

Nine Short-Term Missionaries
To Be Commissioned

Nine short-term missionaries will be sent to four different countries this coming December and January. All of them were selected after much prayer and consideration. Some of them have completed the Laypeople's Missionary Training Course (LMTC) and other will complete it by the end of this month, November. They just finished the last portion of their training by completing a 10-day retreat. They learned about team ministry while learning about each other more deeply during the retreat. We need to pray that they will be granted God's success as they share the gospel in their respective mission fields. We need to pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and protect them in the midst of their sacrificial service. The nine missionaries who will be departing soon are Young Il Kwon, Eun Hee Chu, and Suin Park who will go to

Sudan, Africa; Kyong Jin Oh, Su Kyung Lee and Jung Eun Han will go to Suriname, South America; Jin Hee Chu will go to Sri Lanka; Soon Ju Lee and Kyong Shik Hwang will go to Uganda, Africa. These missionaries will be serving in these countries for a year's time. The church will be providing 60% of their support, with the remaining 40% left for the missionaries to cover through fundraising. Thankfully, most of them have already raised all their needed support, so they can go with financial security. Again, these missionaries will be going to difficult and even hostile areas to share the gospel, so regular prayer support for them is vital. Those who are interested in financially and prayerfully supporting these nine men and women are sincerely welcomed and appreciated.

International
Thanksgiving Food Festival

Held November 21, Noon to 3 pm



The English Ministry and the Evangelism Department for Foreigners co-sponsored the first International Thanksgiving Food Festival last Sunday, November 21st. It was a huge success with over 400 participants. The participants represented many nations, including Bangladesh, China, Germany, India, Indonesia, Korea, Mongolia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Uzbekistan and North America. Each of these listed national groups worked very hard to prepare a song presentation or explanation about their respective homelands. In addition, traditional dishes were also made by each group. The three-hour event passed quickly as each group had their special dishes distributed for sampling while they presented a performance, often in their mother tongue.

This was truly an event where the people's hearts were filled with God's love for one another, representing the desired unity of the church worldwide. The organization of this complex festival was beautifully done, thanks to the hard work of many members of the English Ministry and Evangelism Department for Foreigners. However, the College Group also made an outstanding contribution of service by working the night before to decorate and throughout the festival distributing food to the dozens

of tables in the service hall of the first floor of the Second Educational Building. As a result, it was a moving experience that many will never forget. All were encouraged to remember how thankful we should continuously be before our Lord, Jesus Christ. He alone is the only One who can truly save us and bring such unity and joy to the hearts of many from so many different places throughout the world.

The Fifth Evening of Praise

Held in the Main Sanctuary

Friday, November 19, 7-9 pm



The Fifth Evening of Praise was held on Friday, November 19, in the Main Sanctuary. Eight church choirs participated in this extraordinary event including four orchestras, the Handbell Choir, Mandolin Choir, Autoharp Choir and the Men's Chorale. The theme of this event was the Season of Thanksgiving. Isaiah 43:21 says, "The people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise."

All the choirs practiced for this praise session for over two months and the results were impressive. At the end of the service, all the choirs and those in attendance joined together to sing the "Hallelujah Chorus," by Handel. Throughout the service, the presence of God was felt in all the offerings of praise. It was a night that should remain unforgettable, only to be enjoyed once again at this time next year.

1999 Church School Teachers Conference

"Let Them Know Jesus"

Held in the Main Sanctuary,

November 22nd-23rd



The 1999 Church School Teachers Conference was held on November 22-23 in the Main Sanctuary, beginning at 7 pm each night. The First through Third Education Departments sponsored this conference. The purpose of this conference was to remind teachers of the Christian models they should be throughout the next year, 2000. Another area of focus was upon Jesus' teaching that we should serve rather than be served. The main speaker was Senior Pastor, Reverend Sung Kwan Kim and Associate Pastor, Reverend Hyung Young Park. Each department's pastor was the main speaker for the group sessions. All teachers were expected to attend this conference to reaffirm their calling as teachers and co-laborers with Christ in sharing the gospel. Many teachers made to commitment to attend each night, despite their busy schedules. Rev. Sung Kwan Kim emphasized that teachers ought to instruct their students about the wisdom of God. He also encouraged them to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to give them needed wisdom to teach, rather than depending upon earthly wisdom. Rev. Hyung Young Park underlined how students need to be trained to be workers for the Kingdom of God and that this is part of a teacher's responsibility. All the teachers were challenged by this conference to be more personally responsible for their duties before their students and to be more dependent upon the Lord. Teaching the gospel should not be considered an optional issue in the church school environment, but rather as a mandate. Teaching also should be considered as an appointment, not from men, but from God himself, and thereby respond with genuine humility before God, rather than have pride among men.

