

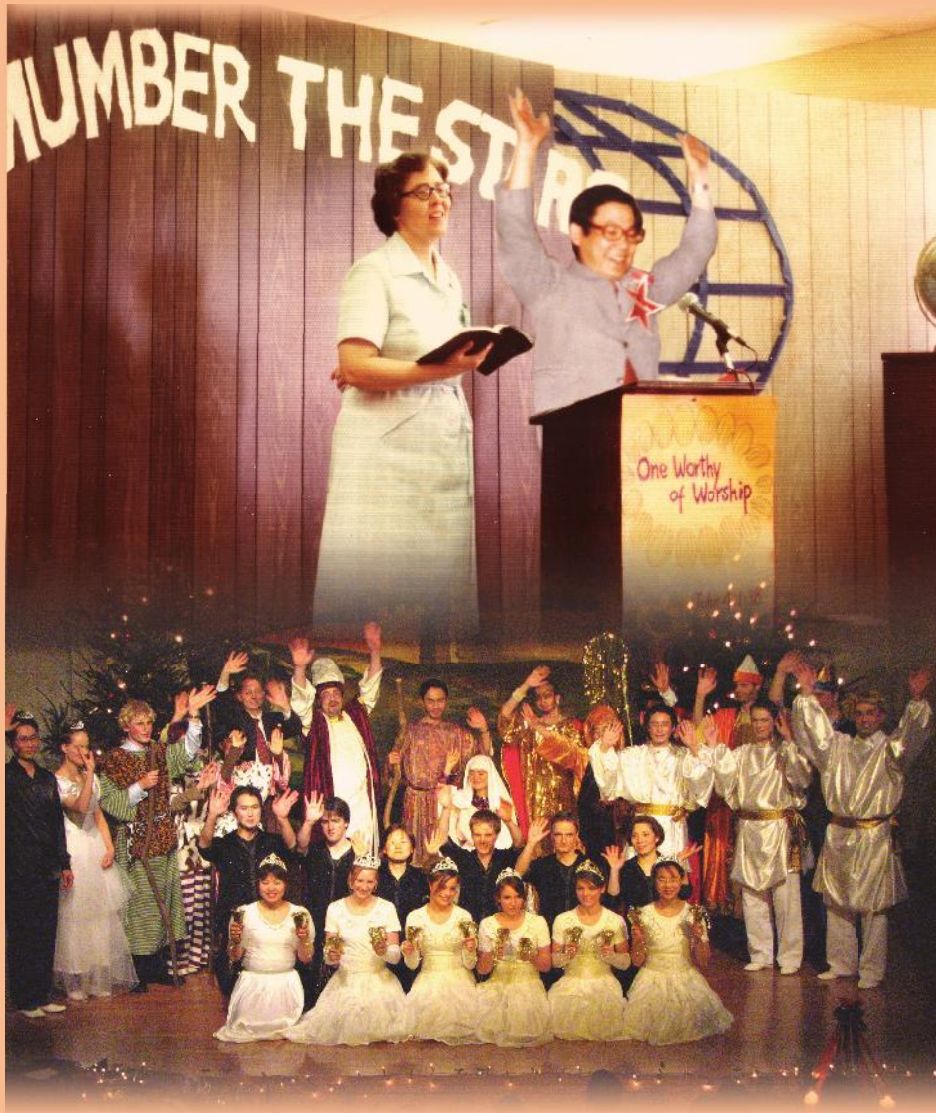
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Opening Message

By Dr. John Jun, UBF General Director

HAVE FAITH IN GOD

After cleansing the temple Jesus went back to Bethany. Then, early the next morning, he and his disciples went along the road to Jerusalem. They saw the fig tree withered from its roots. Peter remembered Jesus' words, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." He said, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" How was it possible that the fig tree withered overnight? Peter could not believe it. He wondered in his heart how one word of Jesus could have such great authority. How then did Jesus answer him? Look at verse 22. "Have faith in God," Jesus answered." Jesus knew that his disciples had no faith in God and that they were anxious and afraid about their future. As Jesus' disciples, they too wanted to do great things for God. But what they did was only to be amazed at Jesus' power. Jesus wanted to teach them the power of faith through the event of the fig tree. Then, what does it mean to have faith in God?

First, "Have faith in God," means that the source of power is God. Jesus taught that God is the power source which withered the fig tree from its root. "Have faith in God," means that if Peter believed in God, he could do the same thing that Jesus had done. Jesus said, "Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father." (Jn 14:12) Jesus served gospel work around Israel and its vicinity, but his disciples went to the ends of the earth

with gospel. The disciples thought that they could not do great works because of their human conditions and shortcomings as Galilean country fishermen. So they tried hard to improve their human conditions while they were following Jesus. But Jesus knew that they did not have power because they did not have faith in God. They thought that they knew and believed God. But actually, their faith was theoretical. They were, in fact, practical atheists. Jesus knew that if they believed in God, the source of all power, they too, could live powerful and influential lives. Later, when they believed in God, they became matchless teachers of humanity—men who brought the human history of the first century from darkness into great light. Likewise, faith is the tunnel through which the power of God flows to us.

