KOREA PUSAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Elders and Sisters,

Observation of the Chuseok holiday season this month has reminded me once again of the great need we have to express our appreciation to our Heavenly Father for his many blessings. The scriptures tell us in beautiful, simple terms that our appreciation pleases the Lord. In fact, we are commanded to draw out our hearts in thanksgiving to Him for his kindness and mercy.

"O, remember, my son, and learn wisdom in thy youth; yea, learn in thy youth to keep the commandments of God. Yea, and cry unto God for all thy support; yea, let all thy thoughts be directed unto the Lord; yea, let the affections of thy heart be placed upon the Lord forever. Counsel with the Lord in all thy doings, and he will direct thee for good; yea, when thou liest down at night lie down unto the Lord, that he may watch over you in your sleep; and when thou risest in the morning let thy heart be full of thanks unto God; and if ye do these things, ye shall be lifted up at the last day." Alma 37:35-37

Expressions of gratitude to our Father can be made in prayer, in song, or in testimony. They soften our hearts and invite the Spirit. How wonderful it is to allow our hearts to be drawn out in appreciation to the Lord for his many blessings and his unfailing love for us! Our very words become a reflection of our deeper feelings. We speak our love, not because He needs to hear it, but because we are impelled by our inner yearnings to express it to Him.

Failure to share our appreciation to our Heavenly Father, on the other hand, reflects a lack of understanding of our dependence upon Him, and an emptiness of spirit. This lonely separation from the companionship of the Spirit brings sorrow to the Lord who loves us.

"And it pleaseth God that he hath given all these things unto man; and in nothing doth man offend God, or against none is his wrath kindled, save those who confess not his hand in all things, and obey not his commandments." D&C 59:20-21

May I suggest that we pour out our gratitude in prayer? I have found it helpful at times to name a few very specific events of the day for which I am grateful, pondering the many ways in which the Lord has blessed me this day. We can express our love and appreciation by witnessing of Him and of His Son in public and in private, sharing our testimonies with all we meet. We can lift our voices in song and rejoicing. Most importantly, we can show by our obedience, work, and sacrifice that we love and honor Him. As we do all these things, His peace will be with us, and we will be enriched and filled with the Holy Ghost. Our burdens will be lighter, and our hearts will be filled with joy.

President Slover

CONVERT BAPTISMS

Total Baptisms in 2001: 140
Goal for 2001: 300
Baptisms in ~~August: 20~~ Sept: 14

부산	Zone	0	경남	Zone	0
가야	Zone	0	진주	Zone	3
대구	Zone	1	탐라	Zone	3
경북	Zone	0	울산	Zone	0
신라	Zone	2	동래	Zone	3
낙동	Zone	2			

NEW MISSIONARIES

Welcome to our new missionaries who will arrive October 23!!

한민석 장로	Seoul, KO
Elder Ahlstrom	Albuquerque, NM
Elder Beach	Villa Hills, KY
Elder Giles	Provo, UT
Elder Hatch	Taylor, UT
Elder Millar	Rigby, ID
Sister Nichols	Snowflake, AZ
Elder Pearce	Rexburg, ID
Elder Timme	Vancouver, WA

RETURNING MISSIONARIES

We will miss these missionaries who will leave us October 23:

최영하 자매	Elder Hertsberg
Elder Brian Lee	Elder Philip Lee
Elder Malmrose	Sister Truscott

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Well, today I found out that you keep all these letters and give them back to us at the end of our missions. So that inspired me to write better letters. It will be like another journal entry.

Last night we went out to this huge park and were talking with families right and left. Because there were so many families it was hard to know which ones to talk with. But as we passed one family I got this impression we needed to talk with them. I hesitated and

then a scripture popped into my mind. Faith before witness. I turned to E. Madson and said, "We need to go talk with that family!" He looked at me with a stunned face, but I felt that burning inside and he could sense that. So we turned and caught up with them. As I tried to relay our message in my poor Korean, they gave me the coldest shoulder I have ever got. They didn't want to talk with me and they let me know. As we turned around I didn't know what to think. Why had I felt so impressed to talk with that family only to get rejected so hard. Right as I was thinking this, a tap came on my shoulder and we turned around to a lady who had run to catch up with us. We went back with her and talked with her husband and relatives – 3 families. We set up a dinner appt. and might be able to teach all 3 families the first.

