

WORLD MISSIONS

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'" (Mk 16:15)

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THE WORLD MISSION COMMAND

Dr. Samuel Lee, UBF Director

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Ac 1:8)



The Acts of the Apostles is the second book of St. Luke, the evangelist and historian. In Luke's Gospel, he recorded mainly who Jesus was and what Jesus did. Acts was written as a sequel to the gospel story, to tell how Jesus' work was carried out, in and through his witnesses, and how the Christian church was born and how it spread. It spread first to Jerusalem (1:1-8:1a), next to all Judea and Samaria (8:1b-9:31), and finally, to the ends of the earth (9:32-28:31). Though the book is called "The Acts of the Apostles," it does not give us an exhaustive account of the acts of all the apostles; apart from Paul, only three apostles are mentioned. The book of Acts regards two or three persons who remained as witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection to the end as main characters in the work and history of God.

Chapters 1 and 2 mainly speak of how the Christian church was born. Today's passage, chapter 1, speaks of what the main purpose of the Christian church is. In this chapter we learn the true concept of the Christian church.

First, you will be my witnesses (1-8). Look at verses 1-2. "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen." "My former book" refers to Luke's Gospel. The recipient of both Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles is Theophilus. In Luke 1:3, Luke calls him "most excellent Theophilus." We are not sure who Theophilus was. However, we can deduce that Acts was written to defend Christianity and to persuade a government official not to persecute Christians. As we know well, to be a Christian in those days was very dangerous. Luke may have been addressing all Christians as "Theophilus," which in Greek means, "lover of God."

During the forty days after his resurrection, Jesus gave his disciples many convincing proofs that he had risen from the dead and was alive. We see that not only is Jesus alive, but also his influence is still alive in the world. In history, most people who studied the Bible realized that Jesus was truly the Son of God, and they were converted to Christianity; they stood amazed and fascinated. They entered a new world and lived a glorious life in Jesus.

Look at verse 3b. "He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." During these forty days after his resurrection, time-wise Jesus was greatly limited. He must have had many things to say. But he spoke to his disciples mainly about the kingdom of God. Jesus began his gospel ministry with the words, "The kingdom of God is near" (Mk 1:15). After his resurrection, he mainly spoke about the kingdom of God also. Here we learn that the Christian church is founded on the kingdom of God. We must speak about the kingdom of God when we share the gospel of Jesus, even though people seem to be interested only in the world.

Look at verses 4-5. "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" The Risen Christ urged his people to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The people of Jesus' time did not know what to do with their sin problem. John's baptism with water did not change them. They needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then and now, most people live by their willpower or smart minds. But soon they experience that they cannot control their emotional feelings and sinful nature with their willpower or smart minds. Whether they admit it or not, they are not ruled by their willpower but by the spirit



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in them. Those who are controlled by evil spirits cannot do what they really want to do; they do only what they really don't want to do. Evil spirits make man say all the time, "I didn't mean to do it!" On the other hand, those who are ruled by the Holy Spirit are freed from the grip of sinful desires and can long for the holiness of God and experience the unutterable joy of heaven. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, and so on (Gal 5:22). Living in this troubled world, we really want peace and joy. Therefore, the first thing we must seek is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; at the same time he is the Spirit of the Risen Christ. When we have faith in

the Risen Christ, we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

How did the disciples respond to Jesus' teaching? Look at verse 6. "So when they met together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'" Their question revealed their hidden problem. The disciples were still Judaistic. In history, the Jews had had their day of independence, but subsequently they had become subject to many nations. So they began to look forward to an earthly messianic kingdom they thought God would establish by breaking directly into human history through his promised Messiah. This was the Judaistic concept of the kingdom of God in

general. The disciples were still bound by this Judaistic utopian dream and they did not have the slightest idea about the kingdom of God.

Jesus knew that their concept of "the kingdom of Israel" was earthly. But he did not erase this concept. Rather, Jesus turned their concept into "the kingdom of God." At the same time, he commanded them to be his witnesses. Look at verse 8. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This is the world mission command of the Risen Christ. Here we learn several things.

Firstly, the world mission command restores man's mission. After God made the world and man, he blessed man and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Ge 1:28). God made man to be fruitful and to be the ruler of the world. This means that man cannot be happy by satisfying his petty desires, because man is made in the image of God, to be a kind of ruler. Man must have God's vision. Man must have God's mission.

Secondly, the world mission command inspires us with the secret of success. To the disciples, the world mission command may have sounded unrealistic. At that time, the disciples had to establish their future security. If they were to obey his world mission command, they would have to sacrifice their

future security. In fact, without sacrifice and venture, nothing happens. For instance, after World War II, Japan was literally desolate. In the midst of misfortune, many Japanese women, mostly from noble families, gave up their education and engaged in world diplomacy. Many of them sacrificed their marriage and youth for the sake of their country. As a result, they could gain the favor of diplomats at the U.N. Assembly. Following this, they seized the opportunity and extended Japan Airlines routes to every corner of the world to pioneer international markets. In the course of time, they restored their nation and it became rich. On the other hand, the United Kingdom adopted a welfare policy for her nation. For the time being, the English enjoyed their wealth in a welfare society. But after 20 years, their nation was reduced to a third class nation economically. The secret of success is sacrifice and venture with a worldwide vision.

Thirdly, the faith of the Risen Christ. At that time, the disciples were weary and tired. They were fearful of everything after the crucifixion of Jesus. In spite of themselves, the Risen Jesus gave them the world mission command to evangelize the whole world. To them, it was an impossible task. But the Risen Christ had faith in them, that they would be witnesses of his death and resurrection to the whole world. They were only a handful of very ordinary Galilean fishermen. At that time, they were nobodies in the world. But the Risen Jesus believed that they would be his witnesses--beginning in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and finally, to the ends of the earth. The Risen Jesus saw them as commanding officers who would conquer the whole world. The Risen Jesus has faith in us, too.

Fourthly, the world mission command reveals God's broken shepherd heart for the

perishing world. God had decided to accomplish world salvation work. At that time, the world was in the darkest darkness. Men treated women like slaves. When the Savior of the world came and healed the sick and preached the good news of the kingdom of God, evil men arrested him and nailed him to a cross. But the Risen Jesus wanted to spread the good news of the kingdom of God to the whole world through his witnesses, in order to save all men from their sins and bring them back to his kingdom. The world mission command is the best expression of God's broken shepherd heart.

When the Risen Christ gave his disciples the world mission command, he wanted them to be his witnesses. A witness is a person who sees a certain thing and says nothing but the truth about it. When the Risen Christ told his disciples, "You will be my witnesses," he hoped that they would be witnesses to his death and resurrection to the people of the world. At that time it was not easy for anyone to be a witness of Jesus, for to do so was an act of martyrdom. This is the reason the word "witness" has in it the meaning of "martyrdom." At that time, it seemed that the world mission command would not work. The disciples were too weak and fearful to be his witnesses. The Apostle John looked too delicate and sensitive to be his witness. But he became a witness of Jesus who was slain for the sin of the world. He says in Revelation 1:9, "I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

How could they be his witnesses? It was possible for them when they received the Holy Spirit. In John 14:16 Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "another Counselor." The King James Version puts this as "another Comforter." The Holy Spirit is the one who fills men with courage and strength; evil spirits make men utterly powerless. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they could be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Here we learn that the Christian church is a fellowship of ordinary people who become witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Second, the glorious ascension of the Risen Christ (9-11). The Risen Christ gave his disciples the world mission command. Then what did he do? He ascended into heaven. Look at verse 9. "After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

How did the disciples react to his ascension? They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going (10). They became absent-minded. Then, two angels of God came and rebuked them, saying in verse 11, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Why was it necessary for the Risen Christ to ascend into heaven? It was necessary so that his disciples might be independent workers led by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:12; 15:26,27; 16:7). It was necessary to prove that Jesus had returned to his glorious kingdom. Jesus is the only person in history who knew

where he came from and where he was going. Jesus came from the Father in heaven, and he was going back to the Father in heaven (Jn 16:28). Jesus came from the Father in heaven in order to show us the way to the Father in heaven (Jn 14:6). After showing us the way to the Father in heaven, he returned to the Father in heaven.

The ascension of the Risen Christ was also necessary because it gives us the hope of the second coming of Jesus. These days, many historians say that history is going nowhere. They think that history is a haphazard conglomeration of chance events which are going nowhere. But this is not true. According to the Bible, the whole creation is moving toward the consummation of history--the second coming of Jesus Christ. As he promised, Jesus will indeed come in his Father's glory with his holy angels as the Judge, King of kings and Lord of lords. When we have faith in the second coming of Jesus, we can be his witnesses. When we have faith in the second coming of Jesus, we can truly be holy pilgrims on earth.

Third, they joined together in prayer (12-26). After the ascension, they returned to Jerusalem and stayed in an upstairs room. "Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James" (13b). They were the future commanding officers of the world salvation work. There were several women there who were supporters in the spiritual warfare. What did they do at the beginning? They all joined together constantly in



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prayer. To them, prayer was the most potent weapon. In the past, the disciples were too selfish to get together. Peter and Matthew were around Jesus all the time, but they were not friends. However, after the ascension of Jesus, they got together under the command of Jesus. Thus they made a spiritual vessel which God could use in his spiritual warfare for world salvation work. In this way, the church of Christ was formed, and the church of Christ was characterized to be a fellowship of prayer under his world mission command.

But there was a serious problem for them. It was the problem of Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed Jesus. Because of his betrayal and suicide, they were deeply wounded. They needed healing from Judas' betrayal. So Peter stood up among the believers and explained that Judas' betrayal was to fulfill the Scripture (16,17). Verse 18 speaks of the fate of the betrayer: "He fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out." In verses 20-22 Peter urged them to choose one to replace Judas in his place of apostleship, to be one of the

witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. In this way, they restored their spiritual vessel.

In today's passage we learn that Jesus' world mission command is the best expression of God's broken shepherd heart. God wants to save all people of the world from their sins, with no one missing. We also learn that the Christian church is a fellowship of witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection. May God help us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.



A Father Of Many Nations

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION

Mother Sarah Barry
UBF Director

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5,6)



spiritually strong and in the hands of very able, responsible and faithful leadership in Korea and in America and throughout the world. The true head of UBF is Jesus Christ. He is the Shepherd to whom we all look for guidance and protection and help and direction. UBF is not mine or yours—it belongs to God. He raised this fellowship of believers up to do his work in these times. He has been at work in us as individuals and as a community of believers. In every age he raises up people who can be for him a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He has given us this prayer topic and called us to be his own people. It is indeed God who has begun a good work in us and who has promised to complete it.

Dr. Lee exemplified the man in Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

At the beginning of this year, 2002, UBF and I met an unexpected and drastic turning point. Dr. Samuel Lee, UBF shepherd and my closest friend and coworker for 40 years, was called home by our Lord. It is still hard to imagine being without him, and I miss him very much. As unexpected as this event was for all of us, for me an even more unexpected event was the call by UBF international senior staff, then by the boards of directors of USA and Korea, respectively, to step in the gap left by Dr. Lee's departure and assume the title and task of General Director of UBF. (I think that if Dr. Lee had realized that this would happen, he might have waited a little longer before leaving.) I can step into this position only by faith in Almighty God and with dependence on Jesus Christ, the true Shepherd of God's flock—and only because Dr. Lee left UBF International

The Christmas worship service in Chicago this year was the most memorable one ever. Around 1400 UBF members, their families and their one-to-one Bible students met in the spacious and beautiful auditorium of River Forest-Oak Park High school. Dr. Lee, even though he was not well, wrote the drama. Shepherd Mark Vucekovich won a personal spiritual victory. He did not change the drama, but performed it as Dr. Lee had written it and planted gospel faith in the hearts of the members of the cast. Dr. Lee also wrote the Christmas message and rehearsed it at least six times, just like a staff shepherd in training. I was moved as I listened to him practice delivering his message the sixth time in his office in the center. He poured his heart into preparation. When he stood

at the podium to deliver the message, the light was so poor that he could not see his manuscript, so he delivered it from memory. He poured his life into this message, and afterward he was exhausted. He had been on oxygen at home for several weeks, under the care of UBF doctors. He was feeling much better and was thinking of going back to his office Monday morning. Sunday night the elders all visited him and he demonstrated his strong heart by marching in place one hundred times. Then, on Monday morning there was an electrical short which set his house on fire. The fire was put out by the Chicago Fire department rather quickly, but Dr. Lee passed out because of the smoke and his already weak lungs. His heart stopped and he went to heaven on Tuesday, January 8. His homecoming ceremony was on Saturday, January 12. UBF staff came from Korea, Germany, England, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, and other countries around the world as well as from every UBF chapter in the USA. The senior staff and boards of directors all came.

Dr. Samuel Lee left us an important legacy. He told Korean UBF to "go back to the Bible"; he left us a prayer topic for America: "America may become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He left UBF throughout the world with some important principles: Read the Bible, believe the Bible, obey the Bible, teach the Bible. Keep spiritual order in the family and in the church; focus on campus ministry; engage in fishing; one-to-one Bible study; Daily Bread; disciple training; two by two prayer; learn Jesus' shepherd heart, give life and money sacrificially; send out missionaries to the ends of the earth.

As we think about Dr. Lee's legacy, Exodus 19:5-6a comes to mind: "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." When the people of Israel lived in Egypt they suffered under the yoke of slavery. But at the same time they enjoyed small pleasures and a certain sense of security. God persuaded them to leave Egypt by promising them a land flowing with milk and honey. The dream of milk and honey, an easy, luxurious life in the promised land, grew in their hearts. With this hope they could overcome fear and obey Moses. They came out of Egypt through the blood of the Passover lamb, crossing the Red Sea as if on dry ground.

But God did not give them the land flowing with milk and honey immediately. They were not



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ready for it. They needed God's training. He carried them on eagles' wings through the desert to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God, the place where Moses had met God in the burning bush. "On eagles' wings" refers to the training which the mother eagle gives her eaglets in order to teach them to fly by themselves (Dt 32:11). God taught the complaining Israelites to depend on God. They must learn to depend on God and obey him in order to overcome their slave mentality and beggar spirit. They arrived at Mount Sinai and camped in that desolate place for a year. He fed them with manna and with quail and with water out of the rock. Most importantly, he gave them the Bible—the Ten Commandments, the Law of the Lord. In this law he taught them how to live together as a community, even though they had to live in a fallen world; he taught them the way to worship God and the way to repent and find forgiveness. Then he told them the real desire of his heart for them—the real reason he raised them up

and delivered them from Egypt. It was to make them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He said, "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." God had great hope for these former slaves. What does it mean to be God's treasured possession and to be for him a kingdom of priests and a holy nation?

Our God is the Creator of the whole earth. The whole world belongs to him. He loves the world. John 3:16 tells us that he so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of sinners. At the beginning of his redemptive history, he chose only one man, Abraham. He promised Abraham that he would not only bless him, but also make him a source of blessing to all the people of the world. So God trained Abraham's descendants in the furnace fires of Egypt. He redeemed them by his mighty hand. Through them he wanted to give his word, the Bible, to the world (Isa 2:3). Through them he wanted all the people of the world to know him and worship him. He wanted all people everywhere to come to him and worship him and love each other. He wanted to restore broken creation order and bless mankind and all creation.

In order to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, people must study the Bible and obey it. At Mount Sinai Moses read the words of God to the Israelites and they said, "We will obey." He sprinkled them with the blood of an animal offered on the altar. So they entered into a blood covenant with God. This is the "old covenant." They agreed to obey his word. But they failed. They could not overcome the sinful nature. They came to the promised land and enjoyed the milk and honey and forgot to study and obey the Bible. They broke the covenant, so God sent Jesus, the Living Stone and Cornerstone of a new history to make a new covenant in his own blood. It is a covenant of forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit works to change the sinful nature and give new birth. He binds believers to God and to each other and helps us to live by the word of God. Peter told the early Christians, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Paul teaches us that preaching the gospel to unbelievers is the priestly duty (Ro 15:16). Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, making them a covenant people who obey his teachings, the Bible.

We pray for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. There are people who criticize this prayer topic, saying that it is too nationalistic and that Christianity should embrace all nations. Of course, this is true. But our God is a God of history and he works out his redemptive plan step by step. I believe that God is beginning to turn the hearts of the people of this nation to himself. "God bless America" is a motto that we see everywhere since the 9/11 tragedy. Our prayer topic is exactly this. We pray that indeed God may bless America and make America a blessing. God raised this country himself by sending a few men of God to pioneer and build this country. They established this country on Christian values and principles. Our forefathers prayed that America could be a "city on a hill," giving the knowledge of God and his ways to the world. May we raise up a million Bible teachers and send out a million missionaries to the ends of the earth. This is what it means to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

I pray for UBF around the world. May our Korean UBF engage in deep and prayerful Bible study. And may all of our missionaries throughout the world pray for their respective mission lands to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." May God make us good stewards of the spiritual legacy which Dr. Lee left us.



Best Friends In Jesus For 40 Years

BE FAITHFUL, EVEN TO THE POINT OF DEATH

Missionary Grace A. Lee
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"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev 2:10b)



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Praise God for blessing our Christmas Worship Service 2001. Praise Jesus who gave up his heavenly glory and power and came to this earth as a baby in a manger. Because of this humble Jesus in a manger, we

received the good news of great joy of salvation and a blessing to be children of God. May all our praise and worship only be given to the baby Jesus, and thus bring peace to men on earth. Most of all, may God grant joyful

heavenly messages to our precious front line missionary coworkers and fill them with great comfort and new faith. May God continue to use us as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

God granted us a wonderful Christmas message, "Glory to God, Peace to Men," through his servant, Dr. Samuel Lee. This word of God taught us the meaning of why Jesus' coming to this world is glory to God and peace to men. God gave his one and only Son as a ransom sacrifice for sinners who are destined to eternal condemnation. Although Jesus is the holy Son of God, he obeyed the will of God for world salvation to the point of death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection he became the Savior of the world. He served sinners until he gave his own life as a ransom sacrifice as obedience to God's world salvation. Through Jesus' obedience and humbleness we crossed over from eternal condemnation to salvation, eternal life and the kingdom of God as our inheritance.

We offered our precious Christmas offering to suffering Afghanistan and North Korean people. May the peace of God and the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon these suffering people.

I. World Mission

Praise God for blessing the ISU International Summer Bible Conference 2001 from July 26-29. God brought his precious servants scattered from 87 nations and granted us the abundant life-giving word of God and made it a heavenly banquet, full of joy. Our missionaries have suffered much from persecutions and have had many kinds of hardships while they were serving God's flock of sheep. At the conference, forgetting all their hardships and sufferings, they loved to listen to the word of God, sing songs of praises to God, and pray. They were so happy and joyful like little children. This year was not an easy year for any of our missionary coworkers to receive American Visas. But all of us worked hard to the end without giving up, and prayed. When we did so, God made the impossible possible and there were more missionaries and participants than other years.

The theme of the ISU conference was "A kingdom of priests, a holy nation." God did not abandon the Israelites who were soaked in a slavery mentality, but called them as his chosen people and trained them in the hope of making them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. God also chose us and called us and made us his holy people. He gave us his special mission to serve God's salvation work in our generation. All who attended the conference accepted this prayer topic, "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" as God's hope and vision for each nation. The messengers for the conference were Andrei Petrukhin and Stephen Kim from Moscow, Volker Keller and Dr.



Missionary Grace A. Lee, Mother Of Prayer Behind The Scenes Of UBF

Peter Chang from Germany, Dr. Mark Choi from France, Abraham Hwang from Mexico, Mark Kim from Hong Kong, Dr. David Lee from Yekaterinburg, and Dr. Joseph Schafer, Dr. Henry Kim and Dr. Samuel A. Lee from America. Messengers were chosen internationally in order to be raised up as world famous messengers. They humbly received training. As a result, they delivered powerful messages. After each message, Dr. Samuel Lee gave announcements and prayer topics without missing even one time. Whenever Dr. Lee came up to the podium to give prayer topics and announcements, American students especially welcomed him with applause, whistles and stomping. Dr. Lee gave announcements and prayer topics with all his heart with a prayerful heart for each attendant to accept God's hope and vision as their own. So he did this with more spirit than the messengers. Many said that they received more grace from his

announcements than the messages. After the conference, we had another conference for three days for the overseas missionaries. Looking back over 40 years of UBF history, more than anything, we thanked God who used us in his redemptive history. Our missionaries shared difficult problems of their mission fields, such as coworking problems, self-supporting problems, etc., and prayed together. Dr. Samuel Lee prepared two beautiful books-Genesis and Mark's gospel-and gave these to our missionaries as his gift. They were so happy holding these books in their bosom and said that this was the most treasured thing in the world. About ten years ago, Dr. Lee gave us a prayer topic for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. At first, this prayer topic did not touch our hearts. And we did not know its meaning. Anyway we prayed and prayed even though we did not believe what we prayed for. But when

we prayed for it again and again, God gradually gave us faith and helped us accept God's hope and vision as our own. Since the work of God began in Kwang Ju in 1961, our manger ministry continued for 40 years. Thank God for using us as his remnants and witnesses of the gospel in our generation. Thank God for sending 1,600 missionaries to 87 nations. I believe that God will accept our shepherds' hearts and obedience to God's world mission as our five loaves and two fish and will accomplish his world campus mission.

Thank God for using our missionaries in the year 2001. Although last year was harder and more difficult than any other year, God used our missionaries as the remnants of God and did his mighty work around the world.

Our Moscow UBF has not had a Bible house for two years. The Russian government did not give permission to use the kindergarten building for center use. Our missionaries did not make an excuse because of this difficult situation. Instead, they made a strong vessel of the Holy Spirit and engaged in the one-to-one battle. They opened their houses for one-to-one Bible studies and fellowship meetings. God blessed their work all the more and bore good fruit through their sacrificial lives. God is using Missionary Stephen Kim as a humble servant of God and a good shepherd for Russian students. May God grant them a good Bible house in his right time.

God blessed the beautiful coworking of Missionaries Aquila Shin and Matthew Lim in Mongolia and sent 80-100 sheep to

their worship services. They have two worship services every Sunday. The Mongolians did not have the Bible in their own language. Our missionaries translated the Bible in Mongolian and taught the Bible to Mongolian students. God blessed them so abundantly. Missionary Aquila Shin was a chauffeur for the ambassador in Mongolia and faithfully did his job as a driver for the Embassy. On the top of that, he worked hard as a self-supporting lay missionary. He prepared the Sunday worship service messages and served Mongolian students with one-to-one Bible studies and gave his heart to translate the Bible into Mongolian. When he was doing all these, he could speak Mongolian as well as native people. In Korea, there was no person who spoke Mongolian better than Missionary Aquila Shin. So the Korean government promoted him from driver to consul. Praise God who blesses a humble and faithful servant as God exalted Joseph to be prime minister of the Egyptian Empire when he was a faithful steward before God. May God continuously bless Mongolia as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

God blessed Hong Kong UBF so abundantly in the year 2001. Missionary Angela Kim's health was not good at all due to her undergoing brain surgery three times. But she was not in despair or self-pity, but gave herself all the more to raising disciples of Jesus through fishing and one-to-one Bible studies. Thank God for Missionary Mark Kim and for using him as a good shepherd for Hong Kong students. They are praying to pioneer mainland China.

Missionary Juan Baek in Panama UBF works hard for the Embassy. But without missing a day he goes to the campus and fishes sheep. He is praying to conquer the Spanish language and feed God's sheep with the word of God as a Bible teacher. He never failed to send world mission offering in the first week of each month. May God bless his family to be Bible teachers for Panama students.

God blessed Missionaries Lucas and Maria Cho and sent them to pioneer Colombia last year. When they were in Rosario, Argentina, they had a clothing business and they did not have to worry about how to survive. But they suffered a lot in Colombia because they did not have even one missionary coworker. They received wilderness training. They thought about going back to Argentina many times. But God supplied their needs in time and blessed their five loaves and two small fish. God helped them open a Telecabina right in front of the campus. They could fish sheep every day and establish one-to-one Bible studies with the students. They were praying to have 30 students to the Christmas Worship Service. Thank God for his mighty work in Indonesia, Sudan, Argentina, Bolivia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and Ukraine.

Thank God for using Dr. Lee as a faithful soldier of Christ during the last one year. He gave all his heart and mind and strength to prepare the ISU International Summer Bible Conference 2001. While preparing for the conference, one time he fell in the bathroom and broke two of his ribs after hearing painful and

heartbreaking news. Soon after that, he was so joyful and jumped because he finished the preface of Mark's gospel in three hours, and he fell down the stairs and had deep cuts on his face and bruises all over his body. However, he did not feel the pain at all and gave himself for the conference preparation. God held him up with his strong arms and gave him good health and the spirit of a 17 year-old. As God used him preciously for the last 40 years, God received great glory through the 2001 International Conference through his faith and fervor. Although it was very hard for him to persevere because of severe attacks of Satan, he thought more of our missionary coworkers who are suffering from persecutions and hardships for the sake of Jesus and the gospel in the mission field, and his heart was painful. He wrote 7,323 letters in 2001. He understood each person's problems one by one, and gave them directions and prayer topics. He comforted them with the word of God and strengthened their faith and encouraged them to carry out one-to-one Bible studies and establish each nation as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

When we looked back at the 40 years of pioneering Kwang Ju, Seoul, Germany, America and Russia, this long 40 years of time seemed to pass by so quickly, like a few days. World Campus Mission is what God really wants to accomplish and he has been with us and worked himself for this purpose. Dr. Lee obeyed Jesus' world mission command with an absolute attitude. He did not care about himself but gave himself fully to raise up soldiers of Christ from poor and sorrowful

Korean students. God was pleased with his prayer topic to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth and sent out our missionaries to 87 nations. God has used us as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Thank God for using Chicago UBF as a world mission headquarters. Missionary Joshua Lee from Toronto, Canada, received shepherd training and Bible study training for the last one year in Chicago. After the ISU conference, Pastor Abraham K. Lee from Germany, Missionary Sarah Kim from Kiev, Missionary Rebecca Choi from France, and Missionary Sarah Yoon from England remained in Chicago for two to three months, renewing their faith and spirit through Bible study and missionary training before going back to their mission fields. Especially, Missionary Sarah Yoon from England received diet training for three months. She still struggles hard to maintain

her normal weight. Shepherd Daniel Cheng from Arizona studied Romans with Mother Barry and went back to Arizona full of spirit to teach the Bible to the students there. The Guest House in Chicago Center is a house for all peoples of all nations. Every week, there are guests studying the word of God and renewing their spirit. In one year, they come from about 60 different places. It is beautiful to see their spirit and faith renewed through receiving the word of God and saintly love. Missionary Maria Ahn and Lydia Shin are serving the guests with all their hearts. Johan Hwang, the second son of Missionary Abraham Hwang from Mexico, got a scholarship from Loyola University in Chicago. It is very hard to receive this kind of scholarship as a foreigner. He gives a good example as a second generation. May God grant him necessary health to overcome hard school study.



May Dr. Lee's Grandchildren Inherit His Spiritual Legacy

Dr. Henry Kim (Toronto University) was sent out to pioneer as a professor shepherd. Los Angeles UBF moved to Downey Center on June 2. LeHigh UBF bought a new center and had a dedication ceremony on June 16.

Last year we started the new year 2001 with Psalm 1 and studied Luke's gospel, Romans, and Daniel. Romans chapter 16 is the final greetings that Apostle Paul wrote. He remembered each one of the fellow coworkers in Rome. There are 35 saints and among them 9 are women. Apostle Paul remembered each one by name and praised them for their faith and zeal for the Lord. And he prayed for them to be blessed by God. When I studied this passage, I repented a lot before God. I realized my sin, that I did not remember each one of our missionaries and their sheep by name and I did not praise God for their zeal for the Lord. I did not have a deep shepherd's heart. Now, as a good grandmother before God, I want to remember the names of the children of our precious missionary coworkers one by one and pray for them.

During the year 2001, many shepherds and missionaries went from Chicago to serve conferences of other nations with prayer and the words of God. Pastor Abraham Lincoln and Shepherd Tim Fitch went to India, Pastor Kevin Albright, Pastor Teddy Hembekides and Missionary Maria Ahn to Nigeria, Dr. Mark Yoon and Missionary Joseph Ahn to Venezuela, Missionary Rebekah Choi, Shepherdess Liz Hembekides and Dr. Jim Rabchuk to Bolivia, Missionary Joseph Ahn and Shepherdess

Maria Horvath to Mexico, Dr. Mark Yoon, Missionary Sarah Jun and Shepherdess Liz Hembekides to Brazil, Dr. Paul Hong, Shepherd Jeff Lewis, Shepherdess Liz Hembekides and Missionary Sarah Jun to Argentina, Dr. Joe Schafer and Missionary David Baik to Paraguay, Missionary Daniel Yang to Novosibirsk, Missionary David Baik and Shepherd Steve Stasinov to Kiev, Pastor Kevin Albright and Missionary Maria Ahn to Guatemala and Dr. Joseph Chung to Yekaterinburg.

Every year we had weddings. We were sorry when there seemed to be no weddings in the year 2001. But God blessed Shepherd Renato and Shepherdess Joanna Boyarska and they established God's house church on Oct. 28, 2001 after the Sunday Worship Service and we were so joyful. May God continue to establish 10,000 house churches and 10,000 Bible teachers and make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. May God grant 1,000 one-to-one Bible studies per week and 500 Sunday Worship Service attendants and help us to serve world mission.

Dr. Dan Pierce went to heaven on Aug. 11, 2001. God led him to his kingdom where there is no pain and tears and gave him eternal rest in him. May God be with Shepherdess Birgit Pierce and three daughters, Rebecca, Mary and Miriam. May God grant them a living hope and may Jesus be their shepherd and guardian.

II. My Key Verse 2002

My key verse for the year 2002 is Revelation 2:10b, "Be

faithful, even to the point of death...." I did not choose this key verse. This is the last gift that Dr. Lee gave me. Dr. Lee never gave me a key verse before. But on Dec. 31, 2001, he asked me what my key verse for the new year was. I was a little embarrassed and said that it was Mark 1:35 and I wanted to learn Jesus' life of prayer by getting up early in the morning and pray. Then he brought the Bible and read Revelation 2:10b, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." He said it would be good to have this verse as my key verse. It was difficult for me to accept the words, "even to the point of death." So I asked, "If I am faithful to the point of death and die, how are you going to survive without me?" He answered without any hesitation, "Then I will go to heaven, too." I wondered how he could ask me to have this verse as my key verse when he knew very well that I do not have any faith to be a martyr. Now when I thought about it deeply, through his servant, God was showing me the way to live and granting me prayer topics. Until I meet him, the one whom I love in heaven again, may I hold on to this key verse and be faithful to world mission to the end. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, he gave up his power and glory in heaven and came to this world to serve sinners to the point of death on the cross. May I learn his beautiful life of obedience and live for the glory of God. May God be my shepherd and eternal Messiah and strengthen my feeble arms.

God sent Dr. Lee to this world on Oct. 9, 1931 and took him to heaven on Jan. 8, 2002. I feel like I am in a dream. It is



Visiting And Blessing Newborn Babies

hard to believe. But it is reality and it happened this way according to God's plan and sovereignty. Dr. Lee often spoke about David who served God's purpose in his own generation. (Acts 13:36) David and Moses did their best and were faithful as shepherds for Israel before God for 40 years each. And Dr. Lee often said, "I am ready to go to heaven any time, but when I think about you who will be left alone, I cannot die." He spoke like this for the last three years. For a long time, God let him know that there was not enough time left on earth for him and prepared his mind beforehand in many ways. Thank God for blessing his servant Dr. Lee for the last 70 years and using him as his faithful servant. God blessed us to establish God's house church on March 26, 1959 and helped me cowork with him for 42 years. Instead of my serving him, I was served most by him, protected by him and loved by him as "a flower wife." God has blessed me as the most

blessed woman. At his homecoming ceremony, one missionary asked me, "I heard that Dr. Lee loved Jesus most and you next in the world. Is it true?" I told him that it is true. And I told him that he did not know one most important thing about him. Dr. Lee was 1) A servant of God who loved the word of God most, 2) A good shepherd who had a heart like Jesus, 3) A warrior of prayer who asked for God's wisdom constantly and who had a wonderful pioneering spirit and courage. His fatalistic childhood was used by God to raise him as a mother-like shepherd who could understand all kinds of God's sheep. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:10) He took this verse as his life key verse and finished his race of faith on earth.

Many times he said that there is nothing to say in his resume except "UBF shepherd."

In order to prepare the Sunday message, he worked night and day. Many a time I was awakened in surprise because he was delivering the message loudly in his dreams. Although there were so many things to do and he was so busy and burdened with many difficult problems pressing him down like a heavy mountain, he always gave his heart to prepare the word of God for Sunday as a matter of the first importance, with all his heart and with all his strength. Then after finishing preparing the Sunday message, he got into taking care of other things. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2Tim 2:15) Last year, Satan attacked him so severely through slanderings and there were many difficult problems. But he did not fight back even once against Satan. Instead he devoted himself fully to Mark's gospel lecture writing. Before going to bed every night, he sang "The Lord's Prayer" several times and prayed that the name of the Lord be honored and that his kingdom come on earth. And he prayed that God might forgive the sins of God's enemies. No matter how difficult and troubled our sheep are, he never lost hope in them but patiently waited on them with the word of God with Jesus' shepherd heart and prayed for them until God's sheep could realize the unfailing love of God and become the children of God. Holding on to John 10:11, he followed the Good Shepherd Jesus and lived his life to put his word into practice. Dr. Lee's wisdom was different than ours. He always asked for God's wisdom. He had faith that overcame

impossibilities. Whenever he gave training to someone, he did so gently and helped that person until he or she realized and repented. Many who came to Chicago said that they did not want to come to Chicago because they were afraid of Dr. Lee but when they met him personally, they found out that Dr. Lee was like a mother. At the beginning of this year 2002, there were difficult problems in Korea and his heart was so painful and sore that he could not sleep at night. When he was suffering from insomnia, he called Missionary Sarah B. Choi. She did not mind coming to help him at any time of the day or night. She did not have time to take care of her family, her children or herself, but wholeheartedly served God's servant. I am so much indebted to her that I cannot repay her love and devotion to God and God's servant. I believe that God will use her in God's work and she will be a good coworker for God's work.

The last words of Dr. Lee on earth to us was for us to "Go back to the Bible." In 1961, God started the "University Bible Fellowship" ministry with his words. By the power in the word of God, many intellectuals in Korea repented and were changed and became the children of God by the word of God. When they were changed by the word of God, they were willing to go out to the ends of the earth as witnesses to the gospel of Jesus. It was a great miracle of God that 1,600 our missionaries went to 87 nations, depending only on the life-giving word of God. We saw that many native shepherds received life and became faithful to God's ministry. If a kernel of wheat falls

to the ground and dies, it produces many seeds--100 times and 1,000 times. When a servant of God obeyed this word of God, God produced many seeds. Though Dr. Lee's body left us and he went to heaven, 70 years' footsteps that he left behind still lives in our hearts. We, his spiritual descendants, must inherit his spiritual legacy--his life-giving spirit, vision, courage, soldier spirit, independent spirit, giving spirit, martyrdom spirit and wisdom, and live lives to please God. We must accept his last words, "Go back to the Bible," in our deep hearts. We UBF members must engage in deep personal Bible study and work harder than before to do the work of God until the kingdom of God comes on earth. As a good sheep of Jesus and as a good shepherd to Jesus' sheep, he struggled hard before God without having even one day of vacation in his 40 years of shepherd life. Now God gave him the long vacation he never had in his life time and made him rest together with our ancestors of faith in the kingdom



of God. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Tim 4:7,8) I want to be a witness to the life of God's servant throughout my life. Thank God for appointing Mother Barry as the General Director of UBF. May God grant her good health every day and fill her heart with the wisdom of God and the word of God. Thank God for Dr. John Jun, Dr. Joseph Chung, Dr. Mark Yoon and Missionary Isaac Kim. May God be with them and bless his mission in Korea, America and the world mission. I deeply thank God for all of our precious coworkers around the world who mourned together with me and my family hearing the Lord's call upon his servant, Dr. Lee. May God bless each of them with heavenly blessings. Especially Chicago coworkers and American shepherds warmly welcomed precious guests from all over

the world and served them with much love. I realized how beautiful koinonia in Christ is through them and I thanked them with all my heart.

Please pray for me that I may overcome this dreamlike reality by faith and come out of great sorrow and obey the word of God, Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." I earnestly pray that I may give my small five loaves and two small fish to Jesus' world campus mission and lay-men self-supporting mission and be faithful to this holy mission to the point of death. May God make America a kingdom of priests

and a holy nation and send out another one million missionaries to the whole world through our one-to-one ministry and discipleship training. Shepherdess Heather Janis from Cincinnati UBF went to Nam San UBF in Korea as a short term missionary on January 23, 2002. May God bless America and send one million missionaries. May God use Chicago UBF as a world mission headquarters this year. Thank God for granting us many faithful servants of God and beautiful women of prayer coworkers in faith. As God has granted them as my beloved family members, I want continuously to cowork with them and learn from them humbly.

May God grant wonderful Luke's gospel messages to

Pastor Ron Ward, Pastor Abraham Lincoln and Pastor Kevin Albright.

I pray for Dr. Paul Koh's family, Dr. Samuel A. Lee's family and Dr. Charles Kim's family. They and their children may receive the spiritual heritage--his faith, shepherd life, and prayer for each of them--of their father and grandfather and grow to be 2nd and 3rd generation missionaries and shepherds for God's flock.

May God grant me the hope and faith of Simeon and Anna to pray for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation throughout my lifetime.

One Word: A kingdom of priests, a holy nation.



Your Descendants Will Be As Numerous As The Stars In The Sky

GOD'S WORKMANSHIP

Pastor Ron Ward
Chicago UBF Director

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)

We have gathered here from so many places, spending much time and money. Why? Is it simply to eulogize a great man who has passed away? No. It is because we saw God Almighty in the life of Dr. Samuel Lee. Let's think about God who used Dr. Lee as his servant for the last 40 years. His life key verse was Ephesians 2:10. It says, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

This verse says that we are God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. Who is God? Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Who is Jesus? John 1:3 says, "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made." God is the Almighty, Creator God. He is the Sovereign Ruler of all things, including each person's life. But he does not rule with power alone. John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." God loves mankind. God sent his one and only Son Jesus to save us. Whoever accepts Jesus is a child of God and God's workmanship. God is like a master craftsman who molds a mundane piece of clay into a beautiful work of art. God molds and shapes ordinary human beings into his own



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masterpieces. Dr. Samuel Lee was one of God's masterpieces. Each of us must become one of God's masterpieces. Let's think about three things based on the key verse.

First, God's workmanship. Dr. Lee's mother passed away when he was just nine months old. He suffered a lot to live under his step-mother. From a human point of view, it seemed unfair. Dr. Lee fell into self-pity and cried a lot. But God's word spoke to him: "You are God's workmanship." It meant his life was in God's hand. His suffering was not an accident or an

unlucky fate. His suffering was precisely God's work. Through suffering, God molded his inner character and lifestyle to make him useful to God. Losing his mother made him treasure and highly regard all women. Purity and respect toward women was one secret of his fruitful ministry. Moreover, since he had no one to depend on, he became a man of independent spirit. He only depended on God. With this independent spirit he pioneered UBF ministry. This independent spirit became a foundation of the self-supporting lay missionary movement that has spread all over the world. Also, he learned

self-denial and how to live a pure and poor life. I can testify that he wore the same suit for the last 15 years. He drove the same car for 11 years. He used the same hard chair for the last 20 years. He could be content anywhere simply with Jesus and nothing more. In addition, he could understand the heart of those who long for a mother's love. This enabled him to minister to fatalistic and sorrowful Korean students and young American students from broken families. Only God knows to the full extent how he was God's workmanship. What we must know is that Dr. Lee was indeed God's workmanship. And each of us is God's workmanship.

Second, to do good works. God's workmanship in us has a purpose. It is for us to do good works. God worked in Dr. Lee so that Dr. Lee could do good works for God. These works can be clearly seen in the light of UBF history. God changed Korea from a sorrowful and fatalistic people to a Bible believing and missionary sending people who sent 1,600 missionaries to 87 nations of the world. God broke down the Iron Curtain of Russia and sent sacrificial missionaries to begin gospel work there. Now Russia is becoming a shepherd nation. God planted in complacent Americans a clear prayer topic to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These works were done in a manger ministry through one-to-one Bible study, a shepherd heart, a sacrificial life, discipleship training, and world mission vision.

Third, prepared in advance. God prepares his servants and his work in advance. God is not a God of disorder and confusion, but a God of order and plan and



Rest In Peace In God's Kingdom

preparation. God chose, prepared and used Dr. Lee for his own purpose. God finished his work through Dr. Lee. So God took him to the heavenly kingdom to be with him forever. But on earth the work of God goes on. Now each of us must deeply realize that we are God's workmanship. We must do good works that

God prepared for us according to his absolute sovereign will. We must keep up one-to-one Bible study, grow in the shepherd heart of Jesus, live a sacrificial life, engage in discipleship training, and obey the world mission command. When we do so, God will surely lead and bless us, as he did Dr. Samuel Lee.



God Be With You Till We Meet Again

HIS DELIGHT IS IN THE LAW OF THE LORD

Dr. Samuel A. Lee
Cincinnati UBF Staff

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." (Psalm 1:2-3)



I thank God for giving us his One and Only Son who died on the cross and rose from the dead, giving us eternal life and the kingdom of God as our inheritance.

I thank God for Dr. Samuel Lee's life of faith. God called him as God's workmanship and used him precious for world campus mission for the last 40 years as a UBF shepherd.

He obeyed Jesus' world mission command and taught the Bible as of first importance and challenged students to obey

the world mission command of Jesus. Through his life of faith, UBF could send missionaries to 87 countries and participate in the self-supporting lay missionary movement. I am sad and already miss him very much. But God gave me peace and joy after attending his homecoming ceremony. He went to heaven in God's time. God is good and he works for those who love him.

Especially I thank God for using Dr. Lee as a servant of God's word. He had many interests such as music, philosophy and history. He read broadly and studied many

subjects. His real delight was studying the Bible. His joy was reading the Bible. He read and studied the Bible again and again, underlining the key passages until the pages crumbled. Then he repaired the Bible and bound it and he read it again and again, going through numerous Bibles. His authority and spirit came from studying the Bible only and accepting the word of God. Once he shared his one life agony with me. Perhaps this is the only time he shared his agony because he is very stoic and strong in character. He said, "I can do shepherd life if I do not have to write Sunday messages." For him the most difficult thing was to prepare for the Sunday messages. Each week he struggled before the word of God, read the passage again and again, listened to the Bible audio tape, and memorized the Bible passage until the word and joy of God came to him.

I observed that on Sunday nights he was completely exhausted. But he always found strength in the Lord. As you know Pastor Ron was about 30 years younger than Dr. Lee. He was a secretary of Dr. Samuel Lee for the message preparation. Pastor Ron fainted several times because Dr. Lee prepared the message so intensively and for a long time. Pastor Ron learned Dr. Lee's

hard working spirit and he has grown as a powerful messenger of God's word. Dr. Lee poured out his life to serve the word of God. For example, his last message was the 2001 Christmas message entitled "Glory to God, Peace to men" based on Luke 2:14. He was suffering from high blood pressure and difficulty in breathing but he poured out his strength and prepared the message well in advance, practiced 6 times consecutively and delivered the life-giving word of God, proclaiming the birth of Jesus as glory to God and peace to men.

I thank God for giving me the privilege of knowing my dad personally. I learned to share

my dad with others because he was a father to so many students who were hungry and weary and longing for the word of God. He prepared the word of God without fail and gave us something to eat and sustained us.

At this time I remember a few verses that he gave me personally. When I was a young boy, he started giving me Luke 2:52 each year until I was 27 years old. It says, "And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men." He prayed for me to grow in Jesus, wisdom and stature. When I started chemistry Ph.D. study, he gave me Matthew 6:33. "But seek first his kingdom and his



Sammy And Andrew Lee

righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." He encouraged me to seek



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God first, not a career, and study from my heart for the glory of God. When I started working at P&G, he gave me Matthew 16:24, "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If any one would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" He prayed for me to take up the cross of the lay shepherd campus mission and live as a Bible student and teacher, denying my desire to just watch TV after work.

I also thank God that Dr. Samuel Lee gave us his inheritance to study the Bible and teach the Bible and obey the word of God. For example, he gave his own Bible to his grandson Samuel Augustine Lee, Jr as a Christmas gift. Many grandfathers give toys to their grandsons. But they are not life-giving. But he gave my son his own Bible that he used personally and studied with many key verses underlined. The covers were all torn apart. Before giving it to him, he personally repaired the Bible and bound it with leather. This was his prayer and labor for him to study the Bible like his grandpa and his hope for his grandson Sammy to enjoy studying the Bible. May God help Sammy to treasure his grandpa's Bible and receive this as his inheritance. May God help him to know that this is a far greater gift than any silver or gold in the world. This heritage was not only given to Sammy but to everyone whom he loved with the affection of Christ. May God help his grandchildren, Abraham, Sarah Little, Charlie, Mary, Faith, Sammy and Andrew to grow as third generation servants of God.

On behalf of Dr. Lee's family, I thank you personally for

coming to Dr. Lee's homecoming ceremony from all over the world, including Russia and Africa.

May God help all of our missionaries and coworkers who came to Dr. Samuel Lee's homecoming ceremony to receive his inheritance and have the joy of studying and teaching the word of God one-to-one and grow as servants of God's word.

Again, thank you for your life of faith and prayers. Please pray for my mother, Missionary Grace Lee and Mother Barry. Mother Barry came to Korea when she was in her 20's and started UBF with my father. Their 40 years of co-working is the work of God. They met in Jesus and they worked for Jesus. Many people came and left but their friendship which was founded in Jesus grew



Spiritual Descendants From Around The World Pay Their Respect

stronger and stronger. There are many things to say about my mother but she loved my dad deeply and supported him by taking care of our overseas missionaries as well as Chicago and USA coworkers. She prayed for him and cared for him with her love and affection. Their life together in serving the Lord is indeed beautiful. As a result, her sorrow is deep and profound. I do not know how to comfort them. May God grant my mother and Mother Barry his comfort and strength.

May the name of Jesus be praised and honored when we follow our great heritage of studying the Bible only, believing the Bible, obeying the world mission command and teaching the Bible one-to-one with the hope that the USA will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

MOTHER-LIKE SHEPHERD, DR SAMUEL LEE

Missionary Grace Koh
Chicago UBF

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)



God called my father, Dr. Samuel Lee to the kingdom of God on January 8, 2002. He has been serving God with all his heart and with all his soul and strength. So he has been telling us he has no regret even if he goes to the kingdom of God any time. He has served God all his life 120% until he was exhausted and all his energy was drained out. God loved him so much and snatched him away to the kingdom of God for eternal rest. His departure leaves a huge emptiness. Wherever we look around and whomever we meet, we can feel the traces of his love smeared everywhere. There is no one and no place where his shepherd's heart has not touched.

We feel he is still with us. But he is no longer with us. He has completed his mission on earth and entered the Pearly

Gates into heaven. We are overwhelmed with heavenly joy when we see Jesus crowning him with the crown of life, the crown of victory and the crown of glory. Abraham, Moses, Samuel, David and Apostle Paul are all shaking hands with my father. How happy will he be when he sees his own mother whom he has longed for all his life! When we believe this, all our sorrows disappear. And we want to follow in his beautiful footsteps of faith.

1. God prepared in advance

Dr. Samuel Lee was born in Osaka, Japan on October 9, 1931. His mother died when he was 9 months old. He was very sorrowful because he never saw his mother's face. When he was a boy, he cried sitting in the corner of the church. He really wanted to go up on stage and sing, "Silent Night, Holy Night"

with the children's choir. But he could not do so because he did not have a mother who could fix him nice clothes. He cried all the time because he missed his mother. God solved his deep sorrow problem through Ephesians 2:10. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." He accepted God's providence in making him suffer so much so that he could be well prepared as one who understands many sorrowful and suffering people. Since then, God could use him as a mother-like shepherd.

2. A mother-like shepherd

It is not easy to summarize my father's life in one word. It is because he was a many sided person. A Bible teacher, a shepherd, an artist, a musician, a scholar, and also a henpecked husband, and so on. Most of all, he was a mother-like shepherd for many people around him. When my sister Little Sarah was a teenage girl, she ran away from home. My father cried endlessly like Jacob who lost Joseph. He even cried loudly while he was delivering his Sunday message. Every night I heard him crying loudly in his room. He made a vow to God that he would live as a shepherd for all American teenagers and college students if he returns Little Sarah. He confessed many times that through this event he accepted the love of God who

sent his one and only Son. Since then, he began to babysit Little Sarah. He took her wherever he went. While he was writing his message, she had to sit next to my father. Without her, he could not write his message. One night Little Sarah burst into tears. Her heart was melted by the love of God. She wrote a poem with the title, "You must be born again." It was the time of her conversion. She learned from my father how to take care of one person with a shepherd heart. She gives all her heart for one person as my father had done for her. She has grown up as a great shepherd who takes care of all the second generation children.

My father had prayed and labored for my brother, Dr. Samuel Augustine to be a PhD shepherd. He blessed his family to be like Isaac's family to maintain God's blessing and pass it to the next generation. Because of his prayer, my brother married with the most beautiful woman of God, Grace Sun. When I was young, I was very poor in math. But he helped me overcome until I could become an outstanding math teacher. When I was a college freshman, he taught me Genesis. He taught me that God's love is perfect and absolute. After my wedding ceremony was over, my father followed me to my honeymoon. He walked into the room to check if the radiator was working.

On Sunday night before he went home, he hugged my mother again and again. He told her, "I am ready to go to the kingdom of God any time but I cannot leave because of you." My father loved my mother as if she were his eldest daughter. My

father called my mother "kott-bu-in," which means "a flower wife." He called her to check if she ate lunch. He enjoyed singing "The Lord's Prayer" in front of her every night. Once when my mother was sick in bed and could not follow him on his trip, he wrote a love letter to her at the airport. But he always apologized that he had made my mom lonely due to his busy work. Last year he personally designed a necklace with a heart-shaped pendant. He said the necklace was his heart. When we came to America as missionary family, my father gave her the name, "Grace." She has served all the front line missionaries and their wives through letter writing. She writes 10 letters every day. Whenever there is a sick person, my mother is the first one to visit. I cannot miss another important member of my family, Mother Barry. For the last 40 years, Mother Barry has been a faithful coworker for Dr. Samuel Lee. She loved Jesus until she married Jesus and no one else. My father respected her from his heart. Their 40 years coworking in itself is a great work of God. After the Christmas Worship Service, one of Dr. Lee's heart chambers collapsed. Doctors ordered him to wear an oxygen mask. He was advised to be hospitalized, but he refused. He wanted to write Christmas greeting letters for all the suffering coworkers around the world. He always had deepest respect and affection for all the UBF coworkers.

Many servants of God around the world came here to his homecoming. You are all my family members in Christ. Each one of you also has beautiful stories to tell. After the ISU

conference, he asked Missionary Rebekah Choi from France and Missionary Sarah Kim from Kiev to stay in Chicago a little longer. Both of them were wounded soldiers. My father took care of them just the way he took care of his own children. He also helped Missionary Sarah Yoon from England lose weight until she became like a beautiful bride. It is endless to talk about his shepherd life. Through his shepherd life, many of us could meet Jesus personally. We all miss him very much. We are very sad. I pray that God may comfort my mother. May God comfort all of you one by one. May God help us remember God's love that he gave his one and only Son. Praise God for using Dr. Samuel Lee so preciously as a mother-like shepherd for all of us. Amen.



Dr. Paul Koh's Family

DR. SAMUEL LEE HELPED ME TO MARRY WELL

Shepherd Moses Kim
Joongang UBF Director

"If you can?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." (Mark 9:23)



I was an old bachelor of 33 years old when I got married. It was not easy for me to get married. One day Dr. Samuel Lee suggested that it would be good for me to get married with Shepherdess Kyung Rae Chung. Dr. Lee said that she was a woman of faith. At that time, I thought that a shepherd's wife should have studied the Bible a lot and be recognized a lot in the UBF center. But my wife looked like a rookie sheep. So I was not willing to obey him and hesitated. One day Dr. Lee asked me whether I proposed to her or not. I told him that I did not propose yet. Then he told me to go immediately and propose to her. So I went up to Seoul, entered the elementary school where she worked as a teacher, holding my shoes in my hands, and proposed to her. To my surprise, even though she was eight years younger than I

was, she accepted my proposal with joy. But her family worshiped Buddha and did not give her permission to marry me with the reason I was too old for her. One day Dr. Lee asked me at 10:00 p.m., "Did you have a date with Shepherdess Kyung Rae Chung?" I answered, "No." Then he took off his coat and told me to wear it and go to her house right away. He told me, "Even if you lie down under an apple tree, an apple does not fall down into your mouth. You should climb up the tree, grab an apple, and eat it." Then he told me to shout, "Go up, take and eat." After shouting these words several times, I went to her house. At her house, there was

a puppy dog who barked, "Woof, Woof." Then her family knew that I came, turned off all the lights and pretended that they were sleeping. Still, I knocked at the door for a while. Then they turned on the light and welcomed me in. Her parents asked me to bring my official registry. It was to check whether I was currently married or not. After tying up several loose ends, finally our wedding took place. My wife had far stronger faith than I, and excellent intellect but she bore with all my weaknesses. I received much grace from Dr. Samuel Lee—more than anybody else. But I shall always remember his grace of helping me to marry well.



Finally, I Went Up, Took And Ate!

THE LIFE-GIVING SPIRIT OF JESUS IN DR. SAMUEL LEE

Missionary Stephen Kim
CIS & Russia UBF Director

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)



Dr. Samuel Lee began to pray for Russia in 1985, to have a Moscow summer conference in 10 years. He visited Russia every year, even in times of coup, and when he was suffering from pneumonia, to encourage missionaries and shepherds. When I saw Russians, I wondered why Russian women are so strong and domineering. Dr. Lee explained that millions of Russian men were killed in wars, so women are sorrowful without much hope of marriage. Men didn't work, but drank vodka in despair; so women became strong to survive. Out of a broken shepherd heart, Dr. Lee rebuked Russian shepherds with 1 Kings 2:2, "Be a man!", telling

Russian men to stop drinking vodka, become men of faith, work hard and make their wives happy. Russian shepherds shouted, "Amen!" with great joy.

Shepherdess Natasha secretly wanted to marry a hardworking Korean missionary. But Dr. Lee prayed for her to marry a Russian shepherd by faith. Once, touring Moscow by subway, he had Shepherd Andrei and Natasha hold hands together for a photo. He said, "You look so perfect and

beautiful!" Natasha repented her selfish desire, and God established their beautiful Russian house church. Through this, I learned how to serve young Russian students.

I want to learn Dr. Lee's life-giving spirit--the servanthip he learned from Jesus Christ. I believe that when I serve God's flock with a life-giving spirit, God will give me good health and will use me in making Russia a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.



Encouraging Russian Shepherds: "Be A Man!"

In Memory of God's servant, Dr. Samuel Lee

Dr. James Rabchuk
WIU UBF Director

"It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Mark 2:17)



God's servant Dr. Samuel Lee prayed for me when I was a hopeless sinner, and challenged me in God's name to become a husband, father, professor, shepherd, missionary and messenger of God's word.