Second, "Have faith in God," means that we must look at and depend on God alone. Who then is the God at whom we must look and on whom we must depend? God is the Almighty Creator. God created the whole world with his word. God created everything from nothing. God revealed himself to patriarchs as the all-powerful God. To him, nothing is impossible. What we look at is very important. When we only look at our endless problems and our weaknesses and short comings, we cannot do anything. But when we believe in God, we can see God who is working out everything in the midst of despair and darkness. When God punished Pharaoh with ten plagues, he let the Israelites go. But Pharaoh changed his



mind right away and sent his armies to bring them back. Before the Israelites was the Red Sea. Behind them was the Egyptian army chasing them. Indeed, they could not go forward. They could not go backward, either. In fear, the Israelites began to complain about their leader Moses. They said to Moses, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you brought us to the desert to die?" (Ex 14:11) If Moses had looked only at the advancing Egyptian army or the complaining Israelites, he could have committed suicide by jumping into the Red Sea. However, in that situation, Moses looked at and believed in God. He told the fearful Israelites, "Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the Lord will bring you today." (Ex 14:13a) Moses believed that God himself would surely deliver the Israelites. God indeed parted the Red Sea and helped the Israelites pass through the Red Sea as on dry land. But the Egyptian army was drowned. So, to believe in God means to look at the Almighty God in any circumstance. It is to believe that I cannot do anything, but God can do everything. So when we believe in God, our adverse situation becomes God's opportunity.

Dr. Samuel Lee believed that when weak and fatalistic Koreans believed in



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God, Korea would be changed into a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. And by faith, he challenged world mission through 1:1 Bible study and raising disciples of Jesus. According to his faith, Korea and America sent out more than 1,000 missionaries to the

world and are raising disciples of Jesus among students in campuses of the world. Our missionaries are challenging students in America and Canada to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation by raising disciples of Jesus on the campuses. Where materi-

alism, selfishness and physical pleasure corrupt young people, it sounds impossible for them to become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Indeed, it is like challenging an impossibility. So we must have faith in God and challenge as Dr. Lee did.

Testimony

By Pauline Park, Ohio State U. UBF

Life Together With the Calves' Team Was Never Boring

"Have faith in God, Jesus answered." (Mk 11:22)



In 1975, UBF held a Summer Bible Conference at Jeju Island in Korea. I went there for sightseeing. There, Dr. Lee

delivered a very romantic message on the meeting between Jesus and the lowly Samaritan woman in John chapter 4. I realized that I was a thirsty Samaritan woman and I met Jesus through John 4:26. The following year, I graduated from SNU, majoring in Nursing. At that time, I was fascinated by UBF's prayer topic to pioneer Harvard University. One day I told Dr. Lee that I wanted to be a missionary to pioneer Harvard University. Dr. Lee told me that it was a good idea, but he asked me to go to Chicago first, and then to Harvard. So in 1977, at the age of 23, I came to Chicago as a missionary. Earlier that year, God sent Dr. Lee, Mother Barry and the Calves' team to Chicago. The Calves' team members were my classmates—Missionaries Sweetie Rhee, Sarah B. Choi, Ruth Yoon, Mary Min Park and Faith Choi. We lived in a one-bedroom apartment near Northwestern University. There was no furniture, not even a TV set. We only had one table, chairs and a huge 1:1 Bible study chart on the wall because we used our apartment as a Bible house for

students. Life together with the Calves' team was never boring. There was fighting from time to time. But we were full of dreams and vision, very happy and always singing. We had prayer meetings every night. During prayer meetings, some prayed, but some fell asleep—even snoring a little bit. Then God began to send sheep. My first sheep was a NU drop out—Geordan Griggs. Because of his broken family, he was deeply wounded. In order to express his rebelliousness, he walked around bare foot in the winter and ate raw meat. He talked about his mother and stepfather. At that time, I often heard students saying, "My stepfather, step-mother, half-brother, and half-sister." I had no idea what these were. I simply taught the word of God to Geordan. As Geordan grew, he went back to NU and became the first American student in Chicago ministry. For Sunday worship services, Dr. Lee delivered the messages and Geordan presided. Later on, Geordan was sent out to pioneer the University of Cincinnati (UC) with Dr. Sam Zun's family. There, Geordan fished John Martin, the first fruit of UC ministry.

Dr. Lee supported NU ministry by taking care of each Calves' team member. He took care of Msn. Sarah B. Choi like his daughter. He also asked me to study the Bible with him. So my 1:1 Genesis study began. He taught me how to see

everything from God's point of view. He taught me how to hold onto the promise of God in my heart. He taught me how to live only for the glory of God. His absolute faith in the word of God moved my heart greatly. After Bible study, Msn. Grace A. Lee often invited me to dinner with bulgogi and kimchi. Even when Dr. Lee went through his most painful time personally due to his youngest daughter, he did not cancel our 1:1 Bible study. From him, I learned martyrdom spirit. One-to-one Bible study with him lasted many years until I could study the whole book of Genesis two times and the whole book of John's gospel. I was no longer a dreamy girl. Rather, I was growing as a gospel worker. Many missionaries made copies of my Bible study notes and used them for their 1:1 ministry.

