

# **KOREA PUSAN MISSION NEWSLETTER**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I must admit that, as a missionary, at this Christmas season my thoughts turn less to the events of the Nativity, and more towards the urgency of sharing the message of the Gospel of the Redeemer with those whom he came to redeem. Each week I read your letters and I rejoice in your successes in finding, teaching, and baptizing Heavenly Father's children. As a Mission, we have become bolder and more able to share the message of salvation, and we are teaching more and more effectively. The number of missionaries who have completed re-certification in teaching the discussions grows each day, as does the number of discussions taught, investigators found, and less active members brought back into activity.

These miracles are made possible by faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Ghost. Christmas seems a wonderful time to search the scriptures, and to strengthen our love for the Savior. Consider the message of Abinidai:

And now Abinidai said unto them I would that ye should understand that God himself shall come down among the children of men, and shall redeem his people. And because he dwelleth in flesh, he shall be called the Son of God, and having subjected the flesh to the will of the Father, being the Father and the Son – The Father, because he was conceived by the power of God; and the Son, because of the flesh, thus becoming the Father and Son. And they are one God, yea, the very Eternal Father of heaven and earth. And thus the flesh becoming subject to the Spirit, or the Son to the Father, being one God, suffereth temptation, and yieldeth not to the temptation, but suffereth himself to be mocked, and scourged, and cast out, and disowned by his people. And after all this, after working many mighty miracles among the children of men, he shall be led, yea, even as Isaiah said, as a sheep before the shearer is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. Yea, even so he shall be led, crucified, and slain, the flesh becoming subject even unto death, the will of the Son being swallowed up in the will of the Father. And thus God breaketh the bands of death, having gained the victory over death, giving the Son power to make intercession for the children of men – having ascended into heaven, having the bowels of mercy; being filled with compassion towards the children of men; standing betwixt them and justice; having broken the bands of death, taken upon himself their iniquity and their transgressions, having redeemed them, and satisfied the demands of justice. (Mosiah 15:1-9)

And who, asks Abinidai, shall declare his message and be called his children? Remember, he is answering the question ignorantly posed by the wicked priests of King Noah concerning Isaiah's statement, "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings." His seed shall be those who declare his message, and speak with his voice. In other words, his servants have been, are, and ever will be, those who proclaim the gospel.

And these are they who have published peace, who have brought good tidings of good, who have published salvation; and said unto Zion: Thy God reigneth.

And O how beautiful upon the mountains were their feet! And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those that are still publishing peace! And again, how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of those who shall hereafter publish peace, yea, from this time henceforth and forever! (Mosiah 15:14-17)

Finally, Abinidai teaches us that in doing this supernal work we join the Savior himself:

And behold, I say unto you, this is not all. For O how beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that is the founder of peace, yea, even the Lord, who has redeemed his people; yea, him who has granted salvation unto his people; (Mosiah 15:18)

At this Christmas time, I wish to remind you that you will never engage in a work more important and more eternal in its consequences than that in which you are now engaged. You have the rare and sacred privilege of becoming saviors of men. How beautiful upon the mountains are your feet! I pray that the spirit of Christmas – even the spirit of Jesus Christ himself – will animate your thoughts, your prayers, your desires, and your work. He lives! He knows and loves you and me – and every one of the people you meet. He is the Author of our Salvation and the Finisher of our Faith. I so testify in his holy name, reverently and with gratitude – even the name of Jesus Christ.

President Slover

## **CONVERT BAPTISMS**

Total Baptisms in 2001: 162

Baptisms in November: 8

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

## **NEW MISSIONARIES**

We did not have any missionaries join our forces this month.



## RETURNING MISSIONARIES

The following missionaries will leave for home December 18 after completing their missions.

Elder Blackham	Elder S. Brown
Elder Buck	Elder Corno
Elder Jarvis	Elder J. Nielson
Elder S. Park	Elder Waite

Elder 서동민 will leave December 29.

## NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Yesterday was a very special day. One of our investigators was baptized. It is wonderful to hear the sincerity in her voice as she talks about the peace she feels in her heart, and the knowledge she has that this gospel is true. Again, one of the things that impressed me the most was how the members of the ward fellowshiped and welcomed her with open arms – calling her before her baptism, giving her hugs and words of congratulations. I've learned now more than I ever knew before how important members are in missionary work. Without their help we would not succeed.

Also, this week I learned the importance of following the Spirit. While we were riding the subway I saw this girl standing by the door and felt like I should talk to her, so I introduced myself and she recognized my name tag. I got Sister 조 and found out that a few weeks ago she met the Elders on the street and they gave us her phone number. Sister 조 had contacted her, but she was busy and could not meet at the time. So, we met her again, "by chance" (the Spirit) and asked her if she had time then, which she did, so we went to the church and taught her the first discussion. She committed to pray and read the Book of Mormon and we have added her to our teaching pool. We cannot do this work without the guidance of the Holy Ghost. I pray I will always follow it's promptings.

Sister Dickson

Also, I had a great experience. We met a family who invited us over for a 식사. They lived in 해운대 for a few years and lived right next to the 해운대 ward house. So they have seen missionaries a lot, but never talked to them. But we were doing a little BRT and we found out that the wife has a graduate in Vocal Performance, which is the same as me. So she and I were able to have a lot in common. I know the Lord blessed me with the talents I have so I could meet this family. They we watched 영원한 가족 with them and the spirit was so strong, I could almost touch it.

Elder Plowman

Korean verbs:

Float – 뜨다

바다에 배가 한 척 떠있습니다.

Sink – 가라앉다

그런데 그 배가 가라앉았어요.

Unwrap – 풀다

크리스마스 때 받은 선물을 모두 풀었어요.

Tie, Latch, Bind, Fasten – 묶다

저는 신발끈을 꼭 묶었습니다.

Elder Plowman

## THOUGHT

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising god, and saying, Glory to god in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:11-14

