

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)

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Short-Term Missions 2000: Go and make disciples

Short-term mission trips for year 2000 are scheduled as follows. Please pray for the participants and countries.

1. For deep spiritual relationship of all participants with Lord Jesus;
2. Opportunities to share the gospel to the prepared souls; and
3. Continued leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Nation	Bangladesh	Sri Lanka	Japan	Uganda	Mongolia	Sudan
Dates	July 17 - 29	July 24 - August 4	July 25 - August 2	August 3 - 16	August 10 - 21	August 3 - 15
Participants	6	18	14	16	18	20

Short-Term
Mission to
Sri Lanka
and Japan
:Departing
on 24th and
25th



Five Campaigns for Spirit -filled Worship

God is Spirit: His worshippers must...
(John 4:24)

The Worship Committee has decided to encourage the following five points to all Choong Hyun congregation members in order to enhance spiritual worship. All Choong Hyun members are requested to participate in this effort for a successful campaign.

- I Punctual Sundays -Attending Sunday worship and Praise worship is a must
- I Eliminating Tardiness - Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of all services
- I Attending Friday Services - To be trained in prayer, praises and the Word
- I Attending Early Morning Prayer Services - Daily participation in early morning prayer meetings
- I Giving Wednesday Worships - Attending Choong Hyun's Wednesday service

Rededication to Praise Wholeheartedly: Summary of the July 17 Zion Choir Retreat

The Zion Choir had a summer retreat on July 17 at the Christian Retreat Center with a theme entitled, "Praise of Heaven." Rev. Young Tark Yune and Deacon Chang Keun Kim gave lectures. Reverend Yune's lecture was entitled, "God Who Dwells With Israel's Praise" and "Position and Attitude of Choir Members" was the focus of Deacon Kim's lecture. Most choir members attended the retreat and participated in topics such as the importance of appropriate praise, reasons to praise God, significance of music in worship and a sincere attitude as a worshipping choir member.

After the various lectures, a time of fellowship gave an opportunity to allow people to better know each other. Through the retreat, Zion Choir members came to renew their dedication to serve and minister worthy of God's calling. May our continued encouragement and prayers be on the Zion Choir's ministry that they may glorify God through their praises.

Choong Hyun English Ministry's Summer Retreats

The Choong Hyun English Ministry will have three summer retreats for the Zion choir, elementary Sunday school and adults. On July 17 (Constitution Day), the Zion choir held their retreat. The elementary Sunday school retreat will be on July 29 at church and on August 14 - 15 the adults will have their retreat at the Asia Center for Theological Studies in Yangpyung, Kyonggi Province. Please pray for the success of these retreats that they may bring unity and fellowship to these groups. If you have any questions regarding the elementary or adult retreats, please contact Rev. Joseph Chung at the church (ext. 335).

Holt Adopted Families Moved by Choong Hyun's Love

On July 8, two chartered buses pulled into Choong Hyun's front yard on a scorching hot Saturday afternoon. A group of 61 Holt adopted families visited the church for an overnight home-stay program. 19 host families from Choong Hyun welcomed their arrival. (continued on p. 3)

Service Information

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

Evangelism Department for Foreigners

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



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

Written Down on Earth

(Jeremiah 17:13)

“O LORD, the hope of Israel, all who forsake you will be put to shame.

Those who turn away from you will be written in the dust
because they have forsaken the LORD, the spring of living water.”

In today's Bible passage, the Lord God tells us, “Cursed is the man who trusts in mankind and makes flesh his strength, and whose heart turns away from the Lord” (17:5). The background of this passage was Judah's periodic attempts to seek the help of Egypt against Babylon. During trying times, many people place their faith in someone or something other than God. This is, of course, a big mistake because such efforts produce bad results. Why? God tells us, “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can understand it? (17:9). The natural condition of humans is sinful. No matter how good one may think his or her intentions are, without the Lord God, they are selfish, rotten and wicked. Those who are self-sufficient may think that their hard work, sacrifices, and good deeds are beneficial, but God's Word tells us something quite different, “those who turn away on earth will be written down” (17:13).

Do you want to be written down on earth or in the book of life? Let's think about all the things that happen to those people who depart from the Lord and why. Generally speaking, everyone likes to think in terms of their own goals. Where your heart is; that's where your goals lie. When you think about your personal goals, you think of ways in which to attain them, to grab them for some benefit. Everything you think about on this earth, this reality, makes you not want to lose the opportunity to achieve your goals. Do you want to catch earthly things? If so, that's a way you depart from God.

