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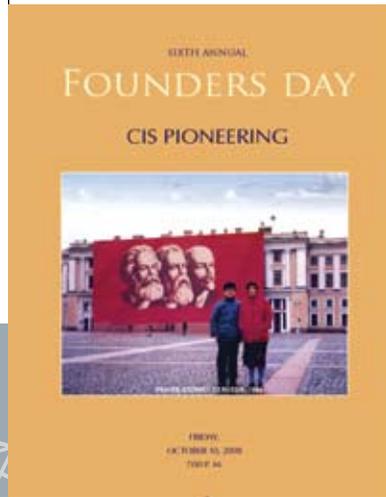
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ISAIAH 2:2-4

THE GLORY OF ZION

“Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Key Verse: 2:3

In Chapter 1, the prophet Isaiah declares God’s judgment against his people Israel for their spiritual corruption. However, in the first part of Chapter 2, he spoke about the future glory of Zion in comparison. This is God’s great hope for the people of God who are in the darkness. Then what is God’s hope for his people?

First, the mountain of Lord’s temple is as chief among the mountains. (2a). Look at verse 2a. “In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple is as chief among the mountains.” At that time, the mountains were high and majestic that they were praised and adored from the people. They were worshiped as the holy places where the gods dwelled. (The mountain of Olympus is in Greece.) However, the mountain where the Lord’s temple is only 2,000 feet (800 meters) high. So the Psalmist said the mountains of Bashan could look down the rugged the Lord’s mountain. (Ps 68:15,16) However, when the Messiah comes and rules, there would be the great earth crust on the mountains in Jerusalem where the Lord’s temple is. This mountain on the Lord’s temple would be the highest mountain and majestic among all mountains. It would be higher the mountain Everest. (Ezekiel 4:10) Therefore, this mountain is spoken about the Lord’s rule. When the Lord comes again, he will come with the heavenly power and authority to judge the living and the dead. He will restore all things in the universe. And those who die for Jesus, will live and rule the world with him. (2 Ti 2:11,12) Those who participate 1:1 Bible studies and his sufferings on earth, will participate in his Glory.

Second, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord. (2b, 3) Look at verse 3. “Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.” Why would many peoples

come and go up to the mountains of the Lord? It’s because the word of God would go out from Zion. (3a) People stream to the mountain of Zion because there are so much words of God that overflow from there. Likewise, the Chicago Center where the world mission headquarters is must be raised as Zion for all the nations so that the word of God may overflow from there. For this, American Shepherds and Korean missionaries may study the Bible diligently, dig it out day and night so that the streams of the living word of God may overflow to all nations so that everyone may willing to come to Chicago and want to study the Bible with us.

Third, there will true peace among us. (4) Look at verse 4b. “They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” When the Lord’s rule will completely establish, there will no more wars among nations. At that time, people will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. When the Lord rules, there will be no wars that people will dispose nuclear weapons. They will melt tanks into trucks, air fighters into cars and toys, battleship into beautiful houses.

The glory of Zion started from the time in the book of Act until the second coming of Jesus Christ. Many people try very hard to find a true hope in this world, we cannot find any hope. These days, Stock market flexes so much everyday that people lost their hearts. However, we have hope in the Lord. God had hope in the people who were in great sin at Sodom and Gomorrah. This hope is the glory of Zion. When the Lord works through the holy Spirit, the hopeless world will be completely restored with the great hope. The living word of God will overflow from us and many people come and listen to the word of God through us. At that time, there will be a true peace among us.



Founders Day Celebration

PRESENTATION

By Steven Kim



CIS PIONEERING HISTORY (1985-2002)

THE HOPE OF GOD

“Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’ The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

Isaiah 2:3

Through this lecture, I would like to review the CIS Pioneering History from 1985, marked by praying for the pioneering of Russia, to 2002, the year of Dr. Samuel Lee’s departure. I hope we may learn how God used the life giving spirit of Dr. Samuel Lee and CIS missionaries for the pioneering work. May God bless us to renew his great hope for the CIS and all nations.

First, God opened the door for the CIS.

In 1985, during the Seoul world mission report, Dr. Lee gave a prayer topic to send missionaries to Russia in 10 years by 1995. Since then, Dr. Lee often said, “Russia is our mission field!” At that time, Russian mission meant martyrdom in the Siberian Prison Camp.

Dr. Lee applied for a Russian visa for visiting, but he was rejected, since he wrote ‘pastor’ as his occupation. The next year he was accepted since he wrote ‘unemployed.’

Dr. Lee and M. Grace A. Lee visited Russia as tourists. When his bus passed by Moscow State University, he immediately told the driver to stop, saying that his wife had diarrhea. Then, Dr. Lee and M. Grace A. Lee, by the statue of the University Founder Lomonosov, knelt down together and offered united prayer. During the mission trip, they prayed together every night.

The prayer topic for Russia was a turning point in my life. In 1986, I was studying law at Korea University. But since I accepted this prayer topic, I began to take a Russian class. In March 1993, I established a mission family

with M. Elizabeth Kim and began to join Russian mission.

Many Chicago UBF co-workers, including Mother Barry, Dr. Joseph Chung and Dr. James Kim saved money, even skipping lunches to visit Russia as tourists. At every Friday night leaders’ meeting, Chicago co-workers ate Russian black bread. Dr. Jim Rabchuck sang a song, ‘Moscow nights’ over a hundred times at meetings. During conferences and Christmas worship services, Russian dances were performed. God answered all of our prayers and opened the door for Russia in 1990, 5 years earlier than we had prayed. God used President Gorbachev to open up Russia and bring down the iron curtain miraculously, though it looked impossible. Finally, several heroic Korean missionaries marched into the land of Russia with faith in God. We praise God who heard our prayers and miraculously opened the door for pioneering the CIS!