Our Calves' team members were young, and we were popular among the boy sheep. One time, my sheep invited me to a ROTC formal dance at a hotel. I said to myself, "Going to a dance for my sheep is part of shepherding." So I borrowed a fancy blue dress from one girl sheep. Her dress was so long that I had to wear high heels. I could hardly walk. But I felt like Cinderella in a beautiful blue dress with high heels. I was on a secret mission. But when I came back, Dr. Lee found out. He stopped me from going to sheep's parties. He earnestly prayed for me to be an excellent Bible

teacher. At that time, all Korean missionaries used to say, "Gorgeous Americans!" But Dr. Lee told us, "Don't say, 'gorgeous.' Without God, they suffer a lot. Help them to obey the word of God." Soon we found out how true it was. When those gorgeous Americans shared their testimonies, they revealed their inner emptiness, chaos, despair and meaninglessness without God. They were suffering endlessly. We learned that we must grow as excellent Bible teachers to help sheep.

We also went out fishing diligently. Whenever we showed up in the dorms for fishing, some students screamed, "The Bible women are coming!" And they ran away. Still many came to Bible study and Sunday worship service. So Dr. Lee bought the Bible house in Evanston. Mother Barry and the Calves' team began to live there. Mother Barry was spunky and we were happy living together. Dr. James Kim's family and Dr. Mark Yoon were also there supporting this ministry. I had one sheep, John Bird. After studying Genesis for several lessons, he was inspired to go out fishing. As an American, he was the first one who went out fishing. He came back bringing one sheep, Alan Wolff. A Bird brought a Wolff! Alan Wolff was a very intellectual atheist. He only argued with his shepherd. After arguing about the Bible, he ate a lot. Gradually our shepherding became eating fellowship. After short 1:1 Bible studies, shepherd and sheep ran into the kitchen to eat. Whenever Dr. Lee visited the prayer house, he saw our sheep in the kitchen eating diligently instead of studying the Bible. So he stopped us from doing food ministry. He said, "Give sheep only cold water." Later it was known as "cold water ministry." When sheep came, we were only allowed to give them a cup of cold water so that our focus would be the word of God. Dr. Lee challenged us

to have absolute faith in the word of God to help sheep. Actually, the sheep who we fed with much food all became very chubby and ran away. But the sheep to whom we gave only the word of God were changed and remained.

God sent Mark Vucekovich to Msn. Mary Min Park when he was a freshman. Mark was called a handsome movie star. We thought that he was too handsome to remain. But he was sorrowful because of his sick mother. Dr. Lee loved him like a mother until God changed him to be the most joyful shepherd. Later he fished one freshman girl sheep Yvonne. We thought that she was too haughty to remain. But she tasted the love of God

was changed into a dedicated servant of God and his family is working for NU ministry as well. When John Bird was sent to UIC ministry, he fished Jim Rabchuk who was known as an International Romeo. Now Dr. Jim Rabchuk is pioneering WIU in Macomb, Illinois. Shp. Mark Vucekovich was sent out to pioneer DePaul University with Dr. John Lee's family. God blessed NU ministry abundantly and raised many pillars of faith to lay down the firm foundation for American campus pioneering ministry!

One day in 1981, Dr. Lee called me to his office to introduce someone for my marriage. I worried, "What should I do if I have to marry the dumbest or the ugliest man?" But I decided, "Well, if I perish, I perish." One month later, I married a tall, handsome and rich intern shepherd, Henry Park. Dr. Lee called him, "Prince Henry." When he came to America in 1982, Dr. Lee invited us to live with him in his house for a while. When he saw Prince Henry's seven brand new suits displayed in his closet, he began to give him much training. The first one was eating training. Very soon, Henry gained so much weight that he could not fit into any of his seven brand new suits. Dr. Lee asked him to give them to American shepherds and bought a big second-hand yellow nylon suit for him from the Salvation Army. Dr. Lee also sent Henry to the factory to work at the bottom of society to learn humanity. Suddenly he was no longer a prince, but a factory boy. Henry suffered more when Dr. Lee made me a staff shepherd at NU and asked him to baby-sit little Pauline at night. Because he suffered much, he lost a lot of his hair and Dr. Lee told him to wear a Jewish Yarmulke to cover his bald spot. Henry thought that it would be better for him to die than to live. While he was shedding many tears, God gave him one word of God in Galatians 2:20, "I have been crucified with Christ and I



The Calves' Team Missionaries at N.Western Univ. Bible House

through Shp. Mark's tender care and Dr. Sarah S. Kim's stern rebuking. And she began to grow as a humble shepherdess. God sent Kevin Albright to me through Kiyoshi Yoshida. Kevin was a freshman who once had a dream to be a Catholic priest, but he had a Mormon girlfriend. God called him to be a shepherd through Bible study. One day Dr. Lee encouraged Kevin to call Shps. Maria and talk with her for one hour every Saturday. Since then Kevin was on the phone with her for two or three hours every Saturday, while we all listened. Eventually they got married. God uses this family precious for NU ministry now. Atheist Alan Wolff



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no longer live, but Christ lives in me." When he accepted this word, he was born again. After this, he was no longer a proud, weak and spoiled prince, but became a humble, hardworking and responsible man of God. Dr. Lee's training worked! And Henry grew all his hair

back. Dr. Lee helped Henry to become a Ph.D. professor shepherd and messenger for Sunday worship service. God used us to establish Shp. Steve Stasinos' fellowship at UIC. In 2002, God sent my family to pioneer Ohio State University, the largest campus that has the No. 1 football

team in the nation. I really thank God for his grace through his servant Dr. Lee. May God help us to remember Dr. Lee's absolute faith in the word of God and pass it on to our sheep and children.

