we went out again to share the gospel with the people who they might see on streets or inside houses. Prayer and lunch were enough encouragement to empower all the members. It was 32 degrees with the hot sun that day. Finally, we saw



several people under a big tree enjoying the shade. As we walk toward them, they said out loud "Oh, you are going to say, visit church, aren't you? We have already heard it six times." They sounded a little irritated by hearing the same words several times. We came to them anyway and said, "Oh grandpa/ma you probably need a haircut. You can have a free and nice haircut with us. Do you have any pain in your body? We can give you free acupuncture service."

We were actually concerned about the evening service — How many people might come? The evening service started at 7:00 pm and people started to come to the church one by one. We finally had to provide many extra chairs. All the team members were amazed by the work of the Holy Spirit. Reverend Jong Dare Lee gave the message 'Let's Reconcile with God.' After the service, during the fellowship and snack time, 8 of them decided to accept Jesus Christ as their personal Savior. The members of Sae Somang Church were overwhelmed by the wonderful work of God among the people. We were also deeply touched by the fact that God worked through us to be fishers of men.

We left Sae Somang Church for Seoul at 10:00 pm with great joy in our hearts. Since we were invited to visit again by the pastor of the church, we are praying and planning visit the church and help the ministry of Sae Somang again in the near future.

One Fact That Never Changes



By So Hyea Park
(High School Group)

Isometimes feel that I am riding an emotional rollercoaster. Sometimes, I come to church and pray passionately with tears. At other times, I feel as if I will never pray again. Once in a while, I look over my diary, in which I have kept my passionately written prayers. While I was reading it one day, I found that it was I who was changing. Yet, there is One who never changes — He is Jesus Christ. This is the only thing I can take confidence in, that Jesus has and will never change and that also means that His love has not changed for me either. However, even though I know I have this unchanging love from Jesus, I remain one who is changing. I still much prefer spiritual milk over a full spiritual meal.

After I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior, there was one thing that permanently changed in my life. I found the meaning of life. I can now pray for others with tears, even as I pray for myself. The Lord reminds me regularly that I should love my friends as I love myself. I can now enjoy my daily life with the love of the Lord. I hope and pray that I can clearly reflect the love of Christ as light and salt on the earth for His sake.

24 Hour Prayer Vigil Our Church is Founded Upon the Prayers of Church Mothers



We Christians may often live unknowingly covered by the prayers of others. The people who pray for us may include parents or close friends, but we have others who also pray for us. These unknown ones are "Kwonsa" or church mothers.

Eight years ago, the Choong Hyun Church Mothers Association began their 24 hour prayer vigil after finding many members in need of regular and constant prayer. Other groups have also traditionally held prayer meetings, even early in the wee hours of the morning, but the choice to continue prayer around the clock was originally established by the church mothers.

Many of the church mothers who participate in the prayer vigil are current and retired church mothers. The total number is around 500 women, including quite a number who are over 80 years of age. They come on a rotational basis to the Prayer Room behind Galilee Hall throughout the day and night to pray for one to two hours at a time. When

they pray, they pray for the entire church, including the pastors, families, individual members and also for the nation at large. They have a prayer list they follow during their time to pray. It is certain that their prayers are the spiritual stronghold that encourages our church to remain and grow.

Some of the members live quite a distance from church and this can make transportation difficult, especially if they are scheduled to pray late at night to early morning after most forms of public transportation are no longer available. Because of this, the church mothers scheduled to pray at those times spend the night at church and return home early in the morning. It is such a blessing that we have a prayer group so willing to commit themselves to such a large prayer task. The church mothers come before the Lord in these prayer times with full and joyful hearts. Let us not forget to give thanks for their spiritual dedication and pray they are blessed in return for their faithful service.