In August 1990, James Hwang arrived in Moscow as the first pioneer. He was followed by Peter Kim and Caleb & Sarah Han at St. Petersburg in October, Augustine Song in November and Abraham Han in February. Throughout





the year of 1991, another 30 missionaries came. They had their first Sunday worship service in a dormitory room of Moscow State University. The number increased to 60 in one year. Later, we moved to the dormitory hall of another floor.

Second, the first historic CIS SBC

On August 22-25, 1991, there was the first historic CIS SBC in St. Petersburg. Three days before the conference, there was an attempted coup d'etat in Moscow through the conservative communists. Gorbachev was arrested. Tanks ran through the streets. Martial law was declared. At that time, Yeltsin climbed on top of a tank to prevent the coup d'etat. Like other foreigners, UBF missionaries should have packed up and go back to Korea. But they prayed together three times a day, beginning from 6 a.m.. Several senior shepherds from Korea, including Dr. John Jun confessed, "We will belong to the martyrs' list if we die in Russia serving the conference." However, just before the conference, martial law was withdrawn. All missionaries and sheep joyfully took an evening train and left for the conference at St. Petersburg. Praise God who is the Almighty Sovereign Ruler in history!

Though Dr. Lee was very sick after serving the MSU International Conference, he flew over 22 hours to attend the first CIS Conference. He helped delegates from the USA, Germany and Korea to come to the conference to make an international atmosphere from the beginning. The total attendance was 158, including 102 sheep. The conference theme was "Jesus the way" as



prayer that after the failure of communism, Russian intellectuals would find the way in Jesus.

Third, the season of Christ

For over 70 years, communist ideology ruled Russians as a utopia. If we summarize the ideal of communism in one word, it is equality. The communists thought that they would prosper, if the ruling and worker class shared their daily bread equally. However, it did not work. It was because they abandoned God and ignored fallen men's mentality like the prodigal son who abandoned his father. After the fall of communism, Russians suddenly fell into a mental vacuum and economic bankruptcy. To make it worse, Satan planted a slave mentality and they lost creativity and independence. Above all, early marriage and divorce were rampant. Many women on the campus already had one or two children during their freshman year. Statistically, the divorce rate in Russia was 70%. Actually, it was much worse because many people divorced several times. Because of these broken families, the students were so wounded and sick. As a result, they were moved by our missionaries' sacrificial love and care, and they eagerly desired to follow Jesus.

The theme of the second CIS SBC was "God is love." The total attendance was 326 members, including 192 sheep. God raised several international speak-



ers, including Ron Ward, Andreas Krahwinkel, and Mark Yang. All messages were interpreted into Russian by Dr. Jim Rabchuk.

During announcements, Dr. Lee emphasized that the season of Christ came to the CIS. Sheep had to make appointments with missionaries one week in advance to have 1-to-1 Bible study. Reportedly, Russians were different from Americans. Russians were thirsty for the word of God. They never gave wrong phone numbers. Not only that, they served their Bible teachers with gifts without fail. There was a slogan in Korea, "Those who have no sheep in Korea go to Russia." Dr. Lee encouraged us to work hard and catch up with the season of Christ. He said, "The season of Christ will quickly be gone. During this season of Christ, we must raise many leaders so that when it is over, the work of God will be continued."

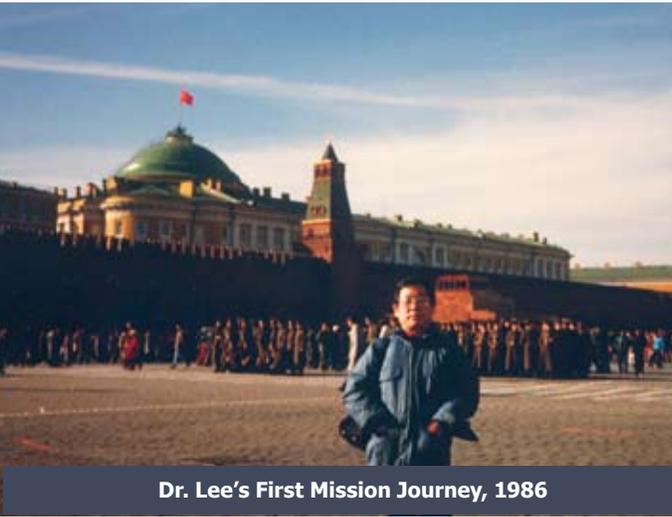


Fourth, the life-giving spirit of Dr. Lee and Russian missionaries

Since 1990, Dr. Samuel and M. Grace A. Lee visited Russia 14 times. While suffering from lung congestion, Dr. Lee came and served the CIS pioneering with a life giving spirit. M. Grace A. Lee sent many letters, gifts and tapes to the CIS missionaries. During conferences, she visited over 50 missionaries one by one to pray together with them. During each conference, Dr. Lee brought American messengers like Ron Ward, Mark Yoon, Mark Vucekovich,

and Kevin Albright and trained them wholeheartedly. He also brought singing and orchestra team to make a spiritual environment for the conference.

Once, while sharing evening testimonies, the podium suddenly broke down. At that time, Dr. Lee immediately took off his suit jacket and began to repair



Dr. Lee's First Mission Journey, 1986

the stage. He said, "The word of God is most important. The stage on which the word is proclaimed must be strong."