God always desires to be near humans but humans always try to get away from God. When it comes to selfishness, people are eager. Their own goals force them to move away from God. Of course, this leads to human decay. As a Christian, whenever you want to go your own way, you go against the flow of the Holy Spirit. Your ways are not God's ways, just as your thoughts are not God's thoughts (see Isa. 55:8). When you add your faith in God, amazing things happen. You begin to see your accomplishments as a good thing. Your fame and fortune lead you to think that your works are worthwhile. To the world and yourself, it appears as

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Those who turn away from God and become successful in their endeavors, start looking for their own glory. Human history is filled with famous people who found it paramount to leave their mark on this world. People have actually labored to bequeath their name as a treasure, etched somewhere upon this earth. Whatever they are able to leave behind, they want to save it eternally on the earth. They've thought that their power was valuable and their talent immense. Their hope is that whatever they've done can be kept. Most people respect and follow this direction for their own lives, thinking that the results appear humble and wise, when in fact the results are only a matter of tremendous pride.

Human talent is limited. No matter how spectacular your achievements may appear, without Christ, they are nothing. Time and nature eventually ruin all earthly efforts. What may appear as a sure result, isn't for those who turn away from God. Selfish motives always lead to bad results. People with earthly goals have their name written down on earth. People with heavenly goals have their name written down in heaven. Earthly goals fail because they are short lived, materialistic and weak. Heavenly

goals are eternal, spiritual and strong. But still, so many people want to put down their treasures on earth because they don't understand that even though a deep human heart searches for truth, it doesn't make a good result. The Bible tells us how weak humans are and history shows us our downfalls and failures.

There is no righteous man. The only assured results that can come to you, come by way of faith in Jesus Christ.

Beautiful, brilliant and lasting results happen when you come to the Lord. Although your history may be anything but brilliant, and your earthly life has been filled with failures, in Jesus your name is forever written down in the book of life. Humans can't erase what has been written in the heart of God. Once your name is written in heaven, it can never be forgotten. God gives new life to believers. Jesus sacrificed His life and purchased with His blood the names of all who believe in Him. That name returns to the Lord. It is a name always remembered because of God's righteous love. Amen!

In human history, the most wonderful thing happened because of the cross. God wants to be close to you. He calls out, “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest” (Mt. 11:28). If God writes your name down, who can erase it? “O Lord, the hope of Israel, All who forsake You will be put to shame, Those who turn away on earth will be written down, Because they have forsaken the fountain of living water, even the Lord” (v. 13). When you come back to God, He says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). Why would anyone want to go the stupid way, the selfish way, to have their name written on this earth? Jesus sacrificed His life for the glory of God. Let's sacrifice our life and come to Jesus, where our name can be written down forever in heaven! Living for Jesus is the only way that ends in positive results. Come back to Him, and good results will happen, “Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord and whose trust is the Lord” (17:7). ㄹ

A Song in My Mouth:

Privilege of Praise

By Seong Min Choi

(Deacon, Sunday School Teacher of the First Young Adult Group)



What more beautiful thing on earth could there be than a created being praising their Creator? Such amazing blessing of praise is given to us but so many people are blind about such a privilege. David always commanded to his soul to praise God. "Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name."

Even a small flower crushed by an enormous rock does not lose its aroma; a small stream that is blocked by an obstacle does not stop flowing. Then, how could we not respond in our praise to our savior?

Because of our salvation, we have a thankful heart and this changes from unbearable and difficult circumstances to thanksgiving: there is a fragrance of praises apparent in our life.

Praise is impossible without thanksgiving; thanksgiving is impossible without joy. True thanksgiving is thanksgiving when it is impossible to give thanks: true joy is being joyful when it is impossible to be joyful. There will be extraordinary changes in our lives when we decide to give thanks to God in all situations. Active worship before the Lord could be called a humble heart; active work to the world is pride. To the proud heart, there could be no praises in their mouths. As the water draws to the lowlands, the Lord's grace flows to the humble hearts. We must acknowledge that praise is the best dedication of humble servants. I pray that all Choong Hyun members' hearts would be filled with praises so that they will experience true privilege of praise in their hearts.

I Can't Go to Heaven Alone:
A Story of Evangelism

By Suk Jin Kim (Deaconess, Twelfth District)

Several months ago, I noticed a man who worked as security guard in an apartment complex. I guess he didn't have many things to do; he just stared out the window. I passed on a copy of the Weekly Choong Hyun and asked if he went to church. "My wife and my daughter attend but I can't find time on Sundays," he replied. He added that he is off every other Sunday. I asked him to come to church when he was off and when I promised to give him the newsletter every week he was so pleased. From then on, I gave him a copy of the Choong Hyun weekly whether he was there or not. One day, he said, "I enjoy this letter so much." "Why don't you come to this church?" "As matter of fact, I am planning to do so." So pleased, I continued to give the newsletter without any words to him. Some time after, he proudly said to me, "I am coming to church." "That's wonderful. Which church?" I asked. "The same church with my family near my house." "Where is your house at?" In Yon-chang dong in Mapo." Then I guess I don't need to give you the newsletter anymore. "No, please

continue to give it to me", he asked.