Testimony

By Christy Toh, Chicago UBF



I Learned Bible Study Should Be the Single Most Important Part of My Christian Life

"But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Ps 1:2)

When I met Dr. Lee in 1977, I was a junior at the University of Toledo. I was not impressed by his abrupt mannerisms and stocky appearance. In Toledo, I fed sheep, managed the finances of Toledo UBF and helped the chapter director to prepare his Sunday messages. But whenever Dr. Lee saw me at conferences, he would say to me, "Are you still here?" In 1979 all growing shepherds, including one of my Bible students, attended the World Mission conference in Korea. But Dr. Lee told me that I was not ready to go yet because I had not yet restored my humanity. The next year he invited me and I wrote a 100-page life testimony to prepare. When he heard my life testimony I thought he might say something complimentary. But his only comment was, "You were nothing but a clump of sin." Then he gave me 1 Peter 4:13 as my key verse, "But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ." He encouraged me to decide to suffer for Christ rather than suffer for my sins. I liked this direction and even made a decision to live like Mother

Barry. Then one day I happened to answer the phone at the Toledo UBF center. It was Dr. Lee. He told me that he was praying for me to marry a Chinese doctor. I assumed that this Chinese doctor was in China and he wanted me to go there as a missionary. I was ready to go because I was moved that though we lived 300 miles apart, Dr. Lee was concerned about this important aspect of my life. The following spring, at the Easter Conference, he introduced me to Dr. Ben Toh. As hard as it may seem to believe, Dr. Ben was very shy and introverted and did not speak or make eye contact. Immediately, I thought, "This guy really needs help. I must pray for him." Dr. Lee helped Dr. Ben to overcome fearing me by telling him that I was like a Japanese woman who would do anything for her husband. In this way, Dr. Lee helped us to establish a house church in August 1981 as the first of three American shepherd families in UBF USA.

Moving to Chicago, starting a family and beginning a new ministry brought many difficulties. Dr. Lee encouraged me to study Genesis newly with Mother Barry and make new study materials. He

trained me to share testimonies each week on the Sunday passage, so that I may learn how to personally apply the word of God to my daily life. Despite his busy schedule, Dr. Lee himself devoted the most amount of time each week for his own Bible study preparation and message writing. To encourage everyone to also deeply study the Bible, Dr. Lee made binders for leaders and placed them on a shelf right outside his office. From him, I learned that Bible study should be the single most important part of my daily and weekly Christian life.

As Dr. Lee personally blessed me, he also never hesitated to bless and encourage new Bible students with God's hope and vision. When Maria Peace began Bible study as a teenager in 1982, she despaired since her classmates made fun of her because she was overweight. But when Dr. Lee met her he told her, "You are leadership material." She was so shocked that someone spoke to her with kindness and hope that she decided to give her whole life to UBF world campus mission. Now she has been living as a missionary in Ukraine for three years. When Dr. Helen Rarick first came to Bible study, she looked

"dangerous." But when Dr. Lee met her, he gave her special love and attention. In the midst of intense Ph.D. studies, he helped her to write and share her testimonies at our Friday meetings every week. Although Dr. Helen could have had many boyfriends, she was moved by the love of God through Dr. Lee and decided to accept Jesus as her true husband. She grew as a pure and faithful mother of prayer and married our tallest and most handsome orchestra conductor in Chicago UBF. Each week for over a decade, Dr. Lee attended our fellowship meeting at UIC. He never failed to pray for Dr. Ben Toh's fellowship to establish a 120-member fellowship. Through his labor of love and prayer, God made us the No. 1 fellowship in Chicago. Through this fellowship, more than 12 house churches were established as the foundation of God's work at UIC and in America. Among them, Dr. Dan Pierce, Jennifer Rabchuk, Sharon Schafer, Christine Moran, Maria Peace and Christine Akins were sent out as pioneering house churches, while Rhoel



1st Summer Bible Conference at Niagara, 1975

give us the word of God. He did this four times with each of our children by planting vision and hope in our hearts for their future. When Dr. Ben received three letters of deportation because of his visa problem, Dr. Lee challenged the impossible situation and never gave up hope for seven years. Through the 1988 International Summer Conference he gave Dr. Ben message training on Mark 11:22, "Have faith in God." Then right after that, Dr. Ben miraculously received his immigrant's status. Dr. Lee also taught me to have independent faith whenever I faced challenges. By the end of the twentieth century, I felt like I was getting a bit old for campus ministry. Our children were growing well and many leaders were already established. I debated whether to go back to school or continue to devote full-time to campus ministry. I made a promise to

20th job. I remembered my prayer to be a good helper. I decided I must help him in this area also. Beyond my wildest imagination, we began our own medical practice in the basement of our home. By far, this challenge was the greatest and most demanding on my time, strength and spirit. I could overcome when I remembered God's word and depended on God in prayer. I had no idea how to run a medical practice, and I had not worked after marriage. I felt like a juggler in a circus trying not to miss the balls that were rotating in the air. Many times I wanted to quit my job and fire my only employee, Dr. Ben. But I could not, because we had no other source of income. Thus, only by God's mercy, Dr. Ben did not lose his 21st job. Also, Dr. Ben became very free to carry out I:I and group Bible studies until people asked if he was retired.