Once, Dr. Lee tried to invite the CIS delegates to the MSU International Bible Conference, but the American embassy in Moscow refused to give them American visas. When Russian shepherds challenged it twice, the embassy called security guards and cast them out. Even the letter from an American senator was rejected. However, Dr. Lee never gave up and wrote a letter to the American embassy. "Dear consulate; The USA, the world's super power nation has a spiritual obligation to help the CIS pioneering work. For the last seven years, we have sung 'Moscow nights,' eaten Russian bread, performed Russian dances, and prayed for the CIS pioneering work. We have been preparing the conference to invite Russian students and many are anticipating their arrival. What will happen, if you do not give them American visas?"

The American embassy was greatly

moved by this letter and gave all of 18 Russian delegates American visas just one day prior to the conference. We praise the Almighty God who moved people's hearts and who divided the Red Sea.

The CIS missionaries also had a life giving spirit. There were many hardships among them. At that time, most of the food markets were empty and missionaries suffered from food shortage. Many had to stand in long lines to buy bread, only to return home with empty hands when the bread sold out in front of them. Most of missionaries and their children suffered from bad colds every year and women missionaries from miscarriages. Many of them, for over 7 months in a year, were sick with chronic

fatigue, headaches and diarrhea due to cold weather, lack of sunshine and contaminated water.

Once Dr. Paul Hong contracted typhoid just after returning the 1-st CIS Conference and nearly died. American physicians gave up not knowing the exact diagnosis. Then Dr. Lee with a shepherd heart asked them to treat for typhoid. Soon Dr. Paul Hong revived.

Once M. Maria Kim vomited blood during her delivery. She was diagnosed with stomach cancer spread all over her body. She went to heaven at such early age, leaving one son. She served God's sheep with a life giving spirit and had no time to take care of her health. As a result of her sacrificial love, Madline Rusanova grew as a disciple of Jesus. In short, there were many sacrificial stories among the CIS missionaries. Dr. Lee served the CIS missionaries with a life giving spirit and encouraged them to go out to other countries to pioneer like the Ukraine, Kazakhstan, Belarus, 3 countries of the Baltic Sea, Ural, Si-



beria regions and Vladivostok.

At the pioneering stage in Kiev, Dr. Peter Kim passed through many hardships such as financial problem, miscarriages and poor ministry. However, at the critical moment, he accepted John 12:24 and decided to live as a kernel of wheat. God blessed his decision of faith and established an exemplary discipleship ministry. Missionaries were sent out from Kiev to Kharikov, the USA and Turkey. M. John and Maria Peace are role models as self supporting English teachers. They have opened their house for women's common life.

At the early pioneering stage of Yekaterinburg, Dr. David and Rebecca Lee were often attacked by thieves and Skinheads, who tried to kill foreigners. But they never gave up. Instead, when they decided to raise soldiers of Christ through one to one Bible studies, three house churches were established.





Leaders Conference, 1994



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M. John and Grace Lee in Odessa, Ukraine took care of their sheep as their own children, those who were addicted to alcohol, opium and sex. But they met Jesus and were transformed into the people of God through one to one Bible studies. In the course of time, five house churches were raised. Among them, Abraham and Sarah Vasilenko, ancestors of faith in Odessa, formed the first house church and are now pioneering Dnepropetrovsk.

M. David Byun, the pioneer of Astana almost died, while having surgery for tonsillitis. He confessed his last will to his wife, M. Pauline. She rebuked him saying, "Why die? God will never allow a gospel worker to die until he completes his mission." M. David repented and soon he recovered. Despite severe persecutions of Moslems, he raised 12 Marys and 12 disciples.

God opened the back door to Moslem evangelism through life giving missionaries and native house churches in Karaganda, Almaty, Uzbekistan Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Once Dr. Lee delivered a message based on Mark 10:45 saying, "Dear co-workers, nothing will happen unless you give your life. However, when you learn Jesus and give your life, there will be a life giving work of God."

Fifth, the hope of God through house churches

In 1995, during the conference, Dr. Lee shared Isaiah 2:3 regarding the hope of God. For over 70 years, Russia exported the false ideology of communism and military weapons. He gave us a prayer topic, "Let's pray for the hope

of God that in the CIS, 20, 000 Bible teachers may be raised, and sent out to the world as missionaries, and that the peoples of the world may go to the CIS for Bible study." Through this, we renewed a divine hope for the CIS nations to be shepherd nations and missionary sending nations. Dr. Lee found the great hope of God upon Russian people through reading Russian history. Russia was a genius nation that raised many great people like Dostoevsky, Tolstoy, Pushkin, Chaikofsky. However, Russians did not know how to use their talents and abilities. Dr. Lee had a shepherd heart for Russian intellectuals who were wandering without life direction. He prayed for Russian students to give their lives to Jesus and become a truly genius people in the gospel of Jesus. He said, "Only the gospel of Jesus can change Russians."

Dr. Lee also had a broken shepherd heart for Russians, realizing that 10 million people were killed during the World War Two and the survivors indulged in drinking vodka, while women were forced to labor without marrying. Once, after returning from the CIS conference, he cried loudly out of a shepherd heart for unmarried Russian women. Dr. Lee gave us a clear prayer topic to raise 100 house churches in Russia and 10,000 house churches in the CIS. He delivered a message with the title, "Be a man!(Dae-Jang-Bu-Ga, Dae-Ra!)" He encouraged Russian brothers to work hard, love their wives wholeheartedly and imitate Jesus, the good shepherd. Then many women responded loudly, saying, 'Amen!' Through his shepherd

heart, many house churches began to be established.