From the very first time I came to Bible study in 1986, Dr. Samuel Lee helped me to participate in the world salvation work of God by singing "Moscow Nights" as our prayer for Russia. In the summer of 1988, I went to Moscow as a short-term missionary. But because of my inner despair over my father's sudden death that spring, I committed a terrible mistake. On hearing of it, Dr. Lee crashed his car into a pole, nearly killing himself. One coworker said, "Jim Rabchuk is washed up." But Dr. Lee did not look at my sin. Out of Jesus' shepherd heart, he saw that I had sinned not because I was bad, but because I was lost

in despair. He decided to love me even more than my own father had done. For three years, Dr. Lee supported me in every way, especially through life-giving Bible study in Samuel, Romans and John. Finally, he invited me to participate in the journey to Korea in 1991. There I came to know that God is my heavenly Father, and that there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Because of Dr. Lee's prayer, my life was changed from 'cursed' to 'blessed.' I established a beautiful house church with Sh. Jennifer and had three lovely children, and we went out to pioneer WIU. Still, Dr. Lee prayed for us, and invited me to Chicago in the summer of 1998 to receive intensive message training. When I came, he

suddenly fell terribly ill with pneumonia. Nevertheless, he trained me faithfully every Saturday evening in his hospital room for several hours. He had a lung biopsy, a procedure that took nearly 4 hours. Still, that evening, he worked with me sitting on his hospital bed, and we shouted God's word together and laughed from our stomachs. His attending physician, Dr. Liz Lincoln, was pretty mad. I was just amazed. That summer was Dr. Lee's testimony and spiritual inheritance to me. He saw me with God's hope to the end, and poured out his life to see God's hope realized in me. Through him, God healed me, and gave me a vision to serve all lost American sinners even as my shepherd Dr. Lee served and loved me.



Raising Many Ph.D. Shepherds

THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Shepherdess Angela Fitch
Chicago UBF

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)



I thank and praise God for his one and only son Jesus Christ who came to earth as our shepherd, savior and king. I thank God that he shed his one-sided mercy on us by saving us from our sins and choosing us to be his gospel workers in this generation. I thank God for his servant Dr. Samuel Lee who gave his life for the gospel and lived his life to please God. May God, through his Holy Spirit, comfort Missionary Grace, Missionary Sarah Barry, and all his family at this time. May God continue to inspire us to carry out the prayer topic to raise America as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation through our one to one ministry.

In John chapter 10, Jesus calls himself the good shepherd who laid down his life for the sheep. From the onset of Jesus' messianic ministry, he was first and foremost a shepherd. A good shepherd must possess several characteristics. Firstly, they themselves must be good sheep to God. This means that a good shepherd must love God with all his heart, soul, strength, and mind. When a love relationship with God is established, then a person can grow into a good shepherd who can give their lives for the sake of others. A good sheep of God

obeys God. Jesus obeyed God to the point of being crucified on a cross for the sin of the world. Jesus is God yet he obeyed God's mission for his life despite the personal cost. It was only when Jesus gave his life that man could have eternal life, salvation from sin and a living hope in the kingdom of God. Nothing of any worth in the sight of God will occur without a life-giving spirit. Jesus preached the kingdom of God and healed the sick but it was not until he hung on the cross that eternal life in the kingdom of God was granted to man.

Dr. Samuel Lee lived a life pleasing to God because he lived by faith in the promises of God. His hope was to live as a shepherd of God's flock and to plant the kingdom of God in the hearts of all young people. His heart's desire was to grow in the image of Jesus and to emulate his shepherd life. Dr. Lee studied the Bible most personally and intensively until God's word ruled his heart and mind. He is like the person described in Psalm 1:1-3 which says, "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers." No matter how painful or costly it was to obey God's will, Dr. Lee strove to have faith that pleases God. Jesus never gave up doing the will of God. Jesus never gave in to his human desires of pleasure seeking or acceptance from others. From Dr. Lee's life of faith and shining example of faith I learned that in all that I do I must do it to please God by faith. After one year of Bible study, Dr. Lee tested my faith by asking me to play my French horn at a wedding ceremony. Since I am not a well-disciplined person, I thought surely he's kidding because I cannot prepare in several hours what would humanly take me several days. I did not obey and play by faith. Dr. Lee spoke to me afterwards and encouraged me saying, "You must give your life in all that you do. Otherwise nothing will ever happen." It is beyond any human capability to give one's life to anything, even to enjoyable activities. Jesus gave his life because of his faith in the promises of God. Jesus believed that God will resurrect him and seat him on his right side in all the glory and splendor of heaven.

Dr. Lee's life of faith also taught me to put God first in my life and personally experience the power of God. In 1996, at our Sunday worship service, we were studying Hebrews 11 focusing on

Moses' faith of crossing the Red Sea. While listening to the message I felt Dr. Lee's eyes looking at me. He called me over to his side and said, "Youngi, I have a Ph.D. for you." I knew he was talking about my marriage so I replied, "I thought I was going to marry Sh. Tim Fitch." Dr. Lee then asked me, "Why do you want to marry him?" I said, "Because he is faithful." Dr. Lee agreed wholeheartedly, laughed with me, and we prayed. Following that Sunday worship service Missionary Sarah Barry took my sister Sh. Jennifer Rabchuk and me out for a steak dinner at the Angus restaurant paid for by Dr. Lee because he said I passed the test of faith.

After marriage I could not maintain God's blessing and serve Sh. Tim and support him. I wanted him to read my mind and serve me out of my selfish youngi mentality. So for 30 minutes I stood in front of Dr. Lee's desk as he counseled me on how to be a good wife. He encouraged me to respect my husband unconditionally and be his friend. My pride burned in my heart at Dr. Lee's words because I wanted my husband to respect and worship me. But when I repented and struggled to humble myself and obey God's word through Dr. Lee our marriage began to flourish with joy and bliss. According to my past I should be divorced three times by this point in my life but our house church is the most blessed in the US by God's mercy.

In my high-mindedness I felt I deserved everything, especially a high-profile husband. My life was consumed with sin and crippled with sorrow. I was a failure in every sense of the word and in all aspects of my life. But Jesus and Dr. Lee loved me unconditionally and bore with all my weaknesses. In this way I could be restored as a child of God and be healed by Jesus and his word. Dr. Lee never gave up on me even though I was not a promising person. He only prayed for me and took care of my life in the greatest detail even to marry a man of God. I needed a gentle and patient husband. Sh. Tim is the most kind and gentle and patient man who only loves and bears with me. I should have had no problem loving him and supporting him and helping him to grow as a great man of God because he has a good heart. Dr. Lee did not condemn me but only helped me to the end so that my marriage and future children would not suffer as I did from a broken home. It is easy to point out my weaknesses and sins but Dr. Lee saw me with the hope of God and helped me to bear God's blessings and to grow as a woman of faith.

I came to personally know the grace and truth of Jesus through Dr. Lee's Bible study and shepherd life. I understood that Jesus' death and resurrection is not another good person's attempt at improving the world. It opened my eyes to see that Jesus' death and resurrection gives me a living hope in the kingdom of God and is the power of God to overcome sin. When Jesus depended on God alone through his word of promise he overcame the world. Dr. Lee overcame the world and served the Gospel and discipleship ministry in this post-modern generation. Because of Dr. Lee's absolute obedience to the word of God, even sin-sick Americans are overcoming secular humanism and growing as shepherds and Bible teachers. I pray to follow Dr. Lee's example of faith that pleased God and overcame the world. Mainly to do this I must give all my heart to study the Bible until I can lay down my life for sheep. In this way America may be raised as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. God used Dr. Lee to find this prayer topic and plant it in American shepherds' hearts and minds. It is our vision for our nation. May God bless Americans with his life-giving spirit so as to carry out this vision by faith through Bible study and prayer.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JESUS FROM DR. LEE'S LIFE OF FAITH

Dr. Ben Toh
Chicago UBF Staff

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)





A Very Fruitful American House Church

From Dr. Lee, I learned his faith and his heart in helping me and the flock of God as a good shepherd. I first met Dr. Lee in 1980 when I had a visa problem and a marriage problem. So, each time Dr. Lee met me, he said, "You will marry an American woman." I trembled because I had no idea nor desire nor inclination nor faith to marry by faith. But because of the shepherd heart of Christ in Dr. Lee, God's strong hand compelled me to marry by faith a powerful American woman, of whom I was really afraid. Now 20 years later, I feel shameful to confess that I'm still on my honeymoon.

Because of a visa problem, I received a letter of deportation in 1983, stating that I must leave the U.S. in ten days. But after Dr. Lee read the letter carefully, he said nonchalantly, "God has already solved your visa problem." I was shocked and speechless. I couldn't believe it on that day and for many years thereafter. Finally, after seven years of unbelief, I had no other choice but to borrow Dr. Lee's faith. Then immediately, God miraculously solved my visa problem through a series of highly improbable events.

During the 70s and 80s, I also had a chronic severe back pain, even after major back surgery. My Orthopedic Surgeon told me the dismal news: "It is impossible for your back to ever get better; in fact it will only get worse." As a physician I knew that it was true. I once casually told Dr. Lee about my chronic back pain. Then he became very angry and upset

with me. I was surprised at first. On that day I discovered a word that Dr. Lee hates, the word "impossible." Then he gave me 100 days separation training twice and my back pain has been completely healed ever since.

From solving my major life problems I learned that Dr. Lee is a man with the shepherd heart of Christ, and that he loved me dearly and patiently like his own son. Someone once said to me, "You are without doubt the most stubborn person in God's entire universe." I could not disagree. But despite myself, God had mercy on me. God sent me a good shepherd who loved me and bore with me for the last 21 years. Thank and praise God.

As Dr. Lee has loved me with God's best love, I also personally witnessed how he loved others deeply and even perfectly. For example, Rhoel Lomahan wanted to be a rock star with several illegitimate children on the side. On the day John Lennon was shot and killed, he mourned deeply. Although I studied the Bible one-to-one with him, we were like Shrek and the donkey who never got along. It is because Rhoel is an expressive, reflective and very thoughtful young man like a creative artist and a virtuoso musician, while I am stoic, insensitive and blunt like a methodical scientist or a boring statistician. But Dr. Lee perfectly understood Rhoel's artistic disposition and channeled his talents as our UBF concert cellist and gave him God's vision to be a great man of God. Through Dr. Lee's love and shepherd heart, God raised Rhoel as my best friend and most loyal and faithful coworker in Christ, even though I am still insensitive and brutal.

As a pampered and spoiled youngest son, I also never understood women. I made them so distraught during one-to-one Bible study that they stormed out of the UIC Bible house or they called up Mother Barry with one word: "I hate Dr. Ben." But Dr. Lee took care of so many American shepherdesses one by one with the tender shepherd heart of Christ and raised them as the key members and foundation for making America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I personally witnessed how Dr. Lee loved, served and blessed Dr. Helen Rarick, Maria Peace, Sharon Schafer, Elena Lomahan, Angela Fitch, Christine Akins, Marsha Teodori and Michelle Kilby, to name a few. So this past week whenever we met to thank God for Dr. Lee's glorious life, they cried with tears of deep gratitude and thanksgiving; and they also made me cry, even though I tried hard not to cry.

Dr. Lee had the spirit of Napoleon Bonaparte and Ho Chih Min combined together. So he could have had many achievements, such as a renowned scholar, author, politician or CEO. But he decided to devote himself to long suffering one-to-one Bible study, heart breaking discipleship training and labor intensive world mission. In brief, he invested his whole life in the imitation of Jesus the good shepherd. So he loved and cared for each person, like this sinner, with all his heart and all his strength as a good shepherd.

In conclusion, Dr. Lee loved me with the heart of Christ, so that I may love Jesus and do the work of God. But I have failed to do so because of my complacency. For 21 years I saw in Dr. Lee, Jesus' humility, gentleness and limitless forgiving love for others. I also saw in him purity, holiness and the righteousness of God, and I often avoided him because of my own unrighteousness. During his lifetime, I have failed to adequately bear Jesus' grace upon my life through his servant, Dr. Lee. But I pray that from now on I may remember God's grace and give my heart to holy nation women ministry and to make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

One Word: A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

THE GRACE OF GOD THROUGH DR. SAMUEL LEE

Dr. Helen Rarick
Chicago UBF

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ." (Philippians 3:7,8)

These verses remind me of the life of Dr. Samuel Lee. I'm so thankful for the privilege to know and work with God's precious servant, Dr. Lee. There are so many things I learned from Dr. Lee, his prayer life, his faith, his grace. But I want to share one thing. Mostly, I learned from Dr. Lee his sacrificial life, to lose all the things of the world in order to know Christ and gain him. He is one of the most intelligent people I have ever known. He could



have received ten PhDs and worldly honors. But, for the sake of Christ, he lost all human recognition. Instead, he became like a rejected stone as he shepherded God's flock such as me. In this way, he gained Christ and God worked mightily through him to change many unchangeable type of people like myself. I met Dr. Lee in 1983 when I was a teenager. At that time, I was a wild American woman full of cursed desire for men. I wore so much makeup and foxy clothes. I also lived with ambition to be a top research professor and didn't want anyone to bother me. I never wanted to be a Christian. I had been studying the Bible with Shepherdess Christy Toh for a few months. My first encounter with Dr. Lee was when he called on the phone and invited me to dance at the Spring conference. I should have been nice to him, but I was mean. I said to him, "Why do you bother me?" Then, I hung up the phone on him. From that time, Dr. Lee humbled himself in order to shepherd this proud HNW.

Dr. Lee had patience to bear me and invited me to dance at the Summer Conference, and this time I accepted. He began to shepherd me. At that Summer Conference dancing, he told my shepherd to tell me to take the red nail polish off my hands or else I couldn't dance. I couldn't believe he could tell me this and I said, "Who does he think he is?" But, for some reason, I listened to him and took off the red nail polish. This example describes my

shepherd-sheep relationship with Dr. Lee for five years before marriage. He told me later that he had to humble himself greatly to bear with me. He gave me such intense shepherd love. While studying for my PhD, I had bad shoulder pains. Dr. Lee gave me Korean herbs, acupressure, acupuncture and sent me for Korean massage. He constantly fed me. I must have received 500 treatments and 500 Big Macs. At the same time, he gave me God's love by rebuking me to overcome my strong women's cursed desire. I was even kicked out of the UIC Bible house because I cooked all the shepherds. One time, he gave me direction to write Matthew 6:33 one thousand times. This hurt my hand.

I heard that he prayed five hours a day just for me. He constantly encouraged me not to marry based on my emotions. He introduced me to Sh. Jim Rarick. The only thing he kept saying over and over was that he was tall. He said that God would bless me if I marry by faith. By God's grace we married in 1989. Many times, Dr. Lee told me that Jim Rarick bears with me. I was very emotional and in the first few months of marriage, I expressed my anger at Sh. Jim. Dr. Lee heard about this and called me to his office. He counseled me for 1 hour with strong words, saying that I didn't know how to be a wife. I had only known how to be a girlfriend. He told me how to be a wife, giving me Proverbs 19:13b, "A quarrelsome wife is like constant dripping." I cried so hard, then he encouraged me to eat a Big Mac. It was hard to eat. Because of his counsel, I struggled to be a kind wife to my husband. Another thing was that Dr. Lee encouraged me not to have children until I was finished with my PhD. It was hard to wait 4 years, but by faith I did. When I obeyed by faith, on the night I defended my thesis, I became pregnant. God then blessed me with a daughter and a son.

After receiving my PhD, I was offered a postdoctoral position at Yale in a very prestigious laboratory. Dr. Lee never told me not to go. He simply said, "Well, live like Jesus." Because of his prayer, I didn't go to Yale, but stayed in Chicago to grow as a shepherdess. After becoming an Assistant Professor at UIC, I began to sense that I should give up my Professor's position. Dr. Lee never told me to give it up even when I asked him if I should do so. I was so moved by his humble sacrificial life. I was moved when he gave a message on Mark 10:45, "For even the Son of man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom of many." I felt conviction through this word and in 1999 decided to give up my Professor's position.

There are so many things to say about Dr. Lee, but mostly I can say that Dr. Lee served others with humility and sacrifice and lost all things in order to plant Christ in proud sinners like me. He gave his whole heart until each person could meet Jesus personally and love Jesus wholeheartedly. In the 19 years I knew him, I never saw him gain anything for himself, but he lost all things in order to gain Christ. I am so thankful to have known a precious servant of God who loved me with the love of Jesus until I could meet Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I pray to imitate God's servant and lose all things for Christ. Dr. Lee encouraged us with the prayer topic to make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. May God honor his prayer and fulfill it. May God help us to lose all things until America becomes a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

One Word: Lose all things to gain Christ.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT JESUS FROM DR. SAMUEL LEE

Shepherdess Jenny Cook
Chicago UBF

"...you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6a)



A Mother Of Prayer At UIC

I thank and praise God for his servant Dr. Samuel Lee. He was a father-like shepherd to me. Dr. Lee had an absolute attitude toward the Bible as the word of God and helped students to receive God's world mission purpose. He did not compromise with politics or humanistic ideas nor draw attention to himself, but taught God's word purely and wholeheartedly. With the hope of God he prayed and believed that America will be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I was a washed up Samaritan woman sinner with no hope in life but God's hope and vision was planted in me through Dr. Lee's prayer and Bible teaching. In the summer of 1990 I came to UBF through one-to-one Bible study with Dr. Liz Lincoln when I was a student at UIC. At that time, I was wounded by a violent boyfriend, smoked 30 cigarettes a day, swore, drank alcohol and generally suffered a miserable sinful life. I dreamed about living a different life, one of purity, righteousness, and peace. But life seemed hopeless for me. At first I felt strange because UBF was different than the traditional Catholic church I was used to. But God's word fed my thirsty soul and despite my fears kept me coming back for more.

In December 1990, Dr. Lee invited me to dance for the Christmas worship service, but I refused because I wanted to go on a pleasure-seeking vacation to Cancun Mexico. I said, "next time", but he replied with Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." I nodded as if I understood. But really I did not have a clue about who Jesus was and what it meant to be faithful. On that trip I read the book, "The Pilgrim's Progress" for the first time while drinking a pina colada on the beach. But while swimming, I nearly drowned in the Ocean, and the fear of God came into my heart. The next year I did dance. During a dance practice, Dr. Lee stopped me and asked me if I had a boyfriend. I told him that we broke up. He told me "you are not like Mary." He meant Mary the mother of Jesus whom we had been studying through our prayer meetings. His words cut to my heart. He was right. I was not at all like Mary. Outwardly my life had cleaned up, yet I was still very much an unchanged sinner full of cursed desire and vanity and wreaking of smoking smell. But at that time I did not see myself as I was. Instead I cried many tears complaining that he did not understand me. A couple of days later I confessed to him that I felt I was at a crossroads with two different directions in life before me. He gave me John 8:31,32: "To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth and the

truth will set you free." Through this word, God helped me to make a small step of faith to move into the shepherdess apartment and attend Friday meetings. Living common life with the shepherdesses and hearing the sincere struggles of Friday sharers was a sharp contrast to my life. Often I did not feel like I belonged. I tried to fit in by wearing the right clothes but felt like a hypocrite. I was so ashamed and full of a guilty conscience for my sins. Then in 1993 I received message training on Matthew 26, "The Blood of the Covenant." I memorized the Bible passage and read Dr. Lee's manuscript 5 times a day for a month. Through this message, I accepted Matthew 26:28, "Jesus said, 'This is my blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.'" In prayer I saw Jesus on the cross shedding his holy blood to wash away all my sins. The burden of shame and guilt of my sins was lifted. Heavenly sunlight smeared into my soul. I was full of the joy of salvation and freed to live a new life as a new creation in Christ. I pledged my life to my Savior Jesus Christ. I went fishing and fed sheep. I remember Dr. Lee saying with a surprised tone, "Jenny went fishing" and another time saying with an encouraging smile and twinkle in his eye, "I wonder why you are so happy." I am so thankful to Dr. Samuel Lee for his shepherding and spiritual love that led me to know my Savior, Jesus Christ.

In the fall of 1993, Dr. Lee introduced me to my husband, Shepherd Jim Cook. Shepherd Jim seemed kind of boring, but I respected Dr. Lee as God's servant and replied, "I will." He gave us Matthew 6:33 as our wedding key verse, and prayed for us not to live a life of toil but a life under God's blessing by "seeking God's kingdom and righteousness first." God honored Dr. Lee's prayer and helped my family so many times through this verse. As a young family, Shepherd Jim was in school and I was working full time with not much money. Often I subtly and sometimes not so subtly persecuted Sh. Jim for no apparent reason. He suffered to the point that he had insomnia. Dr. Lee visited us every night for several weeks and prayed for our family. One night he pinched my cheeks and said, "I know you, you want to be loved but you must decide to die." He was referring to John 12:24, "I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds." As a child of God I should have been satisfied by Jesus' perfect love. But when I got married, I began begging love from my husband. I should have been a helper to him and unconditionally respected and prayed for him. But I

did not. Through this I accepted John 12:24 and decided to put my self-centered love and begging to death and carry out my mission as helper to my husband and good steward of my home. Through Dr. Lee's shepherd heart and prayer God healed Sh. Jim and put spiritual order and stability in my family.

In September 2000, Dr. Lee sent Dr. Liz Lincoln and me to attend the India 2000 Autumn Bible Conference as message trainers. He gave us John 12:24 as our journey key verse. I was deeply moved by Dr. Lee's faith to send me not as a visitor, but as a message trainer. I never thought God could use me for such a meaningful task, but through this I could see our prayer topic for "A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation" becoming a reality in my life. Through this journey, the hope of God was born in my heart for my family to go out as missionaries in God's time.

Praise God for raising his servant Dr. Lee as a father-like shepherd for lost souls. I thank God that he had God's hope for a worthless sinner like me. I thank God that through him God's hope and vision was planted in me. May God's hope and vision for world salvation continue through our UBF ministry.

One Word: The hope of God: "you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."

I WANT TO KNOW CHRIST

Shepherd James Rarick
Chicago UBF

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." (Philippians 3:10)

Philippians 3:10 is St. Paul's life testimony. By now, Paul was an old man who had spent many, many years getting to know Christ better and better. Who can write better books on how to know Christ than St. Paul? But Paul said, "I want to know Christ." Paul did not think he knew Christ well enough at all and strove all the more to know Christ. Especially he wanted to know Jesus' grace more and more. What is Jesus' grace like? I tasted the grace of Jesus deeply for the last twelve years in Chicago through God's servant. There are so many events. Once, I visited Dr. Lee on Saturday, while he was preparing the Sunday message. I sat in his office for several hours without saying a word. It was very



Jim Rarick, Chicago UBF Orchestra Conductor

uncomfortable. Finally, he said, "If you get married, who will support your family?" I said, "I don't know." This became an infamous statement in UBF, making many of his future messages. He had a culture shock. Nevertheless, he gave me direction to study engineering, and blessed me to marry the most gracious and beautiful woman of God, Dr. Helen.

When I moved to Chicago, I began attending UBF orchestra practice, which at that time had 10 members. Then, Happy Sarah Kim was a young teenager. Dr. Lee gave me the prayer topic to raise a 120-member orchestra. One Saturday night he came to our practice and said, "This does not look like 120 members." It is because there were twelve. As I shared a testimony at the Monday Meeting, I habitually said, "I pray to raise a 120-member orchestra." Dr. Lee said, "When?" I said, "What?" He said, "When are you going to raise a 120-member orchestra?" I didn't know what to say, so I said, "In five years." He said, "No, by next year's summer Bible conference" I said, "Oh my goodness." I had no faith. But he had faith. When I saw Terese Bird lead the CBF children in an orchestra piece, I got the idea to recruit them all. Slowly, many began to attend. It sounded bad beyond description. But God blessed his servant's faith and at the next summer Bible conference we had 120 people including members from outside chapters. We played Beethoven's Fifth by God's grace.

Later, he often said that the orchestra members were very good, but my conducting was a

big problem. He did not dismiss me, but did his best to train me. First, he sent me to study ballet to become graceful, because I am not graceful at all. One day Little Sarah and I were in ballet class together when Dr. Lee came to watch. I was so moved that he came to watch such a sinner in a ballet class. He said it was beautiful. For the next several years he supported the orchestra and me with all his heart, visiting our practice at least once a week. He watched dozens of conducting videos to learn how to conduct so he could train me. I watched Shep. Joshua DeWitte and Happy Sarah again and again to get the idea. Once, God's servant suffered an attack of pneumonia. A few days after lung surgery he came to our orchestra practice with an IV attached to him, and Missionary Paul Choi trying to keep up with him. The stories are endless. Often he asked me, "Do you know how I can learn so many things? It is because all principles are in the Bible." He also said the greatest beauty is Jesus. Can anyone imagine such wonderful grace in this world? Paul was so amazed by Jesus' grace and wanted to know it more and more. What else can there be to learn in this world? I only repent that I did not give all my heart to know God's grace through his servant. I pray that I may dedicate my life to know and show the grace of God so many young people in America may receive God's grace through me.

One Word: Grow in the grace of Jesus

THE GRACE OF GOD I RECEIVED THROUGH DR. SAMUEL LEE

Shepherd Rhoel Lomahan
Chicago UBF

"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." (Philippians 3:10)

I thank God for the great privilege of knowing Dr. Samuel Lee. I thank God for his good example as a good and faithful servant in this generation. I thank God for his vision for others, shepherd heart and love of Bible study. I also thank God for his vision for America to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I also thank God for his love and prayer for my family.



Rhoel Lomahan, A Soldier of Christ Jesus

First, Bible study. St. Paul's passion was to know Christ. He knew Christ more than anyone, but he wanted to know Christ and his grace all the more. St. Paul found solace, strength and direction through the word of God. St. Paul was a blasphemer and a persecutor of the early Christians. He could not forgive himself. But through God's word, he found the forgiveness of sin. In the same way, Dr. Lee found comfort through the word of God. He always found comfort and strength at times of great hardship through the word of God. During one meeting, he said the secret of raising 120 flock of God is to have a deep love of the word of God. Sheep will automatically follow. His love for the word of God enabled him to bear much spiritual fruit in over 87 nations. I thank God he helped me to depend on the word of God. Once I lost my job before Christmas and my wife was 9 months pregnant. Dr. Lee told me not to look for a job, but give my heart to prepare for the Christmas Worship Service. He gave me Matthew 6:33, at this difficult time. God helped me overcome my calculation and fearful heart. I sent a few resumes and worked to prepare the Christmas worship service. The following day after the Christmas worship service, I got a call from a company and was hired on the spot. In this way, I could learn simple faith to depend on God. I thank God he challenged me to depend on God instead of common sense. I pray to learn to live by the word of God. Another time, I had to struggle with a right view

of marriage. Once he rebuked me during a Sunday service. His rebuke helped me to struggle with God's word. Finally one word came to my heart through Proverbs 30:31. This verse moved my heart to decide to marry a spiritual woman. One year later, I married Shep. Elena, a beautiful, spiritual and vivacious woman of God. I pray to inherit the love of the Bible like Dr. Lee. I pray to find God's strength and direction through the word of God. I pray to study the Bible until I can serve 12 disciples of Jesus.

Second, discipleship training. When Jesus began his earthly ministry, he did not only serve the poor and needy but he called twelve disciples. He trained them to learn faith in so many ways. Once he asked them to feed the crowd of 5,000. It was evident they didn't have enough money to do this. But he wanted his disciples to learn a sense of responsibility and a shepherd heart. He also wanted them to find possibility in impossible situations.

I thank God for Dr. Lee who also had God's vision to raise disciples of Jesus. A man of faith is more important than 1,000 habitual Christians. I thank God for the great honor and privilege to receive training from God's servants. I was useless because of my sinful desires. When I first came to Bible study, I was a directionless freshman at UIC. My only direction in life was to become a third class rock musician. I joined two fraternities, played in a rock band and enjoyed drinking parties on the weekend. I was a useless man because of my sinful desires. But Dr. Lee had great hope for this wicked and lazy sinner. He blessed me to receive all kinds of training to grow in my inner man.

The most memorable training was my cello training. He gave me the prayer topic to become a first class cellist. The main point of cello training was to learn faith and a hard working spirit. I had a difficult time with this training, because I had a third class rock musician mentality. In addition, I did not have the discipline to practice. After my debut, someone said my cello sounded like a dying cow. When I heard this I wanted to give up. But Dr. Lee encouraged me not to give up, but press on with faith. He gave me direction to practice 6 hours a day. He checked my fingers each week if I developed any calluses, which was an indication whether I was practicing or not. Because of his labor and faithfulness to help me, I was able to perform the Haydn cello concerto. Most importantly through this training I experienced God's victory over my sinful desires.

I received other trainings such as playing the Roman soldier role for the past 15 years, to learn Jesus' faithfulness. I pray to grow as an effective servant of God through training. I pray I may help each of my Bible students to also receive God's training.

Third, shepherd heart. Jesus was the good shepherd. He was ready to lay down his life for his sheep. Jesus did not count the cost when he had to serve others. Finally, he died on the cross for all sinners as the expression of his love. Once my wife served a Samaritan woman. When she decided to live a new life in Christ, her father began to persecute her. At that time, Dr. Lee was busy preparing the MSU summer Bible conference. He was hard-pressed, but he decided to take care of this one helpless sheep. He was willing to sacrifice the preparation of the MSU conference to help her.

Because of his decision, her father became even angrier. He even paid a lot of money for one major network to falsely accuse UBF. This shepherdess received much love and grace and even a faithful husband. But she became unthankful and slandered God's servant. We could not understand how one person who received much grace could slander God's servant. My wife was sorry that Dr. Lee had to suffer much because of her sheep. But he comforted my wife and said, "We must go through many hardships to enter the kingdom of God." He encouraged my wife to give her heart to serve God's sheep. She learned from Dr. Lee to serve and take care of sheep not for some benefit but to grow in Jesus' image, which is a broken shepherd heart. I pray to serve each of my Bible students with a sacrificial shepherd heart like Dr. Lee. May God use my family to raise 12 disciples.

Fourth, God's hope. St. Paul had God's hope for Rome. He had faith that the gospel would conquer Rome. God blessed his faith and through Emperor Constantine, Christianity was adopted as the state religion. I thank God for Dr. Lee's hope for America. When we observe the spiritual condition of America, it resembles Sodom and Gomorrah. But he has great hope like St. Paul, that God will raise America as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. May God bless each of us with this hope in our hearts.

One Word: I want to know Christ.

DR. LEE LEARNED EVERYTHING THROUGH BIBLE STUDY

Missionary Young Lee
Chicago UBF

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)



I miss Dr. Samuel Lee. After the Christmas worship service at the World Buffet, he came and gladly shook my hand. I will miss his kindness to me. I lost my good shepherd. He always called my wife his daughter. So I was his son-in-law. I wanted to be called to be his son. But it was okay because he treated me as his own son. I will miss his hilarious humor. Where will I turn when I am in trouble? I will miss his Skokie training. Now who's going to send me to Skokie when I am bad? One winter night, I knew that I was a good candidate to Skokie. So I came to the staff meeting with soft bottom shoes prepared. After the staff meeting, he called three "criminals" to the front and asked us to get some exercise. He then asked us to dedicate our shoes to God since we didn't walk around enough for the sheep. We tearfully dedicated our shoes to God and went to Skokie in our socks. That evening, I laughed all the way from Skokie and I repented. There are many ways to speak about Dr. Lee because he touched many peoples' lives in many aspects. But I am forced to say only one thing about him in one page. To me, he was a good shepherd. He laid down his life for the sheep. He was just a shepherd, a good shepherd. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherds lays down his life for the sheep." I personally know that Dr. Lee had Jesus in his heart and he was a shepherd to many including myself until

he laid down his life for the sheep. 20 years ago, when my mother passed away, I couldn't believe it. I cannot believe that Dr. Lee is not here anymore. I am very sorrowful and I miss him.

When I came to Chicago in 1987, I was weak and fearful, but I didn't know how to take care of myself. But it didn't matter to him. He said that he would help me to be great. Knowing my inner problem, which stemmed from my mother's sorrow, he asked me to show my hands. Holding my hands, he said, "You are a young man, but your young man's hands are too soft." He said that I was sorrowful because my hands were soft. He then told me to move a pile of rocks in the parking lot to the other side all with bare hands. He would check my hands if the hands got hardened and stronger. Soft hands and sorrow. I didn't understand, but since he would check my hands every day, I worked and cut my hands if possible. Each day, he held my hands and checked. While I was working vigorously, my heart grew strong and my hands grew strong, too. The fearful demon left me and I became very joyful. I gained great confidence to live in this land as a missionary. I began to work at the factory and operated a CNC milling machine, something which I would never imagine. I was a factory boy for six years and I had a cut every day, and I've never been sorrowful again. Dr. Lee prayed for me to be strong and God heard his prayer and healed me completely. As a good shepherd, he cared for my healing until I was completely healed.

Once upon a time, I used to be a hungry bachelor, though I now have a wife and six children. One day, I was cooking kim chee chi gea. I wanted to eat a decent meal even one time. I began to boil the meat in a full pot of water. Then I put kim chee and vegetables in and boiled more. The taste was terrible and I didn't know what went wrong. Dr. Lee came to my basement and saw what I did. He then folded up his sleeve and began to cook. This was his instruction: I must cook vegetables first because they take more time to cook. I shouldn't use too much water at the beginning because vegetables will produce water, also. I must mix the vegetables with seasoning first before I put in more water and then finally I should put in the meat. We cooked together while he instructed me how to make kim chee chi gea. I enjoyed the soup and asked him, "Where did you learn cooking?" He replied, "If you study the Bible deeply, you can be a good cook. Cooking is just like Bible study."

One day, he grabbed me at the center and suddenly gave me a haircut. He said that my hair was not balanced. Each time he made a cut, he also pulled some of my hair because the scissors were dull. But I couldn't scream because of his shepherd heart. After the painful haircut, I looked better though I am always good looking. I asked him, "Where did you learn hair cutting?" He answered, "If you study the Bible deeply, you can cut hair very nicely. Everything is in the Bible." He taught me to study the Bible on any occasion. During every Friday meeting he let me sit in the back and asked me to copy the underlining from his old Bible to his new Bible. He was a good shepherd who taught me to study the Bible.

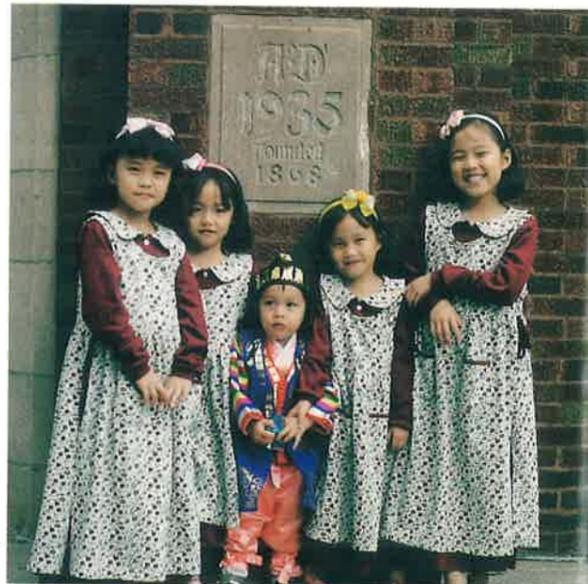
We were in English practice. He was trying to teach the "S" sound to young missionaries. The only problem was that to my ears all the sounds were just the same. But he kept on rebuking us that the sound was wrong. He then let us pronounce one by one. He picked me and let me try a few more times and rebuked me that the position of the tongue was wrong. I never knew that I should care for the position of the tongue. He then opened my mouth and with his pen drew the line where my tongue should be. I never had anybody who drew a line in my mouth. But he didn't care as long as he could teach me to pronounce the "S" sound correctly. He then sent me to Dr. Henry Park to learn the hissing sound more and I had to pay \$20 to him to learn one sound. Partly because of his shepherd heart and partly because of the money I lost, I practiced that one sound intensely. As a good shepherd, he never gave up teaching me.

My wife married me when she was 29. I said, "Let's have a baby first and we will talk later." By God's grace and with our hard work, we had 4 babies straight in 5 years. But they were all girls. Whenever I had a baby, I had a very difficult time to call Dr. Lee and my father. I couldn't dare to say that I had a daughter, but I barely murmured, "I had a baby." My father gave my first two daughters their Korean names, but after the third daughter, he lost inspiration. Dr. Lee always encouraged me whenever I delivered the news. He tried to comfort me saying, "A daughter is good. That daughter will comfort you like mine does." He never gave up praying for me to have a son. In 1986, at the end of the year, he called me in the middle of the night. He told me to go to Korea with my wife and make a son and come back. He said that Korea had a hospital that could make me a son. He added that I would surely have a son this time because he prayed. I called Korea to find

the hospital. But the answer came back negatively. I gave up going. But exactly nine months later, my wife delivered a son by my mistake and by Dr. Lee's compassionate prayer.

When I came to Chicago, I began studying mathematics to be a math teacher. Then I eventually experienced difficulty with higher-level math. I figured that I didn't need to study all these difficult math courses if I take math education courses. I visited Dr. Lee and pleaded with him that I should go in to math education. I was confident to convince him. He then told me, "Our country's problem is laziness. Let's take the harder way as our prayer for this country." He encouraged me that I should get a Ph.D in mathematics. I became speechless, but he moved my heart. I was extremely joyful because I found my prayer topic for this country. I was joyful because I found myself as a shepherd for this country. So with much tears, I finished my math degree. I never became a math teacher anyway. But I praise God that God gave the prayer topic to Dr. Samuel Lee for this country to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. In my life, Dr. Lee has been the greatest man and the most influential person I have known because of his exceptional love for Jesus and his life-giving shepherd life. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." Dr. Lee cared for the sheep like me with his life. I pray that I can follow his good example until I can see him face to face in heaven.

One Word: I am the good shepherd.



Young Lee's Son Moses And His Sisters

FAREWELL WORDS AS WE SEND SHEPHERD SAMUEL LEE...

Shepherd Daniel Rhee
Editor-in-Chief



I did not think that Shepherd Samuel Lee would pass away. No, even now it seems that he is with us. Some people say that because he went to heaven we should sing and cheer. But I can never do that. If Shepherd Samuel Lee heard this, he would probably say, "You are like a person who has no faith..." and then give training. But even if he gave me training, I would not rejoice at his departure. Even now, Dr. Lee is arriving in the kingdom of God and is being welcomed by heavenly cherubim. We, who are left behind, are heart broken and at a loss. We feel like orphans. But this is the time to think about when we will also have to go Home. Not only this, but it is time to hold on to the spiritual inheritance that was given to us by Shepherd Samuel Lee. When we try to count each element of his spiritual inheritances, Dr. Lee looks even greater, but at the same time, our hearts feel heavy

because we cannot take in all of them. The reason why his departure leaves us feeling empty and lonely is because he lived a great life and his inheritance to us is so precious.

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph 2:10) This verse was Dr. Lee's life key verse. During the pioneering stage in the ministry, there was a shepherd's conference. It began on Christmas Eve and so we had a small celebration. Because it was Jesus' birthday, we lighted candles and cut the cake and had an amateur singing contest. Shepherd Samuel Lee also wanted to sing a song and sang, 'Silent Night;

Holy Night'. But as he started singing he stopped. Several times he tried to sing from the beginning but his voice choked and he could not sing the song to the end. He recalled an event in his childhood. When he was a child, during Christmas, all the Sunday school children went on to the stage and sang a song and danced and they all sang, "Silent Night; Holy Night". But he could not join the children's choir because he was small and he did not have a mother who could make him nice clothes. It was Shepherd Samuel Lee's dream from then to join the children's choir and go on stage to sing "Silent Night; Holy Night". But he could never satisfy his dream. That night at the conference, he tried to resolve his unfulfilled dream by singing in front of all



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the shepherds. But he said to himself, "I just can't do this."

Shepherd Samuel Lee's childhood was full of adversities. He lost his mother at a young age and always dreamed of seeing his mother's face. He worked at a printing shop to earn his tuition for school but he cried endlessly because he longed to see his mother. In the midst of such sorrow, God gave him Ephesians 2:10, "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Through this verse, he realized that his life was not just to long for his mother, crying sorrowfully, but that God created him for God's good work. Also, he realized that all the sorrowful environment of his life was in preparation for the good work of God that God prepared in advance. First of all, these adverse circumstances enabled Shepherd Samuel Lee to understand deeply our Lord Jesus Christ who came into this world as a humble baby in a

manger. Whenever he spoke about this, he pleaded earnestly to have Jesus' manger ministry. But moreover, it was through these adverse circumstances that he could understand the tears of sorrowful and lonely people and become a shepherd for them. After accepting the word of God from Eph 2:10, he began reading many books from the printing press, and studied English diligently until his English/Korean dictionary was all worn out. Indeed, these were all preparation for God's good work later on, to be a shepherd for intellectual college students and a pioneer for world mission. From God's point of view, any sorrow or fatalistic circumstances are all preparation to do God's good work. With this word of God, he became a shepherd, a father and a mother to young college students who had potential to become great, but were useless because they were paralyzed by sorrow, hatred, and fatalism. Furthermore, he became a shepherd for sorrowful Korean people. God used Shepherd Samuel Lee to be a shepherd for hopeless Koreans

and sent out 1,600 missionaries to over 87 countries, making Korea a kingdom of priests.

However, Shepherd Samuel Lee's love was not just love that moves us to tears. It was a redemptive love that trained young college students to come out of their sorrow and fatalism until they could be used by God. Once at a shepherd's conference, Shepherd Samuel Lee told me I was not useful at all, and to pack my bags and go down to my home. Not useful at all?! But, I really was not a useful person at all. At that moment, I could discover for the first time who I really was. Until then, there had been no one who had ever told me this. That day, with many tears, I packed my clothes in a bag. But, the next day, Shepherd Samuel Lee, held me saying, 'where are you going without receiving training?' Then he gave a whipping on my calf. Going down to my home was training, and being hit was also training. In God's point of view, it was the way for me to discover who I was; it was to overcome training by faith. Sometimes, I received training to write a 30 page testimony from each lesson in Mark's gospel. If I am now even a little useful to God, it is all because of Shepherd Samuel Lee's training. It is true that I received a lot of training because I was not useful, but I am not the only one. There are many people who have been changed to live a new and precious life because of Shepherd Samuel Lee's intense training.

Shepherd Samuel Lee's strong training was not given just because of his hot passion. It was because Shepherd Samuel Lee ceaselessly disciplined



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himself and showed us a good example. When we first started meetings, Shepherd Samuel Lee bought a motorcycle and visited every nook and every corner of ChunNam University and Chosun University. Shepherd Moses Kim's physique is very large. But once Shepherd Samuel Lee went to visit the countryside of Kwangju which was 25 kilometers away. On the way back to the Center, he gave Moses Kim a ride on the back of his motorcycle. Because of Shepherd Moses' heavy body, the motorcycle flipped backwards and they fell into the rice fields. Shepherd Samuel Lee was living in one room with his entire family; he worked part-time to teach English to judges. This is how he made a living and served God's work. Because he humbled himself like Jesus, sacrificing and voluntarily struggling, we could not but receive his training. The reason why he so loved to wear army uniforms was because he acknowledged himself as a soldier of Christ. And he really wanted to absolutely surrender to Jesus'

words. The reason why Dr. Lee often referred to himself as a master sergeant of a military academy is because he had hope for us to be trained and raised up as spiritual generals. It was because Dr. Lee absolutely obeyed the word of God, that handsome, high nosed Americans, Germans and Russians could love Dr. Lee dearly and also obeyed him. Because of Dr. Lee's heart-moving and redemptive love, many people were changed into shepherds and missionaries who could devote their lives to Jesus everywhere. Not only Korea, but in the whole world there are many native shepherds who are dedicated to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ on campus.

He established many historical works in church history. He started writing messages based solely on the word of God in the barren land of Korea. He developed writing Bible testimonies to raise up people who centered their lives on the word of God. Before several pioneers suggested that Korean

churches should become layman-supported ministries, he already started it and fulfilled it. Dr. Lee showed that we could preach the gospel to college students and intellectuals and they could become committed evangelists. When our country was living on American assistance, when we could not even dream about the world, wasn't it Dr. Lee who began to pray for world mission and first establish it? Especially, when going out to a foreign country, he prayed not to establish Korean immigrants who resided there, but to establish and raise native college students into shepherds. Not only this, he left countless spiritual inheritances for us. The manger spirit which he taught and showed an example of, the giving spirit, servanthip, soldier spirit, pioneering spirit, one-to-one Bible study, mission-centered life, way of thinking based on the word of God, absolute obedience to the word of God, struggling prayer life, and so on.

"For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time has come for my departure. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award me on that day – and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2Ti 4:6-8)

This is verse is St. Paul's words, but today we hear it as Dr. Lee's words. Dr. Lee surely fought the good fight and finished the race. Even though Dr. Lee was old, he never rested and took it easy. No one could stop him. Dr. Lee, because you are in heaven, now I can receive

people who say we should sing and cheer for you. Yes, now you need to rest in the kingdom of God. Because you did not rest and worked all your life, didn't God take you? Last summer, we made Genesis and Mark's gospel books for the celebration of Dr. Lee birthday and the 40th anniversary of University Bible Fellowship. I suggested that he publish the books in his name. But he completely rejected it and told me to author the books as University Bible Fellowship. I called him three times saying that, "We really want to honor you. Why don't you accept sheep's love?" and I persisted. Dr. Lee already made up his mind. Dr. Lee never wanted to brag about himself. But, now please receive the crown of righteousness and glory. Please forget all our heart breaking mistakes because we did not understand your sincere heart and great vision. We will establish the remaining world campus ministry. Just as you prayed, America will become a kingdom of priests for the whole world. Europe, Russia, Africa and all nations surely will be filled with holy people. If we become difficult and weary, we will ponder all the training you gave us and discipline ourselves, we will conquer the whole world with the gospel. If we cannot do all of these, we will raise up leaders and give them the responsibility to accomplish the mission. It is not just Dr. Lee's work but the work of God. It is because all those who love God must do this work.

Several days ago, I told Dr. Lee that I would help our African conference and asked Dr. Lee to visit Korea one time to encourage the junior shepherds and take a rest for awhile. He

asked prayer support to have good health for the journey. But, ultimately, he could not step on his home country but he went to heaven from his mission land. Whenever we arrived at O'Hare airport, Dr. Lee welcomed us, full of smiles, and wearing his army uniform. And we sang all together "Onward Christian Soldiers". But this time, Dr. Lee was not there. Why do we feel emptiness and full of tears? We want to see him. The world is dark and there is no heroic shepherd in this generation; we miss him more. However, now Dr. Lee has gone where he can not return. Now, if we want to see Dr. Lee there is no other way than to go where he is. As much as we want to see him, we also keep the faith in this world where there are so many temptations. As we remain faithful to Jesus, we will become people who are qualified to enter heaven. Dr. Lee, we will see you



Daniel King (Daniel Rhee's Grandson)

then, may you go peacefully. Now, you are near Jesus whom you so longed for. There is no sorrow, there is no pain, there are no more enemies; may you enjoy eternal blessing in the kingdom of God. AMEN!



Attending So Many Graduation Ceremonies

TWO BIBLES WORN OUT UNTIL THEY FELL TO PIECES

(A letter to Dr. Samuel Lee after his departure to heaven)

Shepherd John (Chul Ki) Kim
Chong No UBF

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:2)

attacking this sick and old servant of God so cruelly, I felt deep pain in my heart. But you loved God so much that not even physical sickness could keep you from giving your heart and all your strength to serving God. No one could stop you. At the ISU International Summer Conference you gave such powerful and heart moving announcements that most of us were confused, thinking that you were 17 instead of 70 years old. One person who heard that you had left us cried so much because he had thought that you would be around at least 17 more years.

But I knew in my heart that you were not a person who would just keep on breathing for the sake of surviving. I heard that even in your weak physical condition you served the 2001 Christmas Worship Service with a powerful and graceful message, "Glory to God, Peace to Men" which contained the secret of God's incarnation as a baby in a manger. I heard that you served the message with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength, literally. Because of this, you even needed oxygen to help you breathe. Because of your great love for God, you exhausted all of your strength and went to heaven at the beginning of this year. I knew all along that you were such a person so I was not much surprised at your going home in such way.

Mokjanim (I say it in Korean because it expresses my deep affection), I cannot call you in any other way because from the beginning till now you have been my shepherd. I first came to know you when I was a freshman in junior high school. At that time, I shared a room with my older brother, Paul, who was a student in Chun Nam University in Kwangju. Later, he was a missionary in New York. You visited my brother. You were around 30 years old; you were short, about five feet tall. You looked so spirited and confident-like a flash of lightning.

I began my Christian life from 1972. Even before having had my physical exam to enter the college, I was already attending Chong No UBF, listening to your messages and announcements. At that time, I was humanly very strong and very



Wonderful Genesis Bible Study With Dr. Lee (1972)

Dear Mokjanim! (Mokjanim means shepherd) In the past, I was too lazy to write to you. But your sudden departure struck me like a thunder bolt. So now I want to express my heart with my pen. I tried and tried to write something, but I could not pour out my heart as I wanted. I threw my pen and paper away many times. Finally, I gave up and told myself that I could not write anything. However, I had to write my last letter to you. I did not know that my first letter to you would be one that you could not read.

When I arrived at the O'Hare International airport to attend the 2001 UBF International Summer Bible Conference, you welcomed me warmly. You wore an army suit and a big smile from ear to ear. You shook my hand, addressing me as if I were a VIP and you mentioned that I was the author of one book of John's gospel lectures. I was a little embarrassed, but I was so happy and thankful. I felt so bad when I saw your swollen hands and deep facial wounds and laceration with sutures. I already saw the shadow of death coming near you then. More than that, when I thought of those who were

rebellious. Even though your messages were so gracious and powerful, my heart was like a path, smooth and hard, bouncing back the word of God, not letting it into my heart. You gave me the nick name "Ugly duckling." While my fellow student coworkers accepted the life-giving word of God with great joy and repentance, jumping, dancing and singing, I was not moved at all, but slouched in the corner of the center. However, God did not leave me alone. God extended his mercy even to me. When I was a junior in college, God gave me Mark 2:5, "Son, your sins are forgiven." I heard Jesus' voice, "Son, your sins are forgiven" and repented. I was born again and obtained God's precious salvation. After that, my name was changed from "Ugly duckling" to "Swan." In fall of that same year, my small fellowship had a Genesis Bible School. There I delivered a main lecture. In your announcements you spoke so highly about my message that all the staff shepherds in Seoul came to hear my lecture. This was an unforgettable and glorious memory in my life.

You embraced and bore all kinds of egocentric and high-minded students like me and led them to Jesus until they could receive eternal salvation through Jesus. I praise and thank God for his great work done in campuses all over the world

through you, when you, my shepherd, loved young students as yourself. The stories are too numerous for me to tell. I cannot speak of all the great things that God has done through you. But I want to mention a few. God sent 1,600 missionaries to 87 nations through your prayer. God has used Korea as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation through your prayer. You left us with a great spiritual heritage—to study the Bible, deliver the messages based on the Bible passage, testimony writings, layman missionary movement, native campus mission, PhD shepherds, manger spirit, giving spirit, soldier spirit, pioneering spirit, one-to-one ministry, absolute gospel faith, mission-oriented life, blood shedding prayer life, etc. How could this great work of God come through God's work in one man? I cannot but confess that you were not just a small, old man who was five foot tall, but you were a giant, and a great man of faith.

Mokjanim! I was pondering about one thing after your departure. How could God use you to do so many great things? What was the secret? Finally, I came to know the secret through your son Dr. Samuel A. Lee's testimony that he shared on your 70th year birthday celebration. Dr. Samuel A. Lee delivered a message based on Psalm 1:2, "Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord,



Announcements That Always Made Us Laugh (Seoul, 1998)

and who meditates on his law day and night." The living word of God was the secret of success in your life and ministry. Many people wanted to know the secret of your success and wanted to imitate your style for their own success. But you confessed that the secret of your success in pioneering SNU in the late 1960's and early 1970's was that you spent two whole years in studying the word of God until two Bibles were worn out completely and fell to pieces. Through your confession, I learned your absolute love of the Bible. Although I did not learn your spirit and love of the Bible, I applied this spirit in my CPA test. I wrote on the cover page of the book I was studying, "Study this book until it is worn out and falls to pieces." As a result, I passed the CPA exam. You became a truly blessed man by studying the Bible again and again until your Bible was worn out and fell to pieces. Through your Bible study, you came to understand the chemistry of the Bible and learned the wisdom of God. Through your Bible study, you discovered the hope and vision of God, "World Mission Vision". Through the Bible, you gained indomitable courage. Through the Bible, you had resurrection faith. Through the Bible, you learned

never-give-up spirit. Through the Bible, you learned the unending patience and perseverance that overcomes any kind of sufferings and difficulties. Through the Bible, you learned the unfailing love of God. In obedience to the Bible, you invested your whole life, believing the living hope in the heavenly kingdom. Indeed, your deep love for the word of God made you a truly blessed man and a hero of faith in Christian history and a real giant.

My dear Mokjanim! My key verse for the year 2002 is Psalm 1:2, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." You gave me this one word of God and went to heaven. Now it is the time for us to separate. I have to stay in this troubled world a little longer. But I remember Jesus' farewell message to his disciples when he had to leave them in the world, "...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." It seems to be the life principle that to be separated is the way to be together to the very end of the age. The spiritual legacy you left for us will be with me and with all your spiritual descendants. Eternal rest and peace be with you until we meet again in heaven!



REJOICE IN JESUS' SUFFERING: Korea, A Missionary Sending Nation (WMR Seoul, 1998)

WHAT I LEARNED FROM THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF DR. SAMUEL LEE

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"...you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:6a)



At the beginning of this new year, God chose to promote Dr. Samuel Lee, from earthly life to the kingdom of heaven. I thank God for using him for the last forty years as a shepherd, Bible teacher, and world mission director. Many things have been said about him. The message and testimonies delivered at his homecoming ceremony on January 12 were heart-moving, and I cannot improve upon them. But I will briefly mention some of what I learned from him, both from the advice and shepherding he personally gave to me since I began Bible study in 1981, and from observing him lead the UBF ministry over the last twenty years.

A man without fear. Most people in this world do not say what they really think. They calculate and carefully manipulate their words to win approval and curry favor with

others. Dr. Lee always said what was on his mind and in his heart. He spoke the truth-- not what others wanted to hear, but what he believed was God's way. He was not interested in being popular or maintaining good public relations but with helping individuals. He was never afraid to help coworkers or students in unconventional ways, even if it could be misinterpreted or criticized. The literal meaning of the word pastor is "shepherd," but in this post-Christian era, many pastors have turned into politicians. Dr. Lee was a pastor in the purest sense, willing to sacrifice himself for the sheep.

A man with deep insight into individuals' problems. When we study John's gospel, we learn that Jesus the Good Shepherd knew his sheep by name. For example, a Pharisee named Nicodemus once came to Jesus at night and spoke some flattering words. Jesus ignored his flattery, looked him in the eyes, and said, "You must be born again." Jesus' words cut to the heart of each man. John 2:24-25 says: "But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all men. He did not need man's testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man." Dr. Lee was not Jesus. But God gave him a little bit of Jesus' insight to help individuals with the truth of God. When I began Bible study in

1981, I was a 115-pound college freshman with a proud and selfish mind. Dr. Lee was generous toward me, but from the beginning he perceived that my life was crippled by fear. He saw that I was too fearful to make real decisions of faith. Other people may have thought that I was "good shepherd material" because I was attending MIT, a top American university. But Dr. Lee never thought that. He believed I was good shepherd material because I had independent faith, a more-or-less pure heart, and a sincere desire to please God. But he also knew that I would be forever unsuccessful if I did not overcome the paralyzing grip of inner fear. Over the years, Dr. Lee trained me in many ways to overcome fear. He appointed me as a conference messenger even though I was not qualified. He challenged me to find a tall girlfriend, one who was six feet tall, so that I could learn the spirit of conquest. He trained me to speak out loud at meetings. He helped me to learn that I must live before God, not before men. The training I received from him was not large in quantity but in quality. Learning to overcome the spirit of fear has been enormously important to me, not only for my ministry but also for my personal life and for my professional career as a college professor.