Perhaps the greatest legacy of Dr. Lee and the secret behind his influential life was the fact that he studied the Bible deeply and he inspired an entire generation of us to do so also. Psalm 1:2 says, "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." Because of Dr. Lee's absolute attitude and love toward the word of God, UBF is known as a Bible-studying and Bible-teaching ministry. Because of this I also have a clear commitment to I:I Bible study, knowing that the word of God is the word of life and is absolutely essential for my own personal spiritual growth and the spread of the church to the whole world, even to North Korea and all Muslim nations.

and Elena, Tim and Angie, Paul and Marsha, and Dave and Colleen continue to serve in Chicago.

Whether our family was in a crisis or in the time of blessing, Dr. Lee often visited our home to pray for us and

God that if he sent me open-hearted sheep, I would put aside my own plans. Then amazingly God sent Tim McEathron, Michele Kilby, Mike Nuccio and the Asega family. Also, after 20 years of marriage, Dr. Ben lost his





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Testimony

By Dr. Joseph Schafer, Penn State UBF Director

I Learned That the Main Point of the Gospel is Not Personal Salvation but World Salvation

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last." (Jn 15:16a)



1. Jesus chose me to be his disciple

Twenty-five years ago, I graduated

from Lane Tech high school as the salutatorian. That means I was ranked #2. But in my own ranking system, I was #1. My dream was to move to New England, to go to an Ivy League University, to sit in the library of an old dormitory next to a fireplace, smoking a pipe and thinking deep thoughts about philosophy and science. I pretended to be a rock star, jamming on my electric guitar every night. But I was no rock star, just a 115-pound geek with thick glasses and a high opinion of himself. The day before my high school graduation, I received a letter in the mail saying that I was accepted to MIT. So I packed up my bags and left for Boston. I moved into a frat house with an old library and fireplace, just as I had dreamt. I began to live hard, study hard and party hard. But then something unusual happened. For no apparent reason, I began to feel that my life was unbearably shallow and empty. One night I prayed to God, saying, "Lord, I'm tired of living for my own selfish dream. I want to be a man of substance and live for the glory of God." Why did I pray that way? I don't know. At that time I thought it was my choice. Now I realize that it was Jesus choosing me. One month later, I began I:I Bible study in UBF. Through Bible study I

received conviction that Jesus is the Son of God and the Savior of the world, and I began to grow as a disciple.

At the Chicago world mission center, I enjoyed personal Bible study with Msn. Sarah Barry. We studied Genesis, John's Gospel and Romans. What I learned most from her was her deep respect for the written word. Even if she had studied a passage hundreds of times, she still approached it humbly as if she knew nothing. She also taught me the meaning of prayer. Her response to every problem was, "Why don't we pray about it?" I also received personal help and attention from Dr. Samuel Lee, the UBF director. Some members of UBF were impressed that I was a student from MIT. But Dr. Lee viewed my academic standing in a different way. He bluntly told me, "You suffer from honor student's syndrome." At first I had no idea what he meant. Gradually, I realized that he was talking about my drive to seek human glory by outperforming other people. Dr. Lee was always joking around, but his jokes always carried a strong element of truth. Once he said, "You need to marry a tall woman—six feet tall—to learn a spirit of conquest." He recognized that I was a fearful person, trembling whenever I spoke to anyone, and he prayed for me to be healed of fear and become normal. Once, Dr. Lee prayed for me to get a Ph.D. at Harvard University. I applied to many graduate and was rejected by all of them except Harvard, so I had no choice. At Harvard I had no coworkers and was spiritually very weak. So I began

to attend the UBF Sunday worship service in New York City. New York was 400 km. away. To go there took 6 hours by train. But God helped me to travel to New York every week for 2 ½ years. This was the work of God. In 1990 God blessed me to marry a beautiful and artistic woman of faith, Sharon. She is 5'-6" tall. We became a shepherd family. God called me out of an unhappy, selfish life and gave me a mission to be a college professor and Bible teacher for American students.

In 1992, we moved to Happy Valley, Pennsylvania and began a pioneering ministry at Penn State. Penn State is the best public university in the Northeast. They say it's a drinking school with a football problem. At Penn State we struggled to maintain our ministry and raise disciples of Jesus. It has been difficult but also rewarding. God sent Dr. David and Jennifer Lemmon, who have become our best friends and coworkers. They live right across the alley from us. We work together, share power tools, babysit each others' children and pray together. God gave us one daughter and three sons. My oldest son is autistic and has learning difficulties and some physical problems. Through him, God has blessed our family and taught us how to be compassionate and patient toward the weak. My life as a disciple of Jesus turned out much better than my own selfish dream. God blessed my academic career and gave the joy of scientific discovery. With God's help I have published three books, received

tenure and am now being considered for promotion to full professor. I receive invitations to speak at conferences and universities throughout the world. Although I'm 43 years old, I am healthier and stronger and more handsome than when I was in college. My wife is also getting more beautiful every year. I try to practically show my love for her every day by washing dishes or cooking dinner. In 2003, my family went to Australia as missionaries for one year. Over the years, I have learned to love inductive Bible study, preparing study materials and messages. I did not choose this life for myself. God chose it for me. God's choices turned out to be much better than my own ideas. I thank God for choosing me by his one-sided grace.

