

KOREA PUSAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

It has been exhilarating to work with you all over the last couple of months! To see the triumphs, hear of the miracles, and watch as our faith and the faith of members and investigators continues to grow. I thank you for the hard work and focus you have put into the last part of the year to do that which the Lord has asked us to do – and do it a little bit more the way He would have it done. I love you all and commend you for what you have done.

At this time we commence a new year. The start of a new year always seems to be filled with setting goals (not that we can remember the ones that we set last year...). These become the goals that we are really going to do... Well it is to this subject I would like to address this letter.

We have just completed a very intense, focused drive to contact more people, and bring more people closer to Christ through the ordinance of baptism. The missionaries in this mission are working harder and with more faith than ever before.

As the mission now has more seasoned missionaries, more effective ideas are being put into practice. It is now our opportunity to continue to hone our skills and improve our ability to do His work.

So what am I saying? Last year was great. People worked hard. Many were baptized. Wonderful! But we can do better. Can you imagine what would happen if every month you were worried about your all stars? Or if every month you prayed with as much intensity to find and teach people as you have in the last few months? You have just proven to your self that you can work, and focus, and teach, that the Lord is in charge of His work today, and that miracles do happen.

Let's be better today, work harder this month, and then do it better next month. This is a gospel message of progression – why not apply that eternal concept to our work here and now? This is the work of the Lord. I know that as we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us. I know that as we seek His direction in this work that He will direct us. I know that as we endeavor to do this, and trust in the Lord, this year can be better than last year; this month can be better than last month; this day can be better than all the yesterdays before it. With the Lord leading His work and our hearts in the right place we cannot fail!

One thing that has become apparent is the fact that wherever we are, and however well we are doing, we can be better. We are redefining ourselves everyday. Along with that comes the knowledge that we can begin the process now. Today is effectually the best day start being better than we were yesterday. What a wonderful message! Commit now to pray for all your investigators. Commit now to focus a little bit more. Commit to work just a little bit harder than you have before.

Among all the other goals that you set, set one to keep the intensity up. To remember that just as much faith can go into the work in January as went into December. People searching for the truth can be found and we can witness again the direction of the Lord guiding the work in our areas. I love this work! I love serving with all of you under the direction of an inspired mission President! Life is Wonderful!
The Gospel is True.

Elder Madson

CONVERT BAPTISMS

Total Baptisms in 2001: 191

Goal for 2001: 300

Baptisms in December: 30

부산	Zone 6	경남	Zone 2
가야	Zone 4	진주	Zone 2
대구	Zone 2	탐라	Zone 1
경북	Zone 2	낙동	Zone 4
신라	Zone 3	동래	Zone 4

NEW MISSIONARIES

Welcome to our new missionaries who arrived this month!!

January 1st -

Elder 박경진

Seoul, KO

January 4th -

Sister Gadd

Elder Harrison

Elder Skinner

Springville, UT

Folsom, CA

Emmett, ID

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Also, on Saturday one of our investigators was baptized. It was a wonderful service. The members of the 수정 Ward welcomed her with open arms into their fold - flowers, hugs, scriptures, friendship. At first when we were teaching her, she had trouble committing to the Word of Wisdom because she liked to drink coffee. So during one of our discussions Sister Perry, Sister 조 and I had each brought a small bottle of juice, and after each principle we told her we had a gift for her, and gave them to her. We also gave her a picture of the Savior with a message of love and encouragement on it. Her heart was touched by the Spirit and she knew the things she needed to do. She knew she needed to follow the Savior and committed to do just that.

Also, yesterday the Elders in the 수정 Ward had one of their investigators get baptized. The Spirit was so strong in the meeting and it was a beautiful service. Four of the sisters in the ward sang, "I'll find you, My Friend," and as I looked at the young man about to be baptized, listening to the song, his eyes were closed and there was such peace in his face. At that moment I felt the great love that Heavenly Father had for him, the joy Heavenly Father must have felt knowing that one of his sons had been found. I felt the love Heavenly Father has for me and all His children and the longing and desire He must have to have all of them come unto Him. I am grateful for that experience, it will help carry me through this great work.

Sister Dickison

I had a great experience with fasting and prayer this week. We have been working with a middle-aged lady who loves our church but had a big concern about being baptized again. She had the classic 'so everyone baptized in other churches go to hell?' type of concerns. We had a third discussion appointment with her and Brother 김홍집 on Sunday. All I could do was pray and fast that she would understand everything through the third discussion. As we started the discussion she went off on all kinds of problems and concerns...FAR from ready for the baptism invite. As the discussion went on, things were explained, the Spirit entered, and by the end she sat back and said, "I understand now. The Lord is telling me this is right and I need to be baptized by the priesthood." We set the date for the 23rd. The Lord hears our cries...He answers our prayers.

Elder Wright

NEWS!!

Here is the list of items that should be in your 48-hour emergency kit:

6 small cans Tuna	5000원
4 pkgs. Crackers	2000원
4 pkgs. Ramen	1600원
2 small cans Peaches	2500원
4 large bottles Water	2460원
Band-aids	
Ibuprofen	
Chopsticks	
Total	14,600원*

*Mega Market prices as of Jan. 2, 2002

Note: If you dial 169 before a phone number, you will bypass Caller ID.

Please place your orders for supplies through your ZL. Elder Linton calls each ZL every week to obtain those requests.

THOUGHT

Let your heart be not faint Now the journey's begun;
There is One who still beckons to you.
So look upward in joy And take hold of his hand;
He will lead you to heights that are new -
Hymn #127 (3rd verse)