In March 1994, God blessed M. David and Shs. Lena Park to establish the first house church in the CIS. Lena Park was thirsty for human love and recognition, growing up in a broken family. However, she was transformed into a mother of faith after accepting Jesus, the living water as her Savior and true husband. It was a turning point for Korean missionaries and Russian shepherds to be one, overcoming the cultural difference.



Sh. Vladimir Point and Rebecca's house church is another blessed example. In the past Vladimir was a Samaritan man who enjoyed rock music and wore long pony tail like a woman. But through his wife's good influence, he was changed into a passionate and influential gospel worker. He also received God's calling for Moslem evangelism and went out to Turkey as a missionary. God has established 19 house churches in Russia and 40 house churches throughout the CIS. They are good fruit of the CIS ministry.

Conclusion, what I have learned and the future direction of the CIS.

In 1998, I was appointed as the director of Moscow and CIS UBF. I was like Timothy in the Bible, who was timid, and made many mistakes. But Dr. Lee cared for me just like his own son through many letters and phone calls. Asking his advice for various problems, he counseled me, "M. Stephen, Love Jesus more than anything else. Love the word of God more than honey. No matter what Bible passage may be, accept and proclaim it as the living word of God." For the last 10 years, whenever I passed through hardships, I remembered Dr. Lee's advice and struggled to love Jesus more and love the word of God more and obey it. Through this, all darkness in my heart was driven out and I was rekindled with the love of Jesus and the burning flame of God's hope.

Through this preparation of the Founders Day, I confess that Dr. Lee was my mentor, spiritual father and mother. Through him I learned Jesus' humility, burning shepherd heart, deep love of God's word and God's vision for world mission. I remember that when co-workers in Moscow suffered without a regular center for a long time, Dr. Lee encouraged us, "Let's rejoice to participate in the sufferings of Christ." He also encouraged us to practice manager spirit and the grace of Jesus' incarnation.

As Dr. Lee said, our real hope is Jesus Christ himself. When we engage in one to one, discipleship and world mission, God will accomplish his world salvation work through us. I pray that the CIS may all be shepherd nations and missionary sending priestly nations that send out many missionaries to Central Asia, Moslem countries as well as former communist countries, including Vietnam, Cuba, China and N. Korea. I also pray that with this hope of God, we may dedicate our lives to serve world campus mission and discipleship with a life giving spirit. Amen!





A LIFE GIVING SPIRIT FOR THE RUSSIAN PEOPLE

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45

During the early Russian pioneering days, I could closely learn from Dr. Lee. It is my great honor to testify to his shepherd heart for Russia. God has blessed the Russian coworkers to inherit Dr. Lee’s spiritual legacy in imitating the life-giving spirit of Jesus and having absolute faith in the word of God.

to be a missionary. But when his surgery patient almost died because of a mistake, he made an emergency vow to be a missionary if God revived him. Through Deuteronomy 6:5, ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart’, he deeply repented that he loved his family and his life more than God. God miraculously restored the dying patient, so he resigned from the hospital to receive missionary training. In May 1991, Dr

for windshield wipers to be stolen from cars parked on the street, for light bulbs to be stolen from street lamps, toilet seats from public bathrooms, and etc. Our campus dormitory was so dirty. Cockroaches crawled around my neck at night. My children cried often, clinging to me, due to the new environment. To get food, I stood in a long line for an hour to buy bread, and another line to buy milk. I thought I’d teach the Bible, but instead, since I couldn’t speak Russian, I felt insignificant and like a mere housewife. While my husband had Bible studies with students in the other room, I had to prepare a meal, and then his sheep would eat up all the food, leaving a stack of dirty dishes for me in the sink. In the gloomy weather, I felt sick and beaten up. One day, while mopping the dirty floor, I was touched by the grace of Jesus’ incarnation. My moving from Seoul to Moscow was difficult, but how much more difficult it was for Jesus, the Heavenly Prince, to come down to earth! I remembered the American missionaries to Korea, including Mother Barry. Through my missionary key verse, Mark 10:45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”, I deeply accepted the pain and glory of Jesus’ incarnation. Then strangely, my life was no longer difficult, but full of the grace of Jesus’ incarnation.

Abraham left for Moscow, without even asking me to follow him. Upon arrival, he sent a heart-moving letter written with a shepherd heart for thirsty Russian students and urged me to join him. It helped me to remember my vow to be a missionary



Prayer Meeting at Seoul Airport. 1991

God called my family to be Russian missionaries

From 1985, when I was still a medical student, our UBF coworkers began offering crying-out prayers to send missionaries to USSR in ten years. I never imagined this prayer would affect my family directly. At that time, the Soviet Union seemed invincible. My husband, Dr. Abraham Han, looked like the last person to leave his widowed mother

after passing my Dermatology Board exam.

In January 1992, after having our third baby, I left for Moscow with my children Joseph and Hannah, leaving Becky with her grandmother. When I arrived, my missionary dream was shattered: there were no toilet seats in the airport bathroom; my luggage was stolen at our dormitory elevator. It was not unusual in that poverty-stricken Russian culture

The life-giving spirit of Jesus

For the 1992 Intl.SBC, I wholeheartedly prepared the chorus. I didn't speak Russian, so it was the only thing that I could do. There I met Dr. Samuel Lee. He loved my family much for giving up our medical careers and offering our lives for Russia. I saw how he poured out his heart for Russia. The grass at the conference was tall and weedy, so he recruited many coworkers to pull out the weeds. Msn. Grace A. Lee fell and hurt her face because the path was so dark at the conference. The next day he had our missionaries install new light bulbs for all the street lamps along the pathway, but they were all stolen during our evening meeting. Dr.Lee was concerned about sorrowful Russian women. Divorce was rampant, so many women raised children without husbands. He gave us a prayer topic for Russian UBF to raise 100 house churches.