A man who respected God's word, Dr. Lee had an interesting and unique method of Bible study. When he delivered messages, he did not speak from the mind but from the heart. The vast majority of preachers today use topical Bible study, bringing together passages from here and there to make a point. This method is popular, but it suffers from a severe drawback: the one preparing the message already has a preconceived idea of what the main point must be, so he rarely learns much beyond what he already knows. This method does not challenge one to deeply examine his own personal and cultural prejudices to see if they agree with the revealed truth in God's word. Instead of using topical Bible study, Dr. Lee always used expositional study. He covered each chapter of the Bible in detail. But he did not give equal weight to each verse, because he believed that each message must have a point. The job of a messenger is not to convey information, but to plant one word of God in the listener's heart. Often he said to me: "You know, the content of your message is very good. But there is a problem. It cannot move a sinner's heart. Right now, your message can move the heart of a good person. But you have to move the heart of a sinner." He also said: "The problem is that your heart is not moved. How can you move someone's heart if your own heart is not moved? You must pray until the word of God moves your own heart." Over the years I have come to respect his Bible study material. From his manuscripts, I sense that he was always learning something new, always teaching himself first.

The most important thing I learned: the main point of the Bible is not personal salvation but world salvation. As I was driving back home to Pennsylvania from Dr. Lee's homecoming ceremony on January 12, I was listening to various programs on Christian radio stations. I was struck by the fact that the preaching was focused on how to overcome personal moral and character problems such as worry, fear, arguing with your spouse, dealing with loss due to sickness or the death of loved ones. The teaching was reasonable, but I noticed that something fundamental was missing. No one was talking about participating in God's plan for world salvation. If modern American Christians could forget everything they learned and read the Bible again for the first time, they would have to conclude that the main point of the Bible is that God earnestly desires to bring all people of the world back to the kingdom of God. The intervention of God in each person's life can be summarized in two words: first, "I will bless you"; second, "You will be a blessing." For the most part, American

churchgoers have deeply accepted the first and ignored the second. Through Dr. Lee's teaching and personal example, I learned that the main struggle of a Christian is not to overcome the personal difficulties of life, but rather, to open your heart wide to make God's desires your desires, to make God's plan your plan. We were not born to receive benefits from God, but to cwork with him as he carries out his world redemption history. This is well summarized by Dr. Lee's life key verse, Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It is also captured in essence by the one prayer topic he gave to American UBF: "May God make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." He challenged each of us to make this prayer topic our own. In doing so, he became a man of good influence. Now his earthly life is over, but his influence is only beginning to be felt throughout the world. May God help us to deeply accept this direction and pray until America becomes a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.



May God Make America A Kingdom Of Priests And A Holy Nation

DR. SAMUEL LEE—THE PERSON AND THE WORK

Dr. Paul Hong
Toledo UBF Director

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Ephesians 2:10)



On January 2, 2002, I visited Dr. Samuel Lee and met with him. I did not expect that it would be the last time. He had an oxygen device attached to his nose. As usual, his spirit was indomitable. However, he also shared his deep concerns about the UBF ministry. His heart was in deep sorrow. He said, "I do not sleep well these days—five or six hours at night; I simply cannot sleep." His agonies of soul seemed to be great. In a few days God would take him to his real home through fire—like a burnt offering. His pains that he endured were enormous. Even so, the focus of our conversation was Toledo UBF. He spoke about Kevin Reilly, Carol Gamber, and Abraham Nolan. He asked me about my two daughters—Sarah and Faith. I felt a great sense of love toward him. I expressed my appreciation for his many years of mentoring me. I reminded him that I received a Ph.D. through his direction. I held his two swollen hands and prayed for him—for God's healing and God's comfort.

Over the years, God showed me through Dr. Samuel Lee the glory and sufferings of being God's servant. I observed how wonderful it is to speak for God and lead people to God. No occupation in this world can accomplish such a glorious work. On the

other hand, I also saw the sufferings of being God's servant. Throughout his life and ministry, Dr. Samuel Lee passed through severe tests, particularly in 1976, 1990, and 2000-2001. I was not far away because I personally knew the situations. In a passive sense, these experiences made me wonder whether it was worthwhile pursuing life as a servant of God. In a positive sense, I could look up to the beautiful face of our Lord Jesus Christ.

At the final moment Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mk 15:34). God had forsaken him. People abandoned him. Jesus said, "In this world you will have trouble" (Jn 16:33). Sufferings are a part of the essential steps for serious people of faith. Apostle Paul said, "At my first defense, no one came to my support, but everyone deserted me. May it not be held against them" (2 Ti 4:16). How could Christ and Apostle Paul be so deserted and abandoned? Why? Some people still regard the sufferings that Dr. Samuel Lee endured as being the results of his decisions, behaviors and actions. Increasingly, I accept that the extent of sufferings may probably be due to more complex reasons including the very nature of ministry, interpersonal dynamics, changing environments, and the power of evil that works against us. God will give the final evaluation of his person and work. In time, historians will objectively evaluate his work. Therefore, I limit myself to think of Dr. Samuel Lee based on my personal encounters with him since 1970. One main question I would like to focus on is, "Who was Dr. Samuel Lee?"

First, Dr. Samuel Lee was a man in Christ. I remember many wonderful messages he delivered over the years. The messages I remember the most made impacts on my spiritual formation. I would like to share some of them: (1) In 1973, I listened to him speaking on Exodus 19:5-6. It was about God's training of the Israelites in the wilderness. Specifically, it was about eagles' training. I don't know whether or not a mother eagle really picks up her little eaglet just before hitting the ground, but this message made a deep impression on me. His

message helped me to know God's heart desire for his people. God wants his people to be disciplined in holiness. Since then, I have tried to maintain a positive attitude toward God's training in any form. One Sunday in October 1976 he visited AnAmGol UBF and he delivered a message. In the middle of the message, he spoke some hard words against me. His points were: (1) Paul Hong is no good; (2) Paul Hong has no faith; (3) Instead of growing as a man of mission, he only thinks about his wife. I had no idea why he did that. That was one negative public comment he made. Besides, I had a few other such experiences. His comments were not always based on hard facts, which I could readily accept. Sometimes they were hard to take.

However, over the years I came to appreciate Dr. Samuel Lee's words: "Spiritual growth is through struggle with God, not with men." I decided not to struggle with him. I wanted to find any grain of truth in what he said. If not, I waited for the right time when I could understand better. I adopted three principles for my spiritual well-being around 1990: (1) Seek a grain of truth in what others say. If true, accept. If not, wait and see how God concludes the matter; (2) In all conflicts, practice 1 Thes. 5:16-18. Give thanks to God in all circumstances; (3) In all, don't be poisoned by others' bitterness or doubts.

(2) Self-denial and cross of mission. The message he delivered on Mark 8:34 and 35 was quite moving. It was when I was a sophomore in college. He delivered this message with great passion and affection for Christ. He also spoke in tears. I said to myself, "This must be serious." Since then, I heard this particular theme of message on numerous occasions. What made me to accept this word personally, however, was because with my own eyes I saw that he actually practiced self-denial and took up his cross of mission. In 1974 I decided take up the cross of mission for Christ and became a missionary.

Invisible influence and visible accomplishments. These points became evident through a message from the book of Judges, especially through the life of Gideon. Gideon was a nameless fellow in Israel when God called him. But God made him a great warrior. He started well but he did not end well. He had many wives and pursued honor and an easy life. Except for the influence of his heroic fighting against the Midianites, his influence was not good. All his sons were murdered immediately after his death. Visible accomplishments without invisible spiritual influence are short-lived. The point is this: real



Dr. Paul And Sarah Hong's Wedding, 1975

influence through my whole life is more critical than visible outcomes at a particular period of my life. Dr. Lee's message kept me considering a godly and healthy ministry from a much longer perspective.

(3) The meaning of "In Christ". At one staff meeting, sometime in 1976, Dr. Samuel Lee made a comment about people who only write letters to those based on their associations in their own chapters. I heard the word, "Judaism" for the first time. Referring to Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans, Chapter 16, he explained the meaning of "a man in Christ". A man in Christ loves people as Christ loves. A man in Christ is a man of huge scale because Christ is Lord of all. He said, "We must be in Christ. We must love others not because of what they do for us, but because of who they are to Christ." A man in Christ has the heart of Christ by which he/she can bear so many.

With my natural tendency, I am happy with my narrow world. Before knowing Christ I was a slave of others' opinions. I focused on myself—my problems, interests, pains, and joys—all that was related to me—99.99% of time. Gradually, my world has slowly enlarged—little by little. One time Dr. Samuel Lee said, "The first step of love is to understand others. To understand others it is important to observe them, listen to them and think about them. Look at their eyes. You can see what is in their hearts and minds. Think about people whom you love." My wife and I were reunited one and half years after marriage because for some reason I

could not get a visa from the USA government. Anyway, during this time, I wrote many letters to her—even in many sweet poems I thought about my wife. Sometimes I looked at her picture and thought about her. As a parent, I think about my children. As Director in Toledo UBF, I think about many people in Toledo—their problems and their faces. Some Saturday nights I walk around the worship room and sit where people usually sit. There I think about them. I pray for them. Gradually, God gave me an attitude of relating, loving, and caring for people on a little larger scale. I usually end my letters with the phrase, “In Christ, Paul Hong”. I want to think about the meaning of “a man in Christ”. How wonderful it would be if we love others not because of what they do for us but because of who they are in Christ.

Dr. Samuel Lee loved me in hope. He did all as a man in Christ. In response, in the early 1980s, I made up my mind to love him—really love him because he was a man in Christ. Since then, I did not expect anything from him. I did not want to approach him because I wanted to get something out of him. Rather, I wanted to be of help to him in any way. This made my relationship with him free and fruitful. I knew his greatness. I also appreciated his humanity. Yet, I had no illusions about him. Strangely, I could understand him better. I accepted his humanity in all his strengths and weaknesses. I remember him as a man in Christ—he who knew, loved, and honored Christ with his life.

Second, Dr. Samuel Lee was a loyal servant of Christ. One distinct image he left in me is that he was God’s servant. His loyalty was first and foremost to God. He intended to please God more than people. He was willing to be rejected by people but not by God. As a rule, Dr. Samuel Lee did not engage in a lot of politics. When he came to the States, he said, “I will focus on my relationship with God first.” He did not relate to people in broad ways. His focus was in people in UBF. They were his people. He gave himself for these people whom God had put under his care.

UBF has deep roots in Presbyterian theology. Dr. Samuel Lee grew up in Presbyterian churches and graduated from a Presbyterian seminary. Mother Sarah Barry is a missionary from a Southern Presbyterian Mission. It is no wonder that I heard about John Calvin a lot from Dr. Samuel Lee. One of the core theologies of John Calvin is God’s glory—God’s glory first, then man’s happiness—please God first and then bless people.

The order is important. It is always godliness first and then our well-being. Through Dr. Samuel Lee I have learned a certain attitude toward God.

On serving God: Dr. Samuel Lee gave his whole-hearted devotion to one thing—the life of mission with God. We as lay missionaries do many things. We divide our time and carry a number of different responsibilities in life. Dr. Samuel Lee did one thing—he was a shepherd in UBF. He did not divert from this one goal. He finished the race. I work as a full-time professor at the University of Toledo. It is easy for me to divert my energy in many areas. However, I always remember the power of devotion to one thing that really matters.

On being a messenger: In 1975, Dr. Samuel allowed me to deliver a Sunday message in one of the main services. His advice was clear: “Prepare and deliver the message always with a repentant and thankful heart.” As a messenger I try to remember this always. A spirit of repentance allows us to seek God and find God’s message to us personally. A thankful heart lifts us to experience God in whatever circumstances and then present hope to the listeners.

Third, Dr. Samuel Lee was a good shepherd. Dr. Samuel Lee taught me the meaning of pastoral care. Dr. Samuel Lee was a charismatic leader. He had an image of a good general. Not all people loved him for his strong leadership style. However, he touched many through his effective and deep pastoral care. He introduced me to my wife, Sarah Hong, and presided at our wedding. He followed up on me for the past 26 years (since I personally formed a relationship with him in 1975). While working as a missionary, I sometimes lost my spirit. I did not want to call him. Every time I talked to him, I sensed a new spirit springing up from my soul. I wanted to be more loyal to Christ. I wanted to be faithful to Christ’s call. As a good shepherd he was ahead of all. I didn’t want him to be alone all by himself. Every time he saw my success, he was happy like a little child. He did not usually say nice things about me. But he spoke so kindly about me to others. He kept asking me, “What is your vision? What are your goals? Give me your prayer topics for 10 years.” He kept clarifying goals and pursuing them by faith.

Upon learning of his departure, the leaders in Toledo UBF gathered together. In 30 minutes, about 35 people gathered. Many came forward to share the work of God they experienced through Dr. Samuel

Lee’s life and ministry. Russell Kille remembered how Dr. Samuel Lee called him in and provided him with a water-distilling device for his trip to Russia. Kevin Reilly remembered the wonderful sense of stewardship of Dr. Samuel Lee. He remembered how Dr. Samuel Lee zipped his overcoat and said, “I don’t want you to get a cold.” Even in many small ways, the evidences of his personal touch in people’s lives were abundant. It is appropriate for me to recognize the work of God through Dr. Samuel Lee over the years.

People remain loyal to him primarily because they tasted the shepherd love of Jesus through him. In 1991, after my return from Russia, I became very sick. It was typhoid. However, doctors in Toledo did not immediately diagnose it. I was put on dialysis. Nobody knew how long I had to do this. Dr. Lee prayed for my recovery. Through Dr. John Jun and others he found out the reason for my sickness. One night he came with a number of leaders to my room in the hospital. There, he prayed for me along with others. It was a quite moving moment. On so many occasions he addressed my personal and family life issues. Sometimes he was like a gentle father. Sometimes, he was like a tender mother to me.

At his homecoming ceremony, what mattered was not what others said about him. Rather, it was what his children and grandchildren said about him. He urged people to love God more than one’s family members. That’s what he did. He loved God more than his family members. Yet, he did not neglect his family members in order to grow in the love of God. His children are in the Lord. His children speak highly of him. That’s is the mark of a quality life of faith.

Finally, Dr. Samuel Lee served the LORD with humility and in tears. Dr. Samuel Lee was a humble man. The mark of his humility was his constant progress and learning mind. On January 2, 2002, he spoke about 1 Co 13:11. He quoted Apostle Paul’s words, “When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me.” He chose this as a key verse for this year. I was amazed. In his 70s he, with childlike faith, was willing to learn, grow, and make progress. He repeatedly told me, “The most important quality of God’s servant is humility first, humility second, and humility last”.



A Man In Christ, Dr. Paul Hong

As a humble man, he studied the Bible. He prayed. He built up people. He gave prayer topics for people with both small and large prayer topics (e.g., work, study, and feed sheep at the same time; raise up future spiritual leadership; get a Ph.D. in ten years; lose 20 pounds or gain 20 pounds depending on the needs of the persons; pioneer 560 campuses in the USA; 10,000 Bible teachers and 7,000 Ph.D. shepherds; 120 Upper Room Coworkers; Pioneer Russia; A Kingdom of Priests and A Holy Nation....) Finally, he has left a ministry that is much bigger than him. After God called him home, the UBF ministry is not in a crisis. The work of God continues. It is because God is here. God’s people are here. God’s vision is with us. Dr. Samuel Lee is a spiritual giant. The true mark of spiritual giants is the work that they leave behind.

I miss him. His legacy is great because he has left behind people in whom God dwells. We are the work that testifies the quality of his person. We are the evidence of his work. Of course, God did all.

Praise God who gave us the privilege of knowing Dr. Samuel Lee. We thank God for enjoying him for so many years. Most importantly, I thank God for allowing me to know a man who led me to Christ and to his people worldwide for whom I am willing to commit my life. May God answer Dr. Lee’s prayer to make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

The Spiritual Legacy of Dr. Samuel Lee

Pastor Mark Vucekovich
DePaul UBF Director

"After removing Saul, he made David their king. He testified concerning him: 'I have found David son of Jesse a man after my own heart; he will do everything I want him to do.'" (Acts 13:22)



(Preface: I had a really hard time to write this. First of all, so many of you already know and have written about Dr. Lee's spiritual legacy much better than I could. I wondered what I could possibly add to it. But Dr. Mark Yoon said I should not write theoretically, but with personal stories. So I thought I could at least share these with you. Still, I had a hard time to write this, because of all people, I was privileged to work with Dr. Lee closely for a long time. I of all people should know his spiritual legacy. But frankly speaking, I feel I am nowhere near to living up to it. So I feel unworthy and self-conscious. But I repent and pray I may newly strive to live up to his legacy.)

I first met Dr. Samuel Lee in the spring of 1980, at the end of my freshman year in college at Northwestern University. It was at the Evanston Prayer House. It happened so quickly that I hardly remembered his face. At the time I didn't know anyone in UBF, nor had I ever studied the Bible, but

one Oriental lady who had been calling one of my roommates began calling me, for months, to come to Bible study. At the end of the school year I finally agreed to come to meet her. That day, I remember being introduced to a short Oriental man in a short-sleeve white shirt, and there were several Oriental women scurrying around him on the second floor of the prayer house. I thought that was kind of strange. Later that summer I attended the 1980 Niagara Falls Summer Bible conference—never having studied the Bible or attending any UBF meeting before. At one of the meetings in the Chemistry Lecture hall at Brock University, I noticed a small Korean man sitting on the stage. I couldn't remember ever seeing him before. I was sitting pretty far away from the stage, and there were several other people on the stage with him, but my gaze was attracted to him because I vividly remember noticing something unusual. I noticed that that small man's face was really shining. I said to myself, "Who is that man? His face is shining!" I asked someone, and I was told he was Missionary Samuel Lee, the founder of UBF. In his announcements he was talking about carrying the cross of ego or the cross of Jesus. Up until that point in my life, I had been carrying the heavy cross of my giant ego (which was pretty "giant" as a Northwestern student). I don't remember anything else he was saying, though; all I could do was to wonder how his face could be shining like that.

In September of 1980 I began one-to-one Bible study and attended the Chicago UBF worship services at the center on Clark Street. There, at my first Sunday worship service I saw Dr. Samuel Lee delivering the message in English; Dr. James H. Kim translated his message into Korean. I don't remember his message, but I do remember his announcements. He asked everyone to pray to evangelize 561 American college campuses and 157 nations. Everyone in the tightly packed room yelled "Amen!" I was shocked. I thought to myself, "Do these people realize what they are saying? That is totally impossible!" I became intrigued with the spiritual leadership of Dr. Samuel Lee, who could get

people to pray such an impossible prayer topic so wholeheartedly. As I attended the worship services each week and listened to his messages, I couldn't fully understand what he was saying. But I sensed that this man really has something to say. So I prepared myself to listen to his messages by bringing a small notebook. I decided to try to write down everything he was saying, so that I could understand better.

After several months of going to UBF Bible studies, fellowship meetings and worship services that fall, I went home to Gary, Indiana during the Christmas break, despite my shepherd's push to stay in Evanston and attend the Christmas worship service. At that time, since I was the last child at home, I felt a strong sense of obligation to help my mother, who was mentally ill. A few hours after I arrived at home, the phone rang. When I answered it, I was totally shocked to discover that it was Dr. Samuel Lee calling me. He asked me very politely, "Would you like to come back to Chicago and participate in our Christmas drama?" He said he needed me. For a few brief moments I was speechless. Then I found myself saying, "Sure, I'll come right away." When I hung up the phone, my parents asked me who it was. I told them, and said I had decided to go back and participate in the Christmas worship service. They said, "Wait a minute! You just got home!" But I started re-packing my clothes and left anyway, to their amazement. Ever since that past spring, when I first visited the Evanston Prayer House, I was having a very strong feeling that God was calling me to give my life to serve him in UBF. At the same time, I was getting way too involved with a girl I had met my freshman year, who seemed to be pulling me away into a life of sin. On the train ride back to Chicago that day, I made my decision not to hesitate or calculate anymore. I played one of the shepherds in the Christmas drama. We performed on the stage at the old Clark Street center. It was really a comedy.

After the Christmas worship service, Dr. Samuel Lee asked me to stay in Evanston and finish studying Genesis before the year was over. That meant studying a lesson every day. I decided to do it. When I finished, it was reported to Dr. Lee. He was very happy and said, "Now I'm going to train you to be a main lecturer at our Easter Conference." Again, I was shocked. He asked me to write long testimonies on the God of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and come to share them at the Chicago UBF leaders' meetings as preparation. At that time

there were no other Americans at those meetings. I felt a little out of place. After sharing those 20-30 page testimonies, I began to study 1 Corinthians 15 with Dr. Lee. I had been studying 1:1 for seven months; now I was preparing to be a main lecturer to 500 of God's people. After teaching me the three lessons in 1:1 and listening to my testimonies, Dr. Lee asked me to memorize the entire chapter, and then, to memorize his three lectures and take written tests on them. During that time, the other messengers were also in training. But one of them was caught smoking marijuana in the basement of the prayer house; another ran away. I began to worry what would happen to me. I was good at memorizing, so I just concentrated on that. Dr. Lee was so surprised that I memorized his lectures perfectly (Missionary Sarah B. Choi checked my written tests). Then I received message performance training until I lost my voice, and I had severe diarrhea for the three days before I was to speak. Interestingly, my message was on "The Power of the Resurrection." For the first time I experienced that God is living. God's hand held me throughout that message. I didn't know what I said. But Dr. Lee liked my message so much that he kept a picture of me delivering that message for a long time in his office.

After the Easter conference, he asked me to write a life testimony in preparation to go to the World



Dr. Lee With Two Marks

Mission Report 1981 in Korea. I had to confess all my dark sins, and my sorrowful life problem was exposed. It was hard for me at that time to accept my life. Though I had been very ambitious, when I looked at my life honestly, I felt I was already washed up and helpless at the age of 20. After confessing my sins, I thought Dr. Lee's opinion of me would change. But he began to express even greater love for me. He personally helped me edit my life testimony into 1.5 pages, very graciously and artistically. During this process I realized that Dr. Lee understood me so well. As the expression of God's grace, he had a Korean tailor shop make me a suit. He gave me his own wristwatch. While we were going from city to city in Korea, one time he took me off the journey team bus and let me ride in his car with him. It was raining hard. Dr. Lee was sleeping in the back seat, Shepherd Moody Park was driving, and I was crying for a long time because of God's grace to me.

A year and a half later, I was sharing my 1983 annual key verse at a Chicago UBF leaders' meeting. In my testimony I accepted God's calling that after graduation, which was coming up after the winter quarter, I would give my life in UBF as a full-time shepherd. I was looking forward to receiving Dr. Lee's shepherd training and beginning a fruitful life. I had no idea what was in store for me. Right after that meeting, Dr. Lee and Mother Barry came up to me. I expected them to say, "Thank you for your testimony." Instead, they said, "Watch out. A certain shepherdess here is trying to cook you." I had no idea what they were talking about. This began months of severe struggle and training. Fear and anger came into my heart. I became paralyzed spiritually. Once, Dr. Lee asked me to write a testimony entitled, "Why do I stand at the back of the Sunday Worship Service like a scarecrow?" I wrote it, but still didn't understand. Dr. Lee asked me to join the dancing team for the Easter Conference. Missionary Grace Shin was teaching us from the Nutcracker ballet. I had never danced ballet, before or since. But right before the Easter conference, I sprained my foot during practice and was on crutches during the conference. I brought two gorgeous-looking NU boy sheep to the conference and shared a "shepherdology" testimony. But I was so sick spiritually. At the conference someone took a picture of me sitting with my two sheep. But in the picture, the sheep looked bright and shining in suits, like they were the UBF shepherds, whereas I looked like a sheep or a patient. That summer, Dr. Lee asked me to be the main lecturer at the summer conference, speaking on John 4. In one-to-one Bible study with

him, he told me I was just like the Samaritan woman, thirsty for love. He told me my parents had loved me so sacrificially, but I was still like a bottomless pit thirsty for love. His comment that I was like the Samaritan woman hurt my pride. What's more, I couldn't believe he was asking me to deliver the main lecture at the summer conference when I was so sick spiritually. Though I went through the motions outwardly in message training, I hardened my heart and intentionally delivered the message poorly. Dr. Lee got so upset with me that he became sick and couldn't get out of bed for several days. His face was swollen. After I did such a thing, I thought my UBF shepherd life was over. Dr. Lee went to the European conference, and when he came back, he delivered a Sunday message on Peter's confession of Christ from Luke 9. I sat in the back of the worship service room, hiding on the steps to the second floor, out of sight, thinking Dr. Lee wouldn't want to see me. In his message he was explaining the verse about how the Son of Man must suffer many things and be killed. He said it was because of our sins. It was the first time I had ever heard it said so plainly. He wept during this part of his message, but I was weeping even more. For the first time I finally realized deeply that I was a sinner, that my sins had crucified Jesus, and that my spiritual problem that year had been no one's but my own. It was the turning point of my life. It was like scales fell off my eyes. I began to appreciate and respect my parents. I also became inwardly free in Jesus. I tasted the heavenly kingdom deep in my soul, with its joy and peace.

Dr. Lee sensed that something had happened in me and asked me to come to his office and share my testimony on that passage. After listening to it, he realized I had repented. Then he suddenly said, "Would you like to have a girlfriend?" I had no idea where he was going with this. I said, "No!" I had had such a hard time that year because of a girl that I wanted to be as far away from them as possible. Then he said, "You have to have a girlfriend, for the glory of God. Do you understand?" I didn't, but I said, "Yes, sir." Then he introduced me to the idea of Shepherdess Kathy Kreitner from Columbus UBF, who had shared her life testimony at the recent summer conference. He asked me what I thought of her. I said, "She seems nice." He said, "Good. Okay, why don't you call her?" I said, "Okay." There was a long silence. Then he said, "Now."

I became Dr. Lee's helper, along with Pastor Ron Ward, typing his Sunday messages and practicing English with him, as well as working in the

headquarters for nine years. There are so many stories and lessons. Why do I tell all these early personal stories? It is not just to reminisce with sentimental feelings; it is rather to illustrate the spiritual heritage of Dr. Lee. He could have been burdened with many problems and hardships, but his face was shining because he had Jesus in his heart and spent much time in prayer. He was an international director, with many people around the world to care for and who obeyed him, but he was willing to humble himself to call a seemingly insignificant and proud student and personally beg him to come and participate in God's work. He didn't look down on people, but saw people with great hope, respect and vision. He was courageous enough to venture with people and to give hard training, out of his shepherd's heart. When people revealed their ugly sinful natures, he embraced them with the grace of Jesus even more. He had many sheep all around the world, but he always took care of one spiritually sick person as if he or she were the only person in the world. He was not satisfied with outward performances, but prayerfully tried to understand people, help them find their sin problem before God, repent and come to Jesus. He thought

of people not like a businessman, but out of a deep shepherd's heart and about their future life and happiness.

Dr. Lee often told us a UBF staff shepherd must learn to be a multifaceted worker. He said we must learn to be a shepherd, a servant, a scholar and a soldier. He himself emulated these qualities. But undergirding them all, to me, two seem to be most impressive: humility and a shepherd's heart. These are, in fact, the heart of Jesus (Mt 11:28,29). From a distance some people thought Dr. Lee was proud. But he was so humble before the word of God. This was evident in his struggle to understand any particular Bible passage. He was also humble enough to cowork with and embrace all kinds of people, with genuine respect. And, he had a great shepherd's heart for young people. At his homecoming ceremony, so many people came, including people who had left UBF years ago. Why did they all come? It was because they had experienced the shepherd's heart of Jesus through Dr. Lee. I pray that I, and each one of us, may make it our ambition to live up to Dr. Lee's spiritual legacy, especially his humility and his shepherd's heart.



A Most Beloved Disciple, Pastor Mark Vuckovich (DePaul UBF)

A GOOD FATHER FOR AN HNW

Yvonne Timlin
Chicago UBF Staff



When I was young, my father was kind of good and kind of scary. So, I could not trust men and became a feminist. But when I was in college, Dr. Lee became a good spiritual father for me. He always caught me at the center and discussed all my feminist ideas with me. He understood how wounded I was by my father, because he also suffered from his mean stepmother. Once when I lived in the staff residence during my junior year of college, I had a big fight with my Bible teacher, Pastor Mark Vucekovich, because he never took a turn at washing the dishes. The next morning, I expected to be kicked out. But Dr. Lee told Pastor Mark to embrace me as a good father and to cook me breakfast.

Dr. Lee and Pastor Mark Vucekovich talked to me about everything a daughter should know: how to dress modestly, how to be expensive with boys, how to spend money wisely, which classes to take at Northwestern University, etc... He even gave me a curfew of 1 a.m., and told me not to spend the night at anyone's house. Dr. Lee encouraged me to bring him 5 newspaper articles a week from the student newspaper that I wrote for as a reporter. So, in addition to my full-time classes and part-time job as a waitress, I also worked 40 hours a week for the school newspaper to meet my goal of 5 articles. In this way, Dr. Lee helped me to learn to work hard – and to stay out of trouble!

Later that summer (of 1988), even though I had a bad record of "cooking" many shepherds and

did not qualify, he sent me to Europe to learn world mission vision. Then I came back and diligently fished and fed 12 sheep at Northwestern. Then he invited me to join the staff meeting after graduation and gave me hope to be a full-time shepherdess. After marrying and having children, he never stopped being my father and helping me to find the way. Occasionally, I got so mad at him, but he counseled me, saying tenderly as a father, "Yvonne, you must listen to me."

This year I had so many personal problems. He counseled me over and over, "You are stuck spiritually. You must not compromise." I cried many times and prayed until I could understand his counseling and overcome my problem in my heart. The night before the Christmas worship service this year, he told me, "Next I must help you to study for a Ph.D." I was so happy that he understood my ambition and energy and zeal and wanted me to do something more and great in my life. I told him that I would get a Ph.D. like him after shepherding God's flock all my lifetime. Then he laughed. A few days before he died, he called me on the telephone and told me to call him everyday and talk to him. But I didn't want to make him sorrowful over my problems. I was moved that even though he was so sick, he wanted to share all my sorrows.

Dr. Lee was my good father, not biologically, but because he earned the title. I am what I am today, because he was a good father to me and helped me to grow up mentally, emotionally, and most of all, spiritually. Now he is gone. I want nothing more than to imitate his good example to me and be a good shepherd like him for the glory of Christ Jesus. This year I pray to grow in independent faith in my Father God and learn to trust him absolutely. That is why I chose as my 2002 key verse 2 Cor 12:9, which says, "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'" I want to grow in simple, childlike faith that I am weak, but my Father God is strong. May God strengthen me to feed his sheep and depend on him to raise our fellowship a 120-member fellowship and restore my family as a house church for his mission in God's time.

The Legacy Of Dr. Samuel Lee

Pastor Teddy Hembekides
Triton UBF Director

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep..." (Acts 13:36)



On Tuesday, January 8, 2002, the founder of our UBF ministry, Shepherd Samuel Lee passed away to his eternal home in the Kingdom of God whom he loved and served with his whole heart all the days of his life. For 42 years he labored for his Lord and Christ with the resolution and dedication unique to the men of God of his caliber. His life had been only a fleeting moment in history. But the impact his life had on the world and on God's history is comparable to that of the giants of faith of the Old Testament and the saints of the New Testament. He passed away. But his legacy continues in the hearts and lives of those who knew him for the man of God he was, and whose lives have been impacted by his exemplary life as a humble and obedient servant of our Lord Jesus Christ. For this reason, we

are compelled to reflect on the sacred legacy he left us, which remains a beacon of hope for our generation and the generations to come. Therefore, we need to closely examine this legacy because it is the heartbeat of our ministry, the gospel ministry we know and cherish as UBF [University Bible Fellowship].

Part I. A Heritage Of Faithful Servantship From Generation To Generation.

For the ordinary Christian, a single Bible verse may well sum up one's life in Christ. But this man of God was no ordinary Christian. It is impossible to define and comprehend Shepherd Samuel Lee's life with a single Bible verse, because the legacy he left us is as deep and as wide as the ocean, and cannot be summarized with a single verse. Nonetheless, it is important to consider the single most verse which best defines his life and labor in Christ Jesus. Towards the last few years of his life, he frequently reflected on the word of God from Acts 13:36 which says: "For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep..." There are clear reasons why the man of God reflected on this particular verse, but in this word of God we can see a concise summary of his life. God had chosen King David to serve his generation as a soldier, a shepherd and a king after the

image of the Christ. When David's service in God had ended, God took him home to his Eternal Kingdom. Likewise, God had called Shepherd Samuel Lee to serve his generation as a shepherd and Bible teacher, as a pioneer and a missionary, as a man of conviction and action. And when his service to God had ended, God took him home to his Kingdom as well.

What does it mean that Shepherd Samuel Lee had served God's purpose in his own generation? Why does this key verse well define his life in Christ? Because having served God's purpose in his own generation gave substance and meaning to his life and left an indelible stamp on history. Men live and die without ever having found the meaning of their lives; their lives never accomplishing the purpose for which God had created them; without a shred of memory left of their existence. But Shepherd Samuel Lee's life had meaning. The meaning of his life lies in serving his own generation in accordance with the will of God. The question is, how did he serve his own generation? He served his generation by passing on the torch of faith and mission to the next generation. The multitude of humanity's generations have been as dark as the night, while they trudged through the nights of their generations in pitch darkness, not knowing where they came from, not knowing



His Delight Is In The Law Of The Lord (1978)

where they were going, only existing for the moment. None of them knew God, and in their ignorance of God, they perished and condemned their own generations to the same fate. But in the pitch darkness of every generation, God challenged men to hold up the torch of God's light for their generation to see the truth of God, and by seeing the truth of God to also journey back to God. But God's challenge to hold up the lamp of truth is never easy. Only few took the torch from God's hand and vowed their lives to passing it on to the next generation so that the light of God's truth many never go out, even while the world was getting darker and darker by the day. Of such men was Shepherd Samuel Lee. In his generation, the darkness was overwhelming and the challenge was impossible. The torch he was to carry to the world was a torch of God's living word in a generation of unbelieving Christians and a skeptic world. The torch he was entrusted with was the torch of

absolute faith and holy mission to a generation of compromising and disobedient Christians. But he accepted God's challenge and took the torch which never left his hands to the day he went to heaven. The words, he "served God's purpose in his own generation" well define his life in Christ, a life whose meaning was born and fulfilled when he dedicated his life to single-handedly carrying the torch of God to a fatalistic world in obedience to God's purpose in his life.

When he took up the torch of God in his hand, his life became like a light shining in a dark place, and a source of blessing to humanity. In other words, his life became the exemplary life of a man in Christ Jesus. It means that in the pitch darkness of the world we live in, men could see a flicker of God's light shining in and through this one man, and many flocked to this light in order to make their journeys back to God. But while man's life cannot sustain the

torch of God burning, God's life alone sustains it. One of Apostle Paul's key verses describes how a person may be able to sustain the lamp of God burning in and through his life. Paul says in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Likewise, Shepherd Samuel Lee was a man crucified with Christ. He did not die on January 8th. He died a very long time ago when he died to himself and Christ began to live in him. It was that life of Christ in and through him which sustained the lamp of God day after day throughout his lifetime.

His death was the birth of a new man. At the same time, this man of God's death was also the birth of a ministry. When I was a Bible student, my shepherd taught me that our ministry UBF was not an "organization", but an "organism". Organizations have no life and are dead, but an organism is a living entity and draws its life from Jesus. Organizations are made up of cold and lifeless doctrines and regulations, he said, but an organism has the warm life of our Lord Jesus flowing through it. It is this organism we call UBF which was born when a man of God, Shepherd Samuel Lee, died to himself and began to live in Jesus. There is much to say about the life and works of Shepherd Samuel Lee. But I want to focus on the organism UBF which grew as a result of this one man's faith in God and obedience to God's word. The ministry which grew to maturity throughout his lifetime, became the legacy he left us who belong

to this living and wonderful organism, the body of Christ. The ministry which grew through this one man is not a new ministry. It is an old ministry that goes back to the apostles and their disciples and the first Christians, and carries on from generation to generation through our ancestors who passed the torch of God's truth to the next generation, and the generation after that, until that torch was received by Shepherd Samuel Lee and passed on to us who would accept God's immutable challenge and take it upon ourselves to carry the torch in our generation.

In this generation, the gospel of our Lord Jesus had been maligned, twisted, misconstrued, abused, fashioned after men's fancy and subtly corrupted and perverted in order to serve man rather than be served by man, as God had intended it to be. Who would carry the pure gospel to the world? What would effect the gospel to remain the power of God for the salvation of all who believe? Thankfully, God Almighty had raised many torches to hold up the truth and the absoluteness of the gospel in the midst of many adulterated gospels in this generation. The organism UBF is but one of the torches held up toward the overwhelming darkness of the godless age. Nevertheless, one man needed to hold the torch up and to shed light on the darkness so that what is corrupt may be revealed as corrupt and what is pure may be preserved as pure. It was the faith of Shepherd Samuel Lee that did so for the last 40 years of his generation. There are countless Bible truths which had been well lit and continue to burn in the



A Good Shepherd Comes To America (1977)

lives of all UBF members, too many to count. But I will list a few in the legacy of this man which had been imprinted in my own heart as the absolute truths which should not be corrupted but defended as long as we live, as long as we are willing to carry the torch of God's truth which we have received from God's servant. I will count several truths to you which are at the core of the gospel and the lifeblood of this organism we call UBF.

Part II. A Heritage Of Bible Study.

"For Ezra had devoted himself to the study and observance of the Law of the Lord, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel." (Ezra 7:10) As Ezra was a student of the Bible and consequently a teacher of the word of God as well, so also have we unquestionably been appointed to study and to teach the Bible. It

is a sacred duty and a calling unequalled to any other. The Bible is like a picture of a first born son or daughter hanging on a wall in their parents' home. When a stranger walks into the house and sees the picture, it is nothing but a nice picture on the wall. It elicits no response, for there is no emotion there to tie the two. But when the father or mother enter the house and behold the picture, a flood of emotion wells up in their hearts. It is the same with the Bible. Two people may read or study the same Bible. But as the picture on the wall draws a wellspring of emotion from one and apathy from the other, so also does the word of God stir one heart to response and the other to remain passive. Once we read the Bible impassively as if it were a novel. But we learned that the word of God is not like the words of an unknown author, but the words of our Father God. When we come face to face with the picture on the wall, our hearts

come alive and we are drawn to it by deep bonds of love. It is this very relationship between the word of God and the Bible student that is nurtured and reared among those who have come to know of the treasures we have inherited through this blessed ministry grounded in the word of God. Through the blessing of Bible study, a lost son or daughter comes to know their Father God and to grow in him until they in turn take up the sacred duty of teaching it to the next generation. I thank God for the gift of Bible study and the sacred duty of teaching it in the confidence of the Holy Spirit.

Part III. The Heritage Of Gospel Faith And Holy Mission.

First, the foundation of UBF ministry. The foundation of the ministry is the gospel of our Lord Jesus. Paul wrote the Corinthian Christians these words: "For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." (1Cor. 15:3,4.) Paul wrote them these words that they might remember the gospel through which they were saved. They were overwhelmed with problems, all kinds of problems. But Paul's conclusion in the matter of their endless problems was that they had simply forgotten the gospel. Paul believed if they remembered the

gospel and reflected upon it, all their problems would melt like frigid ice in the hot sun. Paul simply gave them the gospel. It was the foundation of their lives and the life of their ministry. Shepherd Samuel Lee repeatedly gave the gospel to God's children believing that problems are impossible to solve, but that the gospel is the foundation and life of man and ministry. Sometimes he seemed cold to offer no human assistance nor sympathy to one troubled by human or spiritual problems, but simply gave the gospel message instead. But the gospel he gave in absolute faith in its power, became their strength and their victory over all things in their lives. The gospel



Serving International Directors One By One (1999)

is the foundation of ministry. All else is powerless. Without the gospel, ministry cannot stand. Without it, a Christian cannot stand.

Second, the character of UBF ministry. What must a Christian ministry be like? What must it reflect? A true Christian ministry is like the manger of Jesus in character. In our generation, the rise of super ministries and megabuck ministries and gospels of health and wealth is alarming. Everyone including Christians are deceived into focusing on material blessings and the glamorous. But when God's angel visited Mary the mother of Jesus to announce the birth of our Lord, the angel said to her, "This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." (Luke 2:12) There was no luxury nor glamour in a manger in a stable. But there was the life of God in the manger which grew to be the salvation of the world. When God wanted to begin the ministry of salvation in the world, the sign was a baby in a manger in a stable. Later, the early church ministry was a handful of disheveled disciples meeting in an attic. After that, the ministry was a few men and women meeting in a hole in the ground. Paul's ministry was a small apartment where he received God's people and helped them look to God. It was small in the sight of the world, but it was the power of God for salvation. It was the beautiful sign of God's love and power at work in humble hearts that are not greedy for material wealth nor for worldly glamour. The church in time became corrupt and what was supposed to be a manger became magnificent cathedrals and ornamented buildings that

drew and housed fancy men and women who neither knew God nor the gospel. Their sign was power and glory and luxury, and they perished in their ignorance. In the legacy we inherited, we can only thank God for his servant who was adamant that a ministry of God must be as humble as a manger, and the life of his servants must be as simple as the manger. We cannot change that. It is the gospel.

Third, the motivation of UBF ministry. What drives members of a ministry to serve God? Some are driven by ambition. Others are driven by a need for something to fill their lives. Still others are driven by necessity. But we learn from the Bible that the motivation of a Christian and a ministry must be the grace of our Lord Jesus and the gratitude which comes from the knowledge that our Lord Jesus has spilled his blood to rescue the sinner, and the sinner can do no more than express endless gratitude. And in gratitude the forgiven sinner returns love and servanthip to Jesus who alone is worthy to be loved and served. Paul said in Romans 1:15,16, "I am obligated both to Greeks and Non-Greeks, both to the wise and the foolish. That is why I am so eager to preach the gospel also to you who are at Rome." Paul was driven and motivated to serve his generation by obligation. An obligation is more than a responsibility and more than a duty. It is a deep awareness of one's indebtedness to the Lord Jesus for Jesus' grace and mercy in one's life. Paul did not feel that God's flock whom he served were obligated to him, nor did he feel as if he were doing God and them a favor by serving them.

Instead he felt that his debt to God for his grace and mercy was beyond measure, that he was obligated to serve the ministry to which he was called as a shepherd and Bible teacher. It was with this same sense of obligation that Shepherd Samuel Lee served the ministry. It was this same motivation which has also driven countless shepherds and missionaries to take up the service of God willingly, not as a favor to God nor to man, but as gratitude to the one who loved them and laid down his life for them. When service to God and mission seem like a bitter drink to someone, that someone does not know the extent to which he or she had been forgiven, does not know the debt they owe God, does not know how to be thankful to God. But as long as we carry the torch of God, our service must be motivated by the grace of Jesus.

Fourth, the faith of UBF ministry. Our ministry's faith is clearly the teaching of our Lord on the five loaves and two fish. No man and no ministry can do the work of God. No one has the ability to lift a finger in serving God. This is our faith, then, that no one can do the work of God, but that only God can do his own work through those who have faith. Therefore it is not human skill nor knowledge nor level of intellect nor accomplishment that can enable a person to serve God's purpose in one's life. One can only serve God with faith, the faith of bringing five loaves and two fish and presenting to the Lord Jesus. Jesus laid down the rule of ministry work in his miraculous work of feeding the 5000. There were 5000 people and no food to feed them. There was no way for his disciples to bring enough food to satisfy the

people. But Jesus urged them to bring what they had. They had only five loaves and two fish. He accepted them and blessed them and multiplied the loaves and fish until everyone had eaten their fill. In that Jesus demonstrated that man can do nothing but that God can do everything when man brings to God what little he or she has in faith that God may work through them. This principle of how the work of God can be done has been the trademark of our ministry. Shepherd Samuel Lee adopted this principle by faith and has taught this principle to many generations of God's servants. When they had nothing, they found something and brought it to Jesus in faith until Jesus used the little they had and fed many spiritually hungry souls with the word of God. Our ministry has been a miracle similar to the feeding of the five thousand. Our missionaries and shepherds have nothing. Most have no skills nor ability. Most have no money. But somehow the principle of faith of five loaves and two fish has been the victory over the world. They are all in the world doing the work of God with five loaves and two fish by the faith of one man.

Fifth, the conviction of UBF ministry. What is the conviction of our ministry? What kind of work must our ministry be engaged in? While there are countless ways to serve the work of God, there is a conviction which we as a ministry cannot overlook. We embrace our strong conviction from Jesus' words in John 21:15, "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?' 'Yes, Lord,' he said,

'you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my lambs.'" and Matthew 9:36, "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." Our conviction as a ministry is that the work of God is the work of feeding Jesus' sheep with the word of God. Our conviction is to serve them through personal Bible study and personal shepherding until they meet Jesus personally and grow to serve Jesus with their lives. Our conviction as a ministry also rests on discipleship training. Training is a nasty word in this generation. Many a ministry have abandoned training disciples as they cloak themselves in a hideous and distorted form of Christian humanism. Training disciples had been Jesus' method of raising disciples. It had been his conviction as a ministry to train and raise disciples. Every child must be trained in order to grow strong and responsible. In the same way every serious Christian must be trained in order to mature as a useful man or woman of God. Without training, a Christian becomes his or her own man or woman, doing their own thing, believing their own ways, and finally sidestepping the gospel truth for something less rigorous and more comfortable than hardship of training. But when Shepherd Samuel Lee began this ministry, he never turned away from the truth that a ministry, and a servant of God must be ready to serve God's flock personally as a shepherd serves his flock, through one to one Bible study, and next that a ministry must embrace Jesus' method of training disciples in the truth of God. Because of this the

ministry was persecuted and misjudged, but we never turned away from this principle. And we never must, since it is another pillar in the foundation of ministry. We thank God for the man of God who held on to the truth of God even at a high cost.

Sixth, the hope of UBF ministry. Of course, our living hope is ever in the kingdom of God which God promised for all the saints. But what is the shepherd's hope for his sheep, for the one whom he serves through one to one Bible study? In Romans 5:1, Paul defines the hope of all believers when he says, "And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God." Man once had the image of God. But when man sinned, he fell from the glory of God and the image of God in him was disfigured. It is our hope then that we and all God's children may grow in the image of God and in the likeness of our Lord Jesus. There is no hope that a man may have more noble than this hope. The living hope in the kingdom of God is the final hope. But the hope to be fashioned and remade in the likeness of our Lord Jesus is the hope to be like Jesus in every way, that his holy name might be glorified in and through out lives. Paul also said in Philippians 3:10,11 "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead." Paul's hope went further than growing in the likeness of Jesus. He wanted to know Jesus in life, in death, in resurrection and also in suffering. He hoped that he together with the saints might grow in the image of the sacrificial Jesus. Shepherd

Samuel Lee rebuked and encouraged and chastised and admonished without reserve all those whom he loved with the love of God. His purpose was pure, to help each child of God become more Christ-like. It is a beautiful hope to carry in one's heart. Some hope for the success of others and some for their human well-being, but thank God for the man of God, Shepherd Samuel Lee who served God's people with the hope that every one of them might grow more and more in the image of our Lord Jesus. This hope has also become the hope of those who understood his heart- the heart of the good shepherd.

Seventh, the resolve of UBF ministry. In other words, how far must a ministry be ready to serve the gospel and the flock of God when suffering is imminent? Does a Bible teacher stop serving God's flock when his suffering becomes unbearable? Does the shepherd's ministry waver when hardship surfaces? Neither, but the resolve of the shepherd's ministry is faithfulness unto death. Revelation 2:10 says, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." Suffering is not easy to bear. And the world recoils from suffering. The world strives to reduce suffering by any means. Sacrifice is relative and remotely welcome only when self interest is at stake. But Shepherd Samuel Lee embraced the ministry suffering in resolve as a Bible treasure without equal. He frequently encouraged the suffering servants of God to embrace suffering and learn to cherish it in earnest. While some might offer human sympathy at the suffering of another, we have grown up in a ministry where God's servants often encourage those who suffer to suffer more. It is strange in the sight of both the

world and other Christians. But it does not matter. It is the gospel truth that a man or woman who is in Christ must be faithful to the point of death. We learned that faithfulness to the point of death is not a romantic theology, but an absolute command of our Lord Jesus.

Eighth, the vision and goal of UBF ministry. God's vision was never clearer from day to day as the man of God, Shepherd Samuel Lee never failed to emphasize God's vision for the salvation of the whole world. He never failed to emphasize the ministry's goal to realize God's vision through obedience to the world mission command of Jesus in Mark 16:15. "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." He stood on the absoluteness of the gospel in verse 16 which says, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned." Our ministry has been a world mission ministry from the onset by the vision of one man to fulfill God's desire in bringing the gospel to the whole world. Vision is scarce and sometimes nonexistent in the modern church. Ornamental Christianity is decorative and impressive but intrinsically impotent and ultimately useless to God. Men of God's vision are rare, and rarer still is a passion for world evangelization. But God raised one man with a vision, and the spark of world mission in his heart has ignited every life which submitted itself to God's will. Our missionaries who have pioneered the world are all the sons and daughters of faith of this man of vision. In life, and now in death he still inspires God's children to pick up the cross of Jesus' mission and go out into the world to fill up the kingdom of God. Many come to UBF with limited and vague vision for self and for

ministry. But the word of Jesus' command for world mission, passed down from shepherd to sheep opens their eyes until their limited vision begins to include the whole world. One man of vision and of divine goal has pillared this Bible truth as an imperative part of ministry.

Ninth, the prayer of UBF ministry. Not many know how to pray. Not many know what to pray for. Some pray childish prayers. Others pray selfish prayers. Still others pray casual prayers. Mostly people pray pointless prayers and soon forget what they prayed for. But prayer is the lifeline of God's ministry. When prayer is vague and self motivated, neither the child of God nor the ministry can grow. Prayer cannot be a shopping list. Prayer cannot be a beggar's tin can. Prayer must rather be the expression of faith and the power of God working in and through the child of God to fulfill God's will and to serve his glorious purpose. When we are young, we pray for mommy and daddy and for granny and for the hungry people of the world. But when we grow up, prayer becomes an intense labor to bring all things to obedience to the will of God. Still, something is missing! Focus! And point! And assurance! When Shepherd Samuel Lee prayed for Russia, it was out of a shepherd heart for an oppressed people. Then the iron curtain came down. Suddenly prayer was no longer for the will of God, but for the specific will of God. Suddenly, prayer was no longer prayed in resigned uncertainty, but an impossibility made possible by faith. When he prayed for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, prayer suddenly took yet a higher level reaching to Abrahamic proportions. We found ourselves praying according to the promises

of God. We were no longer children praying for oddities, but priests upholding a nation and a people and claiming their promises as their supplicants before God. The prayer of a ministry is no small matter. A ministry is as big and as effective as its prayer topic. We are a remnant ministry in the world, a handful of believers. But by the praying faith of one man of God, the remnant has learned a life giving truth, that seeds grow into shoots, and shoots into large trees that spread like wings across the sky. For ministry prayer to be powerful and effective it needs assurance. And the assurance of God has been a theme in UBF through the teaching of this one man of faith. "If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer." (Matthew 21:22)

Tenth, the sacrifice of UBF ministry. There is no work of God that comes without a sacrifice. When Jesus saved us he did so sacrificing his very life. When we want to do the work of God's ministry, sacrifice is imperative. Today, "sacrifice" is as bad a word as the word "training" is to the immature and unspiritual mind. But God demands sacrifice! Why? Because by nature, God is a sacrificial God whose desire is that all his children be like him. For this reason, the legacy of Shepherd Samuel Lee has been one which has brought the Biblical spirit of sacrifice to God's ministry and to God's people. In a worldly sense, sacrifice exists, but only towards self interest. Fathers abandon mothers in pursuit of other mothers even at the sacrifice of their own children. Such a sacrifice to the cause of "human freedom" is not sacrifice at all, but rather an abomination and a sacrilege. On the other hand, people are loathe to sacrifice

pittance even to their own family members. True sacrifice in the Biblical sense is selfless, towards the benefit of others and ultimately to the glory of God. God's people in our ministry have learned the spirit of sacrifice from the living examples of their predecessors. Our Lord Jesus' words in Matthew 10:37 and Matthew 19:29 have rarely been more sealed than in the lives of our shepherds and missionaries. "Anyone who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves his son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life." For Jesus, they have learned to sacrifice their lives in raising God's flock. They sacrifice their own human hopes and dreams for the sake of realizing God's hopes. They sacrifice future security, family life, and the comforts and pleasures of life for the sake of the gospel. Because of this, they have been criticized, ridiculed and persecuted by both the secular world and regretfully even by the Christian community as well. But it has been their sacrifices that have become the blessing on the world. Thank God for one servant of God who stood on the truth of God that a ministry and a minister must not remain selfish but grow in the spirit of sacrifice to the glory of God.

I cannot say enough of this glorious and priceless legacy of faith which has been passed down to us by this man of God. But these principles are the lifeblood of our ministry and the legacy of Shepherd Samuel Lee. And by the will and mercy of God, they must be passed on to our next generation. There are those who would reform our UBF

ministries. But if an organism loses limbs and vital parts in the cause of reform, it no longer remains a recognizable and legitimate body, but rather a perversion and a vice unto itself. There is a big difference between historically "reformed" movements, whose foundation have been the absolute word of God, and the modern aberrations bordering more on the "deformed" rather than the "reformed" since their foundation has been cultural and intellectual standards rather than the absolute word of God. Legitimate Biblical "reform" must always be shaped solely by the word of God. For this reason, there is a sense of resolve among our members to uphold the legacy passed down to us by the founder, and to maintain the gospel principles based on the absolute word of God, and attained through rigorous Bible study and prayer by the help of the Holy Spirit. Shepherd Samuel Lee carried the torch of God's word faithfully unto death. He passed it on to us at many personal and tremendous costs. And we, in turn, must learn that it is time for every one of us to imitate his life in deciding to take up the lamp of God until we ourselves have served God's purpose in our own generation and have passed it on to the next. A man or woman of God who passes away before their work from God is accomplished is tragic. But the man or woman of God who passes away in fulfillment of God's set purpose in their lives is precious. God made us to be torch bearers. God made us to serve our own generation with God's purpose. May God carry out his precious ministry in every one of your lives as he has in the life of his dear servant Shepherd Samuel Lee. Amen.

CIS Directors' Conference Report

Missionary Stephen Kim
Russia & CIS UBF Director

"So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army." (Ezekiel 37:10)



I thank and praise God who proclaimed his words of

power and life to Russians and CIS people who were like dry bones and who made them like a vast army. I thank God for his amazing hope and vision for these people. I really thank you for your constant prayer for the Moscow winter discipleship conference and the CIS Directors' conference.