I learned a great lesson on faith and following promptings of the Spirit. The Lord works in His own way on His own time schedule. We just need to be patient and willing to be His tools. Isn't that the reason we are out here?

Elder Smith (major)

More: We met with the family and had an incredible first discussion with them. The father was very intrigued with the Joseph Smith story. He set up the second appointment for us and we are really excited to keep working with this family in order to see them in white.

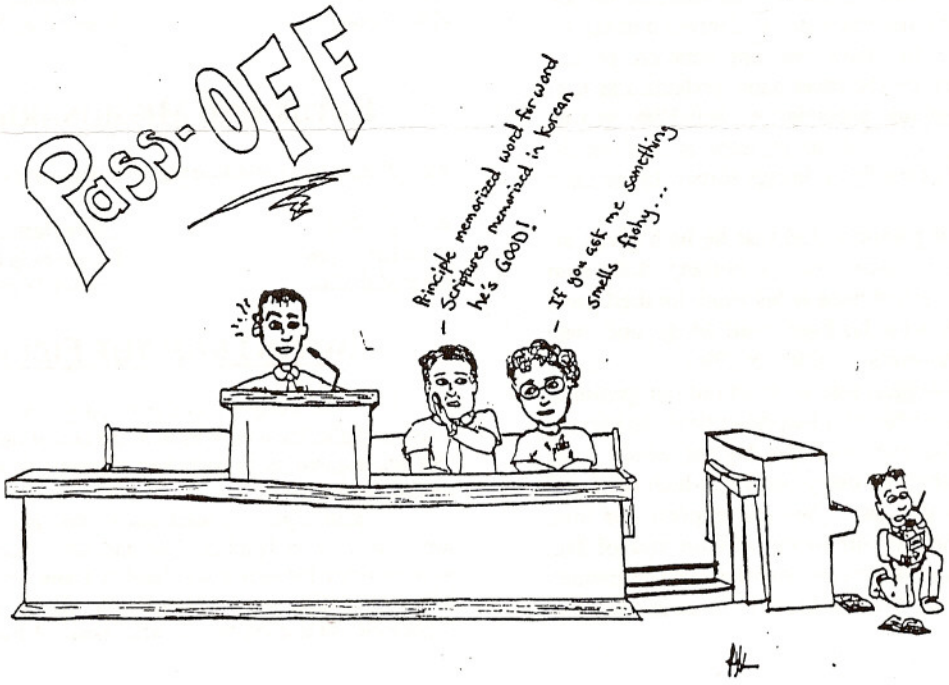
I have a good story to tell you. We haven't been having much success here in 통영 and it is/was kind of discouraging. We'd go out everyday,전도, OYM, get numbers, call contacts, get appointments and usually always get faked. Despite the disappointing results of our previous efforts we set higher standards for our level of work with a desire of accomplishing all of our goals. For instance, we wanted to get the mission goal for OYM, and then some. We were doing well hanging in there but then we were hit by two days where we didn't have time to get many. In fact we barely broke double digits one day and the other one we didn't. Going into Sunday we were in need of forty-five to reach the goal, but once again we were without time due to the fact that we didn't get home from stake conference until 7:00 PM. The situation didn't look good and we hadn't eaten since 12:00. But knowing our goal we had set, we began to OYM on empty stomachs and fatigue-ridden bodies. After two hours we found that we had obtained 44 OYM's and obtained several contacts, including a few families. But we were out of time and one OYM short of our goal. We arrived home and decided to call a random number and OYM them over the phone. So I dialed and a woman picked up. I did the whole spiel and she soon passed me over to her husband. After five minutes of explaining everything we had two more OYM's and a near appointment. It just goes to show that the Lord is in this work and He rewards us for our willingness and diligence.

Elder Banks

We did discussions with two different contacts, both of whom we were a little leery about, but in the end both ended up in our teaching pool. With one, he had been talking to Elder Call for a while when he all of a sudden turned to me and said that he wanted to hear me talk, so I ended up (with some help from my companion) teaching an entire first without notes, right there. It was difficult and at times a little nerve-racking, but it was an awesome experience and I came out on such a high, it was great.

Elder Wilkes

THOUGHT

"I know that Jesus Christ lives just as I know that the sun shines....not because I can look up and see it, but because of it I can see everything else."

C. S. Lewis