He also said the Season of Christ had come to Russia and that we should work hard to catch God's blessings and raise leaders during this season. At the time, everybody who was ready to go out as missionaries from the whole world went to Moscow, it was as if they were sucked by God's strong vacuum. When we went fishing at the Moscow State University

family to serve MIPT, a world famous school in physics. When we visited the school, it took two hours in a train that was colder than a refrigerator. But students came for Bible study, even in freezing weather. Serving GBS on campus every Saturday was the happiest time for me. I didn't even invite students since they brought their friends, and many disciples of Jesus grew from MIPT.

When Dr. Abraham Han became the 2nd Moscow director in 1993, Dr. Lee trained him to be an excellent Russian messenger. Everyday Dr. Abraham memorized 100 Russian words and faxed the test scores to Dr. Lee. Once he faked a test score. Dr. Lee noticed and rebuked him to have an absolute attitude for Russian studies. He also advised us not to eat Korean food, but only Russian food. He challenged us to love Russians deeply and become like Russians. For eight months, he trained Dr. Abraham to deliver his Luke's gospel messages translated into Russian by Dr. Jim Rabchuk. Dr. Abraham learned to

love God's words with an absolute attitude. Within 2 years, worship service attendance increased to 120. However, there was a danger of division between Korean missionaries and Russian shepherds. At this critical time, God

established a house church between Msn. David Park and Shps. Lena Park. This first house church was a historical turning point for Russian ministry in that



it served as a bridge between Korean missionaries and Russian shepherds.

Once Dr. Lee invited me to Chicago when I was sick. I was served with sincere love by Dr. Lee and Chicago coworkers. They were in the midst of severe persecutions, but all the coworkers fervently prayed for Russia pioneering. In Chicago, I was mostly impressed by their absolute attitude toward God's words. Even 30 minute testimonies were not boring to me. Dr.Lee's announcements were humorous and heart-moving, even if the Friday meeting went past midnight. He treated me like a daughter and loved me like a mother. He taught me how to drive and helped me to get a driver's license. Once he bought three of the same women's suit and gave them to his daughter, his daughter-in-law and me. He cultivated my singing talent so that I could serve God with it. There has been no one who has understood my inner person so well as Dr.Lee did. His life-giving spirit influenced me to love Russian souls. I saw his burden of many responsibilities, and he was often sick, but he kept loving and serving others with Jesus' life-giving spirit.

Many were exhausted before the 1994 Intl SBC. Dr Lee gave us Mark 10:45 as the conference theme in order to learn about Jesus, our ransom sacrifice. He knew that there was a risk that more than half of the sheep might run away because of this difficult theme. But instead, we were all touched by Jesus who came to serve and give his life as a ran-



Top: At Chicago, 1993

Bottom: Disciples with Journey Team, 1993

dorm, many students invited us for tea. Many were poor; their dinner was a few biscuits with Indian tea. They were also hungry for the truth of God. God led my

som for many. We repented for not serving Russia with Jesus' life-giving spirit. Our missionaries were spiritually revived. Many Russian students were proud, thinking they were the world's best people, so it was hard to raise humble and obedient disciples among them. But I saw how Dr Lee loved many of them one by one with a life-giving spirit. By his good influence and through Mark 10:45, I was encouraged to give my life to serve others. Then I was no longer afraid of anything. The Russian winter was bitterly cold and we were hungry, but our missionaries' hearts were burning with the life-giving spirit of Jesus. Our Russian missionaries faced many problems with language, jobs, visas, co-working, health, etc. God blessed Russia pioneering through our missionaries' tearful sacrifices and sufferings. I believe all these sacrificial lives were the result of the grace of Jesus who gave up his life as a ransom for many. May God bless Russia to be a shepherd nation and a kingdom of priests to send out missionaries to other communist countries, including Cuba, Vietnam and N. Korea, as well as to Muslim nations.

One word: Jesus' incarnation and life-giving spirit







FORTY HOUSE CHURCHES IN RUSSIA

"I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing." Genesis 12:1

I was born in 1971, and one could say about me, "Made in the USSR." My parents and school educated me in the communist ideals. I wanted to give my life in the struggle for the liberation of mankind. I was pretty aggressive in rejecting the very idea of God, considering religion to be the opium of the masses. In school, I was interested in Physics, and I dreamed of becoming a famous scientist like my idol, Marie Curie. And without a doubt win a Nobel Prize.

My parents divorced when I was ten, and this produced in me many wounds and sorrows. I hated my small hometown and studied and dreamed of going to Moscow.

In 1989, I enrolled in the physics department at MGU. Surrounded by many gifted students, I immediately understood that I had no special abilities in physics, and my life lost all meaning. But I met my first boyfriend and my life again took on a greater meaning. I was getting ready to marry to my chosen one, when he suddenly said to me that he had fallen in love with another girl. This was a terrible blow for me. I fell into a deep depression, not knowing what I would do with my life.