God blessed these conferences more than ever with his powerful words of God and we received much grace. I felt the powerful work of the Holy Spirit from the beginning of this conference and experienced all the intercessory

prayers from Mother Sarah Barry and Missionary Grace Lee and servants of God from all over the world. We also prayed for Mother Barry at every meeting during whole conference time.

I thank God for sending Dr. Mark Yoon and Dr. Jim Rabchuk. Dr. Jim Rabchuk really helped the Russian messengers with the heart and love of Christ and with his absolute faith in the words of God. Also, Dr. Mark Yoon helped each suffering CIS Director with the words of God and love and prayers.





CIS Directors And Their Wives

Shepherd Mark Yang came from Korea and prepared the words of Ezekiel and I Kings with his whole heart and served all of us with his sincere prayers. While we were studying, all the directors and their wives and Moscow missionaries received much grace and were refreshed in their spirit and hope. So they made a new decision to renew their 1:1 Bible studies and disciple-making ministry.

At the CIS Directors' conference, Missionaries Caleb and Sarah Han from St. Petersburg, Dr. David Lee from Yekaterinburg, Moses Chung from Irkutsk, Noah Kim from Novosibirsk, Paul and Hannah Oh from Minsk, Dr. Peter and Sarah Kim from Kiev, John Lee from Odessa, Gideon and Grace Kang from Almata, David Byun from Astana, and Stephen and Elizabeth Kim from Moscow attended. Missionary Barnabas Kim and young

missionaries made an environment.

This conference lasted two nights and three days. It started with my opening message on Acts 1:1-14. After that, each center gave us their ministry report and one thing they learned from the message. The first evening Shepherd Mark Yang led a Bible study on Ezekiel 37, entitled, "Dry bones into a Vast Army." After that, Dr. Peter Kim delivered the message with same title. After the message we all knelt down and prayed united prayer, holding on to these verses. We prayed for Mother Sarah Barry and Dr. John Jun and that the CIS people may listen to the words of God and become a vast army so that the CIS may become a shepherd nation, a country of Bible teachers and a missionary-sending nation, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. We

also prayed for the CIS International Summer Bible conference 2002.

The next morning we studied Ezekiel 47, "You will be alive and prosperous." Dr. David Lee delivered this message with spirit. Through this passage all our spiritual problems were solved and we wrote our testimonies in the afternoon and shared them in the evening. On the second day also we knelt down and prayed for God's servants and for the CIS and world mission and our coworkers. After united prayer we played four stick games and shared deep love relationship with each other. During our Directors' conference our missionaries who were suffering from loneliness were revived through deep words of God and united prayer and loving relationships. Especially, M. Moses Chung from Irkutsk despaired a lot because of his

daughter's cerebral paralysis. However, his suffering heart and loneliness were healed and he received a new spirit and power. May God bless him to be a powerful messenger so that Siberian dry bones may be resurrected into a vast army. We also pray that Shepherd Sasha may establish a house church. Missionary David Byun suffered a lot in order to extend his visa, but through this conference he receive a new joy of heaven and strength. We pray that he may receive a work visa, and then, a one-year visa. Missionary Paul and Hannah Oh challenged to be self-supporting missionaries but suffered due to the bad economic situation of their mission field. However, through this conference they made a new

decision to serve the work of God's word as the prophet Ezekiel did. I realized that each director and his coworker is very precious and each of them is a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. They are the holy remnants of God and spiritual ambassadors of Christ. I pray that God may bless their sacrifice of love and devotion and grant them powerful Sunday messages each week so that in every campus in the CIS a chosen army of Christ may be established, and each country may be a shepherd nation and nation of Bible teachers and a missionary-sending nation.

On the third day we studied I Kings 1&2, entitled, "Be a man!" After that we watched Dr.

Samuel Lee's homecoming ceremony video which Missionary Grace Lee sent. The directors and their wives who couldn't go to Chicago received much grace. We received the spiritual inheritance which Dr. Samuel Lee left for us and made a new decision of faith to obey the world mission command for the kingdom of God. We headed to our mission fields with renewed spiritual desire to participate in the sufferings of Christ. I earnestly pray that the Risen Christ who has all authority in heaven and on earth may be with his precious servants of God to the end of the age and keep them as the apple of his eye and bless them with his Holy Spirit and enable them to proclaim the gospel of Jesus with boldness.



Mothers Of Prayer For The CIS

GOD IS RAISING CLEAR SPIRITUAL LEADERS FOR RUSSIA

2002 Moscow Disciples' Conference Report

Dr. James Rabchuk
Western Illinois UBF Director

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



Praise God for his precious work in Moscow and throughout Russia through UBF. Praise God who gives us his precious promises so that we may love him with all our heart, soul and strength. I thank God who enabled me to attend the Winter Disciples' Conference in order to witness the spiritual growth of the Moscow shepherds, and to see the beautiful coworking spirit among the missionaries there. God gave me a holy mission at this conference to serve the messengers through training and prayer. Through attending this conference, God helped me to meditate on what Jesus called the most important command of

the Bible. Through helping the messengers one by one, I realized that for each of them, the solution to their problems was to come to know the love of God deeply and personally through Bible study and repentance. Only those who know deeply the love of God extended to them through Jesus' death on the cross and his resurrection can love God and love others as God intended for us to do. As a shepherd, it seems like there are so many things we need to do to help sheep. But I found that there is only one thing, to convince them that God's love for them is absolute, and it is life. I thank God for many Russian students

who are growing in the knowledge of the love of God, and are practicing wholehearted love and service to God through their shepherd lives.

Sh. Artyom Datsenko. Sh. Artyom's message was a morning devotion from Luke 5:27-32, "Jesus' calling of Levi." Sh. Artyom was a former Russian hippie who was completely changed when he accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Now, he is a devoted shepherd, Bible teacher and husband. Like Levi, when he heard God's calling, he dropped everything to follow Jesus. So he is a man familiar with God's grace for sinners, and he delivers the message of God's grace and calling from his deep heart. We changed the message slightly to focus more on Jesus' invitation and grace, and less on Levi's sinful and miserable life. May God bless Shepherd Artyom to entrust all of his sins to God, and focus on growing in the love and shepherd heart of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Shepherd Alexander Zakharov. Shepherd Alexander delivered the main Saturday message from John chapter 8, with the title, "The Truth will set you Free". In his message delivery, Alexander wanted to focus on the sinful woman and her problem. However we worked to change his delivery so he would



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emphasize Jesus' teaching about discipleship and the importance of the word of God, instead. Whenever he spoke about the word of God, or quoted the word of God, he had to speak powerfully. Whenever he spoke about the sinful woman or the Pharisees, he should speak plainly. Finally, we emphasized Jesus' logical progression in the key verses, 8:31-32, from WORD to DISCIPLE to TRUTH to FREE. What a great blessing of God that through faith in God's word, sinners can be changed into disciples, come to know the truth and be set free from sin and death! Shepherd Alexander became joyful to think about true freedom in Jesus, and he gave a very joyful and clear message. We were all convicted that we must

hold on to God's word and teaching with all of our heart, soul and strength. Shepherd Alexander learned that it does not help to sympathize with sinners; we must only give them the word of God that is the word of life.

Shepherd Evgenii Pogorelov. Shepherd Evgenii gave the evening message from Mark 13:1-27. Shepherd Evgenii has really changed remarkably since he first came to Bible study. In the past, whenever he gave a message, he seemed to be speaking from another planet because he was so ethereal. But God has blessed his faithful Bible study, and helped him to grow as a down-to-earth messenger of God's word. Mark 13 has caused many people to fall into idle

speculation and stumble, but Shepherd Evgenii kept his focus on Jesus' promise that "first, the gospel must be preached to all nations." Whatever trials or difficulties Christians must face, they have a basic obligation to proclaim the gospel in every age. They must have a glorious hope in the second coming of Jesus Christ. God has blessed Evgenii with a teaching position at Moscow State in Mathematics. May God also bless him to marry by faith in God's time.

Shepherd Sergei Nikitin. Shepherd Sergei is a young Bible student. But he was not from a corrupted or broken family, so he had a solid foundation. He is like a young Isaac, who was well-trained and loved by his father, Abraham. However, like

Isaac, he needed to grow in personal faith and in a love relationship with God. God has been training him through epilepsy. Also, during the message preparation, his wife went into labor. I was not sure if he could accept my working with him on the message on Jesus' calling of St. Paul. But God blessed Sergei to change his message slightly to emphasize that self-righteous sinners are just like prostitutes and tax-collectors in God's eyes, but that God's love can change them all into pure and holy servants of God. God blessed his humble attitude toward training, and his wife gave birth to a son, David, just before he gave his message. His message was powerful and clear, showing that God's love is everything, for it could change horrible Saul into blessed St. Paul. From Sergei's message, I really began to appreciate how much I had been taking God's love and grace to me for granted. I repent that when I go to Russia, I give my whole heart and spare nothing, but when I come back home, I want to coast and do the minimum. I learned that I am just the same selfish sinner. But God's love for me is greater than my sin, so God gave me the precious chance to work with his growing children in Russia, and God's precious servant Missionary Stephan, so that I might be changed, and be a man of mission, both in Russia and at WIU and wherever God sends me.

Shepherd Joseph Malygin. Shepherd Joseph gave the message on John 14. Shepherd Joseph is a bright and able young man. But he has suffered from his father's death when he was just two, and his mother's overwhelming expectation of him

since then. When he first gave the message, even though he spoke about Jesus' clear promise of the kingdom of God and his teaching that he is the way and the truth and the life for all men, his message emphasized clever explanations of what "the way" is over God's comfort and peace for those who choose to follow Jesus wholeheartedly. In particular, we discussed the statement he made about how Thomas' complaint to Jesus was the result of his sincere character. Joseph confessed that he sympathized with Thomas-like people who complain because of their unbelief. He also acknowledged that such complaints were generally a cover-up for sinful desires, rather than sincere expressions of inability. I encouraged him not to sympathize with doubters, but rather listen to Jesus' clear promise to him, "Joseph, Joseph, Joseph, do not let your heart be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me." He later confessed to one of the missionaries that he discovered his problem was a failure to trust wholeheartedly in the word of God. Although he has many reasons to doubt, including a broken family and an uncertain job situation, he chose to believe in Jesus' promise, and gave a beautiful and comforting message, full of God's peace, grace and hope.

Shepherd Fyodor Tomilov. Shepherd Fyodor gave the closing message on Jesus' world mission command. Fyodor is really a beautiful young man, earnest, sincere and faithful. He is a man of influence who brought his sister to Bible study and married a powerful and able woman, Tanya. I prayed for him that he might obey the world mission command until his wife

respects him absolutely in everything.

At this conference, I remembered how Sh. Samuel A. Lee told us at Dr. Lee's homecoming ceremony that Dr. Lee never stopped remembering how God gave us his one and only Son to give those who believe in him eternal life. So I remembered God's precious grace and gift throughout this conference, giving thanks from my heart. What an amazing grace that saves Russians and Americans alike! I thanked God also for God's servant Missionary Stephan Kim, who serves God's work so humbly. I only must learn from him humble coworking, faithfulness, sacrificial life, prayer, etc., but he said that he wanted to learn from me! When I think of how he served Russian mission from the beginning, not being able to see his own son for several years, of eating one potato a day in order to serve MIPT students, I am so thankful for our friendship and coworking in Jesus. I believe that every missionary in Moscow has the same confession. They are praying to purchase a new center soon. They found one that might be suitable. But I pray that God might help Russian UBF to preserve the character of Jesus' manger in their ministry to the end, and make Russia a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

May God uphold Mother Barry, Dr. Mark Yoon and Pastor Ron Ward as they serve and pray for World Mission and God's hope for America to be a shepherd nation for the world.

One word: God loved us, so we must love him and his sheep.



Shepherd Alexander Zakharov



Shepherd Joseph Malygin



Shepherd Sergey Hikitin



Shepherdess Lena Park



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A MOTHER OF PRAYER IN MOSCOW

Shepherdess Lena Park
Moscow UBF

"Love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



I. God's grace to me in 2001

During last Christmas, God gave me the words: "God with us". When I look at my life in 2001, I understood that God was with me faithfully. I thank God for his grace and mercy for me. At the beginning of 2001, God gave me the key verse 1Th 5:17: "Pray continually", and led me according to this verse during the whole year. In January 2001, I felt very sick and tired. I thought that it was because of my small children, difficulties with my sheep and my "house arrest" (since we lost our center I felt like being under "house arrest"). God showed me that my sickness was because of my weak relationship with God. Due to my will power I often didn't need prayer and I liked to

talk to people more than to God. Through different trainings God taught me to pray.

First, God taught me to pray through difficulties with my "old" sheep. God gave me many sheep who like to study the Bible one-to-one, but don't want to serve God. When I wanted to invite my sheep to the Winter Bible Conference, nobody wanted to participate in it. When I became desperate, I decided that my morning prayer could be my five loaves and two fish. Once during prayer God helped me to remember my prodigal sheep Maria. I wanted to invite her, but forgot to do it. After some weeks God reminded me of Maria, and I repented and phoned her. I was surprised that she waited for my call and wanted to participate in our Conference. During the Conference, the Word of God worked in her heart strongly that she repented, separated from her boyfriend and decided to study the Bible again and take part in the Sunday Worship Service. This event taught me that not me, but God is the First Person in his salvation history. God wants me to become His faithful prayerful coworker. Also, when I lost hope in one of my sheep, Lena Vorobeva, who studied Bible for two years but couldn't participate in Sunday Worship Service because of prohibition by her mother and the long journey, in prayer God gave me a shepherd heart toward her. When I challenged difficulties

with faith, God helped Lena decide to fight with faith and participate in Sunday Worship Service. But there was a special training through my sheep Shep. Oxana Zakharova. Four years ago God established her house church with Shep. Sasha and gave them a wonderful child by miracle, but Shep. Oxana forgot God's mercy and became proud and thankless. For the last two years her spiritual eyes were closed and she often complained about God and her husband. Through her spiritual problem God revealed my pride before him. In my heart I was sure that the spiritual growth of Shep. Oxana was my merit as a good Bible teacher with good Russian. However, for two years my word was powerless, until I began to pray for her wholeheartedly. Praise God who heard the prayer of many of God's servants and mine, and opened the spiritual eyes of Shep. Oxana through the ISU Bible Conference. God gave their house church 12 sheep from MIPT.

Second, God gave me new vision in my life through three Bible Conferences. In May, God sent me to Kiev for participation in the Ukraine Spring Bible Conference where he gave me one word from Habakkuk 2:4b: "but the righteous will live by his faith". When I meditated on Habakkuk's prayer and looked at the faith of Dr. Peter Kim and many Ukrainian shepherds who

have great vision in their lives in Ukraine, I repented that for last few years I lost great vision in my life. Because of it my relationship with God was poor. God reminded me that earlier I had great vision to become like Apostle Paul. I was praying for 12 disciples, but I doubted that I could make even one. I decided to keep the prayer topic for training up 12 disciples through our house church. After that, God gave me the privilege to take part in the ISU Bible Conference. Each of God's words moved my heart. I understood that I am chosen as a part of his remnant. Before the Moscow Bible Conference I was eager to please God. Through preparation of the message by John 12:1-8, I deeply meditated what my expensive perfume is. I prayed for my sheep, invited many sheep to Conference and prepared Sister Lena Charygina to write her life testimony. I hoped my sheep would meet Jesus deeply and decide to serve him sincerely. God sent four of my sheep to Conference, but all of them were bored with the messages and left the Conference ahead of schedule.

Third, in prayer God gave me new direction for my life. I felt defeated, but when I came to God in prayer, he encouraged me and gave me the new direction to preach the Gospel for new students in our vineyard, the Moscow Economic Statistic Institute. Our fellowship began to preach the Gospel there seven years ago, and God sent us some sheep. But we couldn't make even one disciple in this institute. Two years ago, after the departure to Korea of our coworkers, Missionaries Caleb and Elise Kang, I lost the power to preach the Gospel to new

students. I fished only before each Bible Conference. Because of this, there aren't many students in our fellowship. Through difficulties with my "old" sheep, I realized that God wants me to preach the Gospel constantly. God gave me the prayer topic for MESI to be a holy nation and for an Abraham and Sarah of faith in MESI. God returned to us the best coworkers, Missionaries Elise and Caleb Kang, who have great missionary spirit. For two months we couldn't invite anyone who was interested in the Bible. When we continued to pray and fish, God gave us one sheep Nastya, who began to study the Bible with joy, and some other sheep. At that time, Sister Lena Charygina repented and began to pray that Jesus would become her King. Thank God for the work of salvation in Russia. Thank God for his wonderful mercy which changed me from a proud useless sinner into God's servant. Thank God for opening me to the world of prayer. Praise God who "has come" to me.

II. The Russian's Discipleship Conference

The Moscow Winter Bible Conference was held February 8-10, 2002. It was a spiritual feast, where many people repented before God. Thank God for His wonderful salvation work in the CIS. God sent us delegations from Minsk (8), Saint Petersburg (10), Astana (1), Almaty (1), Volgograd (1), Korea (2) and USA (1). Thank God for sending Dr. James Rabchuk. Due to his visit we felt the love and prayer support of American shepherds. We are grateful for the warm, sincere prayer for the CIS and Moscow. I want to share God's mercy through our Conference.

God gave us the best key verse Deut. 6:5. God sent us 166 attendants. On the first day, Shepherd Ivan Klimov delivered the opening address on 1Pet. 1:8. After him, Missionary Peter Kim delivered a message on Deut. 6:5. He repented with tears that he loved his pride and himself more than God. Although he went as missionary to Russia, he has many enemies around himself. God gave him many sheep, but he became proud and interested only in human recognition. When many good sheep left him, he couldn't repent. When he began to prepare this message, he thought that he proudly could testify about his great work and love to God. But, when he faced the word of God, he realized himself as proud sinner. Praise God for the repentance of this one person! I received so much mercy through his message. Afterwards, four shepherds from Moscow: Sasha Khvostov, Jenya Balakin, Olya Tomilova and Tanya Tomilova shared their life-testimonies. I saw how God is growing our disciples and thanked God.

On the second day, Shepherd Artyom Datsenko delivered the morning devotion, "Jesus calls Levi". After breakfast and group Bible study, Shepherd Sasha Zakharov delivered the main message, "The truth will set you free" (John 8). Through this word God helped me to realize my true condition. I often don't feel freedom. I thought my children take away my freedom to serve God. When I was meditating about my life, I understood that I hold to my selfish ambitions. But through Jesus' teaching, I repented and decided to deny my ego and to hold to Jesus' teaching. In the evening, Shepherd Jenya



David And Lena Park's Family

Pogorelov delivered the message, "The gospel must first be preached to all nations" (Mark 13:10). Then we had World Mission Night. Eight shepherds shared their merciful life-testimonies: Sister Sasha (St. Petersburg UBF), Brother Denis (Minsk UBF), Sister Cristina, Brothers Sergei, Andrey, Darik and Dima (Moscow), and Brother Stas (Almaty). Brothers Darik and Dima are new precious sheep-students from Moscow State University (MSU). For such a long time, we didn't have new sheep from MSU. Afterwards, I read the report "Gospel Spirit and the World Mission Vision of our UBF Forefathers". My heart was moved by their love of the word of God. I realized that I didn't love the word of God like them. I couldn't remember when I read the entire Bible. I repented and decided to read five chapters every day and hold onto God's word. In conclusion, we had the World Mission Festival. Our shepherds prepared national songs from Cuba, Vietnam, China and North

Korea. Missionary Stephen Kim gave us 2 clear prayer topics: To send the first Russian missionaries to Cuba within two years and to establish 12 mothers of prayer in Moscow.

On the third day, Shep. Sergey Nikitin delivered the morning devotion, "Jesus calls Paul" (Acts 9). He was very joyful because that night his wife, Shep. Yulya Nikitin, gave birth to his first son David. God is training their house church through Sergey's illness, epilepsy, which began in his student days. They



pray for the health of their son. Then we had the Sunday Worship Service. Shep. Joseph Malygin delivered the message, "Jesus is the way and the truth and the life" (John 14). After that, Shep. Mark Yang carried out the ceremony of Baptism and the Eucharist. Ten sheep from different centers were baptized. In conclusion, Shep. Fyodor Tomilov delivered the final address, "You will be my witnesses" (Acts 1:8).

I thank God for his mercy for me through this conference. God trained me through my rebellious sheep. They didn't want to participate in the conference. I despaired, but God helped me to pray and not give up. When I prayed every day in the early morning, God trained my sheep by "interesting" events so that they went to the Conference and received the word of God. I felt that although I am weak, with God I have victory. Praise God! Now I want to keep two of my decisions of faith: to read 5 chapters from the Bible every day and to pray every morning. I pray that God will establish me as a mother of prayer for Russia and a good Bible teacher for Russian students. May God make Russia and America holy nations and kingdom of priests.

NEW HOPE AND VISION IN IRKUTSK

Missionary Moses Chung
Irkutsk UBF Director

establish God's house church. Through his good influence, Brother Gosha is attending our Sunday Worship Service and is faithfully studying the Bible one-to-one.

Missionary Andrei and Ela Han's family does not yet have a child even though they have been married for three years. They are going to Korea this March to see about an infertility clinic. May God grant this family a child. Right now, Shepherdess Ela is supporting the family through her job at a bank. Missionary Andrei is praying to find a way to support his family.

Missionary Moses and Sarah Chung's first daughter, Sarah, was born with cerebral palsy. They love her very much, but it is difficult for them to care for her. God comforted Missionary Moses Chung's family by granting them a son, Daniel, a normal, healthy boy, three years after they had Sarah. Missionary Moses Chung reached his human limitations and even thought about packing up and going back to Korea. It was increasingly hard for him to endure suffering in the cold wilderness of Siberia. Siberia is not an easy place to survive. It seems that the hearts of the people of Siberia are as cold and hard as the land. They are so hard that there is no room for Jesus and his gospel. It is very difficult to find a way to support the family. On the top of these problems, little Sarah demands 24 hour, round the clock care.

Missionary Moses even began to doubt God's love; he reached his human limits. Their suffering seemed too much, so they were almost ready to leave the mission field and return to Korea. However, God did not leave them alone. God was with them. God invited Missionary Moses Chung to the CIS National Directors' Conference, 2002. There, he was greatly encouraged. God renewed his vision, and he could accept God's sovereignty. God spoke to him through Ezekiel 37:3, "He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?'" Missionary Moses Chung realized that he was like the dry bones described in Ezekiel. He was knocked out and almost lost his vision as a missionary in that impossible mission field. God gave him God's hope and vision newly. His love relationship with God was restored and God restored Missionary Moses' deep love for the people of Siberia. He wants to serve God's lost flock of sheep with new faith and a new hope.

Thank God for showing his mercy to the land of Siberia and using weak servants like them for his work in Siberia. May God give them a broken shepherd heart for the Siberian people and feed them the life-giving word of God through one-to-one Bible study in this year, 2002. May God bless their Luke's gospel study abundantly and may there be a great of work of God among the students.



Missionary Moses Chung's family and Missionary Andrei Han's family have been serving the work of God in Irkutsk, Siberia, since 1992. Missionary Andrei Han established a house church with Shepherdess Ela, the first Siberian shepherdess. We (Moses Chung's family) are using a small apartment as a center and Shepherd Sasha, who has been growing in his faith for the last five years, shares the common life with us. Shepherd Sasha is studying for a Ph.D. at Irkutsk National University. He also leads the Thursday group Bible study meeting. He is growing as a disciple of Jesus among us. May God grant him a right person to

LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD



Praise God who blessed the Moscow Discipleship conference abundantly. Praise God who blessed the CIS Directors' conference abundantly. I pray that the work of God in Russia may continue through us. Thank God for the prayers of Missionary Sarah Barry, Dr. John Jun and other servants of God.

Thank God for Missionary Stephen Kim, Moscow missionaries and shepherds who have prepared for this conference. I pray that God may continue to bless Moscow UBF abundantly and use them not only for the pioneering of Russia, but also for the whole world. May God use Moscow to send out missionaries to Cuba, China and North Korea. May God grant M. Stephen Kim faith and the word of God.

1. Conference preparation

Before the Discipleship conference we had set the direction to help the growing

sheep to put down deeper roots in the love of God more than anything else. Instead of pushing or pulling our sheep, we wanted them to meet God very personally. We prayed God may raise them with the word of God so that they may do the work of God by God's grace. Before the conference, all we could do was to prepare our hearts with much prayer to receive the word of God and to accept God's love and grace. The reason was that no matter how much we have the word of God and are full of God's grace and love, it would be useless if we do not have spiritual eyes to see it.

For this we have prayed sincerely every morning. We also prayed to humble our hearts before God. Through prayer God has revealed our sin problem and helped us to realize how terrible sinners we were. Shepherdess Sasha testified how much she had suffered because of her sin of flesh desire. She testified about her struggle that without Jesus' precious blood, she could not have been freed from the chains of sin. Brother Abraham Constantine testified that only Jesus' precious blood could gradually heal his human pride and rough angry-lion-like character. Sister Jenia confessed that she had lived a sickly double life as an orphan and sincerely witnessed that all human beings needed the love of God. Through three shepherds' sincere struggle before the conference our hearts

Missionary Caleb Han
St. Petersburg UBF Director

were ready for the conference to receive the word of God. Our prayer for the conference became sincere all the more.

We have prayed for the conference program mainly to witness the grace of our Lord Jesus rather than doing some special things. For this purpose Shepherd Sasha prepared his life testimony and we also prepared sing-spiration to praise God. All our sheep accepted this direction from their hearts and prepared it wholeheartedly. God accepted all of these and blessed the conference abundantly and he revealed his glory.

2. Discipleship Conference

From Feb. 8th to 10th we had a gracious Discipleship conference. In order to support the conference, Shep. Mark Yang and Shep. Do-Young Choi from Korea came, and Dr. Jim Rabchuk from America came.

Many growing sheep in Moscow confessed that they had been healed from their Samaritan woman/man's sinful life of flesh desire in Jesus. In the course of seeking human love, they had experienced a great deal of pain with ruined bodies and souls. Some of them tried to commit suicide when they were not satisfied in seeking human love. As I listened their testimonies, I was moved by the grace of God who sent his one and only Son to save miserable sinners like us

and I cried with many tears. As I look at their beautiful lives in the grace of God and the precious blood of Jesus, I looked back at my own sinful past life and praised God again and again. I praise Jesus again and again.

Through Shep. Alexander Zahkarov's message on John 8, "The Truth Will Set You Free," St. Petersburg members received much grace, because the key verse of St. Petersburg center this year was John 15:4, "Remain in me". Through this we deeply realized all the more how important it was to dwell in the word of Jesus. Based on this word, we wrote testimonies and shared together. We shouted "Dwell in the word of Jesus!", "Be a great disciple of Jesus!" and prayed together.

Until now Brother Abraham Constantine had a confusion between spiritual love and human love. He thought that when he loves others spiritually, all human love would disappear and he could not love others humanly anymore. But through this passage, he realized that he can have unchanging love in the truth of Jesus. He began to have spiritual desire to be freed from human love and to learn Jesus' spiritual love. Shepherdess Sasha confessed that she clearly came to know why she should preach the gospel to the students. She said she wanted to feed one sheep more positively. It was not easy for me to plant this mission in the students but God himself worked in their hearts through the word of God. That is another of my thanksgiving to God.

In the evening, 6 Moscow shepherds, Shepherdess Sasha from St. Petersburg, and 1

shepherd from Minsk shared their life testimonies. We received much grace because their faith was more mature and they were clear about the saving grace of Jesus. Shepherdess Sasha from St. Petersburg was sexually abused when she was a little girl. Since then she has taken her purity of her own body and mind lightly and lived like the Samaritan woman. She testified that by the grace of Jesus' precious blood she was saved from her sins and became a heavenly princess. She also testified to the great grace of God who blessed her to be a source of blessing and a mother of faith for St. Petersburg and Russia. Through her changed life she gave good influence to her friend, Natasha (Moscow Univ. Law school, freshman) and helped her to meet Jesus personally. Every Saturday she comes from Moscow to St. Petersburg to serve Sunday worship service and to learn Jesus. It was really a miracle that she overcame her material problem and has been coming to St. Petersburg every week without even missing once to serve Sunday worship service. Thank God for doing his own miraculous work among us. We cannot do it but the word of God can do the miraculous work. The precious blood of Jesus can do the miraculous work.

After the Sunday message, we had a baptism and communion ceremony. Six people from Moscow and four people from St. Petersburg received baptism. The ceremony was carried out in a holy manner and at the same time it was a decision for them to live as disciples of Jesus. For the past 11 years, I sincerely have prayed that I may offer one sheep to

God. But I could not do it. In deep despair I wanted to resign from my shepherd position many times. But many senior shepherds and the word of God encouraged me to be a remnant of God. The year of 2000 became a turning point, when Dr. Peter Chang from Bonn and Missionary Kaleb Hong from Heidelberg loved me and helped me to begin a new discipleship ministry by faith. God has done his gracious work among the students' heart in St. Petersburg. God has raised them in the word of God and now enabled them to receive baptism. And God helped me to make a decision of faith to serve God's sheep as good shepherd for the rest of my life. When Dr. Mark Yoon, who came to attend the CIS Director's meeting heard this, he said a miracle happened to me. Praise God who has done a miracle! I believe this kind of miracle happens to all who believe in God and follow him to the end. Through this conference, I deeply learned to love God is a great blessing. In the past whenever I had a hard time, I often had a doubt in my heart, "Why do I have to love God?". But through this conference I tasted the spiritual joy and came to love the Lord my God only from the depth of my heart. I pray that I may love the Lord my God only with all my heart, soul and strength.

3. Director's Conference

The CIS Director's conference started on February 11th, the day following the conference. In order to serve this conference, Dr. Mark Yoon from Chicago came. We have been greatly encouraged through his attendance. In the past, only Korean shepherds came to

serve the Directors' conferences. But due to their lack of understanding of the practical matters in the mission field we often felt at a loss. Sometimes after the conference we felt our hearts empty without the grace of God and the division became deeper. But this time Dr. Mark Yoon's coming to the conference was a great source of joy.

The main message of the conference was "From dry bones to a vast army" from Ezekiel 37. The word of God, "From dry bones to a vast army" deeply touched the hearts of the CIS directors because we found ourselves who became dry bones during the last 10 years. Through the Bible study we could see a vision for ourselves and for Russian souls standing up from dry bones to a vast army. Our souls were filled with great vision and hope of God. Through this passage, I realized that the CIS directors have already become well-disciplined soldiers of Christ in God. I also realized that God's discipline is absolutely necessary for us.

Through testimony writing and sharing all the missionaries received much grace. Above all, during Missionary Moses Chung's testimony from Irkutsk, we all cried together and shared God's great grace. Up until now Missionary Moses has had much hardship; Siberia's flesh-slicing bitter cold and long winter, a sheep-turned-robber, and suffering from his daughters' cerebral palsy. It was not easy for him to see these hardships from God's point of view with thanksgiving and to carry out God's mission faithfully. He gradually made up his mind to leave the mission field, Siberia. Through Bible study, however, he found himself who became

like dog-tired dry bones and wept loudly. And he renewed his hope and the vision of God to see dry bones standing up to an army again. Along with his resurrected new hope, we all received the same hope of God. Shepherd Mark Yang, the messenger and Dr. Mark Yoon, the prayer servant, also received much grace and guided us to offer a thanksgiving prayer.

After the testimony, we all prayed together. We prayed for Russia, that she may have a new flesh and breath of God to become a vast army. We prayed for Missionary Sarah Barry, Dr. John Jun and the Russian Summer Conference. We prayed for Russia to be a missionary sending nation.

Thank God for giving me a personal fellowship with Dr. Mark Yoon. I received much grace from him because he did not try to cover up or bypass the problems but tried to understand our sufferings. When we were in the same group Bible study, I learned that he underwent the same trials like us and I could easily agree with him. So when he talked about the problem of God's test, we all agreed with him. I personally shared with him about the prayer topics of St. Petersburg. We talked about the purchase of the center and self-supporting ministry. He earnestly listened to these prayer topics and prayed for us sincerely. When I saw his willing heart to be of help somehow, I received much grace. Praise God who sent him to comfort us.

On the last day of the conference, we watched the videotape of Dr. Samuel Lee's homecoming ceremony, sent by Missionary Grace Lee. We were tearful with the great sorrow of

losing the precious servant of God. Women missionaries used much tissues to wipe out their tears. But we have been comforted by God who has used him precious and called him to the eternal kingdom of God. We also made a decision to follow his spiritual legacy and to serve world mission to the point of death until we go to the kingdom of God. Praise God who has used him precious for world mission and for the expansion of the kingdom of God for the last 40 years. We pray that we may inherit his precious spiritual legacy and carry out world mission more forcefully. Above all, I pray that I may devote myself more to one to one Bible study and grow as an excellent Bible teacher to help one sheep deeply with the word of God.

Above all, I pray that God may give Missionary Grace A. Lee heavenly comfort and eternal blessing. I pray that God may grant Missionary Sarah Barry good health and be full of the Holy Spirit so that we may carry out the world mission work. Again, I give glory to God who blessed the Russian Discipleship conference and CIS Director's conference.

My prayer topics:

1. Purchasing a center and Permanent Residency
2. Exodus, John's gospel and Romans Bible study
3. Independent Summer Conference at the end of May
4. Be self-supporting
5. 12 disciples.

A Good Soldier of Christ Jesus

Dr. David Lee
Yekaterinburg UBF Director



First, my personal struggle. In 2001, God granted me 2 Timothy 2:3,4 as my key verse. I made a decision to long for discipline and to welcome suffering, as well as to train disciples of Jesus, so that I might be a good soldier of Christ Jesus in this generation in which people don't like discipline and training. So I struggled to wake up early in the morning and be a servant of God's word, holding onto my key verse. Preparing the Sunday messages each week was bone-crushing. But I struggled and prayed to feed God's flock with fresh John's Gospel messages. Each time, the Holy Spirit opened my spiritual eyes and helped me to serve the word of God powerfully. I learned that digging out God's word means helping myself to receive the living word of God each week. When I longed to suffer as a good soldier of Christ Jesus, God blessed me to suffer in order to serve the word of God this year. God also gave me courage and the wisdom of faith to raise up disciples of Jesus. I learned that

raising disciples doesn't come naturally; it is really a spiritual battle with Satan which requires a shepherd's earnest prayer. God helped me to go through this suffering in order to raise disciples of Jesus. God helped me to train growing shepherds one by one and help them to be willing to receive training. In this way, God blessed me last year to raise up many fresh new student shepherds, more than in any other year. But I repent that I was still lazy and unfaithful, even though I tried to suffer much as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. I can only depend on the

precious blood of Jesus. I thank God that he helped me to be strong in his grace and to live as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.

Second, conference ministry. We had a Disciples' conference right after the new year Missionary conference in early February, based on our new year key verse. The conference place was two hours away from our UBF center. Three shepherds, four growing shepherds and four missionaries attended. The building was so cold because the steam system was too old. But God worked



Yekaterinburg Shepherds Perform Their Christmas Drama

mightily. Especially, we gained faith and vision through Jesus' command to make disciples of all nations (Mt 28—S. Abraham Vitaly). We realized that we can make disciples of Jesus of all nations when we depend on Jesus, who has all authority in heaven and on earth. Through this conference several shepherds learned faith and the growing shepherds accepted personal calling from God to be Bible teachers. Before, Brother Zhenya didn't want to study the Bible even though he came to Sunday worship services. But he was restored to 1:1 Bible study and accepted the word of God through our faith. At the conference he received the grace of God by obeying and sharing his testimony. His change greatly comforted us. Through this conference we

could see the work of the Holy Spirit that enabled three disciples to accept personal calling from God. After the conference we made a Wednesday leaders' testimony sharing meeting, through which six shepherd candidates could receive God's word and grow. Through this, we gained faith in God that we could give our hearts to 1:1 ministry all the more. Our missionaries (4) were painful due to the attack of Satan in Korea. We could not but despair. But God comforted us through the word of God and through our growing shepherds. We could have faith and vision to preach the gospel to the whole world through Russia.

As summer was approaching, we prayed earnestly for our own summer conference and for the

ISU International Conference. We set 25 as our attendance goal and held our summer conference in the middle of July. Especially, Missionary Dr. Joseph Chung from Chicago and Missionary Stephan Kim from Moscow attended the conference and were a great source of strength and comfort to us. As we prayed, exactly 25 sheep attended. We could see that God is with us. Most of all, this conference was full of the work of the word of God. We could see Jesus well from different points of view—Jesus who taught the truth about being born again to Nicodemus; Jesus who forgave one adulterous woman; Jesus who died and rose again; Jesus who restored his love relationship with his disciples on the seashore after his resurrection. All the

attendants received much grace. Among them, Brother Sergey (EE1) repented his sins through this conference and met Jesus, even though he studied the Bible only once and attended the conference. He confessed that he could see the great light of Jesus through this conference.

We finished our own conference and prepared for the ISU conference through prayer. I prepared an evening message with a fearful and trembling heart. I was so much afraid of delivering the message, but while I was preparing the message God inspired me with vision and faith to make Russia a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. My coworker Missionary Rebekah also attended the conference and received deep spiritual rest and comfort. Personally, I repented of my laziness when I saw Dr. Samuel Lee and Chicago missionaries' fighting spirit. I prayed that I might repent of my laziness and fight to have 12 1:1 Bible studies each week. Even though my weekly 1:1 ministry is still under 12, I pray that I may grow as a shepherd who has 12 1:1 Bible studies each week.

Third, discipleship ministry. During the last several years God has raised up many shepherds among us. But among them, four shepherds and even one missionary family left our ministry. This caused us much pain and despair. However, through it God helped me to repent. God changed me from a lazy, proud shepherd to an early morning prayer warrior and his servant who digs out the word of God with all my heart. When I newly prayed in the early morning and accepted the word of God, we could experience the great work of God. Proud Brother Zhenya (Electronics 3) knelt down before the word of God. His inner man was changed through 1:1 Bible studies, testimony meetings and worship services. He was born

again as an obedient shepherd. At the Moscow summer conference he shared a representative testimony and gave much grace to others. Now he has become an influential shepherd with the gift of digging out the word of God. He is praying to serve one sheep to the end, even through visiting him in the middle of night. Brother Yevgeny (Engineering 5) also could grow a lot by struggling to hold on to God's grace which saved him from his fatherless family and lustful desire. He is serving God and God's flock after getting a proper job after graduation. We pray that he may establish a house church one day. Sister Larisa (Chemistry engineering 4) deeply experienced the grace of Jesus which saved her from emptiness and sorrow. She is serving fishing ministry diligently as a shepherdess as well as being number one in her school studies. Brother Sergey (Electronics 2) is holding on to the grace of Jesus who is the light of salvation, writing testimonies and serving campus fishing ministry with S. Abraham. We thank God who answered our small prayer and raised up four new, faithful shepherds. Three shepherds also could grow a lot in the word of God. S. Abraham Vitaly served brother Sergey while he was a lecturer at Ural University. S. Oksana received grace to be a representative testimony sharer at the ISU Conference. Now she is in a two-year Ph.D. program. We are praying for her to establish a house church in the future. S. Tanya, the mother of two children, worked one semester as a lecturer at Ural University in order to refresh her campus spirit. We thank God who raised up four new, faithful disciples of Jesus this year.

Fourth, mission coworkers. Missionary Andrew and Grace Mann's family is serving the work

of God humbly and faithfully to the end. May God repay their many sufferings and labor 100 times. Missionary Andrew Mann's student visa expired. When we prayed about it, God extended his visa one more year as a business visa. We pray that God may bless him to receive a permanent visa this year by any means. My family received a green card, and we are praying to have a proper business direction in order to stay here permanently. We pray for Missionary Andrew Mann's family to find a specific business direction and to challenge beginning it this year. In November S. Anna Song from the new Pusan fellowship came as a missionary to this mission field; her coming gave us joy.

Fifth, our new year key verse. We held on to 1 Peter 2:9 as our new year key verse. We thank God who forgave us through the blood of Jesus and used us as holy priests, missionaries who are serving the living God in holiness and righteousness. We thank God who used our prayer, 1:1 Bible studies and his word and worked greatly to help many Russian students come out of darkness into the wonderful light of Jesus, out of the kingdom of Satan and into the kingdom of God. I believe God wants us to be a more powerful and compassionate kingdom of priests and missionaries in this new year. We earnestly pray that God may work even more greatly to lead many Russian students who are under the power of Satan and sin into the wonderful light of Jesus. We pray for 40 Sunday worship attendants and 50 1:1 Bible studies per week this year. I pray that God may pour his Spirit, his word and prayer spirit upon this sinner so that I may grow as a spiritual father who can love Russian people. I earnestly pray that I may imitate Jesus who has a deep and broad inner man like a king.



Disciples Of Jesus Are Growing In Yekaterinburg

A Servant of Christ in Astana



First, the work of the gospel. Following the direction to hold a Summer Bible Conference for four days in early July, we worked hard to invite students. Although Satan hindered us in many ways during the preparations, we missionaries gathered together to pray every day and prepared the Summer Bible Conference wholeheartedly. Especially Missionary Stephen Kim and Shepherd Andrei from Moscow delivered messages at the conference, and Shepherd Joshua Lee from Korea came to baptize and delivered a lecture about the history of Christianity. God encouraged and strengthened our missionaries through their serving. Most of all, God worked mightily in the hearts of the sheep through the message of the cross. Through the message of the cross, the sheep whose consciences had been stricken by the word of God but did not want to repent turned to God in repentance. And it was a great work of God that 12 sheep were baptized. After being baptized with water and with the Holy Spirit, all girl sheep were overjoyed and changed into beautiful heavenly princesses. Through the Summer Bible

Conference I decided to raise disciples with Guljan, Olga, Janaare, and Ligard among sisters and Sasha among brothers.

However, after two months of summer vacation, the girl sheep came back from their homes and completely forgot God's grace of salvation. They rebelled against their shepherds and tried to lead the church to their own ways. They demanded that their shepherds understand their sin problems of lust and alcoholism, and love and serve them anyway. Whenever the shepherds tried to help them repent through writing testimonies, they closed their minds. Then they made a group and mocked us, saying that they would run away and that we should chase them. Seeing that the sheep made a group and

Missionary David Byun
Astana, Kazakhstan UBF Director

rebelled against the Holy Spirit, the hearts of our missionaries were hurt. In this situation, the Holy Spirit could not work and the new sheep we invited were also influenced by them very quickly. Confronting the hindrance of Satan, missionaries and shepherdesses—Marina and Maira—fought against it. Through this, Shepherdess Maira found her own humanism in the rebellious sheep and repented with tears. Through this event, God helped Shepherdess Maira repent of her humanism thoroughly and be born again as a spiritual woman. The change of one person, Shepherdess Maira, has great meaning. It is because the root problems of Kazakhstan students are spiritual paralysis and humanism. But God loves the people of Kazakhstan. He wants Shepherdess Maira to be



Twelve Mothers Of Prayer In Astana

changed into a spiritual servant and led her this way. Experiencing the rebelliousness of the sheep, Shepherdess Maira could see the weakest point of the sheep of Kazakhstan. Since then she has fought her own spiritual paralysis and humanism in obedience to the word of God and has grown as a true coworker to missionaries. Also God trained Shepherdess Marina through the direction to be a missionary and to establish a house-church. After receiving the direction from Dr. Samuel Lee that it would be good for her to go to America as a missionary, I decided to train her for four months. In order to prepare her heart, I told her that she would go to a more difficult and underdeveloped country than Kazakhstan as a missionary, not telling her that she would go to America. After accepting the direction to be a missionary, she gave up her graduate school studies, which she had entered with much effort. But the marriage was canceled because there was a problem with the American shepherd who was supposed to marry her. Through this, her pride as a Russian woman was crushed instantly. However, God used this event to raise Shepherdess Marina as a mature servant of God.

Right before our Christmas Conference, the sheep who had brought about many problems did not repent but finally left the ministry. Like being scratched by a cat, the hearts of missionaries and two shepherdesses were hurt deeply. But through the winter conference, a new spiritual environment was established. Since the number of brothers was more than that of sisters, among 18 students who attended the winter conference, we could have vision to raise brother disciples. Looking back at last year, I could see that God stood Shepherdesses Marina and Maira firmly and raised them



A Source Of Encouragement, Shepherdess Marina

as useful coworkers through many events. Though sheep left in rebellion, God left Sister Guljan as a remnant and grew her spiritually using the house-church of Missionary Francis and Susanna, who took care of her sacrificially. Also God helped Sister Lajat and Brother Lustam to keep their faith and learn of Jesus faithfully. Lastly, God sent us Sisters Shasha, two Guralrai's, Jaurae, Ashem, Juana, and Majina as new sheep and we are praying for them. We are also praying for Sisters Olga and Jainar to repent and come back in God's time.

Second, financial independence. We could not support two families and the center through our accessories business. So last June, we opened an Internet Café, a computer room equipped with the Internet and I.P. international phone service. But one month later, a government company opened a bigger Internet Café on the second floor of the same building, and we suffered a lot because we lost income.

Furthermore, Korean shepherds blamed us, saying "How can missionaries open an evil PC Café?" They said this due to their fixed idea of PC Cafés in Korea, not knowing the situation of this country where people are using the Internet only for good purposes. We were discouraged due to the hardship and blame, though we started this business with the confidence that God gave us this idea after much prayer to solve our financial problem in the mission field. But God used this event to help all our missionaries to pray together for financial independence. Then, the government company moved their Internet Café in late October. After that, God provided us necessary materials steadily through our accessories business and Internet Café and helped us to be financially independent. Thank God.

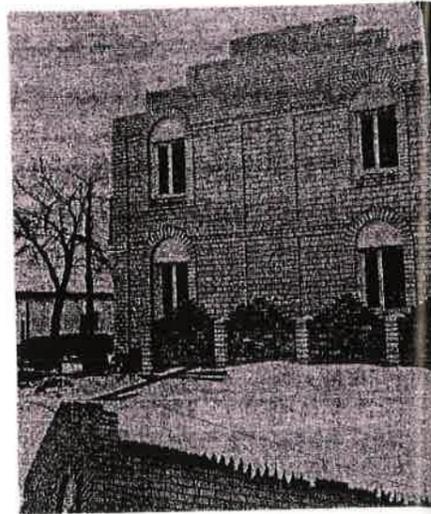
Third, registration of the church. Since Kazakhstan is basically a Muslim country, a church must be officially registered. But as time

passed by, it became harder for the church to be registered because governmental policy oppressed Christianity. We had tried hard to register UBF as a church for one year but failed. Thus we were alarmed whenever someone rang the bell or knocked on the door during our worship services or meetings, thinking it was the religious police. Especially while preparing for the summer conference, we were even more agitated and afraid to be deported and earnestly prayed to God with one mind. Then amazingly, God enabled us to register the church three days before the summer conference. Thank God. But a while ago they made a new religious law and now all registered churches must go through a more strict investigation and get registered all over again. I pray that God may enable us to register UBF as a church again easily.

Fourth, personal grace from God. Looking back at the last one year, I could see that God knew my problem exactly and trained me to be molded into a useful servant. As the youngest in my family, I am inclined to depend on others and live before people to be recognized. Whenever any problems occurred, I calculated humanly and was occupied with the problems. Thus I looked like a businessman or manager rather than a shepherd. Perceiving my inner problem, I picked as my last year's key verse Galatians 1:10, "Am I now trying to win the approval of men, or of God? Or am I trying to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a servant of Christ." Then God enabled me to gradually depend on God and live before God through many hardships and suffering in the pioneering ministry. Last May, suddenly I had swollen lymph nodes and a fever of 40°C (104°F). I was taken

to the hospital in an ambulance and the doctor said it seemed to be lymphoma. I said to my coworker, "Honey! I am sorry. Even if I go first, don't be sad but live well with little David." Then my coworker comforted me and planted faith in me, saying with half fear and half faith, "Honey, a man of God never dies unless he finishes God's mission." Through the prayer support of shepherds and missionaries and the sacrificial care of my coworker, I recovered. Through this I came to realize that ultimately the one-to-one relationship between God and me is most important when I go back to God. And in this way, I repented that I only lived before men and I resolved to live before God.

A while ago, God broke my human willpower through my visa problem. When a Chechnyan female lawyer cheated us, we four missionaries had to hide in the country without visas for one month. Every night I dreamed that the police chased me and I fell off a cliff, so I couldn't sleep well. Through one police officer whom I know well, I reported to the police how the lawyer had cheated us. Then the sister of the lawyer threatened us over the phone, saying "We are Chechnyans. We know you are going to live here and have children. Aren't you afraid of our revenge?" Because I had never had this kind of experience in my life, I began to wonder why this was happening to me. In this difficult situation, I was helpless and gave up my willpower and human effort. Thank God who broke my strong human character and molded me into a spiritual servant through many trainings. I picked as my new year's key verse Psalm 1:1-2, "Blessed is the man ... his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." I pray



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that through holding onto these verses I may not be occupied with problems but find direction in the word of God so that I may grow as a faithful servant of God's word this year.

I came to learn that Muslim ministry cannot be accomplished with human zeal like a short-distance sprinter but with a steady long-term plan and vision like a marathon runner. I can see that God is growing me and other missionaries individually according to this long-term plan. I pray that we may not complain about our situation but hold on to 2 Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season;" and make every effort to serve one-to-one and disciple-making ministry.

Prayer topics:

1. To establish 30 teams of one-to-one and 20 Sunday Worship Service attendants in obedience to this year's key verse.
2. To get working permits and long-term visas.
3. To establish house-churches for S. Marina and Maira.
4. To find a proper place for worship service and build a church in the future.

A Life-giving Struggle to Raise an Ancestor of Faith

Missionary Paul Oh
Minsk, Belarus UBF Director

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

services.

We held our Spring Bible School to restore brother Dennis and invite new sheep. We invited Shepherds Andrei Petrukhin and Kostya Kalinkin from Moscow UBF to be messengers. Brother Andrei shared his life testimony. In preparing the Bible school we made good relationships with students, but no one seemed to have spiritual desire. We visited Brother Dennis' hometown to bring him, but we couldn't meet him because he was busy in the fields planting potatoes. But Brother Andrei received one word through his own life testimony. He despaired because of his alcoholic father, his poor academics and the betrayal of his girlfriend. But he held onto Luke 5:5: "Simon answered, 'Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.'"

In the Spring, Dennis returned to school and we dragged him to Bible study. Actually, he was proud that he was the ancestor of Minsk ministry since he started Bible study one month earlier than Andrei. But after coming back, he realized that Brother Andrei had grown spiritually, while he had only been planting potatoes. So he studied the Bible hard and came to worship services earnestly. He was so happy when we asked him to lead our Minsk UBF worship services while we were away



I. The work of the Holy Spirit in 2001

As we started the year 2001, we earnestly prayed that God might raise one ancestor of faith for a student-centered ministry in Minsk. We prayed that through the study of Mark's Gospel we might learn of Jesus who came to serve us and even give his life for us. Based on this, we decided to open our home to help our sheep, Dennis and Andrei, serving them with physical and spiritual food, until they could grow as disciples of

Jesus. We also prayed that God might use Missionary Hannah Oh to establish girl student ministry.

But the reality was desperate. Brother Dennis, who had studied the Bible faithfully, suddenly disappeared just before the Moscow Discipleship conference in February. Due to our doubt we could not bring new sheep. Yet God had mercy on us and helped Andrei attend. He had shared his life testimony at Christmastime, and at the Moscow Discipleship conference he was baptized. Afterward, he began attending our Minsk UBF worship

during the ISU conference. During that time he brought his younger sister and an older couple to the worship services.

We prayed that Brothers Dennis and Andrei could share their life testimonies at the Moscow Summer Bible conference. God helped them to obey this direction and share beautiful and deep life testimonies. Brother Dennis confessed that he was tired of his lustful life. Even though he is a short man, he was living like a playboy, always trying to please girlfriends. He worked for a travel agency, and one time, a girl from Bulgaria drowned on one of the trips he had planned. He felt he was guilty for her death. But through Genesis Bible study he accepted Genesis 12:1,2 and could have vision that God will make him a source of blessing. God blessed Inna and Yula to also attend the Moscow Summer Bible Conference.

In October, we had a Genesis Bible school for freshmen students. Andrei and Dennis were established as Bible speakers. God also granted us new sheep, brother Igury and sister Olga as we prayed. They continued one to one Bible study after the Bible school. However, afterwards, none of our sheep attended worship service faithfully. Dennis could not attend the Sunday worship service because he worked part-time taking pictures at wedding banquets on Sundays. He also had to pay \$700 for his tuition because he failed one year in school. Out of despair, he quit school one year before his graduation. In this situation, we prayed earnestly to raise one ancestor of faith in Minsk as we prepared for the Christmas Bible school.

Gracious God blessed the 2001 Christmas conference and raised Dennis and Andrei as Bible

speakers and sister Yola as a testimony speaker. Especially Dennis received the Christmas message deeply and decided to quit his weekend job. He decided before God to attend the Sunday worship service and one to one Bible study with an absolute attitude. God blessed his decision of faith and helped him to get a job at an institute that is related to his major. He is praying to get into a Ph.D. program. He also invited his cousin, sister Marina, to Bible study and Sunday worship service. Thank God who established one person Dennis as an ancestor of faith in Minsk ministry. May God raise Dennis as a Bible teacher and a shepherd for Minsk students in 2002.

We pray to raise mothers of prayer in 2002. Marina lives in a city two hours away from Minsk, but she attends the Sunday worship service and studies the Bible after the service. Also, Inna studied the Bible without her parents' knowledge. But after the Christmas worship service, she confessed everything to her



Missionary Paul Oh, A Man Of Long-Suffering Patience

parents. In the midst of parents' objection, we pray that she may continue the Bible study.

II. 2002 direction and prayer topics

As our key verse for 2002, we chose Matthew 6:33, which says, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." I pray that I may give my heart first to God's mission and discipleship training. We have been having difficulty because of visa problems, but God helped us to get registration as a company in June last year. Through the company, we are able to get a labor visa. However, to be a self-supporting missionary is like crossing the Red Sea. Sometimes, I was confused whether I am a businessman or a missionary because of the bread problem. But by faith in God, I want to study Genesis and Mark's Gospel. I also despaired a lot before. But this year, I want to serve Dennis and Andrei with patience and faith. May God also raise Marina as a mother of prayer.



Novosibirsk UBF's 2001 key verse was Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." At the beginning of the year, I wanted to be a witness of Jesus who is full of God's word and Spirit. But I could not but repent at the end of the year when I could not even remember what my key verse was, not to mention that it was our chapter's key verse. I have been living without holding onto the word of God. I could not but confess that I was full of weaknesses and sins. Even so, God allowed us to have our second joint Easter conference with Irkutsk UBF April 30-May 2. We received much grace from the guests who came to support the conference. They came from Chicago and Korea. Also M. Steven and S. Timothy from Moscow came to the conference. Furthermore,

Be Transformed By The Renewing of Your Mind

Missionary Noah Kim
Novosibirsk UBF Director

Sister Tanya, who had been taken care of by M. James and Grace Jung at the Teacher's College, repented her sins, confessed her faith and received baptism, together with Brother Jima.

I thank God most of all for the steadily growing disciples in 2001 in Goradok Academy, the city of science, which is in the center of Engeu. S. Lena, who started Bible study from her freshman year, graduated and is teaching in Shikola. We pray for her to establish a family of God. For many years we had only one brother, Sasha, who kept his faith. But since the Easter conference Ivan, Sergei and Alexei are growing. Brother Vasha was raised as a messenger because he accepted God's word, and he has a good attitude. There has not been a new shepherd for over two years since S. Lena Coquina. But through the conference God raised Vasha, Tanya and Lena An at the Teacher's College as shepherds who are growing through their struggle to feed sheep.