2. What I learned from Dr. Samuel Lee

I had the privilege of knowing him and being discipled by him for the last twenty years of his life, from 1981 to 2001. Much has been said about Dr. Lee. I will simply share a few things that I personally observed. Dr. Lee was a man without fear. Most people in this world do not say what they really think. They calculate and carefully manipulate their words to win approval and curry favor with others. Dr. Lee always said what was on his mind and in his heart. He spoke the truth—not what others wanted to hear, but what he believed was God's way. He was not interested in being popular or maintaining good public relations but with helping individuals. He was never afraid to help coworkers or students in unconventional ways, even if it could be misinterpreted or criticized. The literal meaning of the word pastor is "shepherd," but in this post-Christian era, many pastors have a tendency to act like politicians, choosing their words carefully to avoid any hint of controversy and personal criticism. Dr. Lee was always willing to say and do what he thought was right. I think he was a pastor in the purest sense, a shepherd who was willing to sacrifice himself for

the sheep.

Dr. Lee was a man with deep insight into individuals' problems. When we study John's Gospel, we learn that Jesus the Good Shepherd knew his sheep by name. For example, a Pharisee named Nicodemus once came to Jesus at night and spoke some flattering words. Jesus ignored his flattery, looked him in the eyes, and said, "You must be born again." Jesus' words cut to the heart of each man. John 2:24-25 says: "But Jesus would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all men. He did not need man's



testimony about man, for he knew what was in a man." Dr. Lee was not Jesus. But God gave him a little bit of Jesus' insight to help individuals with the truth of God. When I began Bible study in 1981, I was a 115-pound college freshman with a proud and selfish mind. Dr. Lee was generous toward me, but from the beginning he perceived that my life was crippled by fear. He saw that I was too fearful to make real decisions of faith. Other people may have thought that I was "good shepherd material" because I was attending MIT. But Dr. Lee never thought that. He wanted me to have independent faith and sincere desire to please God. He also knew that I would be unsuccessful if I did not overcome the paralysis of inner fear. Over the years, he trained me in many ways to overcome fear. He appointed me as a conference messenger even though I was not qualified. He taught me to challenge difficulties with a spirit of conquest.

He trained me to speak out loud at meetings. He helped me to learn that I must live before God, not before men. The training I received from him was not large in quantity but in quality. Learning to overcome the spirit of fear has been enormously important to me, not only for my ministry but also for my personal life and for my professional career as a college professor.

Dr. Lee was a man who respected God's word. Dr. Lee had an interesting and unique method of Bible study. When he delivered messages, he did not speak

from the mind but from the heart. The vast majority of preachers today use topical Bible study, bringing together passages from here and there to make a point. This method is popular, but it suffers from a severe drawback: the one preparing the message already has a preconceived idea of what the main point

must be, so he rarely learns much beyond what he already knows. This method does not challenge one to deeply examine his own personal and cultural prejudices to see if they agree with the revealed truth in God's word. Instead of using topical Bible study, Dr. Lee always used expositional study. He covered each chapter of the Bible in detail. But he did not give equal weight to each verse, because he believed that each message must have a point. He believed that the job of a messenger is not to convey information, but to plant one word of God in the listener's heart. Often he said to me: "You know, the content of your message is very good. But there is a problem. It cannot move a sinner's heart. Right now, your message can move the heart of a good person. But you have to move the heart of a sinner." He also said: "The problem is that your heart is not moved. How can you move someone's heart if your own heart is not moved?"



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You must pray until the word of God moves your own heart." Over the years I have come to respect his Bible study material. From his manuscripts, I sense that he was always learning something new, always teaching himself first.

The most important thing I learned: the main point of the gospel is not personal salvation but world salvation. On January 12, 2002, we were driving back home to Pennsylvania from Dr. Lee's homecoming ceremony. As we listened to some programs on Christian radio stations, I was struck by the fact that the preaching was focused on how to overcome personal moral and character problems such as worry, fear, arguing with your spouse, dealing with loss due to sickness or the death of loved ones. The teaching was reasonable, but I noticed that something fundamental was missing. No one seemed to be talking

about participating in God's plan for world salvation. If modern American Christians could forget everything they learned and read the Bible again for the first time, they would have to conclude that the main point of the Bible is that God earnestly desires to bring all people of the world back to the kingdom of God. The intervention of God in each person's life can be summarized in two words: first, "I will bless you"; second, "You will be a blessing." For the most part, American churchgoers have deeply accepted the first and ignored the second. Through Dr. Lee's teaching and personal example, I learned that the main struggle of a Christian is not to overcome the personal difficulties of life, but rather, to open your heart wide to make God's desires your desires, to make God's plan your plan. We were not born to receive benefits from God,

but to cowork with him as he carries out his world redemption history. This is well summarized by Dr. Lee's life key verse, Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." It is also captured in essence by the one prayer topic he gave to American UBF: "May God make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." He challenged each of us to make this prayer topic our own. In doing so, he became a man of good influence. Now his earthly life is over, but his influence is only beginning to be felt throughout the world. May God help us to deeply accept this direction that he gave us and pray until North America becomes a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Testimony