Glorifying God Though Paintings

Exhibition Held by Israeli Embassy

The Israeli Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Minister of Tourism and the Minister of Culture and Arts held a painting exhibition with theme of Biblical stories. Submissions for this event began to be collected as far back as this past May. Choong Hyun Church members of the elementary and junior high departments participated. Some of the students were recognized with awards for their work. The students who received awards are listed as follows: Ah Rum Kim, 2nd Year Junior High, received 2nd Prize; Song Kim, Mi Ka Oh, Eun Ji Park and Hyo Young Jang all received 3rd Prizes; Su Bin Cho was honored by having a tree planted in her name in Israel.



by Sung Kwan Kim
Reverend

SORROW & SORROW

(2 Corinthians 7:10)

Who doesn't have sorrow? Both sinner and saint experience this valuable emotion. Sinners are influenced by circumstances which produce worry and fear. They seek comfort from their misery because of the painful consequences of sin. Their sorrow is self-centered. Saints are affected by God who brings forth tranquillity and peace. They find solace from their suffering because of the wickedness of sin. Their sorrow is God-centered. In today's message we find that sorrow only by faith is the answer. The answer is accurate, but we must be careful in discerning the real meaning. By faith sounds good but there is an important catch. The

(v. 10). Godly sorrow is the will of God, and when our faith follows we reach salvation. There is real, true work in repentance. We need the work of repentance. When you are deeply sorry for your sin and understand that it is really against God—that's sorrow for God's will!

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation. We need to be really sorry with our whole hearts. Why? Because sin negatively changes our hearts and personalities, and for that we should have sorrow. When we walk down dark pathways it twists and mangles the good things that God has blessed us with, and for that we should have sorrow. When we

Let me say that again, worldly sorrow hardens our hearts! The sorrow of the world takes our eyes off of God; we end up looking more at the world instead of seeking God. Worldly sorrow leads to vexation, sullenness, and desolation. It is vanity of vanities! It brings only despair! We must distinguish the difference between godly sorrow and worldly sorrow, "So that the proof of your faith, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, many be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Pet. 1:7). Amen!

Worldly sorrow is controlled by Satan and organized against God and righteousness. We must understand and remember, "Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world" (1 Jn. 2:15&16). Recognize worldly sorrow. Refrain from worldly sorrow. Repent of worldly sorrow, for it is sinful and leads to death.

So dear my friends, we should be filled with sincere sorrow through the fellowship of the Holy Spirit. We have broken God's law and gone against perfection. We have disobeyed God's grace. We have dishonored our Lord in front of His eyes and brought to Him sadness. We have neglected Jesus' love—a love that has no boundary, no ending, no limitation; a love that directly comes to us individually through the cross. We have been ungrateful, even though chosen, redeemed and forgiven. Instead of appreciating the love, righteousness, and glorious life which God has given to us, we complain.

We know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth (see Rom. 2:2). So, let's truly experience godly sorrow for our sin. We are sinners and the Lord God gave us life; we should be

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sorrow of saints express repentance. Christians have to repent; they have to change. Then, and only then, their sorrow takes on value.

If this sounds a bit confusing it's because of our wrong ideas regarding repentance and sorrow for sin. Let's get rid of some of these crazy thoughts. First, some people think that when they say, "Oh, I repented last week in church," that it's a done deal. Wrong! Just to have sorrow of mind regarding sin is not repentance. Some people think that when they say, "I'm so sorry, I don't know why I did that," and experience a sad heart that everything is okay. Wrong! Without sorrow for sins you can't repent. The kind of people who talk like this don't have true sorrow, only a substitute. When you put in something else you make a very complex, disturbing, and dangerous situation.

One Sunday, many years ago, I drove to church only to find that the church wasn't there. My eyes viewed only an empty field. My heart was so sad and I repented. I asked the Lord God to forgive me for any wrong doings. I repented without even knowing why it was I was being sent home. On my way out of the parking lot I noticed some cars parked at the nearby grammar school. When I went to investigate I found my congregation people there. The pastor was telling the congregation that we should be thankful that our church burnt down, for God wants to give us a bigger church. There was no repentance! This true story illustrates why it is imperative that we don't substitute other things for repentance. One can only imagine the extensive damage caused to God's kingdom. Don't make complex situations!

My friends, we need to look at this Bible verse, "For the sorrow that is according to the will of God produces a repentance without regret, leading to salvation, but the sorrow of the world produces death"

sin, we should have sorrow for rejecting God's pleasant offer of grace and salvation. He wants to give us the things that we need, but when we sin we reject His lovely gifts, and for that we should be sad. Also, because we didn't do what we should have done, our refusals reach God and for that we should grieve. All these sins, whatever sins, deny God's wonderful blessings and make us reject the things from above. All these things we throw away, and yes, for this we should sorrow.

