



# NEWSLETTER FOR EAST ASIA

**A letter from Choon and Yen Hee Lim, serving as Regional Liaison for East Asia, based in South Korea**

**March 2015**

Yen Hee and I wish to thank you for your ongoing prayers, correspondence and financial support of our ministry. We invite you to continue with us another year as together we serve God in mission. For our annual update we decided to make an album so that you might know more specifically how we see God at work in East Asia, and how you might keep all of our mission co-workers and global church partners in prayer. Here we introduce briefly each country, partner churches and institutions, and our mission co-workers and their work through pictures. We hope this helps you to understand God's mission in East Asia.

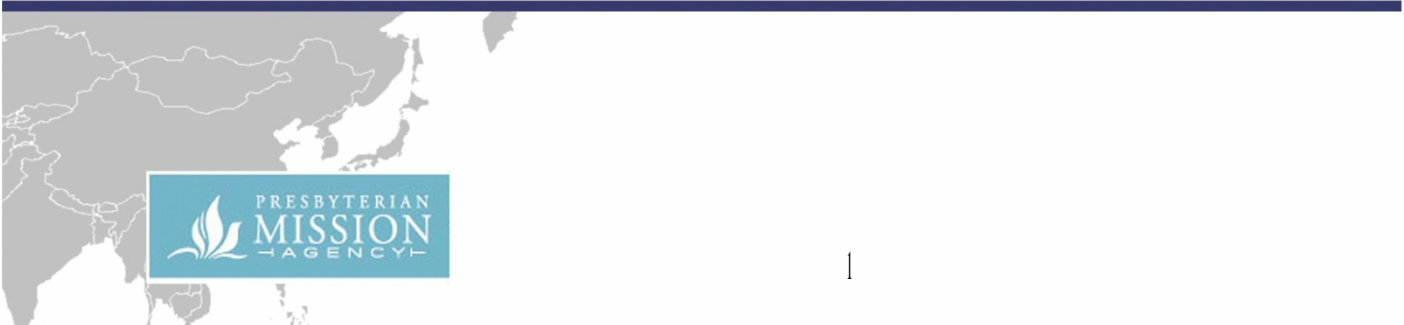
This album's key theme is reconciliation, one of PC(USA)'s three critical global initiatives (CGIs). God reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor. 5:18). We have seen tension and indignation between South Korea and North Korea, Korea and Japan, and China and Japan. For these issues we provided a space in our new office in Seoul, South Korea called the Peace and Reconciliation Network (평화네트워크) that has a room for training and education in Peace and Reconciliation (PR) and a meeting place as a fellowship area in the PR Network Café. Please pray for our ministry of peace and reconciliation.

Our catch phrase is "Inspire, Equip, and Connect," the same as the Presbyterian Mission Agency's. Through our network we want to be God's instruments to inspire, equip, and connect those who need to be reconciled to each other.

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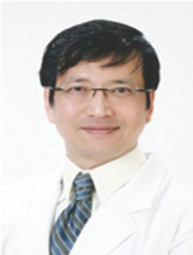
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### The Staff

### New Office



### Peace & Reconciliation Cafe



### The Meeting Room





# SOUTH KOREA

## SOUTH-KOREA FACTS

- \* POPULATION: 50 MILLION
- \* SIZE: 100,210 SQ. KM.
- \* RELIGION: BUDDHISM, CHRISTIAN 29.2% [FROM WIKIPEDIA]

### Partner Church

Presbyterian Church of Korea (PCK), Rev. Hong-Jung Lee, General Secretary.  
 Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea (PROK), Rev. Tae-Jin Bae, General Secretary.  
 We have had a strong partnership with the PCK and the PROK since we sent our mission co-workers in 1885 to Korea. They celebrate the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding mission work in Korea this year. Now we work with them in the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Program and reconciliation and peace program on the Korean peninsula in our new office, offering a monthly symposium and yearly reunification school courses.



Mission Consultation with PCK in Louisville



Welcoming Rev. Bao at ICN



YAVs



Attending the PROK 99th Assembly

### Mission Co-Workers and their Ministry

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# NORTH KOREA

## NORTH-KOREA FACTS

\* POPULATION : 24MILLION

\* SIZE : 120,540 SQ. KM.

\* RELIGION:

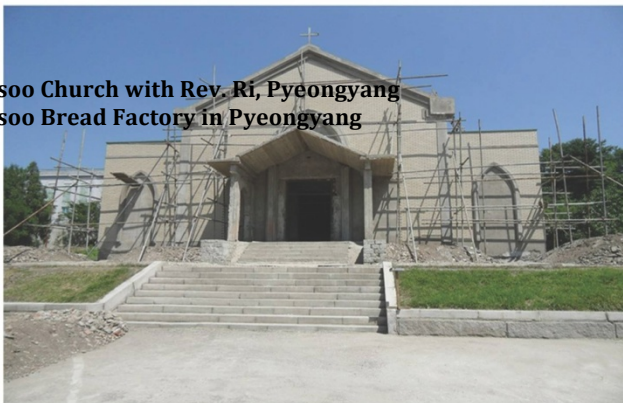
THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ARE ADHERENTS OF THE JUCHE IDEA, CHRISTIAN 1.7% [FROM WIKIPEDIA]