By Dr. Abraham T. Kim, Minneapolis UBF Director



God Enabled Me to Cross the Red Sea of Campus Mission and Ph.D. Study

"By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land..." (Heb 11:29a)

As a faculty member of the Korean Military Academy, I was sent to Oregon State University in August of 1978 for graduate study in ocean engineering. After one week of preparation in Chicago, I went to Oregon with the prayer support of Dr. Samuel Lee, Mother Barry, and the elders. Due to my broken English, none of the students responded to my invitation to Bible study. I couldn't understand lectures. Once I was the only one in the classroom because I hadn't understood the professor's announcement that there would be no class that day. God led me daily to pray at a quiet place on campus.

My prayer was like sighing and crying. But God helped me to overcome negative thinking through this time. Toward the end of the first semester, God gave me one sheep among my classmates. Though he never prepared the Bible study questions, his study for months was an encouragement for me. Soon I met a junior student and studied Genesis with him for a semester. He spent more time correcting my English than studying the Bible. I thanked God for sending me the best English teacher. During the spring semester, I and Msn. Sarah met John, who was enjoying a hippie life after quitting college. We invited him to live with us and I studied Mark's Gospel with him.

Though not faithful, he was the first American attendee and presider at our house church worship service. John brought Chris, then went to another city. Chris was sincere but weak and lonely. He liked to roam around in fields and hills. After spending time with him, I often had to do homework overnight. After the Niagara Summer Bible Conference of 1979, Chris fished his former high school classmate Ray who was deeply involved in drugs and rock music. Several Bible students did not stay long, but Chris and Ray kept Bible study and Sunday worship service. In June of 1980, I successfully finished my master's program. The Korean Army extended my

stay in the States for doctoral study. The extension was exceptionally allowed for me and the other officers who had come with me to the States. Through this I learned how God valued my small house church ministry and wanted to fulfill his purpose in Oregon. We were weak and spiritually young, but God was with us. God gave me a 3.7 GPA and two sheep.

As I began my doctoral program, God opened a new chapter in Oregon ministry. One day Ray brought his cousin Ron Ward, a junior student in business. Ron was a star in his high school, as the valedictorian and a baseball pitcher. God raised him under loving parents and endowed him with many good qualities. He was humble, obedient and had a learning mind. One of the trainings I gave him a year later was to offer two-tenths of his income as tithe, for his dream was to become a president of a big company. He did it willingly. Recently I found out that he has done this until today without question. God's words began to work in his heart. He sincerely repented of his sin and received healing. His sigh turned into laughter. When Dr. Lee met him, he called him "New Ron" based on 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"

I started my doctoral study as a research assistant of a prominent professor. His demand was heavy. Monday morning was the toughest time, for he held a meeting with his students to check what each of us had done during the weekend. Since I wrote messages on Saturdays and Sunday mornings, my work did not come up to his expectation. For a year I did my best, but my relationship with him grew worse. I blamed my professor in my heart for his authoritative and business-minded treatment of his students. But it was God's training to heal my sinsickness. I had fear of man and pride as an honor student deep in my

heart. Just as God led the fearful Israelites to the Red Sea, God led me to a Red Sea of doctoral study. As God had trained Jacob under Laban, God trained me under my advisor. God broke my human faithfulness until I submitted myself to him and was healed. When I was weak, God led me to a quiet place to pray. Jesus forgave all of my sins of hatred, rebellion, and pride. I submitted myself to him and the Lord gave me his peace. He planted faith in my heart that I would not fail.

Meanwhile, Shp. Ron grew steadily, finding new hope and vision through God's word. His growth gave me great joy and comfort. In the spring, God called Greg Edens, a freshman in chemical engi-



neering. God blessed Oregon UBF by sending Ron, Ray, and Greg to the 1981 Niagara Summer Bible Conference. Through this, Greg moved from his fraternity, which he called "Sin House," to an apartment to live with Ron and Ray. Ron began Bible study with Tony Tsai, his former high school classmate and a graduate of Stanford University. After eight months, Tony went to Cincinnati and grew to be one of the ancestors in American UBF.