Now, how about worldly sorrow? Too many Christians spend fruitless time and energy worrying about earthly things and forgetting about their heritage, "For you have been born again not of seed

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which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God. For, all flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls off, But the Word of the Lord endures forever" (1 Peter. 1:23-25). Worldly things perish easily and should not be the focus of our life. Christians obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled, and reserved in heaven especially for them (see 1 Pet. 1:4). Whenever we discover earthly sorrow in our lives, we should be shameful. Worldly things are all perishable, and worldly sorrow hardens our hearts.

endlessly grateful! We should recover the fellowship with God through His Holy Spirit, "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God" (Rom 2:4&5). The goodness of God leads to repentance by the way of godly sorrow. We have to find real sorrow, godly sorrow, and reach up to repentance that brings us to salvation.

The Empty Chair

Forwarded By Einstein Lavina (Deacon, Teacher of English Ministry)

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed.

The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his impending visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said.

"No, who are you? said the father.
"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the minister shut the door. "I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the preacher talk about prayer, but it went right over my head."

"I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus'. Here is what I suggest. Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and, in faith, see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now."

"So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him and returned to the church building. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon. "Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. Then I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we all could go that way."

I will be An Ambassador for the Kingdom of God

By Samuel Lee (Elementary 5-6 Grade)



I once wanted to be a famous soccer player. But my father wanted me to be a missionary. One day my father asked me "Why do you want to be a soccer player?" I replied "It is fun and I can make a lot of money..." My father interrupted me, "Whatever we do we better do for the glory of God. You can do many things to give God glory. I think the most valuable thing is that to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ." Since then my perspective of my life has changed. I read many books about missionaries such as Hudson Taylor. Most of them served the Lord within very difficult situation and environment. Some of them even had to face a fear of their lives in their mission fields because the government did not allow Christian missionaries. So I thought it would be better for me to be an ambassador.

Being an ambassador, I think it has more benefits than being a missionary. If I become an ambassador I can have a secure life in foreign countries. I can also have many official chances to meet politicians and I can officially share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them. I can regally different the places where missionaries are not allowed to visit. So I want to be an ambassador to open the gate for mission opportunities where there is no opened gates for the gospel of Jesus Christ yet. I am excited how God will lead me to fulfill my goal.

When I met Jesus

By Bu Sung Lee (Senior Deacon, Vice-Director of English Ministry)

I grew up with a Shamanist family background. I lived a very passionate and ambitious life to achieve my goals and I achieved them in early my life. I became a selfish person who only focused on my own needs to show off. I attended church a few times with some of my friends for Christmas events and evening of arts and praise for the high school group. I was invited to be a part of the events by my church friends. I was a member of YMCA when I was a university student. This was all there was to my church life when I was young.

Somehow God remembered me as one who had once put my feet in this house. He started put His plan in practice to call me into His house. I, of course, refused His calling because I did not want to lose my entire career and friends who I made through and for my business. God became very serious with me. He gave me a disease that the doctors did not know. I suffered under the fear of losing my career and my life. I started to seek the grace and forgiveness of God to be free from my entire fear and illness. However, it was not easy job for me to do. I could not open my heart to Him. I could not put all my burdens before Him because I was a successful man with a good reputation among my friends. I struggled between my ego and humility for a while. My wife, my family members and many church members sincerely prayed for me. They not only prayed for me, but practiced the love of our Lord to me to help me while I was sick. I finally was able to put everything down before Him and become a humble man. Then a miracle happened to me. I found complete confidence and peace in Him. All my fear was gone. I no longer fear death and of losing my career, but I now have ultimate peace in Him. This peace led me closer to Him. I then saw Jesus Christ open His arms and embrace me. I felt that the Holy Spirit touched my entire body and my body become like a furnace. After this experience, I was healed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

God restored me with a good health and an even better job. I now have true peace in Him and this peace leads me into His way throughout my daily life. It is not because He restored me with better things, but I recognized the love of God who forgave me to be His child. I have this secret joy in my heart that God gave me. This joy makes me look younger than my age. I am very happy every time my friends ask me, "How can you look younger than your age? What is your secret?" I reply to them "I have no secret, but Jesus Christ." My younger face and mind have become a tool for evangelism opportunities. I am so grateful. Whenever I am asked these questions, I remember the verses: "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it," (Matt. 7:13-14) and "Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him" (1 Jn 2:15). I always thank God who saved me from the fear of death. I pray that I will always live my life with Him for His glory as long as I live on earth.