You know, we had this health checkup at work and the result showed only three of us were in good health. Two are young employees and I am the only elderly person with normal health. That's a blessing. "In fact, you look much better than the first time I saw you." He had that typical red-face apparent to those social drinkers when I saw him at first. But now, his face was clean and brighter. I guess I became healthier since I stopped drinking and attending church. "Who is Jesus?", I asked. "He is God."

"Then what happens who believe in Him?" "You go to heaven", he replied. "I am so pleased. God has given you spiritual blessing for sure. Now, we need to share this with other people, right?" "Of course" he said. "Thank you so much Jesus. Isn't He?" Emphatically he answered, "Yes!"

Satan Also Knows the Importance of Worship:
*Meditating on Genesis,
Chapter Four*By Yeo Sang Yoon
(First Young Adult Group)

In Genesis 4, the first murder of mankind is recorded-Cain killing Abel. Just prior to this tragic event, there is an offering to God-worship in our language. Abel gave the first lamb as an offering to God but Cain gave harvest crops after some time (v.3). As a result, God accepted Abel's offering and refused Cain's. In anger against God, Cain killed his brother. Abel was the first martyr. It was a similar offering but the results were opposite. We might wonder here why the first murder occurred in connection with worship. That's because our worship is so closely related to our lives. In the Bible, we see how God works through our worship. Perhaps it is not an overstatement to say our weakness in our lives depend how we give worship on Sundays. Giving worship is a solemn responsibility. Before measuring and judging for a blessed worship experience, we must quietly examine if we truly gave whole-hearted worship in spirit and truth. We must continually examine ourselves not to complain and become angry in our worship like Cain did. We must acknowledge Satan's work against our worship to God that we must succeed in our praise and worship of our Lord Jesus. There may be some aspects that cause us to have difficulty in worship. But, we must bear in mind that Satan relentlessly tries clearly to hinder us from worshipping God. We should always worship God in truth and spirit to be victorious in our daily life.

Concerns About a Friend

By Yo Sep Kwon
(First Young Adult Group)

This happened over eight years ago when I was in high school. But the touching experience of the incident still moves my heart. I spent high my school years with a sense of alienation perhaps due to being a pastor's child. I was able to escape this a lonely feeling by help of my friend Yong Jin who was also a pastor's child. High school friends overreacted whenever we passed by. Some guys would hide their cigarettes when we walked into the bathroom. Some gang members pretended that we are their good friends to gain our friendship when we happened to meet them. Yong Jin and I tried to act holy in order to distinguish us from our classmates. However, I did not want to be different. Deep down, I wanted to play just like them. When I was alone, I would sometimes imitate my friends' way of talking and their body gestures. But Yong Jin was different. When he confronted those friends, he would pray for them and give scriptural verses and sometimes cried. One day Yong Jin asked me if I received the Holy Spirit. I could not answer. "How about you?" "I'm going to receive Him today."

The following day, Yong Jin did not come to school. Everyone started rumors about him possibly running away. That thought was running through my mind: Run away from home to meet the Holy Spirit?

Who would believe that is a significant cause for his disappearance? But in my heart I envied him. I thought his bold actions would please God. I thought I needed to be different. I headed to church as soon as school was over. I did not have the guts to run away from home. Instead, I cried out to God all night in church praying that I also wanted to meet the Holy Spirit. The following morning I went to school. I was wearing the same clothes and didn't bathe myself for many days. I asked my friends to share their lunches with me. Nothing changed and thus my irritation increased. My parents told me not to worry at first but they eventually prayed with me. I think I read book of Acts several times over during this time; I repeatedly read Acts because of its witness of the Holy Spirit's mighty power.

Several days went by and Yong Jin came back: rather, he was forced to return to school. In the midst of angry parents and teachers, he was smiling, his face shone. "Did you meet Him?" I asked. "I shouldn't have left. He is here (showing me the Bible)". "Me too." "Where?", he asked. "In the book of Acts." "What? I also found it in Acts!" From then on, we carried a picture of a tribe of Somalia on our neck, promising to become like Paul in the 21st century

Independent Mongolian Service Missions Department

The Mongol subdivision of the Foreign Workers' Mission began their independent worship service on July 2. We praise God for His goodness and pray that our Lord's kingdom may come into hearts of the Mongolians. Under heavy influence of Rama Buddhists and Communism, there were many obstacles for spreading Christianity in Mongolia. However, God's work is mysterious. July 2 was indeed a memorable day. On the same day, there were national elections in Mongolia and the MPRP party won 72 seats out of 76. The Communist Party in Mongolia accepted the results adjusting to a changing world.

