

KOREA PUSAN MISSION NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To those who embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Lord has promised "peace in this life and eternal life in the world to come." Those with whom we meet, and those whom we teach greatly need the blessings of the gospel in their lives, just as we do. The Lord, knowing the calamities and trials of the last days, has provided a way for His children to have peace and joy. You are the messengers of that extraordinary blessing!

This past month I have shared with many of you thoughts about the necessity of making wise decisions. I suggest that in these "perilous" times those decisions can only be made by the power of the Holy Ghost. And yet the majority of Heavenly Father's children do not yet have that necessary gift, nor do they know where to find it. As a result, they exist as Joel prophesied they would in the latter day. "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:14)

Even so, men and women seem unable to find the source of peace, or to understand what will bring them true happiness. As Joel described, most people live from day to day, unable to understand the purpose of existence or the way to find joy. There is a terrible modern emptiness which most try to fill with heady pleasure, thrills, and material possession. Unable to find joy in these unwise decisions, they wander unhappily in the valley of decision.

Paul described this same condition in his letter to Timothy, describing men in the last days as "lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God...Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." (2 Timothy 3:2-7)

Small wonder that there is so much unhappiness among Heavenly Father's children. The solution to this modern dilemma can be found only through the Atonement of Jesus Christ. Only through Christ and His loving guidance can we find peace and joy. By taking upon ourselves His covenants and promises - by receiving His ordinances, we can bind ourselves to Heavenly Father and His purposes, and thus escape the despair of our time. We come to look upon life with purpose, and upon our brothers and sisters with charity. Emptiness is filled with the love of God, and worldly riches are replaced by the treasures of eternity.

As we share this critical solution with our brothers and sisters, we must - on behalf of the Lord - challenge them to use the power of the Holy Ghost, granted to them for a time by their loving Father, to make the decision to leave the valley of decision and find peace through the covenants and ordinances of baptism. By so doing, they will become eligible to receive the Gift of the Holy Ghost and the guidance to make the wise decisions that bring joy and eternal life. We must do this boldly, as

directed by the Spirit. As we testify of the blessings of the gospel in our own lives and in the lives of those we love, the Spirit will whisper peace to them and will encourage them to make these important decisions. How great shall be their joy!

President Slover

CONVERT BAPTISMS

Total Baptisms in 2001: 126

Goal for 2001: 300

Baptisms in August: 20

부산	Zone 2	경남	Zone 3
가야	Zone 2	진주	Zone 2
대구	Zone 0	탐라	Zone 1
경북	Zone 4	울산	Zone 2
신라	Zone 2	동래	Zone 0
낙동	Zone 2		

NEW MISSIONARIES

Welcome to our new missionaries who arrived September 18!!

남은주 자매	Seoul, KO
변영웅 장로	Seoul, KO
김용기 장로	Suwon, KO
Elder Baker	Naples, UT
Sister Dickison	West Valley City, UT
Elder Heap	Bountiful, UT
Sister McKinnon	Logan, UT
Elder Page	Cedar City, UT
Sister Quigley	Logan, UT
Elder Theodore	Fayetteville, NC

RETURNING MISSIONARIES

Elder Booth	Elder Dahl
Sister Petersen	김정륜 자매
넘숙현 자매	박현진 자매
서미선 자매	홍기빈 장로

NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Oh, there's this cool thing that happened the other day. One of our investigators who hasn't been meeting with us for awhile came to church the other day. He told us he had a dream. In the dream Christ was standing in front of him with a long robe on and opened a big book. Then Christ started saying to him "Why aren't you meeting with the missionaries?? Why aren't you reading the Book of Mormon?" Then the dream ended and he said he was really scared. The whole next day he

said he thought about the dream. The next Sunday he came out to church, and I introduced the discussion program to him. He said he would do it. I am pretty sure he will get baptized pretty quickly.

Elder J. Kim

The 지부장님 pulled me in his office and asked what he could do to help us. I told him that we need him to come with us to discussions and make sure each investigator is fellowshipped. He committed every open time he has to helping us teach. I feel his love and support already.

I learned tons from the AP's and going on splits with them. Elder Hertsberg and I went to the nearest big village called 주문 and we were there for 2 1/2 hours and we got 25 OYM's and the first person's house we went to, we got in and taught a first and added him to our teaching pool. From that it is very plain to see that the Lord is here among these great 제주 people.

Elder Clites

REMINDERS:

Preparation Day Schedule:

0630 - 0730	Arise, Shower, dress, Book of Mormon
0730	Open the day
0740 - 0830	Gospel study
0830 - 0900	Breakfast
0900	Preparation Day begins
1800	Proselyting begins

Please follow the published guidelines for organizing English classes, including registration and interviews. Exceptions must be discussed with me.

Word of Wisdom - Drinking green tea (녹차) is a violation of the Word of Wisdom. Drinking caffeinated soda drinks is not.