For over one year we have been having a prayer meeting every morning at 8 o'clock at the center, focusing on the disciples. From this year, brothers meet at the center on Friday evenings for Bible study and prayer, while sisters meet at the house of M. Samuel and

Hannah Park. I thank God for changing us to be praying people and for allowing us to see the fruit of our prayer.

We had a Bible school from February 8-10. Through this school our shepherds came to have zeal to bear fruit based on the grace of God's salvation and the committed life of a disciple. I pray that God may help them to preach the gospel faithfully this year and that he may grant us a worship place large enough for 30 people.

S. Lena Coquina and Lena An attended a summer conference in Korea. They have labored for the ministry in Goradok Academy and for the pioneering work at the Teacher's College. Through the conference in Korea they could widen their hearts and have stewardship for the work of God.

In the Technology University of Novosibirsk, Sister Altuina is taking off the influence of Buddhist philosophy and culture little by little while learning Jesus. Also, Brother Valodya came back to Bible study. He has been living miserably without even a place to stay since he left the word of God and the church after the Easter conference.

My key verse for 2002 is Romans 12:2: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the

renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will." God said "do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world." But I had strong desire to show myself off with a large number of sheep, just like the people of the world. Especially during the Easter conference preparation, I wanted to boast about the fruit of my work as "a sower" by inviting many students to the conference. So I visited the dormitory diligently and invited them even though I was not prepared to give the word of God to them. They all promised to come, but they did not come. I showed Anton the passage that says "listen to the man who invites you," but he did not stay for the whole conference and left with Boba. Through this event, I came to repent of my glory seeking through the number of sheep just like a hired hand. Just like a hired hand, I did not care to know my sheep personally and help them one by one. I pray that I may imitate only Jesus instead of following the pattern of this world through vanity and boasting of myself. Through God's word I want to renew my selfish, stingy and stubborn mind which was caused by my love of material things. I am a groundlessly proud man. I pray that I may be renewed by imitating Jesus' humility from my heart. I despaired, looking at my inability to bear visible fruits instead of praying in faith. I want to renew my despaired mind by putting my hope in Jesus. My mind was powerless because I used to blame and complain about shepherds, organization and coworkers instead of realizing my own weaknesses and sins. I want to renew my powerless mind by thinking

about Jesus who died for our sins. I repent that I brought a big loss to the parent company in Korea when I tried to treat a buyer well according to my shallow calculation for benefit, instead of seeking God's will. I repent that I was a hindrance to the gospel work because I was jealous of and competed with my coworkers in feeding sheep. I repent that because of my jealousy and competition I became a burden to my coworkers, and our sheep became spiritually sick and were wounded, and they left the ministry. I was a wicked man who was loyal neither to missionary work nor to my job. I want to renew my wicked mind to be loyal by focusing on Jesus who was loyal to God to the point of death. Jesus begins a new work mightily. Jesus can do everything; Jesus makes a dead man come alive and brings everything out of nothing. I want



Novosibirsk Vocal Team

to renew my mind by putting my hope in this Jesus. I put my hope in Jesus who will change my sheep and my daughter although sometimes I wonder if they would change. My daughter is rebellious and does anything she wants. On the other hand, my son asks my permission before doing something and listens and obeys me. I thank God for teaching me through my two children the mind of our Father God toward the obedient and the disobedient.

My prayer topics for this year:

1. Be a man who does not conform to the pattern of this world, but is transformed by renewing his mind so that I may know God's good, pleasing and perfect will.
2. Know and love Jesus deeper for our growth and feeding sheep.
3. Be a family which loves Jesus very much.

No Room For All The Sheep

Dr. Peter Kim
Ukraine UBF Director

"He appointed twelve--designating them apostles--that they might be with him and that he might send them out to preach. . ." (Mark 3:14)



May God's comfort be with all our gospel coworkers who serve 1:1 Bible studies, discipleship ministry and world mission with all their hearts and souls and strength!

I pray that God may raise each mission field, which serves God's will, as a Bible teacher nation, a priestly nation, a shepherd nation, and a missionary-sending nation. In this 21st century, may God raise us as a priestly nation and use us in preaching the gospel to the ends of the earth. May the gospel change the people and revive the nations to live for the glory of God. Thank and praise God for Dr. Samuel Lee whom God used very precious as a spiritual leader for this generation. May God fill Missionary Sarah Barry with the Holy Spirit and continue to use her to serve God's will in this generation too! I give thanks to God for being with Kiev UBF last year. He gave us 1 Peter 2:1,2 as our year key verse. He helped us to trust in His words

absolutely and to experience the power of God by trusting and obeying His words.

I. World Mission

First, the ISU Conference: There were 13 attendants from the Kiev UBF. By God's grace we were able to prepare a Ukraine Dance and offered it as our prayer for world mission and our dear coworkers in Christ. Sister Anastasia presented a mission report as a representative. Dr. Peter Kim delivered a message, "The work of being born again," from John 3:1-21.

God had mercy upon us and strengthened our faith and hope

through this conference. We renewed God's hope and vision for us to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. We decided to devote ourselves as warriors of faith and prayer in this generation. My coworker, Missionary Sarah, has fought the good fight of faith for the past ten years in this mission field. In the course of serving God's work and ministry, however, she became weak due to her exhaustion. Even though she needed some rest and restoration, it was impossible for me to provide her with necessary care due to the shortage of health facilities in this country. Dr. Samuel Lee, who heard about her situation, immediately invited



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her to the conference and then to Chicago to pray for and to take care of her. Even though he himself was not healthy, Dr. Lee took care of her as if she were his own daughter until she was restored fully both physically and spiritually. Now she is healthy and co-works with us, serving the gospel ministry with all her heart. I thank God for bringing joy and happiness into my family through reviving our souls. I deeply thank Dr. Samuel Lee for his fatherly love and Missionary Grace A. Lee and many coworkers in Chicago for their sacrificial love and prayer for one tired soul. As debtors in Christ we sincerely and prayerfully commit ourselves to world mission and discipleship ministry.

Second, the Moscow Summer Conference. The Moscow

conference was held Aug. 23-26 on the outskirts of Moscow, Orlyonok. I sent 12 members as the journey team with Shepherd Ivan as the team leader because Moscow UBF prepared the conference. I gave them a prayer topic that they would be prayer servants for the conference and learn one thing from this conference. Shepherd Andrew Shpagin and sister Oksana Leuta shared their personal life testimonies. Shepherd Andrew is a computer programmer and a soft-game engineer. When he entered college, he suffered from loneliness and lustful desire. But through Bible study he was born again and became a good shepherd. At work he witnessed Jesus to his coworkers and brought brother Kapitan Vitali to Bible study. Now brother Kapitan lives as a Bible teacher. He also

introduced Jesus to his company president and his mom so that they all accepted the gospel. When he sought God and his kingdom first at work, God blessed him to become a vice-director in his company and made the company prosperous with 60 employees from 20. Sister Oksana Leuta was wounded in her heart because of her parents' fighting in her childhood. She suffered from meaninglessness and emptiness of life. But in her sophomore year in college she met Jesus through John 8:11, "Then neither do I condemn you." This year through the "Faith and Revival" conference she learned the importance of having personal faith in Jesus. She made a decision of faith to grow as a mother of prayer, receiving common life training in obedience to Jesus' word, "Follow me."



Kiev Shepherds And American Journey Team

Third, after the conference was over several Korean staff shepherds came to the Kiev UBF for a visit. At the meeting Shepherd Sue-EuiShin and Shepherd John Shin gave us a heart moving messages entitled, "The hope of God," based on Isaiah chapter 2.

Fourth, in the fall Dr. Peter Kim attended the German conference in Bonn. On the way to Kiev, he stayed in Korea briefly for Bible study. Dr. Peter and Sarah Kim and Korean staff shepherds visited the Odessa UBF and had a fellowship of encouragement with Missionaries John and Grace Lee to carry out our world mission task.

II. Conference Report

First, the Spring conference. At the beginning of spring we had a joint Ukraine conference (Kiev and Odessa), hoping that God would establish his life-giving work and spiritual revival in the land of the Ukraine based on Habakkuk 2:4 and 3:2. The conference title was "Faith & Revival (spiritual renaissance)" and it was held May 11-13 at the conference center nearby Kiev.

Historically speaking, the Slavs were not influenced by the philosophies of the Enlightenment and Renaissance. At the time only some people who belonged to the upper class enjoyed the benefits of politics, economy, culture, religion and new ideas. The rest of them, on the other hand, suffered endlessly at the bottom of society in their ignorance and poverty. This majority of people waited for a new leader who could save them from their misery and hardship, and this

became the soil for communism to emerge. But Lenin or Stalin, who had no Law of God, could not be their Messiah. Ironically, the people suffered most under their exploitation and mistreatment. Even though the Ukraine was the most fertile land among European countries, two million Ukrainians starved to death during the time of their harsh ruling.

The history of the Ukraine has been a repetition of holding a ray of hope to survive followed by the vicious cycle of sufferings and failures, and this is the same continual cycle today. Whenever I thought about them and their hardships I felt deep pain and was heart-broken. As a Bible teacher and a shepherd for them I felt a deep sense of obligation to help them experience the work of revival from their despair and fatalism. Thus, we prayed that God might bless this conference so that the people of this country may accept the living word of God and the eternal promises of the gospel into their hearts and experience the renaissance of life with the vision that God will revive this country powerfully.

Throughout the conference God was with us and provided us with abundant words, which were full of truth and grace. There was the work of God's words and the work of the Holy Spirit by the help of many coworkers who came from a distance. Shepherd Steve Stasinos from Chicago served the message based on John 21 very graciously. Missionary David Baik from New York prepared a good spiritual environment and helped message preparation in order to make our conference very spiritual and fruitful. Missionary

Moses Kim from An-Am Center in Korea served a lecture based on Habakkuk chapter 2 on how to live a life of faith. I was personally moved and encouraged by him for his zeal for the word of God and the gospel of Jesus. S. Stefan Elsholz from Bonn, Germany served Luke's Gospel chapter 5 and enabled us to listen to Jesus who calls his people to be fishers of men. Many other missionary coworkers and shepherds also came from Heidelberg and Moscow to serve the conference. This conference was a beautiful conference during which all attendants kept their seats in order to listen to the word of God and repented their sins sincerely. God sent so many sheep to this conference that there were not enough rooms for their lodging. God heard our prayer and filled the conference room with 181 attendants: 116 (2 missionaries) from Kiev, 51 (4 missionaries) from Odessa and 14 guests from other chapters. I thank and praise God who heard our prayer and revealed his mercy and blessing through this conference.

Second, the Fall conference. "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened" was the theme for our beautiful fall conference. Not long ago, we had started a new millennium, the 21st century, with great hope and vision. Contrary to our wishes, however, the world was going nowhere but falling into deep chaos and darkness. People expected to have a peaceful 21st century; but the dream was shattered by the terrorist attacks. As a result, people are afraid of flying in airplanes. Life in this world is weary and burdensome. Through the conference, however, we learned that men

are hungry and thirsty in this time of overflowing knowledge and information, not because they have no food to eat or water to drink but because they have no word of God in their hearts. As man loses his appetite when he is sick, so man loses his desire for the word of God when he becomes sick spiritually. We repented of our unbelief and decided to love the word of God all the more in order to live a joyful life. We confessed that only in God is there life, peace and joy. We praised God for giving us the great privilege of singing hymns and enjoying his blessing under the beautiful autumn sky.

Third, discipleship ministry, one-to-one Bible study and Sunday worship services. God has received our faith and compassion of five loaves and two fish, as well as the labor of prayers from our coworkers, and he blesses our discipleship ministry to be fruitful day by day. God has blessed our intensive Bible study and discipleship ministry for the past ten years. Many shepherds and shepherdesses who have received training and grown in their faith take stewardship for this ministry and pray for the gospel ministry to extend to 24 campuses in the Ukraine. Each of the nine fellowships with a fellowship leader and a vice-leader chose one campus and engages in fishing and one-to-one ministry. Also, one-to-one ministry and the number of Sunday worship service attendants are growing. We have 80 one-to-ones and more than 55 Sunday worship service attendants. We pray that God may enable us to have 120 one-to-ones and 100 Sunday worship service attendants this new year.

Among our four house churches God gave precious children to three. Thank God for giving Ivan to Shepherd Vlad's family, Lydia to Shepherd Vladmir Point's family, and Enoch to S. Ivan's family. Especially, we thanked and praised God who allowed a healthy baby boy to Shepherdess Ira, who had suffered from radiation-related disease. God took away all our worries and filled our hearts with thanksgiving for his marvelous grace and mercy. May God continue to establish many new house churches this spring and raise the Ukraine as a shepherd nation and a missionary-sending nation. We pray that God may bless this country by raising 1,000 mothers of prayer and send 500 of them as missionaries to other nations. Please pray for S. Anastasia and Ruth (Alyona) to receive training well and become the firstfruits of our prayer. May God bless our faith and prayer of five loaves and two fish!

As the self-supporting house churches are growing, our chapter has become almost independent financially. Joseph Kim Jr. and Sarah Kim Jr. are doing well in the new environment in the Mission School. Our youngest son, Peter is growing healthily.

I thank and praise God for his great mercy upon us unworthy servants. We humbly pray that God may enable us to maintain his blessing well and give our hearts to prayer, Bible study and discipleship ministry. Thank God who works through our faith. Praise God who reveals his divine will to those who accept God's hope and vision and obey him. May God accept our prayer for this country and pour out his Holy Spirit upon this desert-like

country and make her a shepherd nation and a missionary-sending nation with the work of the mighty spiritual revival!

III. What I learned

Last year I learned that I am a kingdom of priests and a holy nation and God's hope should be my own hope and vision. For this, my faith and hope need to grow. When I overcome this ungodly generation through God's hope in me, I can please God. The people of Israel left Egypt holding onto God's promise of raising them as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. However, they abandoned the promise of God and lost the holy vision and hope of God for them. God delivered the people of Israel from the slavery of Egypt so that he could bless them as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation and use them as the center for world mission. It was God's amazing grace and blessing for them. However, they were not thankful for God's holy hope in them.

While they lived in the wilderness, they did not overcome slave and beggar mentality. They did not trust in God. Finally, they abandoned God. They were unable to enter the Promised Land and became miserable in the wilderness. General Caleb and General Joshua were different from the other Israelites. God's hope and vision were burning in their hearts. They did not compromise with the situation. They longed to conquer the land of Canaan and to render glory to God. They wanted to show to the whole nation that God was the living God. When they had faith in God, they could overcome the

sense of defeat and despair that resulted from hopeless human circumstances. Thus, they accomplished God's will and created the great history of God. Last year, I often lost God's vision like the people of Israel and lived a powerless life with negative thinking. When Satan repeatedly accused me, I lost hope and became doubtful of God's calling. I wondered if I should devote my life to God. I often lost direction as a missionary and a servant of God. I despaired and sorrowed over myself who, I think, looked like a grasshopper.

However, by the end of the year, God's word from Numbers touched my spirit. God restored my vision and strengthened my hope to conquer the Promised Land through the words of Numbers. I realized that I lost direction not because of my human circumstance but because of the lack of God's vision. God's hope was not my own. I had a human-centered hope in this world. God helped me to realize that I have to constantly repent of my worldly desires and hold on to God's hope and vision. I have to continue to struggle to live as God's servant until I enter the Promised Land Canaan that was prepared for me through my Lord Jesus Christ. How great the grace of God for me that I serve the will of God and participate in God's redemptive history while I live as a pilgrim in this world! I give thanks to God who not only saved me from the sea of meaninglessness and emptiness but also called me to be a fisher of men. I give thanks to God who called the slave people and molded them to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Our Lord is the Lord of lords and the

King of kings. His will be done. I earnestly pray that I may humbly obey God's call and be used as a righteous instrument of God's work. This new year I want to study the Bible wholeheartedly. I want to study the Ukrainian language diligently and have much progress. I pray that God may help Ukrainian people to have God's hope. May the Ukraine grow as a great shepherd nation. I sincerely give thanks to all mission coworkers who prayed for me last year.

IV. The year 2002 prayer topics:

Kiev Center Key Verse: Mark 3:14. Missionary Sarah Kim: John 15:5. Dr. Peter Kim: Isaiah 49:2. Shepherd Kyung Seon Park: Isaiah 26:34

Prayer Topics for 2002:

1. The year of wholehearted Bible study
2. Dr. Peter Kim may grow spiritually and speak fluent Ukrainian
3. To raise up 24 disciples, 120 1:1 Bible studies weekly, 100 SWA
4. God may establish 4 new house churches, and send out one missionary



Missionary Sarah Kim



Praying For 1,000 Holy Nation Women

May God Raise 12 Marys in Odessa

Missionary John Lee
Odessa, Ukraine UBF Director

"If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32)



Our last year's key verse was 1Peter 2:9. Based on this verse, we prayed that leaders might have personal faith and that one ancestor of faith might be raised in each campus. We also prayed that we might restore the disciple-making ministry among sisters that had been hindered by the sin of lust, and raise one ancestor of faith among sisters. God blessed our spring Bible conference joined with Kiev UBF. He sent us 51 attendants and helped our leaders to realize the importance of personal faith through the study of Habakkuk. God stood senior disciples (David, Matthew, Vova, Dmitri)

firmly as fellowship leaders and established three common-life houses. Through common-life, God began to train Vitaly, Paslov, Bavros, Alek, another Vitaly and Constantine as junior disciples. The ISU conference was a historical turning point for us. Shepherds Matthew and Vova attended the ISU conference and through it, accepted World Mission deeply and became mature coworkers for us in the Fall semester. Junior disciples also grew in their personal faith. Among them, Vitaly was put in charge of business for world mission, Paslov in charge of the chorus

and singing, and Bavros in charge of typing the message as faithful servants. Despite the World Trade Center terror internationally and Satan's hindrance through disagreement and dividing in UBF, God protected growing disciples and blessed our ministry to grow steadily. Through this, I came to realize that God protects his children under his wings despite their own weaknesses.

However, there was one problem that caused doubt in our hearts: that is, there is no shepherdess in our ministry. The first sister sheep who studied the Bible couldn't overcome her lustful desires and quickly left the ministry all together. After that, a couple of sisters studied the Bible, but they didn't accept the word of God either and left the ministry. A common saying is, "If you see the women of the community, you can know the whole community." This seems to be talking about Odessa, the port city that has largest number of AIDS patients in the country. This became a serious problem to several shepherds who were approaching 30 years old. Once shepherd David, 30 years old, wanted to marry by any means, so he brought a Samaritan woman from his working company who was 30 cm taller than him and studied the Bible with her. But the only result was his broken heart, and he later became sick. Seeing that house-

churches were established and shepherdesses were serving sheep in Kiev UBF, some of our leaders suggested having conferences with Kiev UBF frequently. During the testimony-sharing meeting in the Fall semester, I pointed out that the reason sisters didn't grow spiritually was not because Odessa is an evil city, but because brothers were not gentlemen. I suggested that brothers should treat sisters with absolute purity and wash their shirts and socks frequently. Then we fixed the restroom from Soviet-style into a European one. During the Fall semester, Sister Alisa, who had left the ministry, came back and attended the Sunday Worship Service without missing even once. Nevertheless, she was not pleasing to us because she married in the world out of her passion. However, she bore the fruit of repentance through serving God and his ministry with a new attitude, and her sister Tanya also came back. Through the influence of these two sisters, Sisters Masha, Yula and Marina are studying the Bible faithfully. God used these sisters for the preparation of our 2001 Christmas Worship Service. In this way God showed us his almighty power and was glorified through them. These sisters, who had not wanted to sacrifice anything in the past, prepared the Cantata and drama by faith, staying up for two weeks even during their final exam period, and invited sheep to the Christmas Worship Service. God heard their prayers, and he sent more than 70 people to our Christmas Worship Service. I pray that I may serve sisters that God sends with the heart of a father and raise 12 Mary's as I have prayed.

Looking back at the last year, I cannot but confess that God himself worked through us. I couldn't maintain my personal struggle, so I missed early morning prayer meetings many times. Missionary Resurrection Cho faithfully prayed early in the morning and leaders also built an altar of prayer faithfully. My coworker Missionary Grace and little Hannah co-worked with me to serve Sunday Worship Service. My only struggle was to prepare the Sunday message newly from Thursday, so I wouldn't be known as a poor messenger. I repent that I didn't devote myself to God and was lazy and displeasing to God. Once I stopped studying the Bible one-to-one with junior disciples and told them to study the Bible with their own shepherds, saying it was to establish spiritual order. But

actually it was because I wanted to work more during these hours. I repent of my materialistic and physical value system.

At the beginning of 2002 I chose as my new year's key verse John 8:31-32: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." I pray that I may do daily bread and meditate on the word of God in order to hold on to the word of God. In this way may God raise me as a true Christian and a disciple of Jesus.

Prayer topics.

1. To write a daily bread testimony four times a week.
2. To raise senior and junior disciples through 1:1 Bible study.
3. To serve the message in Russian.
4. To be financially independent.



They Look Much Better Than The Statue

BLESSED WEDDINGS



Paulus And Barbara Lee (Bonn)



Renato And Joanna Zapata (Chicago)



Jorge Abraham And Sarah Vasquez (Venezuela)

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Artyom And Ruth Datsenko (Moscow)



Paul And Joanna Ridge (England)



Ian And Ji Eun Kiaer (England)



Kee Jung And Maria Lee (USA)

Historic European Directors' Conference

January 8-10, 2002



Missionary Kaleb Hong
European UBF Director

The Directors of the European UBF Chapters met in Orfen, Odenwald, Germany on January 8-10. Three directors could not attend. Missionary Caleb Lee of Denmark could not come because of his school examinations. Neither Missionary Paul Lee or Mark Lee of Greece could come because of a snow storm and Missionary Abe Lee of Spain couldn't come because of his wife's sickness. Those who attended were Missionaries Moses Yoon of England, Isaak Shin of Czech Republic, Andrew Kim of Yugoslavia, Joshua Lee of Belgium, James Kang of Bulgaria, Dr. Marc Choi of France, John Park of Ireland, Elijah Park of Poland, Matthew Singh of Portugal, and Paul Lee of Switzerland. We gathered together in the conference place and prayed all together that God would restore Dr. Lee's health. Then we started the conference. On the first day there was a mission report from each

chapter. We shared our spiritual struggles, our direction and prayer topics. The next morning at breakfast, before we began our study of Acts chapter 1, I received a phone call from Chicago that Dr. Lee had gone home to be with Jesus. I heard this news and trembled. I wondered if we should continue the conference. I went back to breakfast and sat down. I tried to collect my thoughts. I tried to calm down and continue eating breakfast. But my mind was racing. How can we continue the conference? Should I announce Dr. Lee's passing away? What could I say? I really didn't know what to do. Then, the contents of Acts chapter 1 came to my heart. I remembered how Jesus' disciples had looked up blankly into the sky, not knowing what to do after Jesus ascended into heaven. They felt lost. Then, the angel rebuked them. They accepted the great commission of Jesus and joined together in prayer. They became one as they prayed together to obey Jesus' Command. I realized that this chapter in Acts was exactly the Bible study we needed. I could find God's direction. Through Bible study we overcame our shock and sorrow and prayed with one heart and one mind. Missionary Hannah Shin in Prague said that her husband had called and told her to read Acts because he was sure that this word of God was for them. Many people said that God himself had given us this word that was so right for our situation. Some missionaries

asked, "Who chose this passage for us to study?" I told them that, of course, Dr. Samuel Lee had given me direction to study Acts 1 and that he had sent me his manuscript. They were amazed by Dr. Lee's prophetic insight. Now the direction became very clear for all of us European directors. We could overcome the sorrow of losing our father and renew our world mission vision through writing testimonies on the world mission command. The next day we studied Acts chapter 2.

It is good to let you know about the European Directors' opinions which were expressed in conversations during the conference. The big question was, "Who will be Dr. Lee's successor?" But God's word in Acts, "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority," rebuked us all. Two other topics were discussed. First, what should be our relationship to the UBF "reformers?" and the other was, "What is our opinion about the theology studies (UMI) in Korea?" The directors said, "Probably the reformers will try to reunite with us because Dr. Lee is gone. But this is not right. They went too far. Their ideas are very different from ours. If they are united with us, the yeast of humanism will spread and there is a great danger of losing pure gospel faith." They requested that I make known their position to the missionaries and shepherds in Korea. I fully concurred with them in this and

told them that I would convey their opinions to UBF staff and leaders in Korea.

The second discussion was about Korean shepherds who are studying theology and who are encouraging the overseas missionaries to also study a theological seminary course and be ordained as pastors. The European directors generally had a negative attitude about this. They said that if they really needed to know theology they would rather read books. They all agreed that such seminary study did not fit our manger spirit, or our direction to be a laymen's missionary movement. They felt that this

direction was not consistent with the gospel spirit of UBF. We are convinced that our calling from God is to teach the Bible, preach the gospel and call students to the obedience that comes from faith, and this does not depend on theological knowledge but on our practical faith. Some even suggested that we write and sign a declaration that if UBF accepted the "reformers" and pursued theology study, Europe UBF would declare its independence. I told them that this was not the right method. It is clear that they want to inherit Dr. Lee's gospel faith and his spiritual legacy. If there are those individuals among the reformers who want to return to gospel

faith and respect spiritual order I think it is good to accept them.

There was a German Directors' conference January 17-19 held in Arweiler. I gave a clear prayer topic that all of us may accept the world mission command of the Risen Jesus, and make a prayer vessel. I prayed for this meeting to be used to create a new history. I encouraged all German directors to work together. Whatever problems there may be between Bonn and Cologne can be resolved if we learn from Jesus' disciples how to pray in one mind and obey together the world mission command of our Lord Jesus Christ.



"Do you love me?"

Shepherd Walter Nett
Dusseldorf UBF Director

"The third time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' He said, 'Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you.' Jesus said, 'Feed my sheep.'" (John 21:17)



Praise God who did not spare his one and only Son but sacrificed him for our sake! Praise God who did not take away his mercy and faithfulness from us but faithfully and graciously led us through 2001! Praise God who sees our hearts and our faith and who wants to use us as his holy people and royal priesthood in spite of our guilt and sin! Praise God who has done many great things in 2001 and who will do many more great things in 2002!

My view of 2001

In many respects 2001 was a historical year. In Germany, one day of this year has been named "Phrase of the Year," i. e. September 11. Many people say that after September 11, 2001 the world will be never more be the same as it was. Earlier history and recent times shows that oftentimes the world makes a radical change. Still the heart of man can hardly be changed. Basically, the human heart is still the same as in the days of

Cain's descendants. Nevertheless, there is the hope of God even in this age through Seth's descendants, through people who worship the Lord God and call on his holy name.

Last year saw the 40th birthday of University Bible Fellowship (or Daehakseng Songkyung Ilki). What a miracle happened in the hearts of many people so that a Christian missionary movement grew among the students of a nation that was rather small and mostly Buddhist! And this movement spread over all the

world. Every week some 10,000 Korean students come to Bible study. And some 2,000 have been sent as missionaries to almost 90 nations where they serve students and the young generation with the gospel that brings salvation. I am very thankful to God who used Dr. Samuel Lee and Mother Sarah Barry as sources of blessing up to this day. I am very thankful to God for he kept Dr. Samuel Lee in spite of two severe home accidents last year. I am very thankful to God that he has continued to bless the



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sacrifice and prayer service of Mother Sarah Barry to help many people.

In July I was able to attend the International summer Bible conference at ISU together with M. Daniel Park and Hanna Park and M. Wynelle Nett. We could renew God's vision and hope for us according to 1 Peter 2:9. Through this conference God opened our eyes again to see his works in all the world. Truly, our hearts hurt when we thought about the rift in our fellowship – especially in Germany – a rift deepened because of very personal arguments. But we must be clear in that we do not serve a human person nor an organization but the living God who has revealed himself in Jesus Christ. God is very sorry that we are not one in mind. God is even more worried when we resign in our hearts and when we only consider organizational matters instead of serving his sheep. I thank God for giving me his word from Luke 5:27 and Eph. 2:14 through this conference. Jesus called Levi and saw in this person the hope of changing the whole world. Jesus helped me not to give in after so many defeats but to make a new decision to serve his ministry from my heart. Jesus also helped me to bring him my frustration about some things that were (and partly are) not okay. Such questions had occupied my heart and had made me unwilling to serve. That was exactly what Satan wanted. But Satan could not win because Jesus who himself is the Peace, filled my heart with peace and wants to use me as a peacemaker.

I thank God for the spiritual encouragement he gave to me

through so many of his servants. M. Jacob and Esther Lee from Washington called us frequently and even came to visit us to strengthen our faith. The weekly messages from College Park breathed the prayer support of this ministry for us.

2001 was a historical year also because the leadership of UBF Germany and Europe was transferred from P. Abraham Lee to M. Kaleb Hong. I thank God that after more than 20 years of overall responsibility P. Abraham Lee does not think of himself but sacrifices himself for God's work and supports God's work. I can never forget what P. Abraham Lee has done for me. I want to continue working closely with him in the future. In January 2001 my family had the opportunity of visiting M. Kaleb Hong and his family in Heidelberg. God has seen his love and humility and has entrusted him with new responsibility. God will give him the appropriate spirit and thus strengthen the bond of love in the spirit of unity among us.

In 2001 I was especially thankful for having M. Daniel Park at my side. In this time of turbulences he helped me overcome many a grief and distress so that I could lift my eyes to God and see his sovereignty behind all things. God also continued to use him as a prayer servant and lecturer for coworkers and students in Dusseldorf. M. Grace Park has faithfully kept her responsibility for our world mission department. God blessed her to join the Moscow summer Bible conference where she was needed both as a prayer servant and as a nurse. Together with M. Wynelle she went to the campus every week to invite students.

Both of them also served the children graciously. Every Saturday M. Wynelle took Peter, Johanna and Esther to Cologne in order to integrate them in CBF there and thus strengthen their faith.

Hanna Park had experienced a new birth in 2000 when she was in Korea. This year she grew in spirit and has accepted more and more responsibility. She invited several friends and fellow students to Sunday worship service, conference and even early morning prayer. What a joy for us when ten young people came from Cologne to hear Hanna's testimony lecture at our "Fruits" Bible school in May! For the first time our center was really full of people. Since October Hanna has served a campus Bible study meeting and one student, Jana Kralickova, attends faithfully. God will use Hanna's heart and her insight for God's word precious and will make her a blessing for Dusseldorf students.

Maria Park also has great joy inviting others to Jesus. But her high school was offended and dismissed her without prior notice. For a young person this might be a traumatic experience. But God helped Maria so that she grew even stronger in spirit. God also blessed Maria's love for Si-Hyun Chun who accompanies her to the monthly youth worship services in Cologne. In this way Si-Hyun has been touched by the word of God and the love of Jesus.

God helped us in Dusseldorf to study his word diligently. At the beginning of the year we studied 1 Peter. For the remaining weeks we focused on Luke's gospel and came up to chapter

15. So, after 7 years of pioneering work in Düsseldorf we concluded the cycle of the four gospels. We also studied Daniel 1 in order to prepare ourselves spiritually for the winter semester.

I had hoped that M. Martin Kim could overcome his difficult material and family situation with God's help. But the company where he worked went bankrupt. And since he had just applied for a green card, his former 3-year visa was cut down to one year. He could (or would) not accept help from us. Finally he left our fellowship. I thank God that he has given us many an encouragement through this family over the years. We pray that God will help them to take roots in another church and to continue serving God.

In 2001 we invited many students. Until summer I went to the dorms on 3 nights of almost every week in order to invite students. Karl Tiefenbrunner appeared to be interested in spiritual things. But whenever I set out to think about God's word with him, he suggested going to the city to drink beer or watch bizarre movies. Zhibin Li didn't answer my many calls on his answering machine nor my e-mails. Aristidis Antoniadis had bidden farewell even before Christmas 2000. Dr. Yanxia Chen had moved to Munich. It seemed that 2001 would bring as many insurmountable obstacles for campus mission in Düsseldorf as the years before.

But God had mercy on several students. Jana Kralickova came to campus Bible study due to the persistent invitation by Missionary Grace and Wynelle. From the outset she opened her heart

and was very thankful for God's word and for the love she received through it. Instead of going to her friend's birthday party she came to the Christmas worship service in Cologne. God will help her find the right way in her personal questions if she will keep to his word. On the evening of September 11, in the wake of terror, I went to Adam Wysocki whom I had met once before. This time he opened his heart, and meanwhile we have started to study John's gospel. God helped my colleague Dr. Ivonne Servaes when she read Daily Bread on the Internet, and Hebrews 11:1 spoke to her personally.

I am also thankful for our children. They have a huge potential. Peter loves Rebekka very much and likes to play with her although she is ten years younger. Johanna has made a decision to join the CBF orchestra. Esther goes to middle school and likes to study and receives very good grades. Rebekka has been faithful to nursery school and now kindergarten for 2 ½ years and she is quick in learning. I thank God that M. Wynelle sacrifices a lot to take care of and serve the children and me. I also thank God for unexpected material blessings from my company last year.

2001 was a historical year for me, too, because I had started Bible study 20 years ago. My key verse was Isaiah 50:4: "The Sovereign Lord has given me an instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being taught."

God helped me to accept

instruction through early morning prayer and Daily Bread. In this way I could always remember his grace, repent and implore God's help for the new day. But the days were so long, and in the evenings I was often exhausted and powerless. Then I would sit and watch T.V. in order to forget about the reality that made me depressed. Consequently my spiritual power was easily exhausted so that I thought, spoke and acted humanly instead of spiritually. I could not help answering one man's cleverness but with a blow of my fist. Even my son made me lose my temper. In the end I was so irritable that I slammed doors like a little child when things didn't work my way.

When I consider these things, I am very much ashamed. I even would like to erase the year 2001 from my history. But that is impossible. It is useless as well. None of my efforts can ever suit to make up for what I did. I can only come to Jesus and ask his forgiveness and healing – healing for those I have hurt and healing for me, for my soul that is hurt.

My view of 2002

Peter had been a simple fisherman. He had been among the first ones to receive Jesus' calling. He was the first who confessed that Jesus is the Christ. He saw the glorious transfigured Jesus. He saw many miracles and signs from Jesus. He heard the great words of grace and salvation from Jesus. He loved Jesus and wanted to do everything for Jesus. But in the crucial time when Jesus was arrested and tried all night, Peter disowned him three times. When he

realized what he had done, he wanted it to be undone. Judas, who had betrayed Jesus and handed him over, had a similar thought and committed suicide. That was the wrong way. Peter came to his senses, and in his time of weakness he longed for the fellowship of believers. He didn't run away from his responsibility. The Risen Jesus visited his disciples and convinced them that he was alive. He revealed to them God's almighty power. Peter could accept Jesus' forgiving love and renew his calling. But in his heart he had a deep wound, and this wound would hurt forever.

Then the Risen Jesus appeared again to his disciples by the Sea of Tiberias. All night long they had tried to catch some fish. But they had no success. They were tired and distressed because Jesus was no longer with them. In reality he was very close to them. He had already prepared breakfast for them. And he told them that they would find some fish if they threw their net on the right side of the boat. When they followed his word they made a big catch, 153 fish. Most of all they could have a lovely, gracious breakfast fellowship with Jesus.

We like this scene from the Sea of Tiberias. And it is made perfect because of the following talk between Jesus and Peter. What did they talk about? About love. Jesus asked Peter three times, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" And Simon Peter answered: "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." But when Jesus asked him the third time, Peter was hurt. He remembered all too well that he had disowned Jesus three times. He couldn't answer Jesus, "Yes, I love you." He

could only answer, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Peter's love for Jesus was founded on Jesus' perfect love for him. In this way it became a love relationship that will remain forever.

There is an addition. Jesus would not always be with Peter in person. But through his sheep Jesus would always be around Peter. Therefore he commanded Peter who had confessed his love for him, three times, "Feed my sheep." Feeding Jesus' sheep is the practical expression of our love for Jesus. Who are Jesus' sheep? Of course they are the students on campus. They are also our fellowship brethren and our family. They are our colleagues, bosses, teachers, and professors.

For the new year Jesus has put John 21:17 into my heart in order to renew my love relationship with him. After he has borne with me for 20 years he now asks about the third decade of my life of faith, "Walter Nett junior, do you love me?" Considering what I said before, I can only answer, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." I am a faithful man. But regrettably I am sometimes all too faithful to my old character. Therefore out of my own I cannot love Jesus, not to mention being useful to him. But due to the love of Jesus I can confidentially say that he knows my heart and my love. He knows that I love him and that I want to honor him before others.

Lord Jesus, thank you for renewing in me the love for you and for your sheep. Throughout 2002, please, help me to serve your sheep through your power and to love them for your sake. Amen.

My prayer topics for 2002:

To refresh and deepen the personal love relationship with Jesus every day (prayer life, Daily Bread).

Intercession and a vessel of love for the spiritual growth of promising young people (students, youth and children) in Düsseldorf.

To feed Jesus' sheep with the living word of God (Bible reading, spiritual books, one-to-one Bible study, lecture study, lecture presentation).

Heartful coworking with other shepherds (Mother Barry, Missionary Kaleb Hong, P. Abraham Lee, "Daily Bread" team).

Prayer and letters for world mission



German 'Thinker'

SERVE THE MANGER MINISTRY IN DUSSELDORF

Missionary Daniel Park
Düsseldorf UBF

"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people." (Luke 1:68)



Praise Jesus who came into this world as a baby to save us from our sins. Praise the grace of God who opens our hearts widely through Christmas every year. Most of all, I thank God for the ISU International conference through which he gave us the life-long prayer topic to live as a kingdom of priests. Everyone started the 21st century with great hope. But we confronted many unexpected things last year. Last year, we learned with what kind of attitude we should serve the mission in the midst of an ever-changing world through the study of the book of Daniel from Dr. Samuel Lee.

We in Düsseldorf UBF learned the love of God through Luke 15. The father was in pain because his oldest son didn't know his heart though he was at home, and his younger son left home. Did the father fail in raising his children? Certainly not! The father didn't give up loving them. Rather, he waited. He had trouble sleeping because of worry about his younger son. He didn't give up

praying for him. Then the younger son came back home. Meditating on Deuteronomy 6:5, which is my year key verse, I could not but repent of my dry and superficial love. I began praying for my children rather than commanding them what to do.

At the ISU international conference, I could not but shed many tears out of repentance. I could learn the stricken shepherd heart of Dr. Samuel Lee who tried hard to plant the hope of God in the hearts of sheep by any means. I could accept one word, that we are weak but God wants to raise us to be a kingdom of priests. Surely the work of God is the work through the remnant.

Looking back on the last one year, I came to desire to have a deeper sense of history. I pray that God may restore in my heart the pure love for God and enable me to serve the manger ministry with all my heart. Shepherd Walter Nett also has the same desire. He made a confession of love that the

Father always embraces him and gives him another chance though he always fails. I am very thankful for this. We are earnestly praying for one person, Adam. My oldest daughter Hanna (Sophomore, German major, Düsseldorf University) leads the Bible study on campus and sister Jana attends it faithfully. We are also praying for Markus, David, Seong-Ok, Jenny, and Sihyun.

I thank God that he used Dr. Samuel Lee very precious for the last 40 years. I thank God that he is using Mother Barry and Dr. John Jun now. I also thank God who used Pastor Abraham Lee as the director of European and German UBF and helped him to prepare taking-over of the ministry wholeheartedly. The work of God was handed down from Abraham to Isaac and then to Jacob. Likewise, I earnestly pray that we may be united firmly to maintain the legacy of UBF. May God give Missionary Kaleb Hong his wisdom and inspiration. I pray that we may raise German shepherds in God's time. May God unite us in love so that Satan does not dare to disturb God's work with his evil schemes.

My wife, Missionary Grace Park, is always full of grace and shepherd heart for lost sheep. I pray that Hanna may be raised as a shepherdess in God's time. Maria is a sophomore in high school and she is studying hard. She is also interested in the study of Spanish as a third language. We pray for Mother Barry earnestly and with much love in our hearts. May God bless you.

Repent and Believe the Good News!

Missionary Joshua Lee
Belgium UBF Director

"After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'" (Mark 1:14,15)



1. God was with me in my mission land for the last ten years.

2001 was my tenth year in my mission land. I came to Belgium in Aug. 1991 to serve pioneering ministry a year after my wife had arrived. Ten years have passed, and I was troubled how to report because there were no visible fruits from our discipleship ministry. Last summer one word of God, Romans 1:17, came to me: "For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'" This verse opened my spiritual eyes because the life of faith requires faith from first to last. I realized that there is no place to hold self-righteousness or despair; we have to live by faith.

I had time to review the lives of heroes of faith and see my Father's world instead of summarizing my mission life the past ten years. I thought about Noah who lived by faith against the world and Abraham the father of faith. I learned from Abraham how I have to worship God. Also I heard Jesus' rebuking. "O unbelieving generation," Jesus replied, "how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy to me." Whenever I studied this verse, Jesus rebuked me and gave me hope. When I saw Jesus' broken shepherd's heart toward the perverse generation, I was happy that I lived a life of faith to please God. I believe that it is a blessing to be called as a missionary and to see the secrets of the kingdom of God. When I reviewed my life of faith before the words of God, I was thankful that God called this unworthy servant. God helped me to be thankful that He led me into the spiritual world for the last ten years and helped me to begin a new decade with God's hope.

2. Bible Study, one-to-one and Conference Report.

God helped us to begin the year 2001 with Acts Study. There were troubles in UBF. I was greatly troubled when missionary coworkers who had worked

together for ten years left the ministry, leaving complaints on the Internet. But God helped us to study Acts from the beginning to the end and taught us the work of the Holy Spirit which was spread from Jerusalem to Rome. Also we prayed to run the race until we finish our mission as Paul finished his life of faith.

We began to study Romans from June after we finished Acts. Right after Acts study, it was difficult for us to understand the background of Romans. I had a hard time to prepare messages. I wrote shallow messages because I could not understand the depth of some parts. We stopped Romans study and began Mark's Gospel study from September after we finished Romans 8 with a plan to come back some time later. Through Mark's Gospel study God taught us Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. The resurrection principle was absolute. When we accepted this principle, the spirit of God dwelled in us.

Professor Loko who came from Benin University in Africa finished his research paper from March to June in Brussels and studied the second part of Genesis. I was sorry that I could not help him fully to overcome his sinful nature. I pray that he may be sacrificial and make an offering when he comes back again in 2002. Brother Max

(P&G, IT) is faithful to Friday Bible study. He is a nice man, but he does not have a clear direction to live for campus mission. He has a girlfriend. But M. Tony Tsai raised him up as a presider for the second English worship service to help him personally when he came back in September. We pray that he may have a decision of faith to live as a shepherd and establish a house church.

Brother Luc came from Greece to attend our Easter conference and to study Bible for two weeks in the midst of his Ph.D. course. He studied the Bible in Brussels from '95 to '96 when he was in his master's course and went to Greece for his Ph.D. study. We communicated by mail and email and have prayed for him to come back to study the words of God again. He was a Ph.D. student, but he worked in the evening as a manager in a hotel and saved money. When we invited him to our Easter conference, he got permission from the owner of the hotel, even though it was the peak vacation period for hotel business. He bought a round-trip ticket. We were so happy for the work of God in his soul, and he studied Genesis twice a day, including testimony sharing. He attended the French Easter conference in April and shared fellowship with shepherds from Germany and France. At present, he is in Vancouver, Canada for his post-doctorate course and has a relationship with Missionary Daniel Kwon in Vancouver. May God bless him to grow as a disciple of Jesus.

Brother Jean Milet (ISB, teacher) is studying with Missionary Tony. Missionary Tony brought him to Genesis study through baseball fellowship.

Our main prayer topic is to help Belgian students through one-to-one relationships. I despaired when they did not grow as much as I expected, but God gave me new hope when I repented of my lack of Bible study.

M. Sarah and myself, M. Tony and Jim Palmer attended the ISU International conference. God blessed the work of God in UBF for the past 40 years and sent out self-supporting missionaries to 87 nations. There were problems to attend this conference, but God blessed each of us to hold word of God and vision. Missionary Sarah attended this conference for the first time after ten years of missionary life. When we had a babysitting and material problem, we asked for God's mercy. A Belgian family who took care of our children during the Sunday worship services was willingly to take care of my children during the conference. My wife was moved by John 3:16 and renewed her spirit. She was exhausted to serve mission life with a full time job and without visible fruits. In order to help my wife, I made a spiritual environment for her to attend the conference. I was encouraged that her face began to shine during the conference. Missionary Tony's sheep Jim Palmer attended this conference for the second time, and he was chosen to be a representative prayer servant for Belgium.

God helped us to see the work of God in the USA through this conference. Thank God who taught us the importance of Bible study and the power of God's words through Dr. Samuel Lee. Now we began to pray for Belgium to be a kingdom of priests and holy nation.

3. Coworking ministry.

Our coworkers were scattered for various reasons, but God helped me to depend on God only and freed me from coworkers' coming and going. Later God helped us to gather again. Missionary Tony's family was supposed to go back to America, but by God's mercy he came back to serve the work of God in Brussels. Thank God for his spiritual coworking and Bible study. May God bless this family to master French and to be wonderful Bible teachers and shepherds for Belgian as well as European souls.

God lead Caleb and Clara Kim's family to have new spirit. He was a little bit difficult in spirit when he was in Korea for 1.5 years, but God restored his spirit through YunHee center coworkers' prayer. He is studying computer to find a way to come out again as a self-supporting missionary. His coworker M. Clara visited Korea during the summer vacation and came back with new spirit. She confessed in Korea that she suffered much after she came to the mission land, not knowing what missionary life really was. Now, she came back here with a new attitude to confront suffering. She works at a restaurant and serves our Sunday Worship service through her piano. Thank God that God used her to serve our music ministry for the past ten years.

This Christmas, Missionary Tony, DongKyu Kang, Tony Jr, and myself made a quartet and sang "O Holy Night" with wonderful harmony. Thank God that Missionary DongKyu became our coworker, serving music and other menial tasks.

4. 2002 Key verse and prayer topics.

I chose Mark 1:14-15 as my key verse: "After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'" John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus and he was the most important coworker for the gospel work. John's imprisonment and death showed us the dark time. Jesus is our hope because Jesus preached the gospel in that dark time. I believe that Jesus overcame the dark time and preached the gospel. Before I look at other people or things, I must first repent and believe the gospel. I pray that I may not fight with the flesh but fight the spiritual battle. Practically, I have to serve one-to-one ministry and study the Bible until I have words of God in my heart.

Last year we did not have our own Bible school or conference due to school study and other things. We attended France and ISU conferences. We pray that we may have Spring and Fall Bible schools. May God help us to establish one-to-one ministry and through the Holy Spirit.

Prayer Topics:

- 1) Belgium to be a kingdom of priests and holy nation. (120 disciples, 120 house churches, send out missionaries)
- 2) Mark's Gospel part II study
- 3) Joshua Lee's Sunday message and Tony's second worship service message in English
- 4) 12 one-to-ones per week

5) Max may become a shepherd and establish a house church

6) A program for second generations.

Coworkers' key verses and prayer topics:

Joshua Lee (Mk 1:14,15) – Finish school study and support family, Bible study, Sunday Message, one-to-one Bible study

Tony Tsai (Jn 4:13-14) – Friday Bible study, second worship service (English)

Caleb Kim (Da 6:10) – Serve God and ministry with new spirit, job and visa to come back

Max Bykadorov (Jas 2:17) – Campus mission and marriage

Dong-Kyu Kang (Ro 12:2) – School study, one sheep, to lose weight (20 kg)

Tony Tsai Jr. (Lk 6:27) – School study, Bible study, to love younger brother

Sara Lee (Ps 126:5, Jer 33:3) – Job, new baby in April, one-to-one, strong physically spiritually

Susan Tsai (Jn 21:15) – Fishing, 1:1, three children

Clara Kim (Ps 23:1) – Overcome job and mission, one-to-one ministry

Pauline Han (Mt 1:23) – Finish Ph.D., restore spirit and family with KyuJung Han



American Missionary In Belgium, Tony Tsai

GOD HAS GIVEN US A KINDLING OF GOSPEL FIRE

Missionary James Kang
Bulgaria UBF Director

"When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?'" (John 21:15)



I thank God who was with me and with Bulgaria UBF for the last one year. I thank God who helped me to stand firm in faith and in God's mission in the midst of confusion and anguish for an event that I could not understand. I pray to God in this hour that I could have time to repent of my sin before God and thank him for his protection for Bulgaria UBF. May God help me to find new direction for God's work in Bulgaria.

1) Study of the last part of Genesis and John's gospel.

Last year, we studied the later part of Genesis and John's gospel. Through Genesis study, we learned the faith of our ancestors. We also learned the importance of having ancestors of faith to follow and to have a sense of history as laymen and self-supporting missionaries in a

foreign land. Joseph's faith life of faith inspired me and my coworkers very much and we wanted to grow as faithful servants of God like Joseph. We earnestly pray for one ancestor of faith in Bulgaria UBF. Through John's gospel study, we learned that life and eternal life is only in Jesus. There are many kinds of lives in the world, but true life is only in Jesus. We could attain life and salvation by believing Jesus only.

2) Spring Conference.

Our Spring Conference was held April 14 -16, 2001. We found a beautiful conference place near a reservoir. We studied the resurrection of Jesus from Mark's Gospel Chapter 16. Six missionary coworkers and four sheep came to the conference. Our Holy team members, Todor, Quist, and Estir prepared 25 page life testimonies. They were full of joy and thanksgiving through their writing when they discovered God's living hands leading their lives. The conference was full of joy and thanksgiving, even though we were only 10 members. On the last day, we tried to fish from the pond, but we caught nothing. It did not matter to us because of the word of God and resurrection hope in our hearts. Through this

conference, we learned the importance of united prayer.

3) Summer Conference.

Just before the ISU International Bible conference, we had a Summer conference July 21-23 near Soda city. The title of the conference was "Jesus is the way" (John 14:6). Five sheep attended this conference. Alexander, who has been studying with Missionary Barnabas Kang, attended this conference even though he had an important interview for his job at the same time as the conference. He looked like he would lose a good job. But after the conference, he could get an even better job by God's grace. God granted us a new sheep Hendy, a graduate student in Architecture and his wife Maria who is in sophomore majoring in Geology. By God's grace we could have three new sheep through this conference.

4) Fall Bible Academy.

Last October 20-21, we had a Bible Academy at the center. We studied Genesis Chapter 1 and Luke Chapter 5. Shepherd Jordan came to our meeting through this Bible Academy.

5) Missionary coworkers' lives of faith and struggling.

Bulgaria UBF has three missionary families. They are Barnabas Kang's family, Humble Jung's family, and James Kang's family. Missionary Barnabas Kang served Alexander faithfully even though his work was demanding and required frequent traveling. He also brought Jordon and gave him to me to serve. Sonya, Nadya, and Radon come to Bible study through this family. God blessed this family with a beautiful daughter, Sarah.

Missionary Humble Jung came to Bulgaria in November, 2000. He has been studying the language course, and from August he is working in the Hyundai Industry Company. At his language school he met brother Hendy and studied Bible with him and Missionary Maria Jung is serving Hendy's wife, Shepherdess Maria in One to One Bible study.

Missionaries prayed for their visa status and to find the way to extend it year by year. Since all of us have business visas, we sometimes worried about whether there would be changes in Bulgaria's immigration policy. But God had mercy on us and hepled us to have extended visas. We still have financial problems even though we have jobs, But we have not given up on God's mission and we have fought the good fight up until now. May God bless our missionary families to have enough money to survive so that they could engage in discipleship training this year and grow as mature servants of God who are full of love and coworking spirit.

6) My 2002 prayer topics and direction.

Last year, my key verse was Mark 2:17b; "On hearing this, Jesus said to them, it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." I prayed to learn Jesus' heart who came to this world not to call the righteous, but sinners. I thank God that I could learn Jesus' heart a little bit in 2001 through this key verse. The year 2001 was the year of many tragic events throughout the world. The 9.11 event was a horrible event in America. There was division in UBF. There were wars in the Balkans. We felt threatening danger whenever we thought about the Balkans since the Balkans is like a storage room for gunpowder. When the Kosovo War ended, another war started in Macedonia. Fighting between Israel and Palestine never knows any solution. The young people in Bulgaria are severely influenced by the economy and the political situation of Bulgaria. They despaired and have become extremely selfish and indifferent and some of them became violent as well. I also despaired when my boss (a Korean consul) pushed me to attend the Korean church as community service. I despaired that we could not raise one ancestor of faith in Bulgaria UBF for the last 11 years. Last Spring, we were full of hope and vision through the Holy Team members. But then Shepherd Todor, who was about to graduate, lost faith and became indifferent due to his future direction and security problem. And Quist also disappeared. All of these made me despair. But I still held on to Mark 2:17b.

Through the ISU conference, I recieved John 4:7, "Will you give me a drink?" I repented my laziness and human pride that I did not fish new sheep. I also repented that I could not cowork with missionaries humbly enough. I also repented that I stopped early morning prayers. When I saw myself, I felt that I utterly failed in God's work last year. But I can thank God who kindled gospel fire among us. The gospel fire was kindled by our missionary co-workers and the remnants of God among our sheep. Now I could thank and praise God who kindled gospel fire in our midst. Shepherdess Estir and brother Alexander, Hendy and Maria are faithfully attending our Worship Service. And Jordan, Radostina and Nadya attend occasionally. They are the remnants of God for the future Bulgarian ministry. I want to learn from Jesus, his humbleness and shepherd heart, who said to the Samaritan woman, "Will you give me a drink?" When I do so, I will see the burning of gospel fire among our sheep. May God help Shepherd Todor to renew his faith and to make a clear decision to become a shepherd for Bulgarian mission. May God bless our missionary families to feed 12 sheep so that 36 sheep may grow under our care.

Prayer Topics:

1. Study of Daniel and Matthew's gospel.
2. To raise one ancestor of faith.
3. Each family may take care of 12 sheep.
4. Bulgaria to be a shepherd nation and priestly nation.

Pray that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ!

Missionary Isaac Shin
Czech Republic UBF Director

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." (Colossians 4:2-3)



When I look back at the year 2001, I realize that it was a year of trials and sufferings, not only to me but to all of us in UBF. For Christians, suffering makes our faith living. Yet most Christians wish that there is only grace and blessing, rather than trials and sufferings. My last 10 years of life as a missionary was full of God's grace and blessings. Of course, it is true that I experienced some big and small problems. But I considered it as a duty for a missionary. Throughout my missionary life, I always thanked God and I did not lose smiles. When I accepted difficulties with joy and overcame them, other senior missionaries used to say to me, "You are born to be a missionary." But last year was an exception. All year around, I lied down in sorrow, despair, pain and mourning. Before God, I was speechless. I lived in constant pains in heart. I was

like a wounded soldier. So I feel I am unworthy to write this report. To me, 2001 was the year of trials and sufferings. But now I realize that I must be watchful and thankful. And I must understand the mystery of Christ at the times of trials and sufferings, which will make me grow as a mature servant of God. For 2002, I set a new direction to serve God's work in the Czech Republic, with a spirit of pioneering.

First, Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. I started 2001 with Hebrews 12:1,2. In the midst of UBF's division, I had to overcome unbearable shock, pain and despair. I was deeply disappointed by my former shepherd and could not forgive him. The scars and wounds they inflicted on me was too much and too painful for me to bear. My pride was hurt so much that even tears dried from my eyes. I understood an old saying, "Though you can see through 10 feet of deep water, you cannot see one foot deep into the mind of a person." I remembered Dr. Samuel Lee saying, "Sheep run away, scratching shepherds' hearts, like a cat, even after years of wholehearted loving." I tried hard to establish a great work of God. God blessed our

Czech ministry. He showed me a vision of "roses blossoming in the desert." The work of God budded and began to grow. I was serving God's work with great hope and vision. But when my coworkers left because of the division of UBF in Korea, I despaired. So I thought about retreating to my hometown to live a quiet life. So I even turned down some sheep who came to study the Bible. But God led me to remember Hebrews 10:38. "But my righteous one will live by faith. And if he shrinks back, I will not be pleased with him. But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who believe and are saved." This one word helped me to repent my unbelief and to decide to start all over again. I realized that through suffering, God leads me to look up on Jesus only. Suffering is the divine love of God. If I give up life of faith, because of small sufferings, how can I teach the suffering Christ to the students of the Czech Republic? How can I teach them to obey the gospel of Jesus? How can I raise disciples of Jesus among them? I thank and praise God for enabling me to keep my faith and mission. I pray that I may be watchful in prayer and thanksgiving to Jesus in the times of trials.

Second, The work of God's words. Our God does not put out a flickering candle. The Almighty God has been with me. He enabled me to serve Sunday messages and Christmas message from Luke's Gospel. I had wasted nearly two years without visiting the campus because of my despair. Despite myself, God helped my son David and his friend Jan Slavicek to serve our Sunday Worship Service, with special songs and offering prayers, without fail for a year. When I think about these two Abrahams of faith, I cannot but repent my sin of unfaithfulness. They are praying to grow as good disciples of Jesus. On New Year's day, they shared their thanksgiving topics and prayer topics. I deeply repent my sin of not visiting the dormitory and campus. This new year, I want to bear the fruits of repentance. I pray that David and Jan may grow up into the precious servants of God.

Third, Visiting Ministry and ISU International Bible Conference. 1) Visiting Korea: Last February, I visited Korean UBF H.Q. I attended their New Year's Conference (2/16-18). I received much grace of God and heartfelt serving from Dr. John Jun and coworkers. And I learned that I must love God with all my heart, strength and mind, through Dt. 6 and Psalm 1.

2) ISU Conference: Because of her health problem, my coworker Hanna could attend only the Korean Summer Conference. She received words of God and much love from Korean coworkers. Through the ISU Conference, I learned that I must serve campus one-to-one and discipleship ministry as a royal priesthood and self-supporting

shepherd and missionary. I deeply respect Dr. Samuel Lee and Mother Barry who served God's work, dedicating their youth and whole heart for 40 years. I thank God for giving me a clear direction through the ISU Conference.

3) Heidelberg Autumn Bible Conference: When I thought about the current situation of the divided UBF and the open wounds and scars in my heart, I could not sleep at night. My heart had no peace, rather it was troubled in despair. So I called Missionary Kaleb Hong. My family attended the Heidelberg Bible Conference (Oct 9-11). The shepherds of Heidelberg delivered powerful messages, "The Royal Priesthood," from Exodus 19 and 1 Peter 2. I was greatly encouraged by Missionary Kaleb Hong who had served God through one-to-one and by raising the disciples wholeheartedly, in the midst of severe trials. Missionary Kaleb Hong gave me many spiritual advices during the conference or by telephone calls: "Forgive them all, especially your coworkers who hurt you. And pray for them." I struggled to repent and forgive. I pray that I may bear the fruit of repentance in 2002.

Fourth, my key verse for 2002 and Prayer Topics. I confess that I only committed sins before God throughout 2001. But in 2002, I want to serve God's work through much prayer and thanksgiving. So I chose Colossians 4:2-3 as my key verse for the year 2002. "Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains." This year I will come to God in prayer

and with thanksgiving. I will ask God for the power to deliver the mystery of Christ. Thank God for keeping his servant as the apple of his eye. Thank God for leading me to look up to Him only and to restore pure gospel faith. Thank God for making us remnants and pure grains. Thank God for enabling us to rise again, by faith, holding on his words. Thank God that he blessed us to have a self-supporting ministry, by allowing Missionary Hanna a proper job in a Czech company, despite Daewoo's downsizing. God provided us with all our needs so that we lack nothing. This year I really want to bear the fruit of repentance. And I want be watchful, through prayers and thanksgiving. I earnestly pray that I can boldly proclaim the mystery of Christ to the students in the Czech Republic.

Prayer Topics:

1. Sunday message (Genesis)
2. Campus fishing
3. David Shin and Jan Slavicek
4. 12 1:1s and 12 sheep to SWS
5. New Bible Center
6. Msn. Hanna Shin's health



A Prodigal Daughter In France

LOOK UP AND COUNT THE STARS IN DENMARK

Missionary Caleb Lee
Denmark UBF Director

"He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the heavens and count the stars-if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'" (Genesis 15:5)

University and built an altar of prayer there.



I. 2001 Mission Report

1. New Years Directors' Conference. We had a 2001 New Years Directors' Conference in London, England. The main message was "A royal priesthood". I had heard this message many times in the past as a message for the New Year. However, when I was ready to receive it newly from my heart, this message renewed my missionary calling and became my New Year's direction. I had made a new decision to love Danish souls and to live as their shepherd rather than trying not to be ignored by them as a foreigner. I had also resolved to make all my effort to prepare the Sunday message. However, when I look back this year, I repent of my poor preparation and poor message delivery. The next day, we learned John Wesley's faith and philosophy by visiting the house of his birth. On the day we had to come back to Denmark, we visited Cambridge

2. Experiencing the power of resurrection. My mother came from Korea to Denmark since Missionary Pauline delivered Samuel in December, 2000. My father also visited Denmark in April of this year. My parents, especially my mother, served us (including my children) in many ways until they went to my older brother's house in America in July. Missionary Pauline had suffered after delivering Pauline and had to recover by herself. This time, my mother's visit and serving gave us great help. During the Easter Season in April, my whole family traveled around Europe by car. But, we got in an accident while we were on the expressway which was between France and Switzerland. I fell asleep while I was driving due to drowsiness after lunch. The car was passing by the middle rail when I woke up suddenly due to the sound of being scratched. I was driving outside the lane, but unconsciously, I drove into the middle rail after passing by the inside lane. Our car's front wheel was completely bent. It was obvious that the car had a scratch on the left side. At the spot of the accident, I was alert completely. We could not but praise God's protection. If the car would have been bent more inside, we could have gotten into a bigger accident. I had heard about other missionaries' traffic

accidents several times. Especially, I heard about God's protection and grace through the accidents of Missionary Henri Chai in France and Missionary Priscilla. But when I experienced God's protection through an accident this time, I felt it was real. I realized how great God's protection is. I also felt vividly that our lives are not our own, but this life is too fragile to disappear even through one accident. I felt as if I heard the living resurrection message. This event made us have the fear of God and realize our weakness. Most of all, we learned one simple truth deeply, that we must live only for the glory of God in him.

3. The victory of studying and challenging Danish. I took the final exam in my second year in June. All the students worried a lot about the difficult second year exam. However, God had mercy on me and granted me his wisdom so that I could pass the test. Especially, I passed the microeconomics test, even though several students had to re-test due to their poor grades. My studying each year was like a big cross to me, but I thank God for carrying this big cross with me and helping me to win the victory. My coworker, Missionary Pauline, has been taking Danish classes since the last Fall quarter in her effort to conquer Danish. At first, I didn't want her to go to that school because of the long distance and late return

home. But when I saw that Missionary Pauline really wanted to conquer Danish, I decided to take one more cross of taking care of the kids. By God's grace, my children could do well in school during the past semester.

4. ISU USA international summer Bible conference. We had the ISU USA international summer conference in summer. At this conference, Latin American missionaries all attended. Shep. John Kim and Sarah Lee from Korea attended this conference. We spent joyful fellowship with shepherds and missionaries whom we scarcely met. I went to meet Shepherd Cephas Kye on the third day of the conference. There was Missionary Paul Chang there, and after a little while, Missionary Jeremiah Chung and Maria Yoon from Denver came in. We talked about our ministry in each of our mission fields. We shared our agonies, prayer topics and prayed together. Especially, when I heard about some missionaries who have served God's ministry faithfully despite their difficult situation in Denver, and the influence of the UBF r-group in Canada, I was greatly encouraged by their faith. I also heard of the 21st century vision of a church on a hill and center construction work from Shep. Kye-Ba. We prayed together about that. After the conference, Shepherdess Jung-A Yoon from Po-Hang Univ in Korea came to Denmark due to her seminar and stayed in our house. We had fellowship in God.

5. The concrete vision of Korea adoption mission. I could have vision for the adopted children mission when I visited adopted children from Korea through the

Korea Holt child care center. When I saw many adopted children who attended a Korean language school in a Korean restaurant while I was working as a coordinator for the SBS World Cup, I was full of vision for them. I could have hope for them to be used more effectively in Denmark mission in the future, because they were just like the Danish, except their appearance was Korean. Also, I could have hope for sister Eva. Sister Eva is studying to be a secretary and is having practice. We only have had some relationship with her through visiting until now. But we pray for her to begin Bible study through this relationship and accept Jesus as her Savior as the main character of Denmark ministry in the future.

6. Christmas Worship Service. At this Christmas time, I intended to invite Bosnian friends whom I have studied with from the first year. But, during my class, a Chinese brother Ming-hae, whom I had some relationship with before, came to sit next to me. When I just invited him, he was willing to come. I also invited another Chinese sister Jin-Ha-O and they attended the Christmas worship service together. These two Chinese told me that they never heard of the birth of Jesus deeply and formally like that. I delivered the Christmas message, that the birth of Jesus is the good news of great joy toward all mankind and all nations. But, when I considered it again, I found that I never cared for the Chinese or Bosnians, but only for Danish sheep. Through this Christmas Worship Service, I realized that I must also preach the gospel of Jesus to them. May God help me have a deeper relationship with

them and invite them into Bible study and worship service.

II. 2002 Key Verse & Prayer Topics

My 2002 key verse is Genesis 15:5, "He took him outside and said, 'Look up at the heavens and count the stars-if indeed you can count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your offspring be.'" By God's grace, we have been blessed by God materially and physically in a foreign land, living by faith like Abraham, but we had no spiritual fruit. When I began 2002, I thank God who comforted us through Genesis 15:5 and granted us new vision. May God help us live a life of mission newly in this mission field, having faith in God's promise simply.

III. Prayer topics:

Missionary Caleb Lee - Key Verse: 2Timothy 2:15

1. To conquer major studying (exam & Bachelor's thesis)
2. To dig out Luke's gospel Sunday messages deeply
3. To read through the Denmark Bible one time a year
4. To have 4 1:1 teams, to invite 2 to the Sunday Worship Service

Missionary Pauline Lee -- Key Verse: Matt 6:9b

1. To do well in Embassy Affairs
2. To register the Sunday Worship Service each week (Bae-Bong Center home page mission part)
3. To have 1:1 with sister Eva, Young-Hwa Kim
4. To pray three times a day absolutely
5. To conquer Danish (VUC)
6. To read the Bible one time a year

THE YEAR OF DISICPLESHIP MINISTRY

Missionary Moses Yoon
England UBF Director

"When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles...." (Luke 6:13)



1. The year of God's abundant blessing, 2002

Last year, the London UBF key verse was 2 Timothy 4:2: "Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season...." Holding on to this verse, we prayed for 40 one-to-one Bible studies every week. We praise God that he blessed us abundantly in spite of our laziness and shortcomings. I want to review God's gracious work among us and set a new direction for the coming year.

First, Bible study.

Last year, we studied the books of Joshua and Genesis and part of John's Gospel (up to chapter 5). Through Joshua study, we learned pioneering spirit and absolute faith in God Almighty. Through Genesis study, we laid the foundation of

our faith on God's almighty power and his sovereignty. We also learned God's hope for one person Abraham. God is the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God also calls each of us personally with the same hope as he had for Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in order to raise him as the ancestor of faith for this generation. Since last October, we have been studying John's Gospel. These days, we have 25-30 weekly Bible studies. Shepherd Ian serves 6-7 one-to-ones, and Missionary Jacob serves 5-6. Although we haven't quite reached 40 one-to-ones, we thank God anyway for his abundant grace. This year, our prayer topic is to serve 50 one-to-ones weekly.

Second, Bible schools and conferences.

Bible schools: We had a spring Bible school April 13th and 14th. Shepherds Ian and Paul were the messengers. In the fall, we had another Bible school for UCL freshmen October 23rd and 24th, and 12 new sheep attended it. We prepared each Bible school through one month of fishing and invitation. In this way, 12 new sheep began one-to-one Bible studies last year.

1. Conferences: We held our Easter Conference with the title, "The Glory of Resurrection" at Pilgrim Hall April 20th-22nd. 41 attended the conference including two from Yugoslavia, two from Ireland, and seven from Wales. Shepherd Ian and Shepherd Paul were the messengers. The conference was full of spirit, and everybody was empowered



English Gentlemen And Ladies In Jesus

Fourth, shepherds and growing sheep.

Shepherd Ian has grown much spiritually after marriage by faith. God has also blessed his art works, and he has been invited to several world-renowned exhibitions. He did 6 months of research at SNU. He wants to begin Ph.D. courses in order to become a professor shepherd. Shepherd Paul Ridge has also grown spiritually and has become more sincere and spiritually stable especially after establishing a house church with Missionary Joanna. God blessed him to work as a lawyer for one of the top law firms in Britain. Shepherd Ian and Shepherd Paul are growing spiritually through daily bread and Saturday testimony meetings. I pray that these two young leaders may grow as great Bible teachers and shepherds this year.



David Suk Jr. And Daniella Lim, Future English Shepherds

by Jesus' resurrection. November 23rd--25th, we had a fall Bible conference with the title, "Do You Love Me?" (Jn 21:15) at Tirley Garth in the north of England. 50 attended, including guests from other chapters. God sent 9 new sheep to this conference.

Third, the ISU international conference.

Thirteen missionaries and three British shepherds attended the ISU conference. We all received God's grace abundantly and accepted God's hope for Britain to be restored as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Dr. Samuel Lee's great spirit encouraged all of us. I thank and praise God who used Dr. Lee and Mother Barry preciously for the 40 years of UBF ministry. I pray that God may continue to bring wandering souls to Christ. After the conference was over, Missionary Sarah Yoon stayed in Chicago three

more months in order to study the Bible and receive training. I thank God for His abundant grace upon her.



Shepherdess Louise Wicken Is Happy To Study The Bible

Shepherdess Louise Wicken has begun a common life together with Missionaries Joshua and Beth's family. She meets with Missionary Beth for daily bread every morning. She served as a group Bible study leader for the spring conference, the ISU conference, and the fall conference. She was also one of the messengers for the fall conference. I pray that she may continue to take a deep root in the word of God.

The names of our growing sheep are as follows: Jonathan (Missionary Esther), Andrew (Missionary Rebekah), Chris (Missionary Jacob), Martin (Missionary Mark), Matthew (Missionary Joshua), Beth (Missionary Grace), Remi (Missionary Andrew), Darren (Stanley Kiaer), Rolan, Jeremy F, Owen, David, Jeremy C, Peter, Helen.

Fifth, house churches.

God established two house churches last year. The wedding between Shepherd Ian and Missionary Ji Eun was held at the Ho Am hall of SNU. Shepherd Paul and Missionary Joanna married at the Chongro UBF Center. Their weddings were held on the same day, June 6th. When we did not even know how to prepare these weddings, God blessed them abundantly. Both Shepherd Ian and Shepherd Paul are full of thanksgiving to God for their house churches. They have a clear prayer topic for their house churches to be used for pioneering 100 campuses and raising 10,000 Bible teachers in Britain by 2025. We thank and praise for His abundant grace upon them and all of us. I also give thanks to many servants of

God who worked hard and prayed for these two house churches. To name a few, they are Dr. John Jun, Sun-ji Jun, Jae Eun Cho, Jonathan and Hee Young Park, and Mary Shin.

Sixth, the new center.

Since our Sunday worship service has grown to be in the thirties, our center has become too small for us. Often Missionary Moses Yoon's office was used as a one-to-one room. So we prayed for a new center. After some time, God granted us a center which is most appropriate for us; it is clean and much more spacious than the old center and is located in a safe area. We moved into the new center at the end of November. We thank God and pray for 50 one-to-ones in this new center.

Seventh, missionaries.

Last year, God sent six new Korean missionaries to London UBF. They are Maria Suk (An Am), Joseph Kim (Kyung Sung), Hannah Lee (An Am), Lydia Hwang (Kyung Sung), Ji Eun Kaer (SNU 3), and Joanna Ridge (Chong Ro 7). They are well-trained missionaries. Especially, Missionary Hannah Lee and Missionary Lydia Hwang humbly babysat missionaries' children and thus helped other women missionaries have more time to go fishing and carry one-to-one Bible studies. After the ISU conference, Dr. Jacob Canlas came to London from the Philippines. He diligently fished sheep and now serves six one-to-ones. His coworker works as a nurse in Suffolk in the east of Britain. Shepherd Daniel served Brother Jeremy to grow spiritually.

Most of all, I thank God for our women missionaries' hard work--serving delicious food, cleaning, music programs, and most of all, earnest prayers. They served quietly but very powerfully. Missionary Rebekah Suk especially worked hard while Missionary Sarah was away in Chicago. Missionary Esther Lim served Brother Jonathan to grow spiritually. Missionary Esther prepared breakfast at the center. Missionary David Suk coworked with Missionary Moses closely in spite of his severe back pain. Missionary Joshua Kim has grown much as a humble servant, who endures hardships well. He has been attending early morning prayer meetings with an absolute attitude. Missionary Samuel Lim has worked hard for our self-supporting ministry.

Eighth, fellowship ministry.

After the October fall conference, we established four fellowships. The four fellowship leaders are David Suk, Samuel Lim, Joshua Kim, and Ian. Each fellowship leader has a strong stewardship for God's work.

Ninth, raising 2nd generation missionaries.

Missionary Joanna teaches the Bible to Joanna Jr. and Sarah Jr. Missionary Lydia teaches them and Esther Jr. music. I came to realize the importance of music in training them spiritually. I am praying for an orchestra through the 2nd generation missionaries.

Tenth, world mission.

Shepherd Ian studied art in SNU for 6 months. During that time, he also established a

house church with Ji Eun Cho. Shepherdess Jung Ah Koh is receiving spiritual training at Kwan Ak 3. She prays to come back to Britain this year. M. Moses and M. Timothy attended the Russian summer conference as prayer servants. Sh. Ian and M. Ji Eun attended the first Ireland Bible school as a messenger and a testimony messenger, respectively. We pray for God's work in Ireland and Wales at every Sunday worship service.

Eleventh, self-supporting.

Last year, M. Joseph Kim and Maria Suk joined our computer company for self-supporting. Now, M. Moses, M. Samuel, M. Joshua, M. Joseph, M. Timothy, and M. Maria are working together for this company. God has blessed our self-supporting ministry abundantly and has provided us with everything necessary. Especially, God granted M. Joshua Kim a 5 year work permit through the company; he will be able to receive permanent residency in 4 years. Praise God! Through this self-supporting ministry, we learned practical faith and coworking spirit.

2. 2002 spiritual direction

"When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles..." (Lk 6:13). We studied Lk 6:1-19 as the new year's message. The time of Jesus was dark and fatalistic. People were like sheep without a shepherd. Nobody knew what to do. But Jesus did not despair. When morning came after all night prayer, Jesus called 12 disciples. He

End of July or beginning of August: European Summer Bible conference.

October 22nd-23rd: Fall Bible school

November 22nd-24th: Fall Bible conference

M. Moses Yoon:

I thank God for M. Sarah Yoon's prayers and spiritual counseling. She always encouraged me and coworked with me very well. This year, I want to learn prayer. Through prayers, I want to have a deep fellowship with Jesus and receive strength for discipleship ministry. I pray that I may not become like a Pharisee but be a good example for God's flock of sheep. I pray that I may help Sh. Ian, Sh. Paul, and fellowship leaders intensively this year. My prayer topics are:

1. Earnest early morning prayers and daily bread.
2. To serve Sunday messages wholeheartedly.
3. Self-supporting ministry.

gave his life for raising them up as the spiritual leaders of the generation. He also wanted them to go out into the world and raise Jesus' disciples like themselves. We are often tempted to despair looking at the present time. We must not despair; instead, we must raise disciples of Jesus for Britain and for the whole world. We want to dedicate our lives to this task of raising disciples of Jesus this year.

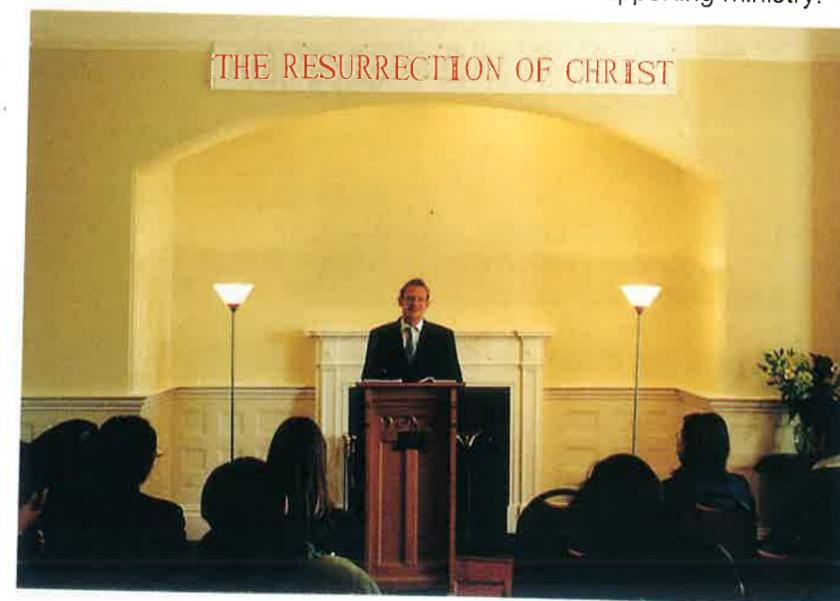
London UBF prayer topics:

1. Earnest early morning prayers.
2. For each coworker to raise one disciple.
3. For 12 British student attendants at Sunday worship service and 50 1:1's.
4. For pioneering 100 campuses and raising 10,000 Bible teachers by 2005.

Our 2002 plan:

March 5th-6th: Spring Bible school

April 5th-7th: Spring Bible conference



Many-Sided Ian: Bible Speaker, Shepherd, And Artist

A NEW BEGINNING

Dr. Marc Choi
France UBF Director

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24)



As we began 2001, God gave us Mark 11:24 and promised that he would answer our prayers, whatever we ask. But when I look back at the last year, I couldn't please God due to my unbelief. But God is merciful and forgiving and encourages me to start new this year despite my many shortcomings. I believe that God will have mercy on France and save many wandering souls this year.

Last year, we prayed for 40 one to one's and 30 Sunday Worship Service attendants. We offered the first worship service in Paris on October 2000, after moving from Orleans. Shepherd Bruno and Missionary Christine Assaunt's family and Shepherd Eric Nicolle joined us from the old Paris center. Missionary candidate Il Kyun and sister Peggy also began Bible study with us, still struggling to overcome their difficult experiences at the old Paris

center. They struggled to adjust to the new atmosphere, and God helped them to forget about the old. May God help them continually to be good stewards to the work of God.

Thank God for several missionary coworkers who fought the good fight of faith. At the beginning, we divided into three fellowships and prayed to serve 7 colleges in inner Paris. We went out two by two for fishing. We also held a Holy Friday meeting. Estelle Wu (Missionary Hannah's sheep) and Peggy (Missionary Christine's sheep) were born again as a fruit of the Holy Friday meeting. We finished Joshua study in February and began John's gospel study.

From February 28 to March 1, we held our Spring Bible School with the title, "Jesus, the Living Water for our souls." Shepherds Thierry and Bruno delivered John 3 and John 4. Peggy, Estelle, Anic, Denie, Neda, Patricia, and Terez attended. We then began to prepare for the Spring Bible Conference at Beuty April 6-8. The Beuty conference place had nice facilities and a beautiful environment, and we were all happy. All messengers struggled to write 30-page life testimonies. After this, the messengers excellently revealed Jesus' death and resurrection. Shepherd Bruno Aussant delivered the

Lecture 1 (Jesus arrested and tried), Shepherd Thierry delivered the Lecture 2 (Jesus was crucified), Missionary Joshua Lee from Belgium delivered the Lecture 3 (Jesus has risen), and Shepherd Beatrice Clio delivered the Lecture 4 (The Risen Jesus restored Peter). When I struggled to learn from Dr. Lee's message while I was serving the conference, I was deeply touched by his simple but deep message. When I did so, all other disciples also accepted one word of God.

Missionaries Joshua and Sarah Lee and Klara and Dongkyu Kang from Belgium, Paul and Sarah Lee from Switzerland, and Lukas Kim and Shepherd Frank Schnitzler from Köln Germany attended and prayed for the conference. We were greatly comforted by three women coworkers, Elena Giesbreicht, Deborah Nagra, and Isabelle Renaud who came all the way from Canada. I am grateful for Missionary Luke Hong's prayer for France. Shepherd Eric, Missionary Christine, sister Estelle, Shepherd Frank from Köln, Shepherdess Isabelle from Canada, Luc from Belgium, and Peggy from Paris shared their life testimonies.

Among them Estelle's life testimony was especially heart-moving, because she honestly

confessed her immoral life and received the forgiveness of sin. It comforted us greatly since we haven't seen any sheep born again for a while. She has been studying with Missionary Hannah from Orlean and joined us again in Paris transferring from her university. She now lives near the center and comes for daily bread meeting faithfully. She takes care of Therese and Vesna. We pray for her to grow to be a good shepherdess for French sheep. Even though she is a foreigner she graduated from the first class university and got a position as an executive administrator in Fuzo Auto Company. This shows the possibility that even foreigners can get a good job in Paris. Denis, Philippe, Peggy, Estelle, and Therese are from Paris and Missionaries Albert and Marie Um are from Strasbourg. The total attendants were 36 including children.

During the spring semester, we spent a lot of time to find houses to live in. Missionary Sun Wook Kim, who had lived with my family for three months since January, Shepherd Eric's family and Shepherd Bruno's family, who lived together at the old center, had to find a place near the new center. Missionary Rebekah, who was previously in charge of our transfer from Orlean to Paris, led the prayer meeting for their move. God heard our prayers and granted us a place to stay near the center within a month. During this time, God worked mightily through John's gospel study. Shepherdess Beatrice went out fishing 100 times after she studied the servants' obedience who filled the water jar to the brim in John 2. After the conference, God delivered

the good news of Missionary Christine's pregnancy. Their family was childless before, so we all praised God!

Since May, at the end of the semester, we began to pray for the International Summer Bible Conference. At the same time, we began to prepare the France Summer Conference. God granted a US visa to Missionary Hannah when even though she had been previously rejected. We had a Summer conference from June 22 to 24 at Shalinie conference place, 4 hours south of Paris. The title of the conference was "I Want To Know Christ" (Philippians 3:10). "Jesus is God" (John 1, Bruno Aussant), "You are the Christ" (Mark 8, Thierry Clio), "Thinking in Jesus" (Philippians 2, Marc Choi), and "Get up and walk" (John 5, Beatrice Clio) were the main messages. Shepherd Eric delivered "Fishers of men" and Missionary Gabriel delivered

"The way of disciples" as morning messages. Though not many sheep attended, Missionary Il Kyun and second generation Missionary David Choi shared their life testimonies and a new brother sheep Gille shared a testimony. David Choi repented his disobedience and lust and was born again. God blessed his repentance and granted him high school graduation and admission to the first class college preparatory institution. God also granted him to attend the ISU Summer Bible Conference. He is struggling to remain in the word of Jesus and to get good grades at school and to feed one sheep during the Fall semester. May God bless him to be a good shepherd for second generation missionaries and his friends.

Four missionaries, five shepherds, one sheep, and one second generation missionary, a total of 11 from France, attended



A Very Spirited French Dance

the ISU Summer Bible Conference. Missionary Marc Choi delivered John 6, "Faith of Andrew," as a morning message and France coworkers presented a French dance. We renewed our world mission vision through the conference. I personally learned Andrew's faith and struggled to offer my five loaves and two fish for French mission. Missionary Rebekah renewed her strength through Dr. Lee's care and missionary coworkers love while she stayed in Chicago after the conference.

After the ISU conference, we prepared for the new semester by fixing the center. The paint was peeling and the inside of the building was humid since the building was old. We cleaned up everything with one heart and mind. We decided to concentrate on fishing and one to one. We then prepared the Genesis Bible School during October 16-18 and went out for fishing everyday as our preparation. We had about 30 sheep who promised to come. But many broke their promises. We were somewhat discouraged. Missionary Gabriel Choi (lecture 1), Shepherdess Beatrice Clio (lecture 2), and Shepherd Eric Nicolle (lecture 3) delivered messages and Vesan, Blatka, Therese, Charles, and Florence attended the Bible school.

We had our Fall conference at Mont Choisy during November 9-11, 2½ hours away from Paris. This is located in the Champagne province, famous for wine and is about a middle way between the Paris chapter and other chapters. The price was relatively cheap so students could easily come. We have

been using that place for two years. Whenever I came there, I was reminded of a harvest field of France, looking at the wide open fields. The conference place rebuilt its lodging and prepared wonderful meals for us. All attendants were happy enjoying well-prepared dishes feeling as if they tasted all the specialties of France. Missionaries Paul Lee and Sarah Lee from Switzerland and Missionary Joshua and his son little Joshua attended the conference and encouraged us despite their busy schedule. Missionary Paul Lee delivered the closing message. He spoke to us that God sent Jeremiah even though he knew that his people wouldn't listen. Likewise, we must accept the hope of God and challenge even if we are rejected time and again. Through this conference, I had a chance to have fellowship with French speaking missionaries and prayed together. I pray for sister Yanjan in Switzerland and brother Marx in Belgium to grow to be disciples of Jesus.

We wanted to know the true way Jesus through John 14, "I Am the Way." Shepherd Eric delivered John 1, "Jesus is God." He wrote his life testimony again and accepted Jesus who is God. He newly accepted the grace of Jesus who saved him from extreme timidity and self-righteousness; he had even considered himself as a priest candidate. He still had wounds from his broken relationship with God's servant in the old center. But he praised God for healing him gradually by leading him to the new center and providing him the word of God. He earnestly prayed to establish a house church based on Genesis 2:24. May God bless him to do so in his right time.

Estelle Wu delivered Luke 5, "Jesus Called Levi" as a morning message on the second day. She confessed that God's calling for France mission has been strengthened through this message. After struggling to reduce a message into a half page, she clearly revealed Jesus' calling and joy of following Jesus. Shepherdess Beatrice Clio delivered a second lecture, "I Am the Way." In the past, she just wanted to be a good person, yet wandered in hatred and perverse desire without knowing Jesus. But Jesus didn't condemn the adulterous woman, but forgave her. She confessed that she found the true Way when she met Jesus. She met Missionary Rebekah at Marceus and followed her all along whenever her shepherdess moved. Through this she could put her hope in the kingdom of God. May God bless her faithfulness for the last 10 years and grant her one sheep.

Shepherd Thierry Clio delivered lecture 3, "Jesus was crucified" based on Matthew 27. He described Jesus very well, who suffered on the cross for our sins, and we received much grace through his message. He stayed at the center for one week before the conference to prepare the message and experienced the power of the word of God. After this message, sister Peggy shared her life testimony and Little Grace Jeon from Chicago, who came to Paris as an exchange student, shared her testimony based on Jesus the Way. Though sister Peggy had shared her testimony at the Spring Conference without clear repentance, through the Fall conference, she was born again by honestly confessing her

sins to Jesus. In the evening, there were music and drama.

The last day morning, Shepherdess Barbara Alexandrova delivered 1 Peter 1, "Living Hope", and Shepherd Bruno Aussant delivered Mark 5, "Jesus Healed A Gerasene Demoniac" as a main message. He confessed that even though he was outwardly a good boy, he was like a Gerasene demoniac with anger and bitterness and split personality. He praised Jesus who visited him and healed his inner sickness with the word of God and raised him to be a servant of God's word.

During the Mont Choisy Fall conference, I had a prayer topic to fill the auditorium with 100 attendants by 2003. On the way back, we stopped by Reims and visited a cathedral. The cathedral is famous since 34 French kings were crowned there until the middle of 19th century beginning from King Clovis in the 5th century. French kings have come and gone, but we must pray to raise France to be kingdom of priests by raising up spiritual leaders. So all of us held our arms together outside the cathedral despite cold weather. May God answer our prayer and raise up many spiritual leaders from France and raise France to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

We had Christmas worship service at the Paris center on December 16th. Missionary Marc delivered the message based on the Magi's pilgrimage. About 30 people attended and people were moved by the word of God. After the message, we had a drama about the 4th Magi. Shepherd Thierry played a 4th Magi role

without mistakes despite his many long lines.

During the last one year, Shepherd Jacob Han from Shin Soo center and other coworkers visited our center, and Missionary James Lee from Namibia visited us with Shepherd Abraham Victor. At the beginning of October, Missionary Kaleb Hong and other coworkers from Heidelberg in Germany visited us. Thank God for Missionaries Gabriel and Hannah Choi's unity in coworking. God blessed Missionary Gabriel by providing admission to ESCP high school and job training center when he rejected job training outside of Paris. May God grant him a good job after the training.

I feel sad since I couldn't offer lots of fruit to God despite many activities. But may God bless our manager ministry, one to one and fishing ministry. Seven universities in Paris and 200,000 students are waiting for Bible teachers who can teach them the gospel of Jesus. May God grow us up to be good Bible teachers in the coming new year. It sometimes looks impossible to evangelize French young people who are soaked in the pleasure seeking and humanistic way of life that is godlessness. But I believe that God will use us to evangelize France. Last year, God taught us prayer. May God help us this year to learn to participate in the sufferings of Christ and experience resurrection power based on "I want to know Christ."

Prayer topics (Philippians 3:10)

First, Outstanding French message to Dr. Marc Choi beginning from Daniel

Second, 50 one-to-ones and 30 Sunday Worship Service attendants

Third, 3 discipleship candidates of Jesus among brothers

Fourth, 100 conference attendants by 2003, 15 house churches by 2005, 150 missionaries by 2010

Fifth, 6000 Bible teachers and 6000 house churches. Kingdom of priests and a holy nation

Prayer topics for Dr. Marc Choi (John 10:11)

First, A new job in Paris

Second, Bible study and message preparation (receive one word of God)

Third, Thierry, Bruno, Beatrice, Eric, Barbara and new shepherd candidates

Fourth, 12 one-to-ones



General Joshua Jeon Visits Moscow

IF YOU BELIEVE, YOU WILL SEE THE GLORY OF GOD

Missionary Mark Lee
Greece UBF

"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'" (John 11:40)



Paul Lee, Greece UBF Director

Last year Greece UBF served discipleship ministry and self supporting ministry holding the word of God, which says, "I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death." We thank God that he gave us faith to participate in the remaining sufferings of Christ and that he made the living hope in the kingdom of God burn in the hearts of our Greece UBF missionaries.

I. Last year mission report

1. Conference and the ministry of the word of God

In 2001 Greece UBF studied John's gospel, the gospel of light and life. Through this gospel we wanted to help Greek intellectuals find the true light and abundant life in Jesus Christ. We thank God for Missionary Paul Lee who served John's gospel messages every week in the midst of working in a restaurant at night. In the Fall semester we studied Genesis Nine Steps. In 2001 Greece UBF prepared a vessel to hold the flock of God by serving them systematically following the seasons. Our missionaries persistently

served campus ministry regardless of the sheep's condition.

2. Easter Academy Ministry

We prepared our Easter Academy distributing invitation cards to sheep two months before the Academy and praying together every day. At first we prepared to have the Academy in the College of Philosophy of The National Athens University. But because of the nationwide protest meetings and demonstration, the university was closed during the period of the Academy. We could not but have the Academy in the Bible center on April 2nd and 3rd for two days. On the first day, Missionary Paul Lee spoke on Jesus' resurrection based on the word of God from the gospel. One Arabic brother, who resides in the dormitory, attended. On the second day, Missionary Mark Lee delivered the message on the resurrection of the body based on 1 Corinthians Chapter 15. Brother Demetrius, who is a Law school junior, attended and received grace after hearing about the resurrection of the body coming in the future. He is a sincere Greek Orthodox Christian. He said the word of God we taught was not much different from that from the Greek Orthodox church. Through the 2001 Easter Academy, first of all, our missionaries, accepted the resurrection of Jesus, who overcame the power of death anew and were determined to challenge discipleship ministry and self supporting ministry by resurrection faith. Through fishing ministry we met several sheep who had spiritual desires. We received vision to raise Jesus' disciples diligently.

3. Piccarmi Summer Conference through which we received hope and faith

The Greek Summer Conference was held in the Piccarmi American School of Theology located northeast, 20 km away from Athens, for two nights and three days from July 11-13. During the summer conference preparation period we had practical difficulties because Missionary Lydia was suffering from breathing difficulties and Missionary Pauline delivered her baby. There was a certain possibility for us not to have the conference. But we prepared the conference to the end with prayers. Even though we prepared with earnest prayer, no sheep attended. Only missionaries were at the conference.

On the first day, Missionary Paul Lee delivered the word of God based on the Living water welling up to eternal life to the Samaritan woman. On the second day, Missionary Mark Lee delivered his message about Jesus who saved Zacchaeus. A student from the School of Theology and several residents listened to the words of God and shared fellowship with us. Women missionaries and Missionary Barnabas Wo served 5 minute message testimonies. Second generation children, Lydia, Paul and Pauline sang special songs before the first day's lecture. Missionary Barnabas delivered his message joyfully even though it was the first time for him since he came to Greece. In spite of the hot weather of 40° C, our missionaries planted tears and prayers for the gospel ministry or Greek intellectuals throughout

the conference. We received vision that at the 2002 summer conference, Greek sheep would be used as messengers and prayed earnestly.

4. ISU International Summer Conference

After the summer conference, Missionary Paul Lee, Missionary Lydia Lee and Missionary Mark Lee attended the ISU conference. Missionary Paul Lee, through his international conference report, said we would plant the seeds of the gospel in the hearts of Greek intellectuals, even though we would not see the visible fruits of Greek intellectual gospel ministry. Our 2nd generation missionaries might harvest the fruits of the seeds we plant based on Psalm 126:5,6, "Those who sow in tears will reap with songs of joy. He who goes out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with him." Seeing these fruits with hope, he danced with joy on the podium. At first, Missionary Mark Lee applied for an American visa as a student and was rejected. But when he challenged again as a missionary with prayer, he received it by grace. At the beginning of the year he prepared with prayer in the hope of seeing Dr. Samuel Lee face to face. God accepted his wish and prayer.

5. Christmas Worship service ministry

Greek UBF had the 2001 Christmas Worship Service on December 23rd. Because Missionary Paul Lee's family was in Korea, Missionary Mark Lee and Missionary Barnabas Wo's family served Christmas worship service. Even though there was a big hole due to the absence of Missionary Paul Lee's family, by faith we prepared special hymns and a

play and offered a beautiful Christmas worship service to Jesus, our Lord, as our treasure box. The Christmas message title was, "The Good News of Great Joy." There was the work of God, for our missionaries accepted baby Jesus in our hearts anew. Especially, the Christmas play, directed by Missionary Barnabas, was very gracious (it was the first Christmas play in Greek UBF history).

6. Self support and visa problem

Missionary Paul Lee's family established material independence through working in a restaurant and Missionary Barnabas supported his family by working in a trade company. God moved the minds of Greek political leaders and made a special law to save illegal foreign residents. He opened a way to receive a six month visa without difficulty and helped those who have jobs to receive labor visas. I am preparing papers to apply for a labor visa. May God give a formal labor visa to this servant. Missionary Pauline became eligible to receive a six month visa expansion automatically. Missionary Mark Lee and Joanna Wo, who had been residing as students, received six month visa expansions automatically. We praise and thank God who had mercy on our missionaries to serve the Greek intellectual discipleship ministry staying legally. Missionary Mark Lee established material independence by working as a guide and working in Kotra. I thank God that he provided everything necessary to Missionary Mark's family and enabled Missionary Mark to prepare all the expenses for a baby delivery and U.S.A conference attendance. May God give Missionary Mark Lee a proper job and through this open the way to receive labor visas for the whole family members' legal residency.

7. Zion training and replenishing ministry for Missionary Paul Lee's family

Missionary Paul Lee's family, who served Greek ministry for 10 years, entered Korea for Zion training in August. Missionary Paul Lee is receiving IT job training for a stable job in Greece. He is diligently studying computer with the single desire to serve Greek intellectuals. Missionary Lydia Lee is receiving treatment because she was not healthy when she was in Greece. I pray that God may send Missionary Paul Lee back to Greece with a good job. I pray that God may restore Missionary Lydia's health. I pray that God may enable their children to learn the Korean culture and language and send them back to Greece as 2nd generation missionaries.

II. New year's key verse and prayer topics

1. My new year's key verse is John 11:40, which says, "Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'" I earnestly pray that Greek missionaries may see God's glory by challenging the discipleship ministry and material independence by faith. I pray that Missionary Paul Lee may master computer study and get a good job in Greece. I pray for the restoration of Missionary Lydia's health.

2. Prayer Topics

- 1) Six Greek sheep Sunday worship service attendants; 12 one-to-ones
- 2) 12 brother disciples and 12 sister disciples
- 3) 120 Sunday worship service attendants in 30 years
- 4) May God strengthen Missionary Paul Lee's family spiritually and physically
- 5) Missionaries' visa problems

THE FIRST BIBLE SCHOOL IN IRELAND UBF

Missionary John Park
Ireland UBF Director

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." (Mark 11:24)



1. God who upheld our missionaries

As I picked up my pen to write this mission report, it seemed that there was nothing to write about. Yet while reviewing my personal notes for the last one-year as well as other missionaries' mission reports, I got a glimpse of what to write. My 2001 key verse was Philippians 3:14: "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." I took this key verse so that I might not look at people or fellowships but only focus on the heavenly reward in order to overcome the division among UBF members. When I shared my testimony at last year's Director's Conference, I prayed that I might be able to visit campus even once a week. Then Pastor Abraham Lee corrected my direction to visit the campus every day, not just once a week.

After the conference, I visited the campus every day in order to obey his direction. However, I couldn't do it with my whole heart. Whenever I heard about the division in UBF, I

wondered where I should stand and where I was heading. My identity as a UBF missionary began to be shaky. My coworker began to lose her trust in people and couldn't fight a good spiritual fight. However, God had mercy on us and restored us completely through the Easter Conference in England. God restored me while I was talking with Missionary Moses Yoon. God restored my coworker through the conference messages and she made a decision not to be swayed by what she heard but to concentrate on obeying her calling from God. I thank God for the prayer support of Missionary Andrew Kim in Yugoslavia and shepherds in Korea for our family.

Besides this, there were many other crises. After the Easter conference, as I was getting up from my chair after studying, I couldn't stand up and I fell on the spot. I ended up in the Emergency room. My body was restored after several days. But, this incident shocked my coworker. I also had many 'near' accidents, but God saved me. Last September, M. Blessing had her own personal crisis. When the Korean Embassy changed many members she was so stressed that she wanted to resign. However, by several missionaries' help she could continue her job. For the last one-year we met many physical and spiritual crises. We fought our spiritual fight very poorly. However, God didn't leave us alone like orphans. Rather, He strengthened us and comforted us through letters and gifts from Korean shepherds. Even though

we didn't do much, God protected us with his mercy and poured out his grace to us. We thank and praise God who saved us from all crises.

2. God blessed our first Bible School

On November 6th and 7th, we had our first Bible school. I thought gathering sheep was the most important thing in order to prepare our Bible School. When I thought about the reality of my ministry, especially that I don't have regular one-to-one student sheep, I couldn't begin to plan a Bible school. However, through the ISU International conference, I learned 'five loaves and two fish' faith. I especially learned that if I don't have five loaves and two fish then I have to borrow them from others. So I set the date for our Bible School and visited the campus, inviting students. We prayed that God might bless our Bible school and 16,000 UCD (University College of Dublin) students. We also asked England UBF to send a messenger and a testimony sharer in order to borrow their five loaves and two fish. We also asked Korean UBF to support us. Then England UBF sent us Sh. Ian as a messenger, and his coworker, JiEun as a testimony sharer. Joanna Moon from BaeBong and SunYoung Park from SeoKang center also came from Korea. During our Bible School, we received much prayer support from Korea. Through their prayer, we could invite many sheep with a sincere heart's desire to attend. Yumin

and one other sheep attended this Bible school. After we finished our Bible school, no one wanted to leave the place but only praise God in English, Korean and Mandarin. Through this Bible school many sheep began to be interested in our ministry.

After the Bible school, my heart began to overflow with thanksgiving. It was not easy for one family to serve all the guests. But because our hearts were overflowing with thankfulness, all tiredness melted away like snow. While I was serving and planning this conference I was very thankful for all our coworkers' devotion, serving and prayer. I was greatly encouraged by the wonderful support we received from England and Korea. Ian and JiEun helped us a lot. SunYoung Park overcame her jetlag and blessed everyone with her joyful spirit. Joanna Moon gave her heart in serving our Bible School and Hannah Lee deliberately arrived one week ahead to help us prepare. When we co-worked with one heart and mind, God poured out his grace. I thank God who blessed our Bible school when we offered our five loaves and two fish.

3. Bible study and 1:1 ministry

By June, we finished 36 lectures from John's gospel. After the summer conference, we decided to study Romans in order to learn the core of the gospel. From August, we began our 14 lectures of Romans. In December, we studied 3 lessons about Christmas. We learned about the God of grace who is with sinners even though he is the holy and righteous God. On December 23rd we had a Christmas Worship Service with special hymns and a violin solo and gave glory to God who gave us baby Jesus.

After the summer conference, I began to study the Bible with sister Yumin. Yumin is the first sheep that I fished since I came to Ireland. She came as a foreign student to UCD. She has graduated and has a job. In January 2000, she went to a Chinese church with her sister. But after the summer conference, she came back to Bible study and studied Romans very faithfully. After our Bible school, she received much grace and is very interested in our ministry, asking how to become a UBF member and how many members we have. She is studying with M. Blessing and wants to be used in campus mission. We pray that she may receive the word of God and accept campus mission.

While I was inviting sheep for our Bible school, I met brother Andrew. He is taking evening courses in UCD. I talked with him after finishing my work and I invited him to Bible study. I pray that I may begin Bible study with him beginning from this new semester.



Missionary John And Blessing Park

4. New year direction and prayer topics

Last year, I learned 'five loaves and two fish' faith. However, I realized that I lacked prayer and a diligent spiritual life. So I have taken Mark 11:24 as my 2002 Key Verse. "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." I pray that I may fight the good fight of faith and pray according to this key verse enough to be commended by God and bear the fruit of faith in this year. My 2002 prayer topics are as follows:

1. That Missionaries John and Blessing may feed two boy sheep and two girl sheep.
2. For the Spring Bible school (April) and Fall Bible school (November).
3. Conquering the English language.
4. For an extension of Missionary John's work permit.

THE YEAR OF CLEARING THE FOREST

Missionary Elijah Park
Poland UBF Director

"But the forested hill country as well. Clear it, and its farthest limits will be yours..." (Joshua 17:18)



I. The gospel of Jesus' death and resurrection has been preached

It has been four years since Poland was pioneered. It has been almost three years since I arrived in Warsaw on Feb. 15, 1999. Last January, God sent Shepherd Robert Strzembr, trained in Wright center in Chicago, to us and enabled us to have the first Bible Academy. Through his 8 page testimony, God has shown me that a passionate Polish man can be changed into a man of God who loves God passionately. Through this conference, brother Andrzej Orpik, a ritualistic Catholic, was spiritually challenged and he became rebellious to our Bible study. But it was a good thing because Shepherd Robert's mother, who was an old Catholic Christian, honestly told us that many Polish Christians do not live according to the teachings of the Bible and in reality they live against the teachings of the gospel. This was exactly what I had in my mind. After that event, Andrzej decided to leave UBF,

but he came back to Bible study after four weeks. Through Bible study God helped me to engage in a spiritual, ideological and doctrinal battle. Through this, our Bible study style was changed from a marginal, moralistic and gentlemanly one to focusing on Jesus' death and resurrection and the gospel of salvation.

Brother Tomasz Osinski, a Ph.D. student in German literature, has been studying the Bible since April, 1999. Through Matthew's gospel study, God helped me to plant the word of God, especially Jesus' death on the cross and the gospel of salvation. Through Bible study he had an opportunity to come near the cross of Jesus and the work of salvation. He bought a Bible on his own and for the first time in three years he became more sincere and humble. I could see the work of the Holy Spirit in him.

This year God answered my earnest prayer topic to send coworkers to Poland. God established a house church between Missionary Hanna Choi, who has received training in Kolin for the past three years, and Shepherd Seunghyun Lee from Namsan center. On Oct 18, they joined our Poland ministry. This was a great comfort and thanksgiving topic for my family. Through this I learned how much God is pleased with Poland campus ministry. Missionary Hanna cannot do much in this

new mission field but she is a precious prayer coworker. Every Thursday morning she serves the prayer meeting with the word of God from Peter. This is a great gift of God for Poland and my family.

At the 2001 Christmas worship service, God blessed M. Hanna, Tomasz, Osinski, Andrzej Orpik, Dolina and Magorzata to have a graceful and organized worship service. Through the service, we proclaimed Jesus who came to this world as the true light shining the dark world of sin and death. We offered to the baby Jesus a wonderful piano solo, harmonica solo and Polish Christmas poems recited by M. Elijah Park.

II. God who helped me keep my heart

In 2001, I received endless reports about UBF through the Internet and letters from Korea and Hanyang UBF. They tried to plant mistrust toward Dr. Samuel Lee. I began to have a little doubt about the work of God. But because I had my own personal philosophy, 'Do not ever babble sinful and distrustful words,' I tried very hard not to say any sinful words to anybody, even to my coworker. Before attending the ISU International Conference I talked to God about my personal hope: "through this conference I want to know for sure who Dr.

Samuel Lee is." I saw that the Conference was full of the work of the Holy Spirit through many changed non-Korean shepherds. As I carefully listened to the announcements of Dr. Samuel Lee, I realized that he loved the cross of Jesus only and I could confidently trust him. Also, during mealtimes I had a chance to talk to senior missionaries who first pioneered the East European countries. Through their testimonies, I was confident that world mission was the work of God himself who answered his servants' prayer. In this way God helped me to keep my heart firm in his calling to call campus intellectuals to the obedience that comes from faith. Through the conference, I could accept the sense of God's history in UBF newly and the importance of my mission all the more.

III. Jesus who gave hope and grace of forgiveness

During the last one year, I had been oppressed by many dark thoughts because of the problems in my personal life, my family, UBF and the world. Not long after celebrating the 100th day of my daughter Youngin's birth, she contracted meningitis and one day she passed out with a seizure. She was hospitalized more than a month. My wife's heart became like burnt out ashes and my body began to wither like a Hepatitis patient. My other daughter Pola was so stressed without her mother's care that she developed severe constipation for five months. Her liver profile was high. So I thought that she might have contracted Hepatitis and had a check-up for Hepatitis.

I suffered very much because of my own sin problem.

December 30th was the last Sunday of the year. While I was sitting in front of my desk to prepare a message of thanksgiving to the Lord, I began to experience a choking sensation in my throat because of all kinds of my dirty sins. I saw clearly my sins of an easy-going life as an international salesman, of quarreling with my wife due to my proud mind, and of treating my children roughly according to my emotions without clear guidance. As I was groaning because of my sins, God gave me Isaiah 1:18, "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'" Through this word, God forgave all my dirty sins through his precious blood. Because of Jesus who took away all my crimson-like sins of flesh desires, proud mind, easy-going desires, and passion, I could overcome the darkness of my heart and boldly come to the presence of the holy God. When I loved my children and worldly security more than God, God rebuked me out of his deep love and disciplined me. Through his grace of forgiveness of my sins, God taught me to love him with all my heart and soul and strength. God taught me a lesson that loving God is the most secure and happy way.

Just as I had done pioneering work in 1998 and 1999, I want to march forward until God establishes one man of faith and 12 disciples of Jesus. Through early morning prayer I want to make a spiritual march step by step and follow the leading of the word of God. Even though I cannot see the great vision, I want to follow the

leading of the word of God moment by moment until God establishes an ancestor of faith and 12 disciples of faith in 2002. I believe God will teach me the work of the Acts of the Apostles in 2002 and carry out the same work among us.

IV. 2002 direction

Joshua gave the command: "...but the forested hill country as well. Clear it..." (Jos 17:18). Why did Joshua give this command to the house of Joseph? It was a time of God's blessing because they had almost finished conquering the land of Canaan and it was time to divide the land. It was a heart moving moment for the wandering people to divide the land. The twelve tribes had been allotted according to the numbers of the tribes and the conquered land. The tribe of Joseph was allotted much land next to the tribe of Judah. But the people of Joseph still were not satisfied. They wanted to secure as much land as possible. By securing a large allotment, they might have wanted to live a comfortable life in the future. They demanded more land out of the conquered land for their future security. They never thought about conquering the remaining land of Canaan. Verse 16 says, "The hill country is not enough for us, and all the Canaanites who live in the plain have iron chariots." In other words, they wanted to have more land out of the conquered land. Then God gave this word to them, "...but the forested hill country as well. Clear it..." The forested hill country was a barren land. God told them to clear this land and make it inhabitable. Clearing the forest demands a lot of work. It needs

a lot of cultivation and a lot of sweat. Therefore, those who are lazy and those who seek only life security cannot obey this word absolutely.

Like the people of Joseph, I wanted to maintain the status quo and to live a secure life for the rest of my life. When every aspect of our lives seem insecure politically, economically, morally and spiritually, seeking future security appears to be the best way. Even when the church becomes more stable, they spend more energy in advertising the church rather than taking the way of the cross. Then there is neither challenge nor pioneering spirit. But to Christians there is no status quo. We either advance or retreat. Why? Because our sinful nature is so deep. Because we are living in this generation where there are widespread idols of unbelief, immorality and humanism. Unless we conquer, we will be conquered. Looking back at 2001, my sin and agony were a lack of passion to live for the glory of God. Without pioneering, I will be in status quo and become useless before God.

It has been 4 years since Warsaw was pioneered. At this time I should obey the word of God: "but the forested hill country as well. Clear it". The spiritual reality of 2002 is wilderness like a forested hill. Before the holy God, spiritual emptiness and moral insensitivity are disgusting. Everyday, I receive e-mails advertising porn sites without a sender. These days, the name of God became legendary and the subject of discussion instead of the object of worship. In this situation we need the spirit of pioneering. We need God's original mission to

be fruitful and increase in number. How do I raise one Abraham of faith? If I depend on Andrzej or Tomasz, I can take it easy. But in order to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, I have to diligently carry out my mission of one to one Bible study daily.

The first prayer topic in this year is to establish one ancestor of faith. In order to serve God's salvation work, I must follow the word of God through early morning prayer every day. Since the end of December we have already begun our spiritual march through early morning prayer and Bible study of Joshua, 1st and 2nd Peter, and 1st and 2nd Samuel by our missionaries. We want to study the Book of Acts every Sunday and experience



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the same work of the Holy Spirit as they did.