In December of 1990, a Korean missionary invited my neighbor to study the Bible. I really envied her for having a new acquaintance and new experiences, so I invited myself to UBF. It was interesting for me to socialize with the Koreans, to

receive attention and presents from my shepherds and to eat tasty Korean food. But I was hardly interested in the Bible, God or the spiritual world and for this reason, I soon began to lose interest. I participated in the historic 1991 Summer Bible Conference in St. Petersburg, but I spent practically the whole time going out on the town with my friend. Not long afterwards, I began seeing a married man, and I nurtured a secret dream that he might divorce and marry me instead. My soul was divided between my pure ideals and my wretched life. One time, unable to bear my suffering any longer, I asked my shepherd to study the Bible with me. We studied John chapter 2 and suddenly I deeply understood that God is living and working actively in this world. I also realized that my life without Him was useless, like the dirty water at the wedding. I believed that Jesus forgives me and promises to bless my life. So I decided to submit to him, like the servants at the wedding. From that day I began to attend all the UBF meetings,

I left my old friends and began to invite students to Bible study. I was endlessly happy that God exists, that he loves me and in Jesus has forgiven all my sins.

In March of 1994, God blessed me to establish the first house church in Russia with the youngest, the most joyful, artistic and the most spiritual missionary in Moscow, M. David Park. M. Dr. Samuel Lee loved M. David so much that he wanted to bring him to America. But, out of hope for Russia, Dr. Lee blessed our house church and became for us our spiritual father. Despite the fact that Dr. Lee was in Chicago, we continually felt his burning love and earnest prayers. We received from him his spiritual counsel and encouragement and even material help. The establishment of our house church created a huge furor in Moscow UBF. Many growing shepherds had announced that they would follow Jesus even to the death. But they could not give their personal lives to Jesus, and so they left in great controversy. Russians are sensitive and emotional. They



Second Summer Conference, 1992

want to establish their families through romantic love, not listening to anyone. When that feeling of love passes, however, they easily divorce or commit adultery with someone else. I was surprised by M. Dr. Samuel Lee, who even in his 60's thought a lot about Russia, came every year to visit Russia and tried to understand Russians. Through studying Russian history, Dr. Lee understood the problem of strong Russian women and weak Russian men. He had a vision that God would bless Russia through God-centered house churches. He gave Missionary David the direction to serve me like his most beloved sheep and to pray that I might be changed from a strong Russian woman into a woman of God. Such love and care in time healed my wounded heart and helped me to grow as a mother of prayer for Russia and the CIS. God accepted our decision to live by faith not for ourselves, but for God, and he blessed our house church abundantly. In the mid-1990's, to live in Moscow was not easy. M. David had just finished his Master's degree in MSU and began his career working in the Korean embassy in a very low position earning a miniscule wage. However, over time God has abundantly blessed M David and recently established him as Vice-President of a big Russian advertising agency.

In the meantime, after finishing my studies at MGU, I decided to dedicate myself to serving students. God immediately blessed my shepherd life. In 1994 He sent one faithful sheep, Maria Zakharova, who really needed the word of God and prayer. At that time she was married to a Colombian and dreamed of leaving cold Russia in order to live in sunny Colombia. But she could not get pregnant, and this problem brought her to God. David and I

prayed for her and for God's direction for her life, when suddenly her husband betrayed her and asked for a divorce. God allowed this worldly relationship to be broken, in order to help Maria be first established as a spiritual shepherd. Later, God established her house church with sh. Pablo Zakharov for the work of God in Russia.

My cherished dream was to bring to Jesus a huge number of converts, like St. Paul. Almost every day I went to fish students, and God always sent me sheep, but sooner or later they always left. After 9 years of serving, my enthusiasm had almost completely dissipated, and I was left without a vision and no clear prayer topic. In 2001 I participated in the WMR in Korea, where Dr. Samuel Lee gave the message, "Rejoice, that you participate in the sufferings of Christ." I saw that though he was suffering physically, yet he was filled with the Holy Spirit and joy. I saw the thousands of gathered attendants at the Olympic Stadium and was amazed by the fruit of the lives of the ancestors of faith in UBF, Dr. Samuel Lee and M. Sarah Barry. Looking at them, I learned what it means to have a burning love for God, a shepherd heart and a spirit of victory. God taught me not to rejoice over the number of sheep, but at the chance to participate in Christ's sufferings. I began to struggle with myself not to depend on outward fruit, but on God and to rejoice in him. Then I began to notice that it was not I who was doing something, but it was God. And



God was working powerfully throughout the entire former USSR. He was raising up disciples and establishing beautiful house churches. He raised faithful shepherds, Alexei and Madlen Rusanov, Alexei and Olga Belykh, Pablo and Maria Zakharov, as the pillars of faith in the Moscow Center. Sh. Alexei Rusanov works in the prestigious Presidential Orchestra and he is also the conductor of the small Moscow UBF orchestra. Their family wholeheartedly serves many student-musicians, while raising three beautiful children. Sh. Alexei and Olga Belykh both have romantic and fun-loving personalities. But they decided to establish a house church not based on emotions, but by faith in the Almighty God. God has used their artistic family very preciousely as faithful leaders of the music service in our church. God started to use Moscow UBF as a world-mission center. God has sent missionaries from Moscow to Kazakhstan and to the Ukraine. During the last 18 years God has established 40 house churches throughout the CIS.

When I considered this amazing work of God, I deeply understood the meaning of God's promise to make his people

“a source of blessing.” A source of blessing’s mission is not to please others, it is to please God by being pure and flavorful. When we offer ourselves to God like this, many thirsty souls can come to us to drink and be satisfied. Now Russia is using its material blessings of gas, oil and weapons in order to assert itself in the world political arena. But God wants to bless Russia in truth through faithful shepherds and beautiful house churches. Reviewing my life in the light of God’s history, I am filled with awe and thanksgiving. God saved me from the pit of sin through the service of UBF missionaries. He gave me faithful shepherds and examples of faith through M. Dr. Samuel Lee and M. Sarah Barry. God has a hope that for me and my house church to become a source of blessing for many. May God establish in Russia and in the CIS many wonderful and faithful house churches and make us a holy nation!