The next spring, my advisor gave me an ultimatum to choose either doctoral study or campus ministry. I met a crisis. I had to give up or go forward by faith. Satan tempted me fiercely to compromise before the humiliation I would receive in failing in doctoral study. For a

week, I battled in prayer. The Lord strengthened me to make a decision to keep house church ministry. When I made up my mind, God gave me courage. I met my advisor and resigned my assistantship. I went to another professor in the ocean engineering program and asked him to accept me as his student. Such a transfer was very unusual and unprecedented. To my surprise, the professor accepted me on the condition that I pass the qualifying exam. I realized that God opened the way for me to complete the work he had started in Oregon and to give me a Ph.D. I thanked God. My new advisor was gentle, but demanded much work on writing a research proposal for him. I had to make an extensive search of

the published papers to prepare a proposal. I did it joyfully. God trained me further through the qualifying exam. I passed the written test but failed the oral test. The outward reason was the objection of one of the committee members who was close to my former advisor. But the real reason was my lack of faith and fear. I took a re-exam but I couldn't do well either. I thought I failed. But God gave me grace. The committee approved my doctoral candi-

dacy on the condition that I improve my communication skills. Twice I was called out to present my answers to professors' questions in an open forum. God arranged the questions I was prepared for, so I passed the tests. Through all these, God planted faith in my heart and taught me to depend on him for everything.

My advisor gave me direction to prepare a dissertation based on the research I had done to prepare for his proposal. While working for him, God had helped me prepare my thesis. I thanked God who is sovereign over all things. The Lord provides. My research on developing a wave-maker theory was successful. Seeing the outcome of my research, even my former advisor

suggested I co-work with him again. After the presentation of my dissertation, all committee members and fellow students congratulated me.

We went back to Korea in March 1984 with our seven-month old daughter Sarah, after serving the pioneering ministry in Oregon for five and a half years. Shp. Ron came to Chicago to begin internship training under Dr. Lee. Shp. Greg took over my ministry and served Sunday messages for five months. Upon graduation, he also came to Chicago. Dr. Samuel Lee and Msn. Grace A. Lee took care of these two young shepherds like their own sons. In hope, Dr. Lee labored to raise New Ron to be a shepherd and spiritual leader for America. Greg became a Ph.D. shepherd. I thank God for blessing Pastor Ron with a beautiful woman of faith, Shps. Deborah, and six children. Indeed God is making him into a great nation. God also blessed Dr. Greg with a prayerful woman of faith, Shps. Dorothy, and three children. May God bless his family to pioneer the County College of Morris in New Jersey.

Praise God who gives us victory through faith. The Israelites were weak and did not have armor. But by faith, they crossed the Red Sea as on dry land. On the other hand, the Egyptians had everything. But when they depended on their own strength, they drowned. When I depended on my own ability, everything looked like Red Seas. But when I depended on God by faith, God enabled me to cross the Red Sea of campus mission and Ph.D. study as on dry land. The late Dr. Lee was a good shepherd, for he believed in God and challenged us to live by faith. I personally thank him for his encouragement, prayer, and spiritual love for me during my life as a student missionary in Oregon and thereafter. Our God is Almighty. He is sovereign. Nothing is impossible in him. May I remember what God has done and serve the pioneering ministry in Minnesota by faith. American campus pioneering looks like a Red Sea. But God will enable us to cross it as on dry land when we have faith in God.

Fall Staff Conference News Brief



"He appointed twelve—designating them apostles—that they might be with him..." (Mk 3:14a)

The USA/CANADA Fall Staff Conference was held on September 14-16 in Cincinnati. The title was "Jesus' Disciple Training Ministry." Two hundred staff shepherds came including Msn. Abraham K. Lee from Germany, Shps. Lena Park from Moscow and Msn. Ana Ham from Guatemala. The first main lecture by Msn. David Baik was titled, "The Disciples of Jesus and the Purpose of Their Calling." (Mk 3:13-19) We learned that to be a good disciple-maker, we ourselves must be with Jesus. We should also have authority and power by the Holy Spirit through repentance. The next main message was by Dr. Joe Schafer, "Faith and Shepherd Training." (Mk 6:30-44) We learned that to be a good disciple-maker, we must learn Jesus' burning compassionate shepherd heart. Dr. Abraham T. Kim and Pastor Mark Vucekovich gave powerful presentations based on the book "Disciples are Made, Not Born." This was followed by a panel discussion for an hour and we shared about how we can apply discipleship ministry in our lives. Professor Bill Glass from Washington gave a guest lecture, "How to Reach College Students with the Gospel." We divided into 25 groups for two powerful, and graceful group Bible studies and shared deep testimonies. We prayed with one clear prayer topic given by Dr. John Jun: "May God make each of us one of the best disciple-makers in North America." One hundred staff shepherds visited the Cincinnati Bible Center on their way back to their mission field. We thank God for Dr. Samuel Zun and Cincinnati coworkers for hosting this conference so prayerfully and wholeheartedly. All lectures were recorded and will be available soon on the UBF website (UBF TV).

West LA New Bible House Dedication

By Paul Chin, Director

"Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored." says the Lord." (Hag 1:8)



On October 28, 2006, there was a new West LA Bible House center dedication worship service. The ancestor of faith, Shp. Abraham presided. The meeting began with the prayers of Dr. James H. Kim, Msn. Daniel Yang, Dr. Benjamin Toh, Pastor Teddy Hembekides and Msn. Jacob Lee. Dr. John Jun's message was from Haggai 1:8. He explained why we have to build the house of the Lord. He also emphasized that we should build a spiritual house at the same time. Pastor Ron Ward and Msn. Isaac Kim delivered congratulatory speeches. Then Mother Barry blessed us with her closing prayer. Then, I gave a presentation of the new center building history and the necessity of doing campus mission.