Poland UBF prayer topics:

1. One ancestor of faith.
2. To follow the Holy Spirit through early morning prayer and Bible study.

Personal prayer topics:

1. Elijah Park (Jos 17:18): Acts study, enter Ph.D. study, preparation for personal business.
2. Deborah Park (Mark 6:37): One female sheep, weekly testimony writing, early morning prayer, daily bread, coworking with M. Elijah, raising children.
3. Seunghyun and Hanna Lee: Weekly testimony writing, early morning prayer and daily bread, conquering the language, coworking together, a healthy baby in July.

Thank and praise God for his wonderful love and grace through his one and only son Jesus Christ as the ransom sacrifice for the sins of whole mankind. Thank God for his direction and guiding during the year 2001. Despite our weaknesses and sins in 2001, he blessed our ministry in many ways. Now I want to review what and how God had done his great works in, through and around me in 2002. I pray that God may give a clear direction for 2002 with clear prayer topics.

I. God's work in 2001

I thank and praise God for being with us during the year 2001 also. He extended his grace to us and guided us one more year. In the year 2001 God helped to study Mark's gospel. The word from Mark helped us to keep our faith and our commitment to world campus mission. This gospel helped us to realize newly that the best way to serve the world salvation

DO YOUR BEST FOR GOD

Missionary Mateus Singh
Portugal UBF Director

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)



ministry is by raising 12 disciples as Jesus did while he was on earth. Therefore, we began to pray that God might raise 12 house churches in Portugal by the year 2010. Through Mark chapter 16 we newly realized that Jesus rose 12 disciples to evangelize the whole world. We could realize that we must evangelize all the universities and campuses in Portugal. After Mark's gospel we studied Seven Steps Bible study. It was at the beginning of fall semester. We prayed that with seven steps we might help new students.

In 2001, God blessed us by sending Missionaries John, Grace, Little Grace and Little Esther Huh from Korea. It was a great work of God. Missionary John and Grace came to Portugal by faith leaving their comfortable home, family members, co-workers and security behind, in order to suffer for the gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank God for sending Missionary John and Grace Huh's family to Portugal to join us to serve young souls at the campuses in Lisbon. After coming to Portugal, they had to suffer a lot due to new circumstances, the material problem, language and cultural differences, etc. Before coming to Portugal, I tried to arrange a job for him at Samsung. But when Missionary John arrived at Lisbon, Samsung was on the edge of closing its factory. So he

could not get the job. One day Missionary John encountered a robber who put a knife to his neck. He was very afraid. Missionary John began to sell accessories on the street. But due to persecution from police he had to run here and there all the time. One day, someone stole all his accessories and he remained empty handed. It was a great shock for him. But we thank God that Missionary John took all these events as God's training for him. Due to their difficult situation, I was very sorry. He decided once again with a new heart to remain in Portugal even though they had to suffer much. I thank God for their love to God and God's mission. As a responsible leader for this ministry I should have supported them and encouraged them in difficulties and hardships. But I failed to do so. However, they co-worked humbly and bore all my weaknesses. I thank God for their humble co-working and constant prayer support for me. God allowed Missionary Grace a humble cleaning job. We thank God for allowing a very suitable Kindergarten school to Little Grace and Little Esther. We pray that God may allow a suitable job to Missionary John so that he may be fully independent.

In 2001 God continually sent Brother Luis to Bible study and Sister Rita some times to

Sunday worship service. Luis has been studying the Bible since 1999. Until the summer, this Brother Luis grew steadily through regular Bible study and participation in Sunday worship service. But after summer, he changed his job and became very busy. So he did not come to Bible study regularly nor participate in Sunday worship service. But at the Christmas worship service he and Sister Rita came. I could not help Brother Luis as a good shepherd and Bible teacher. I pray that in the year 2002, I may help him more closely and personally through regular Bible study.

From October, 2001, Missionary Grace and Missionary Rebecca began campus prayer meetings every day at the Faculty of Humanities of Classic University of Lisbon. They share their daily bread and pray for campus students. It seems to be a very insignificant act. But it was a great work of God. I believe God will accept their prayers and be pleased with their efforts.

I thank God for Missionary Rebecca. She is a one and only daughter who was so much loved by her old parents. But by faith she decided to leave her father's household, her country and came to Portugal, establishing a house church with me. She loves Portugal and the Portuguese people. After coming to Portugal she did not even think of going back to Korea but to remain in Portugal and bury her bones in this nation. I respect her from the depth of my heart. She humbly serves all co-workers very quietly. God has been working in the hearts of her parents in Korea and our hostile relationship was changed to a

loving and prayerful relationship, particularly with my mother-in-law. I thank God for Missionary Rebecca's effort to master the Portuguese language and culture. She made great progress in 2001. May God help her to be fluent in Portuguese so that she may be able to teach God's word to the young people of this nation. She prays to serve one sheep in 2002.

In 2001, Samsung Electro-Mechanics Portugal, where I worked for nine years, went bankrupt and was closed. More than 1000 workers were laid off. At the end of October I was also laid off. All co-workers prayed earnestly so that God may allow me a new job. God answered our prayers. On November 2, I joined Samsung Electronics as Audio/Video product Manager. I did not remain jobless, not even one day. It was God's great providence and his plan for Portuguese campus ministry, that he allowed me new job so quickly. I thank and praise God for his great blessing.

We thank and praise God for allowing a new prayer house near the Technical University of Lisbon. After long prayers, God provided us a three-room apartment. It is old and less comfortable than our previous apartment. But it is just a five minute walk to the campus. We pray that God may fill this apartment with students who have an eager desire to know God and God's word.

I thank God for allowing me to participate in the European Directors' Bible Conference even though it was difficult to get vacation time. Through the conference God

renewed my faith and commitment to campus mission. Missionary Rebecca and myself participated in the ISU International Summer Bible Conference in the USA. On December 16, we celebrated our Christmas worship service with Luke 2:14: "Glory to God, peace to men". Through this message we learned that Jesus is God's glory and God's peace to us. Our three children sang Jingle Bells in Portuguese. Brother Luis, Sister Rita and Brother Joseph participated in the Christmas worship service.

During the year 2001, there were many kinds of bad rumors regarding Korea, USA and Germany UBF. But by God's grace Portugal UBF was not influenced by these rumors and kept our concern to the Portuguese campus students. Even though humanly speaking it was a painful event, we firmly believed that God's work is the work of remnants. We all believe that God used his servant Dr. Samuel Lee as a shepherd and spiritual leader for campus mission greatly.

We thank and praise God for being with the children in our ministry. Little Grace, Esther and Debora began to attend Kindergarden from the fall. After coming from Korea, Little Grace and Esther have been healthy. My daughter Debora has been growing fast. When she was born she had a serious dry skin problem. This disease has no cure. However, all co-workers prayed to God. God answered our prayers and in 2001, her skin was almost completely healed.

II. Direction and prayer topics for 2002

In 2002, we want to grow in God's word. We pray that we may study Acts during the Spring semester. Through Acts Bible study we want to learn the spiritual struggle of the apostles. I pray that I may devote myself to Bible study. In 2001, I could not prepare Bible study material and the Sunday worship message deeply. But in 2002, I pray that our group Bible study level may grow. In 2001, we did not go fishing. Most missionaries could not communicate with the Portuguese students. I have been very busy in my job. But in 2002, I pray that we may actively go out fishing. I pray that we may invite 12 students to one to one Bible study and 12 students to our Sunday worship service.

Our missionaries suffer a lot due to the language problem, cultural differences and the material problem. But they eagerly pray that God may have mercy on the young people of Portugal. They have a broken shepherd heart for the young people of Portugal. Therefore, every day Missionary Grace and Missionary Rebecca meet at the campus to pray. In 2002, we will continually hold prayer meetings at the campus and use this prayer meeting for fishing. I believe God will accept our prayers and send us some sheep in 2002.

Missionary Grace and Missionary John and Missionary Rebecca pray to master the Portuguese language. Missionary Rebecca is attending Lisbon Classic University. She prays that she may master the Portuguese language fully and fish one sheep and serve her

with God's word. Missionary John and Grace studied one semester in 2001. Currently they are attending free lessons in a Charity institute. The language problem is the most serious problem of all the co-workers. Due to the language problem our group Bible study was not deep. Therefore, I pray that during 2002 all co-workers may master at least basic Portuguese so that they may communicate with Portuguese sheep. Missionary John Huh prays that in 2002 he may find a humble job to support his family. Currently, Missionary Grace works in a shopping center.

I personally pray that I may grow as an approved workman of God through deep and personal Bible study and early morning prayer. In 2001, my early morning prayer was not

constant. There were many ups and downs. But in 2002, I pray to keep early morning prayer without fail. I pray to read the Bible thoroughly three times in 2002. My key verse for the year 2002 is from 2 Timothy 2:15, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."

Portugal UBF prayer topics for 2002 are:

1. Raise one ancestor of faith and one prayer mother.
2. Twelve one-to-one Bible study teams and 12 participants in the SWS.
3. God may give powerful messages from Acts to Missionary Mateus Singh.
4. All co-workers may master the Portuguese language.



Port City, Lisbon, Portugal

You Are A Royal Priesthood

Missionary Abe Lee
Spain UBF Director



I. The work of God in 2001

We had Matthew 28:19a, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations," as our key verse for 2001. Based on this verse, we prayed to obey the world mission commission of Jesus in the midst of many difficulties within and without. We struggled to be faithful to basic 1:1 Bible studies for this purpose.

First, one-to-one Bible study. God granted us Artemio, Ivan, Yera, Nacho, Catalina, Theresa, Kumsook Kang, and Kilsang Kang as our sheep. Among these, brother Artemio, a law school student of CEU, experienced the grace of salvation through Bible study and grew to be a steward among us. He is growing as he presides over and prays for thanksgiving at our Sunday worship services. Last summer he said that teaching one-to-one is a better way of studying the Bible and that he would try to teach the Bible to his Catholic sister. He also introduced the Bible to his dorm roommates at Madrid. Last year, when his mother was in town, their family dinner was scheduled at the time of our Sunday worship service. His mother asked him with tears not to miss the dinner. But he came to the Sunday worship service, believing that he left his land, relatives and father's household. His coming to the Sunday worship service was a great

blessing to us. This year, he had a direction to serve one sheep through Bible study. I pray that brother Artemio may grow as an Abraham of faith for Spain campus mission. I pray that through present Genesis Bible study, this brother may learn the faith and hope of Abraham.

Second, daily bread training. Last year, we studied daily bread together with brother Artemio and sister Catalina in order to help them study daily bread deeply. We translated the Chicago daily bread and helped them to study daily bread to overcome the pleasure-seeking campus culture with the power of God. Brother Artemio struggled to do daily bread and used the Internet daily bread when he was at home.

Third, European Directors' conference. God blessed us to have a European Directors' conference at Ashburnham, England. Through the conference, we had an opportunity to visit London UBF. They used the center as the same place as their computer venture business. The life-giving work of God in London gave us hope for all European campus missions. As we were served by shepherds Ian and Paul, we were able to see the power of the gospel newly. The second day of the conference God granted us 1 Peter 2, "A Royal Priesthood," and encouraged us to be recognized as the servants of God's word and spread the seed of the word of God with the attitude of pioneers. Pastor Abraham K. Lee gave us a clear prayer topic for one ancestor of faith, 12 disciples and 120 one-to-one Bible studies in each chapter. I repented that my mind shrank before this prayer topic and had God's scale and vision restored in my heart.

Fourth, the ISU International conference. Through the ISU International

conference God enabled us to have the direction of self supporting lay missionaries, which is the root of UBF ministry. One day before the conference, we had a chance to visit the Chicago UBF center. I thought about the relationship between the humble and poor life and the gospel work as I saw the humble UBF center and plain room of Dr. Lee.

Fifth, missionaries and missionary candidates. As missionaries Boyung and Daniella Chang went back to Korea after receiving their Ph.D.s, Missionary Abe Lee is serving the ministry by himself. A missionary candidate from Kyung Hee Moon chapter changed his direction from Spain mission to China mission and we have no missionary candidate. I have also been separated from my wife for the past eight years and my coworker's suffering is not small. At the same time, I do not receive any more support from the brothers since last Fall. I am not sure how long I can stay in Spain. Even though the ministry is small, I pray that God may send a successor missionary to Spain to continue God's work for God's glory.

II. 2002 direction and prayer topics

I chose 1 Peter 2:9, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." These days I am serving the worship services by myself as the sheep went home during the vacation. I want to bear the cross of mission to the end with the identity of a royal priesthood. I also pray that God may help me to declare the praises of him as a Bible teacher and messenger. Especially, I want to serve brother Artemio until he grows to be a disciple of Jesus.

LOVE THE LORD AND SWISS PEOPLE WITH ALL MY HEART

Missionary Paul Lee
Switzerland UBF Director

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



Last year, after the 9.11 terror event, news of disaster continued in Switzerland. One gunman randomly shot people in the Parliament building. In the end, 11 senators and 3 secretaries of the government died. Many were shocked that this kind of event happened in quiet Switzerland. After this, there was a fire in the Gothard tunnel, the longest tunnel in Europe, and many died. Swiss Air, the trademark of Switzerland, went bankrupt when they could not buy fuel for their airplanes, to our great shame. After this, one Swiss airplane fell from the sky near the Zurich airport and over 60 people died. Then, the world wide economic conference, Davos Forum, was moved to New York. One statistic shows that 25% of people in Switzerland live without worries. Many do not have life agonies and so they think they don't need to believe in God. But through these difficult events, many became humble. I pray that Swiss people may come back to God with repentance so that they may be a kingdom of

priests and a holy nation. I thank God for protecting us during the last one year. Especially, I thank God for planting in us the hope of God through the ISU International Summer Bible Conference.

1. The ISU international Summer Conference (July 26-29)

Before the summer conference, Missionary Sarah Lee and I were difficult spiritually. Bad news at our meeting discouraged us. When brother Daniel, who was our last sheep, left us, it was hard for us to maintain our lives of faith. We thought about how long we could live like this without bearing fruit. I remembered Dr. Mark Yoon's words to me while at the European conference. He told me that my stage in life is the most difficult time while in the mission field. There is no visible fruit and children are growing. Many missionaries became difficult around my age. He told me that when he made a decision to live as a missionary, God blessed him. I was in a spiritual crisis. I thought either I should bear fruit or I should not continue like this. Still, I made airplane reservations with Missionary Sarah Lee along with Missionary Johannes Kim and Mark Lee from Bern. We felt that we should receive God's grace through the ISU international conference. Otherwise, we would become more difficult. During the conference, we could

be restored completely through each of the main messages, Dr. Lee's announcements, and his encouragement during the evening prayer meetings. Dr. Lee's face had a big scar. But he served the conference from morning until late at night. He encouraged missionaries from all over the world. I could see his loyalty to God and devotion to campus gospel work. I could see his love toward one person with my own eyes. And I received much grace from all these. My heart was deeply moved at the missionary conference prayer meeting celebrating 40 years of UBF history. We cut a cake with missionaries from all over the world. I cried in my heart when I realized that even though no one recognizes the work of God that we are doing and even though we are always lonely, it is indeed most beautiful and pleasing to God.

Most of all, during the conference I thought deeply about God's hope for me personally. I prayed and newly accepted God's vision for world mission. I began to have a prayer topic for my life. I set my life direction to give my whole life to raise 120 flock of God's sheep and establish Switzerland as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. On the last day of the conference Mother Barry gave Missionary Sarah Lee a book about a life of Missionary Gladys Aylward. We were moved through her life story. So

through amazon.com we ordered a whole series of biographies and began to read them. We received much grace and were strengthened through the early European missionaries who suffered endlessly when they were sent out to Oriental nations. They too faced people with different faces, different colored eyes and hair. I didn't realize this when I was in Korea. But when I came to Europe and tried to evangelize those who are different than me, I faced many difficulties. But when I read about many early European missionaries who already went through the same kind of difficulties, my heart was moved. And through their experiences, I could acquire much wisdom. I thank God that he gave me new hope in God and new strength to serve God's work and calling. I thank Missionary Annie Lee in Bern who took care of my children during the ISU conference.

2. Co-working with Missionary Tony's family

Missionary Tony Tsai's family co-worked with us well. They were with us in Geneva exactly one year. It was good that they were with us when UBF was in difficult times. Missionary Tony considered Friday evening English Bible study very precious. Even though only missionaries attended, through Luke's gospel study we received much strength and learned about the gospel and the kingdom of God. A third baby, Luc Charles Tsai, was born to them on February 23rd in Geneva. Dr. Sarah Kim came from Chicago and stayed for a month. She is Missionary Susan Tsai's older sister. We also received her prayer support and

had fellowship with her. Until they went back to Belgium on August 10th, Missionary Susan played the piano for our worship service and Tony Jr. played the violin. By God's grace and the help of this family, we could overcome difficult times.

3. First worship service at the new center on September 2nd and God's work

Our old rented center had no heat so it was very cold. The apartment was also not so clean. After the one-year lease was over, we rented a smaller and cheaper center. The new center is only two minutes' walk from my apartment. It used to be the office of a missionary organization. It was vacant and we could rent it. It looks like a school lecture room, so it was very suitable to be used as a center. Students felt comfortable because they felt that they were in a lecture room. I thank God for preparing a wonderful center

for His work. On September 2nd we had our first worship service there. When Geneva University opened around the middle of October, we distributed brochures advertising free computer study and Bible study. Many called. Among them, four people started computer and Bible study. I thought about how to connect computer study to Bible study. But students knew that they could study computer only if they study the Bible. So we studied computer-related topics for 45 minutes and then we studied the Bible for one hour and twenty minutes. We studied on Saturday mornings at 11 o'clock and Friday nights at 8 pm. Students were eager to learn and they came many times taking the bus. They also listened well. Among them sister Yanjan accepted the gospel and was borne again. She is Chinese and has Swiss citizenship. She graduated with a law degree from Geneva University. Even though she did not believe in



Swiss Shepherds: Daniel, Michael, Vahid

God, she read a Chinese Bible once, then an English Bible once and a French Bible once. Since her heart had been prepared, she accepted Jesus after studying John chapter 3. Her face changed. She asked us how to live a life of faith and began to eat daily bread. Through the Christmas worship service she received abundant word of God. We thought we would spend last year without any spiritual fruit. But toward the end of the year God helped us to work and serve sheep and among them one sheep accepted the gospel. We thank God for His work. I pray that God may continue to work in the hearts of Mishu, Tony and Daniel through His word.

4. God's grace among second generations in Geneva

In January, 8-year-old Paul Jr. became sick with a high fever, which lasted for five weeks. During that time, he repented that he played with Pokeman toys too much. The next day, Paul Jr. and Sarah gathered two boxes filled with all of their Pokeman toys, stickers, books, game programs, and their gym shoes with Pokeman pictures, and threw them away. Paul Jr. repented practically. While he couldn't go to school, he listened to taped Bible messages sent from Korea. Whenever his fever went up, he prayed. After this, he recovered. Through this sickness, God worked in his heart. When he had a conviction that God's words healed him, he read through a children's Bible. When we bought him another one, he also read it through. After attending the weekend conference in Paris during April 6-8, he began to participate in

the worship services and he listened to the messages and we sang hymns together. At the Paris Conference November 9-11, he studied the Bible and wrote testimonies. Now, he reads the Bible together with us and listens to messages diligently. By God's grace he became 3rd year in an elementary school. He received scores of 100 almost every week. During last year, he received the highest score at school. Paul Jr. and Sarah received much love from teachers, friends and parents. I thank God that by his grace Paul Jr. takes care of Sarah well and he speaks Korean well. In the middle of October, Sarah fainted and her body became rigid even though she had no fever. So she went through several tests. We thank God that everything was normal. However, since then, I began to worry whether Sarah would faint again whenever I left the children. But God was with them and gave them much grace and they grew well. I thank God that Paul began to learn the violin and Sarah also began to go to music school. We pray that they may be used in God's work.

5. Christmas conference on December 16th

While we were inviting sheep for the Christmas worship service, we realized how much people suffer in this world. One sister said that her father had cancer and was counting the days he would remain in this world. She said she would come if her father was not in a serious condition. One brother said that he fought with his wife and separated from her. One sister said she had nowhere to go. I told Missionary Sarah that all sheep had problems without

exception. She told me to thank God that even those sheep are willing to come. I accepted God's deep love and his comfort for those who struggle in this world. So with Missionary Sarah we thought about how we can comfort those who would attend even though the worship service time is short. We really wanted to share with them the joy of Christmas. So we decided to prepare singing and dancing. We rented Swiss costumes, but we did not know how to dance. We tried to borrow a videotape to learn Swiss dancing but were not successful. Finally, Paul Jr. noticed our struggle and taught us the folk dance he had learned at school. In this way, we prepared. We also prepared a drama based on Luke 2 and invited Missionary Clara Kim as a pianist. Missionary Sarah Lee usually came home from work after midnight, sometimes as late as 3 am. So I woke up in the middle of the night and practiced with Missionary Sarah since we didn't have much time. For the missionaries who came from Bern (where they speak a different language), we translated the message and life testimonies and practiced with the translation. Paul Jr. and Sarah helped us clean the apartment and the center. By God's grace, Missionary Clara came from Belgium and served music. Whenever there was a special event, the organ used to have problems. But this time, it sounded beautiful without any problem. On Sunday morning Missionary Sarah practiced 'O Holy Night.' I didn't know that my coworker could sing so well. Daniel, Beronique, and Yanjan came. Mishu and Tony came later. Through Luke 2:14 I meditated on God's deep love for us by sending his one and

only son, Jesus, as a baby. I was moved in my heart. Missionary Clara Kim shared her life testimony with the title, "Because of the hope of eternal life." We were all moved by her sincere testimony when we heard her struggles during the last 10 years to keep her life of faith. Missionary Maria Seo from Bern shared her testimony with the title, "Jesus gives joy and peace." She shared God's grace with humor and how He helped her to live a new life after having lived a self-torturing life. Through her testimony we received God's grace because of Jesus' love and His power that changes people's lives. Only my family was in Geneva. But God sent Missionaries Johannes Kim, Susanna, Mark Lee, Joshua Seo, and Maria from Bern. They became like family to us and made a spiritual environment. We could spend time in God's grace and love. Most of all, through God's words we could accept God's love deeply. Sister Mishu brought brother Tony. I thank God that I could share God's words with him. I thank God for sister Yanjan accepting God's word.

6. Graceful co-working of Missionary Sarah Lee

I thank God that during last year I could co-work wonderfully with my only missionary coworker, Missionary Sarah Lee. Missionary Sarah Lee co-worked with grace. But sometimes she co-worked with truth. During those times, I went to the center with my Bible and received the words of life. God helped me to understand spiritual truth when I was poor in spirit. Through the book of Psalms I could learn God's love, forgiveness and his great hope, which never

changes. Through reading the book of Psalms, I accepted the gospel of forgiveness and decided to put my hope in the Almighty Creator God. On one cold winter night, my coworker encouraged me to go to the center and prepare the Sunday message instead of staying at home. After preparing the message, I laid down on a table in the cold room without a heater. I remembered my common life during my college days. I felt hopeless when I looked at my sinful self and I fell into despair. "If I cannot overcome myself, how can I help others?" I wondered. I knelt down and prayed that God would help me to overcome myself. I groaned the whole night crying out to God and asking him, "How?" The next day, an email came from Shepherd Yoon Soon Kim from Jong Ro center. It contained a password for Dr. Lee's messages on the UBF website. The passage that week was on Jesus who suffered. In the first part, there was a question, "How could Jesus overcome himself and receive suffering on the cross?" And the answer was, "It was through prayer." God gave me an answer when I saw Jesus who overcame himself through Gethsemane prayer and bore the cross. I began to pray that through prayer I could overcome myself and serve God's work. Through this God helped me to overcome despair in my heart. Missionary Sarah Lee also encouraged me to translate Dr. Lee's message as it is with a humble heart and deliver it with thorough preparation. I thought I had delivered message well when I delivered based on one word I received. Missionary Sarah Lee told me that they are graceful but have no depth. She pushed me to repent my pride

and have a humble, learning mind. So in order to receive God's words humbly and learn Christian philosophy, I began to follow the book of Daniel study in Chicago. We have just begun. But we have been receiving God's grace through this study.

7. 2002 key verse and prayer topics

My 2002 key verse is Deuteronomy 6:5: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." When I look at Swiss people, I feel as if I am looking at the Israelite people in the land of Canaan enjoying God's blessing but forgetting God. I believe they need God's word, which God gave to the Israelite people before they entered the Promised Land so that they may not forget God when they live in God's blessing. I thank God that through many disasters during the last year, many Swiss people became poor in spirit. I pray that God may raise them as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I pray that my family may glorify God by serving 120 sheep through our lifetime.

2002 prayer topics:

- 1) Messages from the book of Daniel.
- 2) To prepare good Bible study materials.
- 3) Over 10 sheep and 10 one to one Bible studies.
- 4) Over 5 Sunday attendants.
- 5) Sister Yanjan may stand as a steward.
- 6) For the French-speaking summer Bible conference in Switzerland, to bring more than 5 prepared sheep.
- 7) Applying for citizenship.
- 8) To be financially independent through our Internet business.

AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY FAMILY IN ARGENTINA

Missionary Don Kuper
Argentina UBF Director

"Have faith in God,' Jesus answered." (Mark 11:22)



Praise God who gave us a beautiful 2002 UBF Summer Bible Conference in Argentina with perfect weather and the

abundant word of God. Our Conference theme was, "Have faith in God." Most of the messages echoed this same theme. We also learned to have faith in God by holding this conference since we are still a small ministry. God sent us six international coworkers, two of which were main messengers. S. Abraham Eric Quiroz from Bolivia delivered a powerful and clear message on Mark 13 and Tadeo Gonzalez from Paraguay gave a precise message on Mark 9:14-29. I praise our Almighty God and everlasting Father for his absolute love and

goodness. I cannot but thank God for sending us two precious international UBF coworkers, Missionary Joseph Ahn and Shepherdess Liz Hembekides, who served this conference. I am unworthy to receive them. Missionary Joseph helped me like an angel sent from heaven. He stayed up late into the night training messengers and editing their messages. Sometimes, he and I worked together like two tag-team wrestlers. Because of his work as a messenger coach, we could have a high-level Bible conference. Shepherdess Liz also worked hard to translate



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and interpret reports from Toledo UBF coworkers: Missionary Rebecca and Shepherdess Amy.

One of our most important prayer topics for our ministry is to establish 12 young disciples of Jesus. We had 18 young people who attended this conference. But I want to talk about the work of God in four very special young persons.

First, Diego Petean was our first morning devotional hour messenger (Mark 5). Diego moved to Buenos Aires from Rosario and committed himself to Jesus through our UBF ministry. As you may know, he is a remnant of M. Lucas Cho's ministry. He is growing in Jesus through one to one Bible study, common life with my family and daily bread fellowship. Through Mark 5, he found himself as a demon possessed Argentine gaucho (cowboy) who didn't want to follow a routine. He realized that he was rebelling against God's creation order by refusing to live by a routine. He is becoming more and more handsome daily because of the love of God and the word of God in his soul. He eagerly attends our Daily Bread Sharing. Please pray for him to grow as an Abraham of faith in Buenos Aires UBF. He also wants to overcome his high school diploma, enter UBA as a nursing student and learn to play trumpet in our UBF orchestra.

Second, Leandro Crena was the second morning devotion hour messenger. Leandro is a carpenter with a small body frame and has some health problems such as diabetes. He is timid and fatalistic because of his health problems and low self-esteem. He is a remnant of M.

Isaac Cho's ministry. He has built shelves, a kitchen, and a wood cabinet for Bible study materials in our center, which he offered to God as his offering. He never delivered a message in his life but he accepted my invitation to write and share a "testimony" style message for our conference. God opened his heart and he began to talk much more freely. He came to the conference on Friday due to his work schedule. M. Joseph Ahn worked with him and helped him to overcome himself and give God's word with a Spirit of power. His message was a miracle and the work of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for him to read the Bible and to grow in his commitment to Jesus.

Third, Liliana Da Silva was our third morning hour devotion messenger. Liliana is originally from Uruguay. She is 36,



Natalia, Goheun, Missionary Don Kuper, Diego

unmarried and a little overweight so she has a lot of fatalism about herself. She was hounded by demons of fear and immorality to the extent that she could not walk more than a block in the city without trembling. God sent her during our preparation time and she accepted the task of message in the absence of Karina who became hard after we gave her a little training to not receive human favors from others. Sister Liliana accepted Jesus' life-giving word, "Get up, take up your mat and walk..." She was deeply moved by God's love and personal care who guided her to our ministry and made her our morning devotion messenger. Among all the messengers, I believe that Missionary Joseph spent the most time with her. She wants to grow as a prayer mother and is coming most mornings to Daily Bread Sharing with our women missionaries.

Fourth, Goh Eun Park was the evening messenger for Acts 2:1-21, "Your Young People Will Have Visions." Goh Eun is our 2nd Generation UBF Orchestra director and has recently graduated from high school as the valedictorian of her class, having mastered Spanish in only two years. She is one of two lovely daughters of M. Jose and Graciela Park. She is very intelligent and highly motivated to building up the UBF orchestra in Buenos Aires. This was her first message and Acts chapter two was a difficult passage. However, she received God's word, "your young men will see visions." She decided to pray to be a shepherdess for young Argentines and to love Argentina more than her native Korea. She prays for three Bible students at UBA and surprised me by

increasing our ministry's prayer topic from a 20 member orchestra to a 30 member orchestra and to send out 10,000 missionaries to the rest of Latin America. I realized that these four young persons are the hope of Argentina. They shine like bright stars in a dark and sinful world. Jesus answered, "Have faith in God." As I thought about what having faith in God means to me, I deeply realized that I must have faith that moves mountains. Here are some mountains that I must overcome by faith in God Almighty:

1. To overcome Spanish and grow as an excellent messenger of God's word every Sunday.
2. To hold 5:15 a.m. Daily Bread Sharing with the 2nd

Generations before school.
3. To love all of my coworkers with Jesus' love and maintain a strong vessel of prayer and coworking among our three mature missionary families in Buenos Aires UBF.

Ministry Prayer Topics:

1. For Diego, Leandro, Liliana and Goh Eun to grow as firm disciples of Jesus.
2. That God may grant us 12 solid disciples of Jesus, 120 Sunday participants and a 30 member orchestra in 3 years for God's glory.
3. For Buenos Aires UBF to be a power station for 33 Latin American countries and to pioneer 23 provinces of Argentina and Uruguay.



Dedication Worship Service In Buenos Aires (June 24, 2001)

ARGENTINA SUMMER CONFERENCE REPORT

Missionary Joseph Ahn
Chicago UBF

"Tened fe en Dios" ("Have faith in God") (Mark 11:22)



After 11 hours of all night flying, we arrived at Buenos Aires, Argentina on the 17th of January, 2002. There was heavy snowing in Chicago, but Buenos Aires was in a hot and humid summer. Shepherd Don Kuper welcomed us at the airport with a big hug and kisses on both of our cheeks. The Conference place was about a two hours distance from the center. The name is "El Disciplo" which means "The Disciple." It was a very quiet, remote and clean place just for our group. Several peacocks were walking around with no fear of men just like Chicago squirrels do.

For this first Argentina Summer Bible Conference God sent 37 members. Six were from outside: one from Bolivia, one from Paraguay, 2 music servants from Toledo, and 2 from Chicago as messenger trainers. There were 18 Argentine sheep and 13 missionary families. The main theme of the conference was "Tened Fe en Dios." ("Have faith in God") Argentina faces serious problems. Economically, they are bankrupt. Politically, they are unstable. Most of all young men have lost vision and confidence for their nation and for themselves. Even though they graduate from the best school,

no one hires them. They suffer deep depression and despair. The whole country is walking in darkness through the dark tunnel with no visible exit at all. But God began his salvation work there already with three missionary families and seven children. They are pioneering the University of Buenos Aires with about 200,000 students. What can they do? The first Summer Bible Conference gave the answer for the Argentine problems. The answer was "Tened Fe en Dios." ("Have faith in God.")

1. The Conference messages

The opening message by M. Jose Park from Mark chapter 1, "The Kingdom of God is Near" encouraged Argentina UBF coworkers to begin the manger ministry in this darkest time as Jesus began his ministry. Lecture 2 by M. Isaac Cho on "Have Faith in God" from Mark 11 encouraged Argentine coworkers to move many mountains by having faith in God. We learned that to have faith in God Almighty is the solution to Argentina's problems. Lecture 3 by a student shepherd, Tadeo from Paraguay, "Everything is Possible for Him who Believes," encouraged Argentine shepherds that nothing is impossible if they have faith in God. The fourth lecture was by shepherd Abraham from Bolivia. His title "The Gospel

Must First be Preached to all Nations" gave a clear direction for Argentine coworkers as to what they should do first. The fifth lecture by Argentine second generation missionary GoEun Park, "Young Men Will See Visions" was the word of God to all Argentine young people as well our second generations. Lecture 6 was by M. Don Kuper. His title was "Argentina, A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation" from 1 Pet 2:9. Everybody deeply accepted this vision as their goal and destination for Argentina. All three morning messengers were Argentine shepherds. Shepherd Diego's message was "What is Your Name?" His one word was "Go, Diego and tell U.B.A students what God has done to you." Leandro's message was "Jesus Calls Levi." He had no hope in himself, neither in

Argentina. But he found hope in Jesus to be the light of Argentina. Shepherdess Liliana's one word was "Get up, take your Bible and walk around U.B.A. and preach the gospel." There were 12 testimony speakers who were all new student sheep. Their testimonies were short but fresh. Truly Argentina UBF's new ministry is a student ministry and a new wineskin ministry. M. Don Kuper asked me to deliver a closing message from John 15:5 so that they may remain in Jesus until God makes Argentina a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

2. A powerful American missionary Don Kuper

The Argentina UBF director is Missionary Don Kuper. He came to UBF when he was a freshman in Bowling



Argentines In Jesus Don't Cry, But Praise God!



Victors Of Faith After The Conference

Green, Ohio in the early part of the 1980s. Not many people recognized him. His hugging was too much by American standards. He seemed to be too energetic and have too much passion with too much of a youngie mentality. But he was a precious remnant in God's history as one of the ancestors of faith in Toledo. God also trained him while no one noticed to use him as a life-long American missionary for World Mission. He said he was a man of fear of death and fear of everything. But Dr. Lee gave him 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline." He recited this key verse and overcame his fear problem. Then at his wedding with Missionary Hanna, Dr. Lee gave him another key verse from 2 Timothy 2:3: "Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus." Since then he recited this key verse by himself thousands of times. During the

Argentina Conference he let us shout too, "Be a soldier of Christ." He is doing a very good job as a good soldier of Christ. He is also a warrior of prayer. At the airport he told me again and



Spread Your Feathers

again that they had nice weather because they prayed for the weather which was so hot and humid one week ago. On the first night, when the program was finished and the orchestra practice for the next day was done, I heard outside of the conference place some quiet sounds. Our seven missionaries with guest missionaries were praying together after midnight for the conference. Also, on the way home after conference, the bus stopped in the middle of the expressway. It was because they chartered an old bus for a cheap price in order to reduce the conference fee. However, the driver tried his best, but the bus started and died. Finally he had to give up and called his company to send another bus. This meant that nobody could tell how long it would take in Argentina. Suddenly we lost our conference spirit. We suddenly felt very tired and hungry too. At that moment someone said, "Let us pray!" So we prayed two by

two. Suddenly the bus was filled with the prayer sound. Not many believed that something would happen. But everybody prayed remembering one word from the conference. "Lord, move the bus since you can move the immovable mountain!" I overheard someone's prayer. When we were saying, "Amen", guess what? The bus began to move! While we began to pray, the driver was watching our strange behavior. But soon God moved his heart. He said to himself, "Let me try just one more time by having faith in God." So he tried again. Then the engine started and did not go out but continued to move the bus until we arrived to the center safely. Amen! Everybody experienced the power of prayer. I saw that Missionary Don Kuper became a man of prayer in every situation and through many impossible situations, he passed through with prayers in a foreign land.

In 1998, when he was going to Paraguay as an English teacher missionary for a one year contract, not many people expected great things from him. He did not speak any Spanish except "Buenas Noches" and "Muchas Gracias." He was still too emotional and too passionate. But who knew? His passion made him the most perfect shepherd for the Argentine people. He did not need to learn from Latin people. His natural greeting with warm hugging seemed to be an original one. God made his weak points his strong points. In God, Missionary Don Kuper became a very strong, compassionate, hard working man of God in the front line of world mission. Now his Spanish is almost perfect and has no American accent, which is very difficult to remove.

How could he become such an exemplary missionary in such a short time? I found that he studied the word of God diligently. He spent almost all his time to write two messages every week, one in English and another in Spanish. Then he delivered the English message at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday. He humbly received Spanish correction from the second generations and had much self performance training and delivered his Spanish messages at 3 p.m. every Sunday. He led Spanish Daily Bread meetings every morning with the missionaries and second generation missionaries and shared them in Spanish. When he was full of the word of God, nothing seemed impossible. He chose the title, "Have faith in God" for the first Summer conference. He found Argentina's problem is nothing but not having faith in God. If they "have faith in God", God will solve all other problems too. When he had the word of God, he became a strong leader with faithful stewardship as well as a compassionate and loving heart. Then all the Argentine sheep and 2nd generation missionaries were gathering around him and coworking him very well. Wow! I was surprised many times to see how responsibly he prepared everything as a spiritual leader. In order to serve messengers and to prepare all necessary things, he could not go to sleep during the entire conference time. Yet he did not experience tiredness. Only when we were eating dinner after the conference, he fell asleep in the middle of the dinner. He was full of manger spirit, tent-maker missionary spirit, martyrdom spirit and soldier spirit. It was God who sent out Missionary Don Kuper when he was

prepared by God. He worked in one American mission school for six months as an English teacher at first. But now they recognized him as a Bible teacher and assigned him to teach only the Bible to the 80 kids; a perfect job as a missionary. His coworker Missionary Hannah Kuper works as an ESL teacher in the same school. Now one American missionary has been born in Argentina. If God could make Don Kuper as one of the most exemplary missionaries, how much more he will make all our shepherds too! I could see God's vision and hope for 1 million American missionaries to go and pioneer 233 nations.

3. Korean Tent-maker missionaries

There are two and a half Korean missionary families: M. Isaac and Mary Cho's family and M. Jose and Graciela Park's family and Missionary Hannah Kuper. They are older than Missionary Don Kuper and they have been longer in Argentina. But they are supporting and following him absolutely according to God's servant's direction since they began to pioneer one year ago. Their humble coworking as a spiritual house builder is very beautiful. They have clear tent-maker missionary spirit. They have decided not to receive Chicago UBF headquarter's support to purchase a center. Instead they have rented a \$400 manger center for which they pay a monthly rent fee. After the Conference on Sunday evening we met at the center to talk about God's inheritance through Dr. Lee's faith. Until 2:30 a.m, we experienced one in unity in Christ as a heavenly family.



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4. 2nd generation missionaries

There are seven all together. They are so precious in coworking with their parents and loving each other and bringing sheep. GoEun Park (20 years old), M. Jose Park's daughter, served as an orchestra leader of 6 members. Isaac Cho (18) and Paul Kuper (15) served as singspiration leaders and duo drama servants. Graciela Park (16), Ester (15) and Mary (14) Cho served as orchestra and dancing members. They were different from the despairing and corrupted Argentine young people. They were like the preteen boy Jesus full of spirit, purity, and love of God and love of their parents. They were great coworkers of their parents as well as of God their Father. They served singspiration, orchestra, all duo dramas, World mission

night, Argentine dancing, even one of the main messages, all the testimonies, the camp-fire, name card making, each lecture title posting, cleaning and arranging chairs, etc. Still they were full of energy like young eagles! I saw great potentiality in our second generation missionaries to be our coworkers in each mission field if we respect them as God's servants as the preteen Jesus.

5. One thing I learned

I found the importance of the Chicago UBF headquarter's support for our missionaries all over the world. They could not expect our quick support right after Dr. Lee's homecoming service. Therefore they appreciated our prayer support and sending message trainers. We were concerned about our

Argentine coworkers because of their difficult situation as well as God's sudden calling home of Dr. Lee. But to our amazement, one American missionary, Don Kuper, was standing firm and having faith in God to make Argentina a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I could have a strong conviction that God will surely make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation by sending one million missionaries to 233 nations in this generation. Amen.

Prayer topics:

1. 18 new sheep to remain in Jesus.
2. One Abraham of faith, 12 disciples, 30 orchestra members and 120 flock of God in three years.
3. Argentina to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

2002 Bolivia Summer Conference Report

Shepherdess Elizabeth Hembekides
Triton UBF

"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." (John 4:35b)



Bolivian Missionaries: Esteban (Dir.) & Paulina Cho, Rut & Marcos Shin

The 2002 Bolivia Summer Conference took place from Saturday, February 9th to Tuesday, February 12th during the time of the carnival. Most Christian groups use this time to have a retreat in order to escape the godlessness of the carnival. Our UBF conference took place in a lovely 100 acre country home, and right across from us in another country home another Christian group was meeting. It was wonderful to be surrounded night and day with the word of God and songs in our conference and throughout the day with the sound of worship music from next door. The combination of a lovely garden filled with tropical plants and the songs of God's people rising in

the air made it feel like a weekend in paradise.

The title of this conference was 'Open your eyes and look at the fields!' Missionary Esteban Cho's prayer topic was that the Bolivian students might catch the vision and hope of God for them. Bolivia is an extremely poor country, and the repercussions of the US recession is severely felt in the Bolivian economy. Students graduate from the university and are unable to find jobs, not just jobs in their field but any kind of job. Those who are fortunate enough to find a job do not get much pay, so that survival still is difficult. Shepherd Abraham, for example, is work-

ing as an English teacher at the university, but his pay is so low that he cannot support his family. As a result, there is a general feeling of hopelessness and despair about their situation. They feel that as long as they are in Bolivia they cannot progress; so many try to find a way to leave the country and find jobs in other countries like Argentina, the US, or Europe. Once in these countries, many try to marry a native of the country in order to obtain permanent residency and/or citizenship. For example, one sheep at the conference, Rosario, is married and has a son. Her husband received help from his family to go to Switzerland and find a job. He was unable to find a job, and decided to marry a Swiss girl in order to obtain legal documentation, with the promise to come back for his wife once he was settled down. But the truth of the matter is that many never return to their families in Bolivia. Missionary Esteban has a great shepherd heart for these students and wanted them to see that though humanly there is no hope, God has great hope and vision for them. For this reason, he asked for a UBF history report, a message on Isaiah 2, 'The Mountain of the Lord' by Shepherd Luis Gonzalo from Guadalajara Mexico, and a message/life testimony from Shepherd Joshua DeWitte, which was based on Jeremiah 29:11. I believe God accepted his prayer topic and worked through these messages. Through Sh. Joshua



Ripe Harvest Fields In Bolivia

DeWitte's message on Jeremiah, students were moved by the fact that their lives were not an accident but that God had created them for his own purpose and glory. Through the UBF history report, they saw that God wants to use them just as he used the poor and fatalistic students of Korea, and they concluded that if God could make Korea a missionary sending country, then God could do the same for them. And through Sh. Luis Gonzalo's message on the mountain of the Lord, they found a clear prayer topic to study the Bible until they can become independent and effective Bible teachers who can serve not only Bolivia but all other Latin American countries and even the whole world.

God also worked mightily through the main conference messages. The three main messages were 'The Prodigal Son' by Sh. Carmelo (Lk. 15); 'Jesus Speaks with a Samaritan Woman' (Jn. 4) by M. Paulina; and 'The Gospel must be Preached' (Mk. 13) by Sh. Abraham. At the beginning of the conference, many of the sheep looked dark and were close-hearted, but after the first message we could begin to see

a change in their attitude. By the time they heard the message on the Samaritan woman, hearts had melted and faces were bright. We experienced the power of God's word at work in the student's hearts when we saw that instead of taking their usual after lunch siesta, they all eagerly gathered to write their testimonies. One sheep was so impressed that they would sacrifice their precious siesta time to study the Bible so



Shepherd Abraham & Sarah Quiroz And Their Sheep

diligently that he said he wanted to find the source of this 'fighting' spirit they had. Students received the most grace from the message on the Samaritan woman, as they discovered that Jesus is living water that can quench their thirsty souls. Because of this message several decided to begin studying the Bible or else to study the Bible more faithfully. By the end of the conference, all the sheep looked like new people.

32 sheep attended this conference and God worked in each and every heart. But the highlight of this conference was God's work in the growing leaders. Last year, other than Sh. Abraham, there were no committed leaders. But through the '01 conference three leaders made clear commitments to grow as disciples: Sarah (Abraham's wife); Carmelo and Andrea. Their change is evidenced in their spiritual struggle throughout this past

struggle to conquer this problem and are setting a good example in the ministry. They are praying for them to establish a house church at the end of this year, after Andrea graduates.

But the most remarkable change I evidenced was in Sarah Quiroz, Shepherd Abraham's wife. They have both been coming to the ministry for the past seven years. Shepherd Abraham grew in faith and accepted God's promise for his life to be blessed and be a blessing. But his wife never changed. She was filled with an adulterous spirit and struggled with deep bitterness and despair over her seven year old son's condition: He was born with a severe case of scoliosis and seems to be autistic. He cannot feed himself, nor talk nor go to the bathroom, and has bursts of uncontrollable emotion. She felt that God had punished her son for her past sins. But last year she decided to accept God's love for her through Jesus by faith. Since then she is a new person. She repented her adulterous desires before the missionaries, and she began to feed sheep. She found meaning and purpose in her life now and has a lovely house church with Shepherd Abraham. This year their family brought six sheep to the conference. In addition, in spite of their own financial difficulties, they paid from their own pockets for some sheep's registration fee. They had the joy of life at this conference because of their many sheep. Sh. Sarah delivered an opening address together with Sh. Andrea and experienced the power and love of God deeply. This and the UBF history report gave her deep confidence that God wants to use her. She wept tears of joy because of God's deep grace in her life. I praise God for his work in this precious family and for helping them grow as a house church.



Three Bolivian Mothers Of Prayer:
Sarah, Andrea, Natalia

year. Carmelo had a very lustful past, but with God's help he has struggled to keep himself pure and to serve the music ministry wholeheartedly. Andrea also struggled with her cursed desire for one man but is winning a great victory over her emotions and is struggling to study hard and to fish and feed sheep. The fact that these two have managed to overcome their youthful passions is a great work of God. In Bolivia (and in all Latin America for that matter), the pattern of the culture is to give in to one's passions and desires. M. Esteban and Paulina have struggled a lot with this issue over the past 10 years, and found that so many students left because they could not overcome this temptation. But Carmelo and Andrea are the first to sincerely

There are three other growing leaders, Oscar and Natalia (husband and wife), and Eddy. They each shared their life testimonies, and it became clear that God is healing them. Oscar and Natalia were deeply wounded by a cult group they had joined and to whom they had given all of their possessions. When Missionary Esteban and Paulina found them they were destitute and filled with doubt about God and his word. But through Bible study they have met Jesus and look very bright and positive and are finding God's purpose to use them as a house church. They, too, paid for their sheep's registration fees even though they can barely survive themselves. Eddy could not look at any one in the eyes, but amazingly he could now look up for even a few seconds and make eye

contact, and he could positively serve the fellowship drama. They are growing as faithful coworkers to Missionary Esteban and Paulina. Praise God!

I thank God for Missionary Esteban and Paulina Cho's deep love for Bolivian students and their desire to plant gospel-centered faith in their hearts. This past year was very difficult for them. Many of their growing leaders left the ministry after being served for over 4 years. Then they experienced a painful division between them and the only other missionary family, M. Marcos and Ruth Shin. And during the conference preparation time a man built a house next door to their home, and chipped away at their walls and broke their foundation in order to maximize his space; then, when they complained, he threatened them at gun point. In addition, their business is not doing well. In many ways it seems as if they are in a losing business. But instead of giving up they decided to pray more. So in November they began conference prayer meetings at morning and at night, and they called and asked the prayer support of God's

servants in the USA and Latin America. They are accepting all difficulties as an opportunity to grow in faith, and remain deeply committed to serving Bolivian students. I pray that God may help them reconcile with M. Marcos and Ruth Shin by faith for the sake of Bolivian campus pioneering.

Personally, through this conference I myself learned that God does love and have great hope and vision for Bolivia. At times it is easy to feel sorry for them because they are deprived of so much. But as I prepared the UBF history report and witnessed the work of God in Bolivia, I realized that as long as they have the faith that pleases God they can become great and useful people. So it became my prayer that God would raise young men and women who absolutely believe the Bible and absolutely obey it from among Bolivian students and through them change the course of history of Bolivia, even as he changed the course of Korean history through a handful of young men and women of faith.

One Word: Open your eyes and look at the fields!



Precious Foreign Delegates Gave The Bolivian Conference An International Flavor



A Man Of Heart: Missionary Esteban Cho (Bolivian UBF Director)

2002 Brazil UBF Summer Conference Report

Missionary David Baik
New York UBF Director

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)



The number of the conference attendants was 49, 22 Brazilian students and 27 missionaries.

There were seven Bible messengers and three symposium messengers. The theme of the Conference was "Jesus our Hope." Most messengers were missionaries, except Shepherd Mauro. He delivered "It is finished." (Jn19:1-42) The other messengers were: Joseph Kim (Transfiguration -- Jn 2:1-11); Caleb Jeon (Forgiveness and mission -- Mk 2:1-17); Teresa Han (Jesus is our hope -- Jn 4:1-30); Joshua Lee (The Son of the living God -- Mt 16:13-28); Matthew Kim (Resurrection and commission -- Mk 16:1-20); and

Noah Jung (A living hope -- 1Pe 1:1-25). Although I didn't understand their Portuguese messages, I said "Amen" by faith in my heart. Personally, I was touched by the message about Jesus' death, delivered by Mauro. Timothy Han interpreted his message very diligently. All messages were related to reveal the theme that Jesus is our hope. Before we prayed, Dr. Elijah Park gave announcements and briefly summarized the message so that we could pray based on the word of God.

On the first night of the conference, Brazilian students and missionaries performed a drama. The following night, we

I arrived at the Sao Paulo International Airport at 10:00 am on the first day of the conference. Missionary Andrew Kim came to welcome me at the airport. The smell of the tropical weather and Brazilian soil were very impressive at the airport, like Brazilian coffee. When I arrived at the USP-center, Brazilian shepherds, students and missionaries were gathering to wait for a chartered bus to go to the conference. After an hour and a half bus ride, we almost reached the conference site. But the bus was not able to go up the hill. So those who were heavy, mainly men coworkers including myself, had to get off the bus so that the bus could make it to the top of the hill. The conference was held at a place called "The Youth of Truth," which was located on the outskirts of Sao Paulo City. It was a very beautiful facility affiliated with a theological seminary.





A Land Of Possibility, Brazil

had a campfire and prayer. After joyful singing, praising and dancing like King David, we offered our prayer for world mission. We prayed that God may pioneer all campuses in 27 states in Brazil by raising an Abraham of faith in each campus. We thanked God for using Dr. Samuel Lee during the last 40 years. We also prayed that God may give good health to Mother Barry and use the USA as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation by raising 10,000 Bible teachers. On the last night of the conference, we had a special symposium about the history of student evangelism and the meaning of UBF ministry in Brazil. Lecturers were Ph.D. candidate missionaries in the Sao Paulo State University, Missionaries Timothy Han, Andrew Kim and Joshua Ahn. 90% of Brazilians are nominal Roman Catholics. The Pentecostal churches are the fastest growing churches in Brazil. However, Brazilian students remain very thirsty for

the word of God. We learned that our 1:1 Bible study and discipleship training ministry can revive the hearts of Brazilian campus students and use them as shepherds and Bible teachers for Latin America and the whole world.

Among Brazilian students, Mauro is the most faithful and he delivered a wonderful message. Mauro is working on his master's degree in Chemistry at Sao Paulo State University. He is an excellent student. There is a chance that he can study for his Ph.D. in the United States through the financial support of Sao Paulo State University. He is 26 years old. He is handsome and faithful and has a good human nature. He is seeking God's direction for his future study and marriage. Coworkers are earnestly praying that God may establish the first shepherd family in Brazil. Thiago attended the ISU conference last year. He is majoring in Civil Engineering at Sao Paulo State University.

He presided over most programs during the conference.

During the last several years, several shepherds and shepherdesses who were ancestor candidates left the ministry mostly due to marriage problems. After the ISU conference Diana left the ministry. Through this event, coworkers were shocked and discouraged. However, they overcame their situation through prayer. Since last September, women missionary coworkers have been praying together from 5:00 am. God sent many new handsome Brazilian students from Sao Paulo State University through fishing and one-to-one Bible study. Sao Paulo State University is the biggest and the best university in Brazil. Generally, Sao Paulo University students seem smart and self-confident. Most students who attended the conference were sincere. Among them, Fabricio (History-2), Marcos (Geology-MA), Fabiano (Literature-2), Alceou (Physics-2), Jeane (Library), Emilio (Chemistry-9), Hugo (Music composition-4), and Vicente (Physics-MA) from Sao Paulo University are growing through one-to-one Bible studies. And Daniel, Filinto, Andre and Mara from FATEK campus are also growing in the word of God.

Brazil is the biggest and strongest country in South America. Ten countries in South America border Brazil (Colombia, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana, Uruguay, Argentina, Paraguay, Peru and Bolivia). Although the land is huge, slightly smaller than the US, only 7% of it is cultivatable. Sao Paulo is the biggest city in Brazil and in the Southern Hemisphere. Around

18 million people reside in the greater Sao Paulo area. 50% of Brazilian industry and finance is concentrated in the Sao Paulo state. There are many good universities in Sao Paulo. However, Sao Paulo is also notorious for its crime. Anybody can buy guns. But it's cheaper to buy a hired killer. Recently, two city mayors were killed by hired murderers. I could often see policemen with loaded guns, who were ready to shoot in front of banks or on street corners. Many of our missionaries were robbed by street gangs in the middle of the day. But the more surprising thing is that those gangs and thieves don't even run away. Due to police corruption, crime cannot be controlled. M. Noah Jung's family lives in a very dangerous area. After 5 p.m., all stores are closed due to gang activities and the streets are deserted.