One word: God’s hope for the CIS is in house churches



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MISSIONARY SAMUEL LEE SERVED GOD'S PURPOSE IN HIS OWN GENERATION

"For when David had served God's purpose in his own generation, he fell asleep..." Acts 13:36a

It is my great honor to share my personal testimony in remembrance of Dr. Samuel Lee's life and spiritual legacies in the presence of Msn Grace A. Lee and all the world mission coworkers here. I thank God for using missionary Samuel Lee as his great servant to awaken his generation. God used him as an outstanding servant of God's word, a good shepherd imitating Jesus and a powerful spiritual leader like Moses to serve God's purpose in his own generation.

As one who respected missionary Samuel Lee and struggled to learn from him, I want to share my personal experiences and think about the fragrance of his shepherd life and how I saw him serve his generation with the heart of Christ.

First, missionary Samuel Lee moved my heart through a small thing

I went to Moscow as a student missionary in October 1990. After the 1-st Russian SBC, God sent me to Kiev, Ukraine as a pioneer. My life in Ukraine after the fall of Communism in the early nineties was very painful. I felt as if I was abandoned to survive in a deserted mission field.

During one Christmas season, Dr. Samuel Lee sent a huge pouch of unexpected gifts. I was greatly touched that there was a person who remembered our missionaries in a far away remote

mission field. The pouch was tied with a long line of fabrics with a tiny hand written letter to our missionaries. I was deeply moved that he personally prepared and packaged the pouch with his own hands. This event was very small, but it tremendously impacted my shepherd life.



Second, God used missionary Samuel Lee when I was in despair

In 1999, I faced the worst crisis in my missionary life. After experiencing hardships in disciple making ministry and receiving various emotional scars, I wanted to quit my missionary life. When Dr. Lee heard this news, though it was a busy time during the MSU conference preparation, he labored day and night to heal and restore me. Whether I came to the center or arrived at home, shepherd Samuel Lee's messages were waiting for me.

Once he called me. I had great tension about what he would speak to

me. He said, "It's all my responsibility. Please forgive me. Let's imitate our Lord Jesus and participate in his sufferings with me together." Then he said no more and hung up the phone. A few minutes later, Pastor Ron Ward called me. I also expected what he would say. But he didn't seem to have any particular things to say,

So he asked me how many languages my children spoke and which languages. Then he also said no more and hung up the phone. I understood that Dr. Samuel Lee asked pastor Ron Ward to call me. Dr. Lee also asked Msn. Kaleb Hong from Heidelberg, Germany to go to Ukraine to help me. Msn Kaleb Hong stayed at my house without my permission. Because of my hardened heart and my wife was in Korea, I did not feed him. Msn. Kaleb had to skip meals and fast unintentionally while staying at my house for about seven days.

Though my hard heart did not change even by this visiting, Dr. Lee used a last resort. It was to raise me as a speaker on "The Cross of Jesus" for the MSU International Conference just two months ahead. How could he make one who decided to run away a main speaker at such an important event? How could he give this important task to this nameless missionary, risking so much? In this amazing way, God used Dr. Lee to move this hard hearted sinner to repen-

tance. Dr. Lee perceived my spiritual weaknesses and problems that I wanted to come down from the cross of mission at the critical time. He helped and strengthened me to stand firm on the love of God and his mission.

Dr. Lee had a strong, charismatic leadership, but he also had a sensitive, gentle, delicate heart for the needy. I saw that he had an absolute attitude toward the word of God and absolute assurance of the power of prayer. I believe that faith in the word of God, the power of prayer, and a broken shepherd heart for one soul are precious UBF spiritual heritages for us to inherit and imitate. Thank God for using Dr. Lee as a good shepherd who had the fragrance of a shepherd.



Dr. Lee's First Mission Journey, 1986

Third, one hidden episode about Dr. Lee

Before going to heaven, Dr. Lee attended the 2001 CIS Conference. During the directors' meeting, Dr. Lee suddenly sang a Korean classical song titled, "My heart is a lake." Through the song, sentiments of loneliness smeared into our hearts.

After singing, he expected someone to sing a song in response. The song,

"Herald" came into my mind. Though I didn't sing it, whenever I miss Dr. Lee, I sing this song.

Dr. Samuel Lee had a longing to fulfill God's will, "A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation." God took him away while he was drawing a huge, fantastic picture on a canvas. It is our portion to continue the drawing. Though we also go to heaven while drawing the picture, the enormous, grand, beautiful picture will be completed by God's people, "A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation," those who have been continually compelled by God's love and controlled by the power of the Holy Spirit. It will be offered on the altar of God's redemptive history.

I have summarized the influence of shepherd Samuel Lee

upon me very shortly. I thank God for the vision of Dr. Lee for discipleship ministry and world campus mission. This vision also gave me victory in life to overcome all kinds of difficulties in my mission field, Ukraine, to serve discipleship ministry for the last 17 years. Ukraine used to be a place that foreigners hated even to visit. Foreigners would not eat the food or drink the water because of the Chernobyl

nuclear power plant accident which contaminated the land and water. My coworkers in the early days left after a short time and my family was alone for 10 years to serve discipleship ministry. My wife and I had our first child in Korea. In Kiev, she miscarried three times and for six years we could not have a second child. She was continually sick, in and out of the hospital.