'99 Short Term mission Update

News from the Mongolia Team He was There Before Us

by Kyung Hwa Noh (College Group)

We returned to Seoul on July 27. As soon as we landed at Kimpo Airport, we came to the full realization of what had really occurred during the last 14 days while we were in Mongolia. Before we had left Seoul to go to Mongolia, we had envisioned the country to be a spiritual desert. However, much to our delight and surprise we found out that the Holy Spirit had already been there working long before we ever arrived. From the second day we were there, we provided medical services, some children services and went door to door for visitation. We visited Ahriuhn (Holy Footsteps) Church in Yarimak. We joined the service there and joined in fellowship with the members there. We found ourselves again overwhelmed by the amount of work the Lord had already done in that church. We also visited several local families who were related to Mongolian members of our church, who are currently residing and working in Seoul. In the evenings, we invited local families to attend church services to encourage them and to share the gospel with them in a clear manner. Again to our surprise we witnessed a miracle — a grandfather came to the service who had been a Buddhist Lama and during the service one night he dedicated his life to Jesus Christ.

Another miracle we witnessed was among the two translators working with our medical team. The translators originally just did their job, but as the days passed one of the translators began to show some interest in the gospel. A few days before we prepared to return to Seoul, this same translator came to us and asked, "Why haven't you shared the gospel with me?" Of course, we were so excited to hear this and we immediately shared the good news with her. She accepted Christ then and there. Many of our members cried for joy over this surprising Kingdom birth.

I used to open up my daytimer and not see much in it. These days, however, my daytimer is now full of names of new Mongolian friends so I remember to pray for them. Now that I am back in Seoul, the only thing I can really do for them is pray. In all my prayers, I always thank God that He has been there reaching out to the people and that I had a short opportunity to help plant spiritual seeds that He will grow.



△ A short-term mission team member shares the gospel with Mongolian children.

News from the Bangladesh Team A Muslim Country, However...

When we arrived in Bangladesh, we immediately broke into teams to go door-to-door evangelism. Most people were born into the Islamic faith. However, God worked through us to knock on the doors of their hearts. First, we visited Bangladeshis who were former Choong Hyun members and had accepted Christ while they were living and working in Korea. We were warmly welcomed by all, but we had to be quite cautious as we moved about, since Jesus cannot be openly proclaimed in this country.

Regardless, we found many who were willing to help us. We visited a village in the countryside, which was four hours from the capital of Dhaka. In this village, we found a small church which has its own intrinsic pastor. We were so encouraged to find a Bangladeshi national serving his people in this way. Just to be a Christian is a great risk, and one can be

excluded from his/her entire family and community for following Christ. The people in this village live quite poorly, but many live their lives with great joy in the Lord. We had the honor of praying with them and singing praise songs together. It is hard to know who was encouraged more — them or us? We are so thankful that even little things can have a profound effect when they are in the Master's hands.



△ Sharing the gospel with some local people using the Four Spiritual Laws booklet.

We also had the privilege of meeting with Missionary Eun Mi Kim from Choong Hyun, who has been working full-time in Bangladesh. We were quite moved by the work the Lord has been doing through her mission effort there.

One of our local Bangladeshi friends introduced us to a son of a chief congress member. We were invited into his home for a family party given in our honor. He extended a warm and open invitation to us to stay at his house the next time we come to Bangladesh. It is our sincere hope and prayer that this son of such an influential man may come to know Christ and lead other important people to know Christ there as well.

News from the Sri Lanka Team Overwhelmed By Joy

by Suk Jin Kim
(Missions Institute Trainee)



During our mission work in Sri Lanka, we were able to see the work of the Holy Spirit while we presented the good news. We had missions survey training for three days and two nights before we left for Sri Lanka.

While we were waiting in Singapore for our last leg of our flight to Sri Lanka, we reviewed all the things we had learned and practiced what we would present. Finally, we arrived. Our focus from the beginning was upon several things, including language training, understanding the culture and surveying mission possibilities. We did homestays with several local families. It was clear to us that God was doing His work through us, despite our limitations. All the people we met in Sri Lanka were so ready to absorb anything we presented to them spiritually. The people blessed us in many ways, by assisting us in learning the language, culture and exploring our mission opportunities.

We went to Sri Lanka for the practical training portion of our missions survey course. We were able

to practice what we learned from our teachers while in our training course at Choong Hyun Church. We were also able to acquire many practical applications during our stay. It was a great opportunity for those of us who went and we give thanks to God for our successful journey.

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 (Deaconal 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