UBF ministry in Brazil began when Dr. Elijah Park's family arrived in 1991. Before he came to Brazil, he was admitted to USP-medical school, since he majored in Oriental Medicine at KyungHee University Medical School. But when he arrived in Brazil, his admission was rejected by Sao Paulo State University. As a result, he and his family became illegal residents in Brazil. But instead of going back to Korea, he decided to stay in Brazil as a missionary family by faith, even though he had no way to support them there. Somehow, the Lord helped him to get a visa through his newborn child. There were four missionary families in Brazil. At that time most of them were student missionaries who got scholarship and living expenses from their schools. From 1998, after the IMF crisis in Korea,

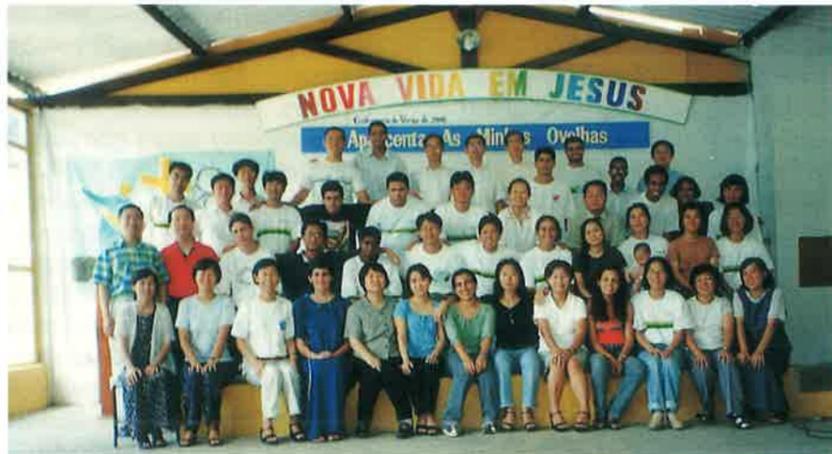
around ten new missionary families arrived in Brazil. Currently there are 12 missionary families in Sao Paulo who are pioneering four different campuses. Six missionary families are pioneering USP - Sao Paulo State University, under the leadership of Dr. Elijah Park. Paulo Kim's and Andrew Kim's families have been pioneering FATEC. FATEC is a small campus and is about to become a technical high school. So they are now praying to pioneer Rio de Janeiro, which has many state and federal universities. Noah Jung's, Joseph Kim's and Zechariah Paek's families are pioneering Mackenzie University. Mackenzie University is a private university, founded by Presbyterian missionaries. It is the biggest private university in Sao Paulo. M. Joshua Lee's family is pioneering PUC campus. All of these missionaries are struggling hard to serve campus ministry while they struggle to survive and raise their children in the midst of the poor economic infrastructure of Brazil. Most missionaries who arrived in 1998 are near 40 years old or older with an average of three children. When they arrived in Brazil, they didn't know Portuguese at all and had no skills to earn money there. Actually, some missionary families went back to Korea because they could not support themselves. In Brazil, the basic salary is too low to maintain life. Even doctors, lawyers and college professors cannot support themselves unless they have a second job. Eight out of 12 missionary families, all newly arrived, had no other choice than to engage in some sort of sales business. Their situation is still hand-to-mouth. For example,

Isabel Paek is six months pregnant. But she works as a peddler to sell fabrics and clothes. Although the living expenses in Brazil are comparatively lower than those in the U.S., their situation is still difficult. Financial independence is the most urgent prayer topic for most missionaries in Brazil. Also, another serious problem of missionaries in Brazil is education for their growing children. The public elementary school and high school systems are unbelievably poor so that they have to find private schools, which are far more expensive than their living costs. Despite the unstable financial infrastructure of Brazil, it is still the strongest nation in South America. Since Argentina's economic collapse, the economic condition of Brazil got worse. Generally, missionaries are not encouraged by their situation at all. Humanly speaking, it seems so hopeless to follow campus mission in Brazil. But we believe in the power of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

After the conference, I thought that the missionaries would be too tired to study the Bible in a group. So I told Dr. Elijah Park that it was okay if they were too tired, we could study one or two lessons instead of all four. But he said that the missionaries are so thirsty that they would love to study the word of God. Except for one or two, every missionary attended group Bible study from Monday to Wednesday. We studied Hebrews 11 in four lessons, one lesson each day and two lessons on Wednesday. I could see that the missionaries were spiritually pure, thirsty and eager to study the word of God. I felt like they were soaking up

the word of God in their hearts. Generally, missionary coworkers were eager to talk with me and wanted me to listen to them. During the days, I visited the campuses that our missionaries are praying to pioneer. I also had the privilege of visiting missionary coworkers' houses, offices and stores. Our group Bible study began at 8:30 p.m., after they closed their stores at around 6:00 p.m. It takes at least 1.5 hours to commute due to severe traffic jams in Sao Paulo. Our Bible study didn't finish until late at night. I realized that all year round there is not even one visitor, either from the U.S. or from Korea. They thought that they were forgotten by us. But finally, Dr. Mark Yoon and several coworkers visited Brazil and talked with them last year, and they were very happy. They deeply appreciated that they were not forgotten and especially that front line missionaries from the U.S. could visit them because we can relate to their agonizing situations as fellow missionaries. One missionary said that although they have urgent problems to solve, such as establishing ancestors of faith from each campus, becoming self-supporting, and overcoming language and cultural barriers, their most urgent need is to receive support spiritually with the word of life. In reality, most missionaries are too tired and busy to survive and may not be prepared to handle their growing problems by themselves. I realized that they need to be supported and visited, not just for us to attend the conference, but to give them spiritual and practical support from the U.S. chapters. I almost wanted our New York UBF to establish a sisterhood relationship with Brazilian chapters. I was deeply

touched by their sincere desire to love and serve God and dedicate their whole lives for campus mission. I wanted to comfort them. But I was comforted by their love and sincere hearts and faith. I also realized that only the word of God can give them true comfort. When we studied the word of God, we were comforted and strengthened to face difficulties, to look forward beyond our present hardship and difficulties. The word of God gave us the reason and purpose and hope for our lives. We learned that faith is victory. Although I have my own chapter and family in New York, I didn't want to come back. I fell in love with our coworkers. How precious are those who live by faith in this corrupt and violent and ungodly world! How precious are our missionary coworkers and shepherds who depend on the absoluteness of God's words and live as holy pilgrims, ready to sacrifice their dreams and youth and entire lives for the sake of the gospel. Lord, I am so undeserving to serve these precious missionary coworkers. I can only give thanks and praise to you. Lord, help me to live by



faith. Nothing can be the reward for those who live by faith, except you alone. Thank you for your great promise of the glorious kingdom of heaven.

Prayer topics of Brazil UBF:
To pioneer 27 States in Brazil beginning from four campuses in Sao Paulo.

- 1) Sao Paulo State University (M. Elias & Maria Park, Mateus & Paula Kim, Timoteo & Teresa Han, Calebe & Grasa Jeon, Andre & Ana Kim, Josue & Rute Ahn)
- 2) FATEK campus (M. Paulo & Sara Kim and Andre & Debora Kim)
- 3) MacKenzie University (M. Noe & Priscila Jeong, Jose & Rebeca Kim Zacarias & Isabel Paek)
- 4) PUC campus (M. Josue & Maria Lee)

To establish one ancestor of faith from each campus and raise 12 disciples of Jesus. Each missionary may lay the foundation of self-supporting missionary life (financial independence, language study, children's education). Spiritual maturity of our missionaries (deeper Bible study) and make a holy vessel of prayer.

GOOD NEWS OF GREAT JOY

2001 Guatemala UBF Christmas Report

Missionary Josue Ham
Guatemala UBF Director

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people.'" (Luke 2:10)



These days it is hard to find good news. But praise our Lord Jesus who came to this world in a humble manger to bring good news of great joy for all the people. Praise Jesus for using

us as self-supporting missionaries in world campus mission. We had our Christmas Worship Service with 50 attendants (Guatemalan--42, Korean--8) from four fellowships. The first part was the message and chorus; the second part was the worship program (Korean fan dance, poetry reading, Guatemalan traditional dance, CBF, drama and martial arts); the third part was exchanging gifts and dinner. Our first sheep, who studied the Bible 13 years ago, returned and attended our worship service despite her medical residency schedule.

Vision Fellowship (20) – S. Yvonne, Dental school; Sister Karina, Law School 4th year; Eduardo, accounting 4th year; Gustavo, Engineering; Jovanni and Sandra's family, M. Juan and Rebekah Kim

Spirit Fellowship (4) – "Thank-you" Richardo, agriculture, 4th; Daniella Lee, Mariano College, 1st; M. Andreas and Hannah Kim's family.

New Grain Fellowship (8) – Brother Manolo (Mariano Calbese College, computer engineering, 4th); Sister Rosario,



"Feliz Navidad!"



Christmas Drama: Immanuel, In Guatemala UBF

Law School 2nd year; Fighting Gilberto; and M. Sarah Jung's family

Spring of Living Water Fellowship (18) – Cesaro (law, 1st); Hugo (music); Aurora (law 4th), Carlos Carmen's family (psychology, 4th); M. Josue and Anna's family; (Nancy, Ebong)

This year there was a special work of God when Shepherds Ivan, Thankyou Richardo, and Fighting Gilberto fell into their own personal problems. Brother Karina and Cesaro became stewards and served the Christmas preparation. During last year's Easter Bible Conference Dr. Samuel Lee sent Pastor Kevin Albright and Missionary Maria Ahn to support us. Almost all of the sheep who attended the conference opened their hearts and remained as stewards through Pastor Kevin Albright who served them like an older brother and Missionary Maria Ahn who served them humbly. When we

were invited to the International Conference, God opened the way for us to receive visas. By faith, invitation letters and grade documentation we went to the Embassy of the United States and God granted us 14 visas. After that, among them, each one gradually decided to tithe and began to sincerely attend the worship service. Until now, we raised three shepherds by giving them whatever they needed, but they had no thankful heart. However, this Christmas, young sheep voluntarily brought something and served it. We thought that this kind of work of God could only happen in Russian sheep. But after we experienced this among us, we learned that in order to save them, we have to help them to sacrifice for the work of God rather than just giving to them continuously.

Sister Karina, who was fished last year and met Jesus Christ through 1:1 Bible study and

sincere life testimony, received Jesus' calling as a fisher of men. She serves five sheep: Rosario, Aurora, Eduardo, Gustavo, and Marco. She brought these sheep from her classes, Karate class and brought them to all the missionaries, co-working together. Even though she has to work in the morning and take classes, she served all the Christmas programs as a main steward and willingly drew all the Christmas backgrounds. We thank God who answered our prayer for the work among sisters. We pray that she may grow to be a influential Bible teacher who feeds and loves sheep like Shepherdess Edith Najera in Mexico and use her as a mother of prayer. Brother Marco (law, 4th), who was brought by Karina, sent one box of grapes and a 10 kg turkey which he bought through his company to the Christmas party. Because he was the first person to write a poem and put it on the bulletin, others followed and wrote poems



"Lucha" In Guatemala (Ana Sarita, Cesaro, Jovanni, Daniella, Juan)

as well. Brother Eduardo, who was also fished by Karina, studied one-to-one with Missionary Juan Kim. In his testimony he wrote that he really liked 1:1 Bible study and through his prayer, he experienced the power of prayer to receive a ten-year visa and attended the International Conference; he also got the latest computer that he wanted. Through Karina, I learned the importance of one person again.

Brother Cesaro, who is a student at San Carlos National University, Korean Department, (led by M. Josue and Ana Ham every Saturday evening) became a remnant with Brother Carlos this year. After having one-to-one Bible study with Missionary Josue, he always came on time for one-to-one with a prepared testimony while other sheep came as they pleased. Even though he is young, we pray for him that God may raise him as a great shepherd, like Shepherd Moses Noh. Despite his old Catholic parents who eagerly wait for their son, he

prepared for the Christmas programs, drama, dancing, Tae Kwon Do and Hallelujah Chorus. He even brought pineapple cake.

Brother Manolo is the younger brother of Missionary Abraham

Kim's sheep. Because his mother passed away when he was a child, he lived with sorrow. But through the love of Jesus, he changed through S. Fighting, who served him like his parents with love. Now he is working at a good company and is growing as an ancestor of faith in Mariano Galvez Christian College.

After attending Music School, M. Josue's daughter fished one student Hugo, with the vision to establish a Guatemala UBF Orchestra. He teaches classical guitar at school and plays the contrabass in the orchestra. After fishing, he took charge of singspiration during the worship service. He had prayer meetings at his lecture room every Tuesday and Thursday at 3 pm in the prayer that God would raise him to be an ancestor of faith in the Music school, and save 500 men through Jesus and use them in the work of God. When he was invited to the International Conference and



Korean Fan Dance In Guatemala (Hannah, Aurora, Sarah And Others)

received several kinds of support, he didn't attend due to his visa problem. Through his conducting and guitar playing, we could practice the Hallelujah Chorus part by part and sing it wonderfully. Now Missionary Rebekah Kim brought a violin from Korea and plays with her son Juan, and Missionary Hannah Kim is playing the flute and Missionary Sarah Jung is playing the cello. Through seeing them, I thank God for revealing his vision for our orchestra.

Since Missionary Hannah Kim came, our total missionaries are now eight. As the number of our missionaries are increasing, our missionary meeting has been divided into brothers and sisters on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. After visiting Korea for two months, Missionary Rebekah Kim became more beautiful and her body and heart were refreshed as soon as she came back. Now she serves sheep wholeheartedly with prayer. Through her, we realized that Korea is a kingdom of priests and a holy nation which can restore and empower anybody who visits. Even though this year there were many difficulties in Korea UBF and a busy schedule, I thank God for Shepherd Geba and Shepherd Myung Soon and layman shepherds families, Bae Bong, Han Sung, Dae Hak Noh, Gong Nung (SaeMyung Center).

I newly decided to send them prayer topics to receive prayer support. As I listened to the news from Missionary Hannah Kim, I felt close to the Suh Gang center, and when I heard that Shepherd Elijah Ahn sent five missionaries this year I realized that it is the time for work of the Holy Spirit in the Suh

Gang Center. Missionary Hannah Kim is always bright and tall and beautiful, but moreover she plays the flute very well, so many sheep like her. During our Christmas preparations she served the Korean Fan Dance, Guatemala traditional dance, campus fishing, and served by cooking. She invited all the missionaries to her home with delicious mandoo soup with golden chopsticks that were given to her by Missionary Elijah Ahn as a marriage gift. Now, she is praying to conquer the language in one year and adjust to the mission land. She is preparing to move close to the center. Usually in UBF, after women missionaries pioneered and prepared the mission field, the men co-workers come. As she received God's special love, she was so happy by saying, "Oh everything is prepared. When I saw my co-worker M. Suffering Park wearing an army uniform in the wedding picture, I was so happy, as if I saw my son."

M. Daniella Lee served registration, decoration, Tae Kwon Do dancing and making the title for the Christmas worship service, even until 2 in the morning. After attending the International Conference, she immediately obeyed the direction to challenge campus ministry and she got a part time job in the morning and attended classes at Mariano Galvez University. In order to serve God's work quickly, she prepared her driver's license and a car. Missionary Sarah Jung wrote the drama script all night with her sheep Rosario and prepared the drama music even though she has two daughters and the cross of working. Because of this, Missionary Maria Ahn gave her a nickname, "pretty missionary." After serving,

God blessed her by giving her a car as a Christmas gift.

Missionary Juan Kim served the Christmas preparations as the chief director, overcoming making clothes in his factory business and a severe cold. Although, the Tae Kwon Do program could have been better, he served wholeheartedly and delivered a beautiful, long, and deep Spanish poem. Through poetry, he moved the sheep's hearts. While we were preparing for the Christmas Worship Service, Missionary Josue developed eye pain, and Missionary Ana had a severe throat infection. They could not serve wholeheartedly; however, as they served the message preparation and dancing, people received much grace. We are now praying to participate in communion led by Shepherd Geba and in the united conference in Mexico and in several preparations.

I praise God who called Guatemala as a kingdom of priests to send missionaries to America and South America and the whole world. I pray that God may raise 100 house churches by 2010 and raise many Bible teachers who love the word of God and are full of a shepherd's heart. May God use America to send one million missionaries to the whole world as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. I pray that God may bless the UBF manger ministry in America, Korea, and South America for world mission through one-to-ones and raising disciples. I thank God that he sent many missionaries to Guatemala. I'm thankful for Dr. Lee who served our family (Sarah, 11; Rebekah, 8; Esther, 4; 3 yr. old daughter) with prayer.

The Power of Prayer

Paraguay UBF Summer Bible Conference

Missionary John Lee
Paraguay UBF Director



Thank God for granting us a good shepherd Dr. Lee. We were like sheep without a shepherd. God knew us well and he prepared Dr. Lee in advance and made him our good shepherd. He led us to Jesus and taught us how to live our lives to please God. When I heard of Dr. Lee's going to his eternal home, I did not know what to do. But now I thank God who taught us what our mission and our life purpose is even through his going home. I thank God who saved us and called us to be campus shepherds for the

whole world through Jesus' death and resurrection. I sincerely want to teach the Bible one-to-one, raise disciples of Jesus and keep up self-supporting missionary ministry. I want to obey God's world mission command by faith alone. I want to love the word of God with all my heart and soul and strength and follow the truth in the Bible. Thank God who used Dr. Lee as a peerless servant of God's word and a good shepherd for campus students. Now in his sovereign will he took him to his house and gave him

eternal rest in Jesus. I believe that God is glorified through his servant Dr. Lee.

Our Paraguay UBF held a summer Bible conference Jan, 10-13, 2002. Missionary John Lee delivered the opening message on John 2:11. The three main messages were delivered by three Paraguayan shepherds, Tadeo, Oscar, and Perla. S. Tadeo spoke on John 4:1-30, "I am he." S. Oscar spoke on John 21:1-17, "Do you truly love me?" Shepherdess Perla spoke on Luke 7:11-17,

"Son, get up." In the evening Missionary Andres Heo spoke on John 10:1-18, "The good Shepherd, Jesus." Missionary David Kang spoke on Luke 9:18-22, "You are the Christ" and Missionary Marcos Kim spoke on Luke 23:26-56, "Jesus' forgiveness on the cross." The closing message was delivered by Missionary Ruth Kim from John 9:25, "One thing I know."

When we prepared this conference, we prayed earnestly that God might work and plant faith in God in the hearts of our sheep by holding on to the love of Jesus our good shepherd based on John 10:11. For this, we had united prayer meetings and visiting ministry and invited sheep from last October, 2001. We challenged the goal of 50 registrations. But final exams were coming up and students' hearts were not moved at all for the conference. On top of this, the weather was getting hotter and hotter, running over 104° F. We were helpless. But believing in God, we prayed and prayed and

prayed. Our living God answered our prayers and blessed our conference so abundantly. The total attendants were 29. Geronima, Perla, Mirta, Elba, Maria, Jose, Carmen, Isabel, Gustavo, Juan, Abdon, Fred, Nilson, Cesar, Tadeo and Oscar attended. God blessed us with wonderful dancing, music and drama. It was a truly a heavenly banquet. Through this conference we learned several things. First, we learned that God wants us to pray. When we could not do anything and the situation seemed impossible, we prayed. When we prayed, we experienced God's mighty work. Second, we learned the importance of one-to-one Bible study. Although there were not many attendants, all of them studied the Bible one-to-one faithfully. So they had a very good attitude toward the word of God. Every one wrote sincere testimonies and they loved the word of God and accepted the word of God with sincere repentance. Sister Geronima invited her friends to Bible study and Sunday worship

services after the conference. Brother Gustavo brought his fiancée to worship service after the conference. Third, God raised up new stewards who love the word of God among us. Shepherd Tadeo and Shepherd Oscar have stewardship for God's work. They are diligent in fishing and visiting. Fourth, God showed us vision. When we repented our lack of faith and prayed, God abundantly blessed the conference 2002. Now we believe that when we pray and believe, God will surely bless our Summer Bible Conference 2003 with 50 attendants. Amen. After this conference, we began to pray not only for raising up 12 disciples of Jesus but also to raise up 12 mothers of prayer. We wholeheartedly thank God for the prayer support of Korea and Chicago. Even though there is no way for us to repay this blessing, please continue to pray for us and Paraguay that the will of God be accomplished through us. We pray for our Easter Bible Academy and for the Mexican and South American conference.



Traditional Jar Dance By Carmen



Friends In Jesus Mirta And Paula



Growing Ministry In Paraguay

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING FOR GOD'S WORK IN INDIA

Missionary Jimmy Lee
India UBF Director

We are all well and our ministry is growing day by day. Last week 64 members participated at our Sunday Worship Service and we are studying John's gospel (up to John 15). Nearly every morning at 6:00 am about 10-15 coworkers are coming to the Bible center for prayer and eating daily bread regularly.

We plan to have an "India UBF 15th year anniversary program" on April 7 (Sunday). Actually the date is March 29th but that day is Good Friday, so we postponed it one week. Please pray for India UBF continuously.

Now we have four Korean shepherds and five Korean shepherdesses, and 13 Indian shepherds and four Indian shepherdesses. Five shepherd-candidates

and two shepherdess-candidates (Apostle team members) are growing through Saturday Bible Testimony sharing meeting. And 6 brothers and 3 sisters (John team members) are also growing through Saturday testimony sharing continuously.

We plan to have a May Leaders' Conference from May 23 to 26 at the foot of the Himalaya Mountains and raise new shepherds and shepherdesses.

This year we plan to hold the 2002 Autumn Bible Conference from Sept. 26 (Thur) to 29 (Sun).

Our prayer topics are:

1) India to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation

2) Hindu sheep ministry and girl students ministry

3) To pioneer 10 states of India by the year 2005

4) To pioneer 28 states of India by the year 2010

5) To raise up new shepherds and shepherdesses during the May Leaders' Conference 2002 (May 23-26)

6) Missionary Jimmy Lee's powerful John's gospel messages

7) Active pioneering ministry; Delhi University (Dr. John Angam), Aurobindo college (Dr. Joseph), IIT (Missionary Challenger Hwang), Orissa State (Shepherd Narendra).

Missionary Pravina is feeding six sheep and fully devoting her life for girl students' ministry. Thank Chicago UBF for sending a precious coworker like her to India.



Indian Autumn Bible Conference 2001

God's Work in Nagasaki

Dr. David Jun
Nagasaki UBF Director

"I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do." (John 17:4)



First, God granted a Bible House in the University of Nagasaki. As you know and as you have prayed for me, I was appointed as an assistant professor in the department of Education on April 1, 2001. It is not very hard to teach in the Engineering department, because it is my major. However, because I was assigned to teach information, which is a little far from my major, I had to study hard in order to teach six to seven classes a week. I don't know how I have got through everything. Nevertheless, I thank God who enabled me to work without complaining. Also, God answered my prayer for the Bible House, that my office was used for Bible study. We had Bible studies once a week, and

God sent several sheep each week. Brother Wada came every week and he studied Genesis and John's gospel. I thank and praise God who answered my prayer.

Second, God restored Sister Yoshida. Yoshida has studied the Bible for five years. She was invited to the MSU conference and saw God's work. But she left us with the difficulty of finding a job after graduation. But we met her again in God's providence: She worked for a social welfare organization where my son Joseph went for his diagnosis and treatment. (Joseph has autism and his physical and mental growth is retarded) She resumed her Bible study.

She has a family member who is disabled so she is sorrowful and fatalistic. She felt close to our meeting because of Joseph who has a little disability. God is teaching her the secret of the gospel and the God of hope and providence. God used our son Joseph precious to teach her the grace of salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ and to take the root of fatalism and inferiority complex from her. I was saved from the inferiority complex through Jesus Christ. As I experienced Jesus' grace who saved this sinner through his humbleness, I earnestly pray that Yoshida also may know

Jesus' salvation from her inferiority complex, complaining heart, unbelief and rebellious mind. I thank God for the gospel, which takes away our fatalism and sorrow. I pray that Yoshida may grow as a mother of prayer.

Third, God made me strong and gave me a sense of responsibility for world mission. I have had much training humanly and spiritually in the last two years: Humanly, I was fired from the university where I had worked for six years and I had to stay in Nagasaki by faith without a job, and I had to go back to the old University quitting my new working place. I had spiritual training because of the R-group. Through these things, I found myself as one who has no determination and repented. We had three families, and one family was sent to pioneer Hujisawa. (Peter and Maria Lee) Two families were left in Nagasaki and there was a conflict, because one family was on the side of the R-group. I had loved them as my son and brother, but I lost the love and tried to send them to pioneer other chapter. But Missionary Caleb Kim, who was on the side of the R-group, faithfully coworked with us and served God's work through obedience in spite of many hardships. Because I had no determination, I once tried to leave Nagasaki when I was fired from the University,

and I had difficulty to go back to the University, and I was shaky listening to the people in the R-group. I could not but be the slave of the devil without determination. But God helped me through Missionary Caleb Kim. God enabled me to love him as my own son, and I made a decision to cowork with Dr. Samuel Lee who served me wholeheartedly.

Through these events, I repented of the sin which was hiding in my deep heart, that I loved the easy way. Then God started a new work among us. We began to cowork together and I got a new job in the University of Nagasaki. Besides this, God poured into me a shepherd heart for other chapters in Japan which were suffering from the R-group. I felt responsible for them, and I decided to participate in the suffering for the world mission. I made a decision that I would stand on the side of those who are working for world mission.

In Japan, there were nine families sent from Hanyang chapter. But now only two families are left. They blamed UBF and went to church. I felt so sorry for them, but I realize that God left two precious families. Especially I was moved by the Missionary Thomas, who is serving Mishima chapter, for his humble attitude. He is full of God's grace as he learned faith through many trainings. I learned through him that God blesses those who receive God's training with sincere repentance and a thankful heart. Then I thanked God who trained me through my job, and from the R-group.

I should confess that I still don't like training and I am

trying to avoid it if possible. I repent it deeply. I pray that I may take training by faith and become strong. I pray that I may serve world mission and Japan mission, which is God's will for me, with all my heart. I thank God for giving me a desire to cowork with God's servants who are serving world mission. I pray that I may contribute to world mission by serving Nagasaki and Japan mission with a sense of responsibility.

Fourth, God granted me grace through the Korean Staff Conference and the Japan Directors' Conference. I accepted two directions through these conferences. First, I will teach the Bible simply, as it is. Second, I will prepare a spiritual environment for united prayer. I studied Ezekiel at the Korean Staff conference. Through Ezekiel 37, I learned that only the Word of God will lead the work of Spirit, and only prayer is the way to give life. Also, through Acts 1:8, I made a decision to learn from the early Christians who solved the Judah problem through God's words and who joined together constantly in prayer.

God's work is done through God's word and the power of prayer. God's work is going on through God's servants who accepted God's word absolutely and obeyed through prayer. We need to depend on the Holy Spirit and we need prayer for this. God promised power with the Holy Spirit. I need God's power to be a witness of Jesus Christ. I pray for the Holy Spirit. May God clothe me with the power of Holy Spirit! May God use me for preaching the gospel in Japan and to the ends of the earth!

Fifth, the work God has given me to do is one to one Bible study and united prayer. I chose John 17:4 as this year's key verse. I had thought that only Jesus can pray like this, so I was a little burdened for this key verse. However, this word challenged me last December. Besides, I could not but accept it through the failure at our Christmas worship service. We prepared for the Christmas worship service with sheep whom we have helped for one year. We planned to do a skit and perform piano and classic guitar music. However, on Christmas, we had fewer attendants than the usual Sundays. Several sheep did not come. We were able to do the skit, but we couldn't perform any music. We were rebuked severely from God, and we learned the importance of one to one and united prayer. God gave me this key verse so that I may experience spiritual victory.

I will have three one to one Bible studies each week. I will pray with coworkers in united prayer on every Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I will eat daily bread and pray in the early morning. I will fight a spiritual fight to raise sister Yoshida as a mother of prayer. I pray that brother Yokoyama and brother Wada also may grow spiritually. I pray that sister Miyasaki may make some progress in her faith.

Finally I pray that twelve disciples may be raised and we may have one hundred and twenty Sunday Worship Attendants.

Love The Lord With All My Heart

Dr. William Altobar
Philippines UBF Director

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deuteronomy 6:5)



I. God Is Faithful

Every time I remembered God's faithfulness I felt so ashamed with the thought of running away from God's grace. He even appointed me to be his servant by his grace alone. God knows I am an unworthy servant in many ways. Through God's faithfulness we managed to hold our Christmas presentation at the U.P. College of Law auditorium for ten consecutive years. Throughout the years this university breed scholars and professionals with outstanding talent in various herds of excellence, some who became presidents and members of the Senate. This is the place where the best and noblest meet. It took us 10 years of fruitless Christmas Conferences with no one-to-one Bible studies and Sunday worship service attendants from this campus. During those silent years we could not but lower our pride and bow to God in prayers, that God may evangelize this most prestigious university. Although humanism and pragmatism is rapidly conquering many students, nevertheless God's one sided grace and faithfulness remains visible. I firmly believe that soon remnants will be established from among truth seeking students in this university who would be the future spiritual leaders of our nation. Even if we had various problems to mention, like economic crises, terrorism, regionalism, and internal problems, the biggest problem we have is how to hold on to the word of God daily and to remember God's faithfulness to the end. God is our shepherd and we are his disciples. John 8:31,32, says, "If you hold to my teaching, you are

really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." I want to be Jesus' disciple. Although I failed in my shepherding life many times like Peter, nevertheless God's faithfulness continues to inspire us all. Especially when we struggle to hold on to the enduring word of God, I come to understand the truth. God is faithful, that is the truth. Another truth is that man is weak. He is both good and evil. I want to remain as Jesus' disciple to the end by holding on to his word. May the Lord strengthen me continuously to struggle with him through his word and claim his absolute promises to the end. I may govern my people with the shepherd heart of Jesus, until this nation may become a missionary sending nation.

II. Jesus Is The Gift Of God

In his faithfulness, God sent his one and only son Jesus at the right time in order that his righteous requirements be fully met. This was the theme of our Christmas presentation. Shepherd Timothy, our University Belt director, gave us a very encouraging message. This theme was taken from the message when Jesus talked with the Samaritan woman. In John 4:10a, Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." In this world everybody is excited to receive gifts. There are so many different kinds of gifts; for some, tops, dresses, food and money. But the greatest gift we receive from God is Jesus. God's one and only son Jesus died for our sins and for the sins of the world. Jesus is the greatest gift of all. Nobody deserves this wonderful gift from the Holy God. All mankind deserves death as a reward for sinning before the Holy God. But instead of punishing sinful mankind, God sent his one and only son Jesus as a ransom sacrifice. What a won-

derful grace. May the Lord continuously grant Noel Antonio, Glenn Torres, DonnaMae and Jorge Salang wisdom to accept the grace of God Jesus deeply in their hearts. They are all UP students and promising future leaders of our nation. May they fight for what they believe in, Jesus, and live according to the Word of God daily. May they come to know Jesus, the gift of God, personally. May God establish them as true disciples of Jesus.

III. Love The Lord Your God

My key verse for this year is taken from Deuteronomy 6:5, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." This year I will struggle to love God with all my heart and with all my soul and strength. This means I must struggle to give up my worldly desires and personal ambitions in life and to love Jesus wholeheartedly. Humanly speaking, it is impossible for me to do such a thing. But by faith I will try my best to love Jesus above all. To love Jesus above my beloved wife and children, above myself and career, above money and above my human reasoning. I believe in my heart that loving Jesus above all will be the ultimate solution in solving all the problems. For time immemorial we never become united as a nation, because the great waters of the sea separate our islands into 7,100 islands. We are separated from one another by dialects, traditions, regionalism and beliefs. Only Jesus can make us one nation with one mind and one heart under Jesus' rule. It is possible when one man Jesus gave his one and only heart to obey the Almighty God. From now on, I will devote my time in the study of the word of God and prayers. This will be my new life direction until one word of God comes to my heart. May God grant me courage to face the scriptures. May the Lord bless me to delight in the law of the Lord and meditate on it day and night. Amen.

I WILL SERVE AUSTRALIAN CAMPUS MISSION TO THE END

Missionary Joseph Sim
Australia UBF Director



coworker Esther was busy cooking or writing a Bible testimony, he took all my four children to the park and played with them. Numbers Bible study helped us to have eyes to see the work of God. It also helped us to recover our identity as missionaries in this beautiful land. We felt like brave soldiers who were eagerly waiting for the battle with a sense of victory. We could prepare ourselves, forgetting what was behind, for the beginning of a new ministry.

Thank and Praise God!! Although Israel had been in slavery for 400 years, God had never forgotten them and he delivered them in his time. He also trained them until they had clear identity as chosen people of God. God had hope for them as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Through Bible study of the book of Numbers, I deeply learned of the mighty and living God who is the Sovereign ruler of history. I am filled with joy and pride as a layman missionary who was chosen by God. I also have hope in him that I would be made into a great servant of God in his hand.

First, Australian Missionary conference. I want to share the grace of God in our Australian Missionary conference held Dec. 7-9, 2001. One week before the conference, Shepherd Paul Rhee from Korea visited us and helped us with the word from Numbers. He stayed in my house for two weeks and we had good fellowship. He is a good babysitter as well. While my

The day before the Missionary conference, Shepherd Mark Yang and Dr. Moses Jung arrived in Melbourne and they joined our conference. Our conference place was The Golden Valley Camp. It is surrounded by bushes and is a very quiet place. M. Moses Jung made us laugh a lot. We all laughed together and enjoyed his sense of humor. After a few minutes break, we had a lecture given by Moses Jung. Even though we were tired due to long driving, nobody was dozing while his lecture went on. We could understand the history of student evangelistic movements and UBF history as well. When his lecture was finished, it was already 12 o'clock. We slept for the next day.

The second day, Shepherd Paul Rhee led Joshua Bible study. We accepted that God had already given us the Promised Land, Australia, in our hands. Of course, in the English Bible God says, "I will give...". But when we prayed, we claimed by faith,

"God said, 'I have already given this land to you.'" Through this word of Joshua, God prepared our hearts to begin a new ministry in Australia. We wrote testimonies after lunch.

After dinner, we shared our testimonies and Shepherd Mark Yang gave us a lecture on UBF's 40 years of ministry. We were very much impressed and learned of their spirit of prayer and vision for world campus mission. As UBF pioneering members prayed a lot together, we had a time for prayer together. We shared prayer topics for Melbourne and Sydney ministry. We also shared personal prayer topics. We knelt down all together and prayed earnestly for Australian campus ministry.

On the last day, we had a Bible study from the Book of Habakkuk (entire parts) led by Shepherd Mark Yang. We talked a lot based on the passage. We learned that we should live by faith to the end, regardless of circumstances and human conditions. Wavering faith is not faith. Demanding explanations must be changed into praises and songs to God. In any situation, a man of faith must put his trust in God and hold onto his goodness to the end.

There were ten attendants at this Australian Missionary conference: Paul Rhee, Mark Yang and Moses Jung from Korea; Joseph Sim, Esther Sim, Joseph Yang and Deborah Yang from Melbourne; Mark Lee, Ruth Lee from Sydney; Joy Rhee

(Paul Rhee's daughter) from Brisbane.

Second, Australian UBF ministry. Since Australian UBF was split up, we all had a hard time. We wondered what God wanted us to do and why he had allowed this situation. However, we accepted God's goodness through this event. We also accepted that we were God's remnants who will succeed and start Australian UBF campus ministry again. There are three UBF chapters in Australia: Melbourne (La Trobe University), Sydney (Macquarie University), and Adelaide (Flinders University). Even though Adelaide missionaries could not join in our missionary conference, they had clear direction to take side with pure UBF campus ministry.

In Sydney, there is one mission family, Mark and Ruth Lee. They served Wellington, New Zealand UBF ministry since 1991. They came to Sydney, Australia in July, 2000 and now serve Macquarie University pioneering ministry. They are Australian Permanent Residents.

In Adelaide, there are two mission families and one single missionary. Augustine Kim, Hannah Kim, Francis, Ruth and Daniel. M. Augustine Kim came to Melbourne in 1993 as a student missionary and moved to Adelaide in 1997. They are all student missionaries. They need prayer support for getting permanent residency permits.

In Melbourne, there are two mission families: Joseph and Esther Sim, and Joseph and Deborah Yang. M. Esther Sim came to Melbourne, Australia in 1988 as a student missionary.

She established a mission family with M. Joseph Sim in 1990. They served Melbourne ministry since then. M. Deborah Yang joined Melbourne ministry in 1995 and her coworker Joseph Yang, in 1996. All Melbourne missionaries have Australian citizenship.

I want to share recent news about Melbourne ministry. We got a new Bible center very close to La Trobe University. It is only a 5-10 minute walk to the University. There are two rooms and one large living room which we want to use as the place for Sunday Worship. And another small living room is just before the main entry. The dining room is also pretty big. I personally reckon that it is the best for a Bible house. Thank God for preparing a new ministry ahead of us.

I, M. Joseph Sim came to Australia in 1990 as a student missionary. God granted my family Australian permanent residency in 1995 and citizenship in 1997 by his grace. I accepted that God wanted me to serve Australian campus mission to the end. Before I met Jesus, I was a paralytic-like sinner. Due to my stammering problem, I lived the life of a paralytic.

But Jesus Christ changed my life. I accepted Genesis 1:28. It says, "God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'" My life has been changed from a paralytic-like man to a man with mission. Praise Jesus!

Prayer topics for each ministry in Australia:

Melbourne:

1. La Trobe University Pioneering ministry
2. Raise one Abraham and Sarah
3. All missionaries become good shepherds for Australian campus students understanding their culture and agony (Read books and English study)
4. New missionaries

Sydney:

1. Self support-finding a good way to be self-supported
2. More co-workers from Korea-Missionary candidate Park Moon-la (Jan)
3. Bring two Bible students to the conference next year
4. English study



Shepherd David Keers
Abraham Of Faith In Australia

AN AMERICAN MISSIONARY IN KOREA

Missionary Heather Janis
Cincinnati UBF

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." (1 Peter 2:9)



Cincinnati Coworkers: Kevin, Heather, Mary, Nathan

While I am far away and I do not long for America, I do miss all of my coworkers in the USA. Please let me share with you the grace and work of Jesus I experienced and witnessed this past week (February 18-24, 2002).

On Monday we started intense prayer and activities on meeting students, especially at Dong Guk University because it was Freshman orientation week. Each day we had a prayer meeting at 9 AM at which at least 50 people attended. We began with a time of singing hymns of praise to Jesus and

sharing, then Shepherd Daniel Rhee gave a brief message based on one Word of God (e.g., Acts 16:11-15, 2 Timothy 4:1-5, 2 Kings 6:16, and Ezra 3:3) and direction for the day. It was a colder day and we were outside for most of the morning and early afternoon, but my heart was warm from being able to share the Word of God with many students and cowork with the Korean shepherdesses. By the grace of Jesus I was bolder and talked to more students.

There are a few girls that I am following up with. My prayer is to study with at least one Korean

student one-to-one in addition to my personal Bible study and the English Bible studies and conversation classes I am leading.

Also, Jesus further showed His grace, care, and personal involvement in my life that night. I mentioned that I was praying for a suitable job to stay long-term in Korea and be a self-supporting missionary as part of my five prayer topics as I left the States. I also said that I sent a resume to Sook Myung Women's University. Nevertheless, I still found it somewhat unexpected that

during my visa situation a head professor from that school called me and asked for an interview. She had a huge pile of applications from people from Seoul and the U.S., but she talked to ME! Incredible grace of Jesus! I almost certainly did not get the position because I do not have the necessary teaching experience (thus I say confidently "incredible grace of Jesus"), but I still consider it Jesus' training and assurance for me. That specific job is secondary to trusting God who will provide the best job at the best time. I saw newly and clearly that Jesus is involved in our lives and cares personally in each situation. Through it I also saw that I must have absolute faith and trust when I pray, for God does certainly answer prayers according to His good will. Afterward, I was no longer concerned about my visa problem or job problem (or any other problem present or future) by faith and obedience to Jesus and His Word. Relatedly, and to prove the point, later in the week the Korean government gave me an unprecedented extension on my original visa (this extension is not intended for Americans) and the Mongolian Embassy said I do not need to do anything to visit their country. Thus I saw that when I have faith and pray, Jesus works things out for the good.

The rest of the week was also very good for us being fishermen of souls. However, the opposition against our Gospel work on Dong Guk University increased as the week went on. It went from one woman nurse talking to a shepherdess about not being in a certain building on the first day to outright rebukes from university officials and guards. On one day we were yelled at

and ordered to leave the campus area by three separate people. Even a man selling goods on the street threatened a younger shepherd at one point. I see that we are fighting a spiritual battle, and that where the Gospel work of Jesus is, there also is the work of Satan. The Word of God I held on to for assurance and strength during this time was 2 Kings 6:16, and Ezra 3:3. Praise God that we went fishing all five days with no serious incidences. Because Jesus is the victorious, Risen Lord and because we faithfully and prayerfully obeyed His command to bring the Gospel to the world, He protected us in all ways and we shared in His victory on the various campuses Nam San center serves. Praise Jesus that the all-out work of the beginning of the school year lead us to meet over 130 students. Please pray that they will continue to be faithful to Bible study and grow in the Word of God and worship God.

My teaching schedule (along with most of the meetings) was changed around last week because of the concentration on prayer, fishing, and new one-to-one Bible studies. Still, by Jesus grace, I was able to lead the Freshman English conversation class, the Freshman John's Gospel study on Jesus, the Lamb of God, and the sisters Genesis study on "God planted a Garden". The John's Gospel study was especially powerful.

Yesterday I studied the passage for 2 Kings with Missionary Joanna Cha to prepare for the message. Then Shepherdess In Sook and I went to the park with her and her family. We got to play badminton and enjoy the beautiful day God gave us with

her children. Later I studied Korean and prayed and dedicated myself to doing my homework for Korean ahead of schedule and absolutely.

Today we had worship service on 2 Kings 8-10. I learned newly of the grace and truth of God, that He does not judge and destroy immediately out of His compassion and desire for His people to repent and come back to Him, but that He will definitely judge sin eventually. I also learned that I must fight against and destroy sin in myself and others. And that I must keep my mission from God purely to the end. This afternoon Shepherdess In Sook and I went to Kyung Bok Kung Palace. It is a beautiful landmark of Korea containing an historical museum and the residence of the last king of Korea. Again I took pictures and will try to send them once I learn how.

As I wrote above, I will be going to Mongolia. I leave this Wednesday afternoon with Missionary Paul Kwon and Missionary Esther Kwon. Never in my dreams did I expect I would ever go to Mongolia. But now by the grace and leading of Jesus I can visit His servants there and see the Gospel work in Ulaanbaatar. It is a mission trip inside a mission trip! Jesus is indeed great and pours out His blessing, and in every and any way. May Jesus enable me to be a blessing in Mongolia and learn the spirit and history of that country and its people, if just a little bit. So next time I will be able to tell you about Mongolia.

Thank you for this opportunity to share what Jesus has been doing in Nam San and in my life. (Ed note: May God make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.)

THE PARABLE OF THE TENANTS

Missionary Joshua Hong
Chicago UBF

"A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time." (Luke 20:9)



sick and preaching the kingdom of God, without being swayed by his life-consuming situation. Jesus' act of faith reminds of us Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." One's true colors come to the surface when the situation becomes very oppressed and burdened. Some people run away from the situation. Others become anxious and make people around them very uncomfortable. But Jesus was different. A truly strong man is the one who does his duty regardless of the situation to the end. One shepherd skipped one Sunday worship service because of his mom's nagging which he could not bear. He again disappeared for three days during Christmas preparation even though he was one of the main characters in the drama. Even though there was a reason, which was his grandfather's death, he made God's people think of him differently. When I had a severe marriage problem, I did not come to the center for two days. I stayed in the dark room and cried a lot. I did not clean up the center nor pray. Last Monday, one co-worker commented about my English usage when speaking in public. I knew he was right in saying that but I did not want to accept his tips out of pride. My point is that I am very weak in my inner man. May God help me to be strong by learning Jesus' humility and obedience.

Today's passage tells us about the work of God in view of the history of Israel. God's chosen people have been disappointing because of their fallen men's mentality. But our God is sovereign God who overrules all situations and fulfills his own purpose through his one and only Son Jesus Christ. May God help me to be a part of God's work and history through absolute obedience. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

First, by what authority? (1-8).

Even though he was bracing himself with the thought of death on the cross, Jesus was doing what he should do. Look at verse 1a. "One day as he was teaching the people in the temple courts and preaching the gospel." It was the very week when Jesus would be arrested and crucified. Still he was carrying out his mission as usual, healing the

While Jesus was teaching and the people were so attentive toward God's words, the chief priests and the teachers of the law came up to him, saying, "Tell us by what authority you are doing these things? Who gave you this authority?" They were ridiculous questions. Since God formed a nation, Israel, no prophets got permission from the public to speak the word of God. Rather, prophets and priests worked together to fulfill God's purpose for the glory of God and for the sake of God's people. So Jesus did not answer their questions directly. Rather, Jesus wanted them to turn their hearts to God. Look at verses 3,4. "He replied, 'I will also ask you a question. Tell me. John's baptism—was it from heaven, or from men?'" When Jesus asked such a question, it was not to push them to the corner. It was to help them to acknowledge the work of God through John and now through Jesus Christ. John came and preached the message of repentance. It was to prepare the way for the people to accept the Messiah Jesus. Now the Messiah came and had been doing the work of God as John had prophesied. It was another chance for them to reform their lives and join the work of God through Jesus. But they again understood Jesus' words politically and avoided Jesus' life giving words for them.

Here we need to think about the authority of Jesus. Jesus said in John 3:17, "For God did not

send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Jesus came not to crush sinful mankind but to heal them with messianic compassion. Jesus came not to destroy sinful and rebellious mankind, but to love them and bring them back to the kingdom of God. Jesus had authority to bless those who curse. Likewise, in this real world, we the disciples of Jesus have authority to heal the sick rather than criticize them, to love the unlovely rather than abandoning them, to save the fallen rather than condemning them, and bring the lost to God rather than leaving them alone. Thank and praise God who gave such an authority to each of us. But I am far away from where I should be. When one person spread poisonous papers in front of the Christmas worship service place, I became almost beside myself. I was not compassionate toward him, not to mention blessing him. Sh. Erik's father noticed that my temper grew hot. He came and cooled me down by talking to me. May God help forgive my immaturity and help me to exercise the authority of Jesus toward sheep, even toward those who hinder the work of God. May God help us to use this authority to make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Amen.

Second, the parable of the tenants (9-19).

The parable of the tenants reveals God's best love for mankind. It is a summary of God's history of his chosen people. God's love is not flowing milk and honey. God's love is his wonderful plan. God's love is his long suffering patience. God's love is giving his one and only

Son for the unthankful people. Look at verse 9b. "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time." In this verse, "a man" refers to God, and "some farmers," to his chosen people. Verse 9b says, "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time." This verse reminds us of the LORD God who planted the garden of Eden for Adam and Eve. God put this couple there to take care of it and work it. God had a beautiful plan through one couple. It was to spread their descendants over the whole world along side the four great rivers and establish the garden of delight throughout the world. God called one man Abraham at the age of 75. When God called him, God had a wonderful plan to make him a blessing for all peoples of all nations. When God delivered the nation Israel, God had a definite plan. Exodus 19:5b,6a say, "...you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole world is mine, you will be for me a kingdom priests and a holy nation." When Jesus chose and called one fisherman, Simon, he had the hope of God. Jesus said, "Don't be afraid. From now on, you will catch men." It was for Simon to preach the wonderful grace of Jesus to all peoples of all nations.

God gave us a prayer topic, "America, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." God has given America so many things. But the best blessing America has is this prayer topic, "America, a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." Here we learn that God's dream, God's plan or God's task is one of the best expressions of God's love for his people.

God has a beautiful plan for us and for each individual. God has a wonderful plan for Shepherd Jack to be a compassionate shepherd for God's flock. God has a fantastic plan for Shepherd Mike to grow as a powerful man of God. God has a beautiful plan to raise Renato as a fruitful shepherd for Oakton campus. Verse 9b says, "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time." Here "a vineyard" is a task or mission or God's plan. God gave me one word from Romans 1:5a, "For his name's sake," as my missionary key verse. For his name's sake, what should I do? God called me to be a shepherd for American young people. God's purpose is to raise them as obedient servants of the gospel for world mission. This is my conviction, that God has a wonderful plan for my fellowship to be 120 members. It is to send them out as shepherds for all the campuses in America and to send them out as missionaries to the whole world. In order to fulfill God's plan, what should I do? Then one verse came into my mind from Acts 1:14. It says, "They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers." Thus far, I have chosen key verses only for myself and my spiritual life. But this time, God enabled me to choose a verse for my fellowship. I pray for "prayer movement" so that each of the members may be the instrument of the Holy Spirit through one to one Bible study. May God use us to evangelize beginning with Oakton, NE, UIC, IIT, U of C, and all the campuses in America. May God use Five Loaves and Two Fish fellowship as a missionary sending fellowship. Amen.

Then what did the owner want from the tenants? Look at verse 10a. "At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard." The owner wanted some fruit from them. God wants us to be thankful and happy in God. God wants us to acknowledge that everything is given by God and we are his precious children. God wants us to continue in proper relationship with him in this way. But what did the tenants do? Look at verse 10b, "But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed." Why did they react this way? They were unthankful. They were greedy. They fell into an illusion that the owner's request is unreasonable. They also reacted this way, since they were doing their own thing rather than the task that God provided.

God raised a humble looking man as a king over his people, Israel. He was Saul. He was OK at first. But he fell into an illusion that the nation was his. Instead of obeying God's words, Saul was doing his own thing. He wanted to establish his own nation. He attempted to kill all the Gibeonites out of his nationalism. He tried to kill David out of jealousy. He was erecting a monument for his own honor. He was not thankful for God who made him a king over God's people. He was not obedient to God's words. In turn he became a slave of jealousy. He became demon possessed. Later he killed himself in the battle field. The Pharisees and the Saducees were God's chosen people of the time. They were supposed to teach the word of God and lead God's people to live up to God's calling. But they were nothing but slaves of political ambition. They were

practical atheists who opposed the work of God. When Jesus was doing his ministry, they were supposed to be the best helpers for God's great purpose. But they were afraid of Jesus' authority. They were concerned about their political position. In this way, they became the agents of the devil.

What did the owner of the vineyard do? Look at verse 11. "He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed." They were supposed to be the stewards of God. But they degenerated into gangsters.

They again and again rejected God's servants and mistreated them and even killed some of them. What would you do if you were the owner of the vineyard? What did the owner of the vineyard do with them? Look at verse 13. "Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.'" In this verse, we see God's long suffering patience toward sinful mankind. He desired so much to have a right relationship with them that he was willing to do anything. Finally the owner decided to send his son. The owner says, "What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him." The Almighty God said, "What shall I do?" This is God's woeful voice out of his broken heart toward the lost. "What shall I do?" When Adam disobeyed God's one command, God could have erased him and started all over again. But God was not like us. God said, "What shall I do?" Then God visited Adam and said, "Adam, where are you?" It was to restore a right

relationship with God. God counseled Cain who was about to be swallowed by sin. But Cain, instead of listening to God, killed his younger brother out of jealousy. God said, "What shall I do?" God again visited him with the words, "Cain, where is your brother?" When God's chosen people, Israel, turned their hearts to idols, God again said, "What shall I do?" God sent many prophets such as Isaiah, Jeremiah and even Ezekiel. But it was not only God's chosen people's problem but also all mankind. God's heart was broken and said, "What shall I do?" This time, God decided to send his son to them in spite of their obnoxious behavior. Here the owner of the vineyard reminds me of John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

God's question, "What shall I do?" is very familiar to us. I heard this from Pastor Kevin when one family and a shepherd left our ministry, "What shall I do with Northwestern ministry?" Then he began to form a vessel of prayer with all the co-workers. God heard their broken hearted prayer and sent many sheep. I also have heard from Shepherd Gideon concerning one HNW. She seems spaced out. She asks even such questions, "What shall I do now? Should I read the Bible? Should I go home? Should I eat?" Then Shepherd Gideon cries out to God, "What shall I do?" out of deep compassion. Shepherd Bob also has such a question concerning IIT sheep who are not at all committed and disappear when vacation and break comes. "What shall I do with them, Lord?" Shepherd

Joshua and Tony have the same question, "What shall I do with the second generations since some are like already old wineskins?" Jim Rossi has studied the Bible more than seven years. Still his heart is as hard as a stone. So last year he chose his key verse from Ezekiel 36:26, "I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." Still I see no sign of change in his heart. What shall I do? Last Saturday our fellowship had a key verse testimony meeting at NE Bible house. One promising shepherd shared a good key verse testimony. I also shared my testimony reviewing the year 2001. We had a hard time during Easter conference because the main messenger became extremely difficult. Sh. Kevin, Sh. Alan, Sh. Bob and I put the conference in danger in order to save one person. God heard our prayers and decision. In spite of his poor message, actually, he just read it, God blessed all the other programs so much. Every body who attended the conference received God's grace through Jesus' death and resurrection. It was good. So I mentioned this without mentioning his name. Then the shepherd was greatly offended by my testimony and became kind of insane. He came to talk to me several hours later. It was 10:30 p.m. He shouted at me, saying "How dare you mention about my failure in public like that." Then I was also very upset and yelled at him saying, "You never repented that you almost ruined the conference. Why don't you repent?" Then he stormed out of my house. I was so upset and followed him shouting at him continually. He took his book bag from the center and wanted to leave. So I

stopped him and yelled at him some more. "What shall I do for this young man?", I shouted to God in my mind. Then God gave me understanding about his spiritual condition--defeated and broken, wounded and restless. God gave me such a compassion and a lot of tears. I began to cry out of sorrow over his spiritual condition. Then he also began to cry, apologizing for his behavior. I also apologized for my harsh words. Then God gave us a spirit to talk. He told me how he failed and how much he has been tormented by the failure. It seemed the demons left and he became much better. "What shall I do?" When I read this simple question, I could understand God's broken shepherd heart for sinners like me. While I was rebellious and obnoxious, God sent his one and only Son for me to be saved. God sacrificed his one and only Son in my place. Thank God for Jesus, the love of God. May God have mercy on me who is still like a brutal soldier in dealing with God's flock. May God grant your heart and your answer when I have such a question, "What shall I do with them?"

How did the tenants respond? Look at verses 14-15. "But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.'" So they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him." In this way, they rejected God's love and purpose for them.

So what happened to them? What did the owner of the vineyard do? Look at verse 16. "He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." God took the vineyard and gave it to others. This can

be one of the most painful things we can experience as human beings. Esau did not value the birthright. It was taken away from him and given to Jacob together with God's blessing. When the Jews did not accept God's purpose to be a shepherd nation, it was given to the Gentiles. God gave us the prayer topic for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. This is our vineyard. We cannot give it to other nations because of our laziness and lack of heart. Instead, we must work hard and bear fruit that will be pleasing to God and a blessing for all peoples of all nations.

Third, Jesus is the capstone (17-19)

Our Jesus is the rejected stone and the capstone. What was the response of those who heard what Jesus said? Look at verse 16b. "They said, 'May this never be!'" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone?'" Jesus came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him; they killed him and threw him away like a rejected stone because Jesus was a stumbling block to their lives of sin, and because Jesus looked too poor and was not the kind of Messiah they had expected. So they killed him thinking that everything was over.

But Jesus is the capstone. Jesus was abandoned by fallen men. But God raised him from the dead and made him the capstone of the kingdom of God and the sure foundation of all mankind. Here we learn two things. Firstly, our God is sovereign ruler of history. Men



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rejected God's plan. But anyway, God fulfills his plan of salvation as he had planned. We are truly privileged to participate in the work and history of God. God's purpose will be fulfilled regardless of my response. But thank God for Jesus who graciously invites us to participate in his world redemptive history. Secondly, there are two kinds of sufferings. One is when we reject God's purpose like the tenants. The other is when we accept God's purpose like the servants in this parable. When we accept it, we will be small rejected stones in this world, but our sufferings and tears will be the guarantee that we will participate in the kingdom of God as small living stones of his glorious house.

Praise and thank God for the truth that God is the owner and we are his tenants for his beautiful plan. I thank God for choosing me as his child in this generation to participate in the

remaining sufferings of Jesus. Many times, I hate to deal with difficult people. I become angry and complain about it often. But these needy people are God's

vineyard for me to work and bear fruit out of them. May God help me to remember how Jesus bore with my sin sickness. May God help me to reflect Jesus love and grace to several young people around me. May God help them to know that I am greatly privileged to be a part of Jesus' ministry. Thank God for Jesus. Praise Jesus who won the victory through his death and resurrection. Amen.

One Word: Thank God for his wonderful plan for America.



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