However, the result proved the Communists' resurgence. On the same day at Choong Hyun church, the Mongolian service was established. In one part of the world, Communism the symbol of religious persecution was revived. But in another part of the world, God worked in His church to train workers for the lost souls of Mongolia.

While God showed His marvels, there was one man's marvelous story. When all his Mongol friends gathered to

appoint a leader for their new community, the attitude shown by brother Bhatta humbled them all. He is a faithful and sincere young man who has been attending Choong Hyun church for over three years. When he was nominated for a leadership position, he declined their offer and said, "When I get angry, I often pour all my emotional feelings to others. I may be suitable for serving others but not as president of the group." He may be correct to say that his personality is insufficient to be a leader. But, it really touched others how humble he was about himself.

The gathering included 70 including teachers and leaders at the fifth floor of the Missions Center. Many newcomers from Pochun and Uijongbu all participated in the Mongol service making in all the more blessed. The Mongol service is held every Sunday at 11 a.m. in the fifth floor of First Education Building. At 10 a.m., Bible study classes in Mongolian are held and Christian counseling in Mongolian is also available. They are praying for the participation of all interested Choong Hyun members.

Thanking the Inauguration of Mongol Worship

By Bhatta and Sutta from the Mongol Team



We came to Choong Hyun church on April 5, 1998. At first, we did not know anything about the church. We just came because it was interesting. Someone advised us to visit church if we want to find jobs. But, we didn't find any jobs. There were no Mongol friends in church and we didn't speak Korean well. We came to church for lunch, attended the 1 p.m. service and went back home. Sometimes, we were tempted not to go church. We struggled a lot at first but we continued to come. We thank God now that it was solely His grace that we did so. Then we had many questions about Christianity. Who is Jesus? What do people do in church? Why do people carry bibles with them to church? Where is Jesus from? We were able to gradually answer each question. It was so thrilling to find that Jesus is not man but God. Then, one day, we found we were growing in faith. We read the Bible but could not understand much. We pray that many Mongolian brothers and sisters will come to the Mongolian service. My husband Bhatta and I will serve our people as much as we can. We want to be used in any way possible.

"Holt Adopted Families Moved by Choong Hyun Love"

By Bu Sung Lee

(Senior Deacon, Assistant Director of English Ministry)

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The program started in 1995 in conjunction with of the Missions Department and Choong Hyun English Ministry. To assist in the adopted children's visit to Korea through the love of Christ, the Choong Hyun church volunteered to host them for a one-day home-stay program. The most challenging task was to host a family of six; a computer programmer father, banker mother and their four children. Fortunately, Deacon Yoon Jun Song graciously offered to host the family. Unlike previous years, there were only four people volunteering to host families until one week prior to the children's arrival. However through the grace of God, the church received a large number of

people willing to host the children and their families.

We were pleased to see the adopted children raised well thanks to the constant care and love of parents with various professions. Even though the children were unable to speak Korean, their curiosity and interest to learn about Korea established a strong bond in all of us. They are our brothers and sisters, sons and daughters.

The Gary family had to return to their hotel due to their physical condition but came to me on Sunday apologizing for not being able to stay with a host family. The entire group came and worshipped at the English service the following day. With big smiles on their faces, they greeted members of English Ministry members. We were able to witness the love of Jesus through such openness and unity that overcame language and cultural barriers. After attending the 11 a.m. simultaneous translation service, they attended a welcoming lunch. They expressed their thanks to the Choong Hyun church and host families for the hospitality they received. Many of them invited us to their homes when they visit the U.S. They departed church after taking a group picture with the host families and leaving loving memories behind.

I'll Go Wherever the Lord Calls Me



By Seong Sam
(First Young Adult Group)

In the summer of 1999, I went to an island ministry with other believers of the First Young Adult Group. For two weeks, we gathered everyday at church to prepare for this spiritual mission. During this time, we found that we are all created much differently from others. But God's love bounded us all together. It took six hours to arrive at our destination. When we got there, we found some children wondering around the church just to see our team. When we went to town and met people, we found many people did not know Jesus. I was concerned about what to say to those unbelievers who looked at me with strange eyes. But the Lord told me not to worry about what to say because He will tell me. The next day, it rained heavily. Our team all prayed that the rain would stop. But a local deacon said to us that the townspeople couldn't go to work because of the rain. It was a God-given opportunity to go and share the good news of Jesus Christ with them. From then on, I prayed that the Lord would give any kind of weather so that I could find ways to witness Jesus to people.

This year, I am again planning to go to an island ministry. I want to go to wherever the Lord calls me. I can see Jesus leading my life and the Holy Spirit's prayers are with me. There are so many dying souls without Jesus in their life. Arise, the youth of Choong Hyun. Let's participate in this ministry together.