I really want to be a pastor

By Sung Chan Lee (Elementary 3-4 Grade)



When I grow up, I want be a pastor just like my respectable father. I want to have all Koreans believe in God, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. I once thought that I may not be able to be a pastor because I am very good about bringing my friends to church, but I am not very good at keeping in touch with them as my follow up. But I think God will let me be a pastor.

I really want to be a pastor. I believe that in the 21st century I will work as a pastor. I will read the Bible as many times as I can, to be a pastor in the 21st century. I will be a worker for God and His beloved child.

Retreat for Short-Term Missionaries

By Suin Park (Short-Term Missionary, English Ministry)



Nine Short-Term missionaries including me moved in Room 403, in the 3rd Manse on Nov. 16. We moved in this room for a missionary retreat. We will be sent to four different countries beginning December 1999 and to January 2000. We learned mission theology, mission research, team ministry building, Bible meditation, leadership, Bible interpretation, evangelism explosion and principles of discipleship training. This training course included not only lectures, but also practical training such as planing and building team work. All short-term missionaries attended this training course. We prayed and planned for our missions.

We start our day with early morning prayer meeting at 5:00 am. After the prayer meeting we eat breakfast and scatter to our work and school during the daytime. We gather in the room 403 after school and work at 6:00 pm and have dinner together to learn the meaning of the unity in Christ while we share bread. After dinner we usually have individual quiet time to look back our daylife with the Bible for an hour. The training begins at 7:30 pm.

Some of us who are still students in colleges have exams during this week. Some have to travel everyday a long distance to join this training. Others work very late. It is not easy for all of us to get together on time, but we learn how to build relationship with team members and about team members for our mission work. Ten days training, even though it is a short retreat for us who are going to foreign countries to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ, we were greatly encouraged by this retreat. We felt that the Holy Spirit was with us and intervened in all our deeds during the training. We pray that we will be more humble and filled with the power of the Holy Spirit. So we may be able to deliver the Word of God according to the will of God rather than according to our own knowledge and philosophy. It is also our prayer that Choonghyun family will join our missions with financial support and prayer.

Loving Pennies Testimony of Heesu Lee



Emeritus senior deaconess Heesu Lee visited the administrative office on Oct. 14th. She opened the door very quietly and smiled at official workers. Her visit during the weekday was unusual. She came with a little bag carrying with her two hands. She brought all her money, 20,000,000 won that she collected coins by coins for a long time. She came to donate the money for young people to assist them to grow in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is all she has. She is not rich at all. She worked hard to save this amount of money. She could have a very comfortable life for the rest of her life with the money. However she made a very hard decision to donate all the money she has. "I have no one

to rely on this world, but the Lord, my God. As much as I understand the gospel of Jesus Christ, I realized that having a lot of money does not really mean anything for me. So I decided to offer this money for young people who are dedicated their life for the Lord. It is my prayer and hope as many young people will be encouraged to volunteer themselves to be faithful witnesses of the gospel. I believe it is the will of God to support young people as long as I can." We wish we all could offer everything we have to the almighty Lord.

Operation World - Republic of Surinam Suffering but Free to Minister

(Adopted from Operation World by John Stone)

Surinam's post-independence experience has been disastrous. The young nation is compartmentalized by race and religion, and the potential for further conflict remains. Pray for peace, godly leaders, stable government, and, above all, for spiritual awakening. Christian leaders with a warm personal faith and biblical message are rare. Pray for the ministry of Christian leaders in re-laying biblical foundations and standards in a nation that has lost its way morally and ethically in the confusion of the past decade.

Both the Moravian and the Catholic Churches have a large following in many ethnic groups. Few from these denominations know of the new birth, and Christian belief is often mixed with spiritism. However, there are several key evangelical leaders in the Moravian Church, revival prayer groups and a spiritual awakening

among the youth. Pray for revival to sweep through the traditionalism of the majority of Christians. There are a number of small but growing evangelical and Pentecostal groups, but the number of born again people is relatively low.

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Missions have suffered limitations in movement and facilities because of the political situation, but have been free to minister. The major ministry challenges are for more effective discipling of new

leaders, Bible translation and pioneer outreach to non-Christian peoples. Bible translation continues through the ministry of the Bible Society and SIL. Seven translation projects are being tackled. The completion of the Sranang Tongo and Samami Hindi New Testaments could be a significant means of bringing renewal top the churches. The Sranang Tongo language is spoken by 80% and Samami Hindi by 38%.

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 7:00 pm
Friday	Prayer and Praise Service in the Main Sanctuary 7:00 pm
Daily	Early Morning Prayer Meetings in the Main Sanctuary 5:00 am

Evangelism Department for Foreigners

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 <i>*Simultaneous interpretation in Sri-Lankan, Chinese, Mongolian, Hindi and Indonesian are available.</i>