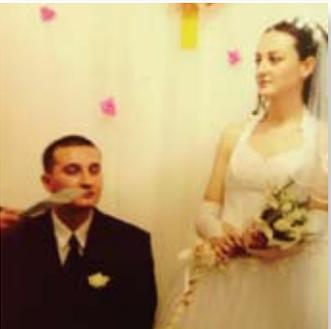
In spite of all this, we did not doubt

the Lord's calling or the mission he had given us. We decided not to complain to God due to our sufferings because we have a vision for discipleship ministry and world mission and we are a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. We believed that God would help us to bear difficulties and grant us a harvest because God called us here. Our faith in God who called us and sent us to the mission field has not weakened. For the past 17 years, God helped my family to live by faith in God who is living and faithful. He answered our prayers for discipleship ministry and sent 7 faithful missionaries and pioneers from Kiev including M. Vladimir Point's family to Turkey. Missionary candidates are growing as fathers of faith and mothers of prayer for all nations.

I have God's vision for Kiev and CIS UBF to raise 1,000 missionaries and 7,000 remnants disciples of Jesus in our generation and send them out to many Moslem nations. I believe that God will surely bless the Ukraine and CIS countries as missionary sending nations and as great army of Jesus Christ through discipleship ministry and campus mission.

In conclusion, God has awakened his own generation through someone who is faithful to death to hold on to God's vision. We thank God who used Dr. Samuel Lee so precious to awaken his own generation. Because of his vision given to us, "discipleship ministry and world campus mission," we are here today in remembrance of the fragrance of shepherd Samuel Lee. We also are here in the process of his redemptive history as a chosen people, a royal priesthood and history makers who serve God's purpose in our generation.

May God bless each of us to participate to complete God's purpose, "A Kingdom of Priests and a Holy Nation." Amen.







INTERVIEW-PURDUE CONFERENCE

THE CONTINUOUS MINISTRY OF GOD—LIFE-GIVING WATER BY DIGGING OUT THE WORDS OF GOD

The Continuous Ministry of God—Life-Giving Water by Digging Out the Words of God

the words of God. This is our UBF tradition. At the end of their messages, the messengers testified to the heart-moving, saving grace of God by sharing about their past sinful life. We had group Bible study in the afternoon. Before we heard the messages, we looked at the passages carefully, and applied them to our practical life. After that we read the messages again, and wrote a testimony based on the passages, and we repented our sins and made decisions of faith based on God's words."

–The first international conference was held and finished without any problems since you were inaugurated.

"Even though several continental conferences were held over two years, it was the first time for us to have an International Summer Bible conference with attendants from 88 countries, since I was inaugurated. For this conference, we prayed much with many coworkers. Even though we aimed to register 3,000 people, 500 more people registered for this conference. I thank God who answered our prayers. Moreover, even though it was not easy for missionaries and coworkers who lived in poor regions such as Africa, Asia, and Latin America to be issued a U.S. visa, it was God's amazing grace that he answered our prayers topics and helped almost 95% of them to be issued a U.S. visa to attend the conference. God also granted us the perfect temperature of 15 degrees Celsius during the conference, although the normal temperature was 40 degrees. All these things were possible because of the faithful hard work of 50 staff members during the conference."

–What was the differing point compared to the other conferences?

"We aimed to have the messages delivered well by high level messengers. We also made the performance level high. I think the messages and performances greatly moved all our attendants."

–The UBF conference seemed to be very unusual.

"We focused on digging out the spring of God's words and delivering life-giving water to all attendants. First of all, all messengers repented their sins, and wrote testimonies. Through their repentances and prayers, they began to dig out

–There was a messenger who was not a UBF member.

"Dr. Coleman is not a UBF member. However, we continued to exchange communication with Trinity University. He is an authority on disciple making ministry, and he liked our direction to focus on making Jesus' disciples. He understood our ministry well and supported us."

–UBF spiritual training seems very strong. Do you think that this kind of training can be applied to a local church?

"We focus on disciple making through the words of God. It is not a surprising thing for us to be disciples of Jesus naturally through studying the Bible—answering Bible study questions, listening to messages based on God's words, writing testimonies, and making decisions of faith, etc. Churches usually have a weak training system in raising up disciples of Jesus. If church pastors have a clear purpose, they can aim to raise disciples from among young people."

–What do you really want to do during your tenure?

"We have emphasized the motto, 'Go back to the Bible', since I was inaugurated two and a half years ago. We focus on digging out the words of God, making new living water rather than having a new technique so that we can receive God's grace and feed sheep. As UBF is growing bigger, we will manage areas such as world mission, theological education, and the ministry of missionaries' children, etc. And as we will exchange not only with Korean churches, but with American churches as well, we will share precious know-how which God gives with them."

NEW HOUSE CHURCHES



Ariunbold and Bolormaa, Mongolia



*Ahemed John and
Aderonke Esther Fatoinbo, Nigeria*



Kaerat and Lyazat Zhusupov, Almaty



*Bob Von and Todgerel Moss,
Mongolia*



Tserendawaa and Tungalag, Mongolia



Jan and Septiani Purdiman, Indonesia



Orgil and Oyungerel, Mongolia



*Uuganbayar and Enkhsetseg,
Mongolia*



Fabian and Gabriela, Mexico



Ivan and Janet, Mexico

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

- Asia Directors' Conference Jan. 22-24, 2009
- Latin America Directors' Conference Jan. 29-31, 2009
- USA Members' Meeting Feb. 13, 2009
- USA/Canada Staff Conference Feb. 26-28, 2009
- CIS, European (40 years anniversary) Int'l Conference Aug. 13-16, 2009
- Latin America, Oceania Int'l Conference 2010
- Korea (50 years anniversary), Asia Int'l Conference 2011
- Africa, Middle East Int'l Conference 2012
- UBF Int'l Conference 2013



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