### Partner Church

Korean Christian Federation (KCF), Rev. Myung-Chul Kang, chairperson of Central Committee, Rev. Chong-Ro Ri, Vice Chairperson of the central committee and charge of International Affairs. Rev. Syngman Rhee, who passed away this year connected the World Mission of PC(USA) with the KCF in 1987. Since then, we had a good partnership with them. But before I began my present position, we had not had any programs with them for about five years. I visited them in 2013 and met Rev. Chong-Ro Ri. I also met Myung-Chul Kang in Geneva and discussed about reconnecting our relationship. I have visited North Korea five times since then to support the KCF's bread factory, disabled children, T.B. sanatorium patients, etc. Now we have built a strong partnership with the KCF. Since North Korea has a malnutrition issue with the children, we send flour to KCF so that they can send bread to them. They need 360 tons (12 months x 30 tons) to operate the factory all year around, but we are able to send only 60 or 90 tons per year.



**Bongsoo Church with Rev. Ri, Pyeongyang  
Bongsoo Bread Factory in Pyeongyang**



**Chilgol Church in Pyeongyang (under construction)**



# NORTH KOREA



Yen Hee and others prepared 140 lunch boxes for the T.B. patients in Rajin, and then visited them. The patients need medications for their illness, but they also need good nutrition.



**Pyongyang University of Science and Technology (PUST)**



**Manna Mission in Rajin**



Yen Hee and I visited PUST for the first time last year and were very impressed with their good facilities and faculties. The funds come from churches in South Korea and the United States. We supported their food program for the students who all live in the dormitory last year.

## Our partner in mission

✠ Rev. Sung Nam Chen  
Seotop Church in Shenyang, China





# CHINA

## CHINA FACTS

\* POPULATION: 1.3 BILLION (THE LARGEST POPULATION IN THE WORLD)

\* SIZE: 9,706,961 SQ. KM.

\* RELIGION: CONFUCIANISM, BUDDHISM, TAOISM, CHRISTIANS 2-4%  
[FROM WIKIPEDIA]

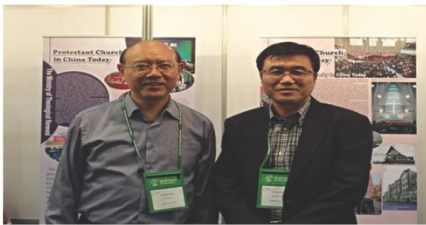
### Partner Organization

China Christian Council (CCC): Rev. Gao Feng, president

Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM): Elder Fu Xianwei, Chairman

Amity Foundation in Nanjing: Mr. Qui Zhonghui, General Secretary

We have had a good relationship with the Hong Kong Christian Council and they acted as a bridge-builder between Hong Kong and mainland China. We support the Amity office in Hong Kong.



Photos:

On the left: Chairperson of TSPM, staff of the Amity Foundation, president of Chifeng College in Inner Mongolia.

On the right: Celebrating 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Seotop Church in Shenyang, China, General Secretary of the Hong Kong Christian Council, a bridge between China and North Korea.

### Mission Co-Workers and their Ministry

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#### Teena & Hugh Anderson (not pictured):

Teena and Hugh Anderson serve with Chifeng College through the Amity Foundation.



# TAIWAN

## TAIWAN FACTS

\* POPULATION: 23 MILLION

\* SIZE: 36,193 SQ. KM.

\* RELIGION: FOLK RELIGION, CHRISTIAN 4.5% [FROM WIKIPEDIA]

### Partner Church

Presbyterian Church in Taiwan (PCT): Rev. Lyim Hong-Tiong, General Secretary.

Yen Hee and I worked with the PCT for more than 15 years as mission co-workers serving the Hualien Aboriginal College Ministry (HACM). The PCT asked us to plant the HACM in Hualien, southeast of Taipei. With their support we developed one of the best college ministries in Taiwan. We reached out to many college students through the HACM Church and Christian college group's activities. We set a good example for the PCT so that they can be challenged for spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ.



With former HACM Students



Mission Consultation with the PCT



We had not had a mission consultation with the PCT for more than 10 years. So it was exciting for us to hold one in Taiwan. We shared mission programs together such as the PC(USA)'s 1001 New Worshiping Communities and their 101 evangelism program (One Leads One). Through the mission consultation, not only did we build a strong partnership, but we also had good fellowship with the PCT.

### Mission Co-Workers and their Ministry

#### Jonathan & Emily Seitz:

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# JAPAN

## JAPAN FACTS

\* POPULATION: 127 MILLION

\* SIZE: 377,944 SQ. KM.

\* RELIGION: BUDDHISM, SHINTO, CHRISTIAN 1% [FROM WIKIPEDIA]

## Partner Church

United Church of Christ in Japan (UCCJ) in Tokyo: Rev. Nagasaki, General Secretary.

Rev. Makoto Kato, Executive Secretary, kato-sec@uccj.org

As a Korean-American, I was concerned about my identity while in Japan, but the staffs of the UCCJ and faculties of the institutions gave me a warm welcome. They appreciated our long-term support for sending mission co-workers to their universities and also asked us to support more mission co-workers in their schools. The UCCJ even invited me as a speaker in their missionaries' conference this year.



## Mission Co-Workers and their Ministry

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