

WORLD MISSIONS

"He said to them, 'Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.'" (Mk 16:15)

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THE WORLD MISSION COMMAND

Dr. Samuel Lee, UBF Director

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Ac 1:8)



The Acts of the Apostles is the second book of St. Luke, the evangelist and historian. In Luke's Gospel, he recorded mainly who Jesus was and what Jesus did. Acts was written as a sequel to the gospel story, to tell how Jesus' work was carried out, in and through his witnesses, and how the Christian church was born and how it spread. It spread first to Jerusalem (1:1-8:1a), next to all Judea and Samaria (8:1b-9:31), and finally, to the ends of the earth (9:32-28:31). Though the book is called "The Acts of the Apostles," it does not give us an exhaustive account of the acts of all the apostles; apart from Paul, only three apostles are mentioned. The book of Acts regards two or three persons who remained as witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection to the end as main characters in the work and history of God.

Chapters 1 and 2 mainly speak of how the Christian church was born. Today's passage, chapter 1, speaks of what the main purpose of the Christian church is. In this chapter we learn the true concept of the Christian church.

First, you will be my witnesses (1-8). Look at verses 1-2. "In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen." "My former book" refers to Luke's Gospel. The recipient of both Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles is Theophilus. In Luke 1:3, Luke calls him "most excellent Theophilus." We are not sure who Theophilus was. However, we can deduce that Acts was written to defend Christianity and to persuade a government official not to persecute Christians. As we know well, to be a Christian in those days was very dangerous. Luke may have been addressing all Christians as "Theophilus," which in Greek means, "lover of God."

During the forty days after his resurrection, Jesus gave his disciples many convincing proofs that he had risen from the dead and was alive. We see that not only is Jesus alive, but also his influence is still alive in the world. In history, most people who studied the Bible realized that Jesus was truly the Son of God, and they were converted to Christianity; they stood amazed and fascinated. They entered a new world and lived a glorious life in Jesus.

Look at verse 3b. "He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God." During these forty days after his resurrection, time-wise Jesus was greatly limited. He must have had many things to say. But he spoke to his disciples mainly about the kingdom of God. Jesus began his gospel ministry with the words, "The kingdom of God is near" (Mk 1:15). After his resurrection, he mainly spoke about the kingdom of God also. Here we learn that the Christian church is founded on the kingdom of God. We must speak about the kingdom of God when we share the gospel of Jesus, even though people seem to be interested only in the world.

Look at verses 4-5. "On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'" The Risen Christ urged his people to wait for the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The people of Jesus' time did not know what to do with their sin problem. John's baptism with water did not change them. They needed the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Then and now, most people live by their willpower or smart minds. But soon they experience that they cannot control their emotional feelings and sinful nature with their willpower or smart minds. Whether they admit it or not, they are not ruled by their willpower but by the spirit



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in them. Those who are controlled by evil spirits cannot do what they really want to do; they do only what they really don't want to do. Evil spirits make man say all the time, "I didn't mean to do it!" On the other hand, those who are ruled by the Holy Spirit are freed from the grip of sinful desires and can long for the holiness of God and experience the unutterable joy of heaven. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is love, joy, peace, and so on (Gal 5:22). Living in this troubled world, we really want peace and joy. Therefore, the first thing we must seek is the baptism of the Holy Spirit. In the book of Acts, the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God; at the same time he is the Spirit of the Risen Christ. When we have faith in

the Risen Christ, we receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

How did the disciples respond to Jesus' teaching? Look at verse 6. "So when they met together, they asked him, 'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?'" Their question revealed their hidden problem. The disciples were still Judaistic. In history, the Jews had had their day of independence, but subsequently they had become subject to many nations. So they began to look forward to an earthly messianic kingdom they thought God would establish by breaking directly into human history through his promised Messiah. This was the Judaistic concept of the kingdom of God in

general. The disciples were still bound by this Judaistic utopian dream and they did not have the slightest idea about the kingdom of God.

Jesus knew that their concept of "the kingdom of Israel" was earthly. But he did not erase this concept. Rather, Jesus turned their concept into "the kingdom of God." At the same time, he commanded them to be his witnesses. Look at verse 8. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This is the world mission command of the Risen Christ. Here we learn several things.

Firstly, the world mission command restores man's mission. After God made the world and man, he blessed man and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground" (Ge 1:28). God made man to be fruitful and to be the ruler of the world. This means that man cannot be happy by satisfying his petty desires, because man is made in the image of God, to be a kind of ruler. Man must have God's vision. Man must have God's mission.

Secondly, the world mission command inspires us with the secret of success. To the disciples, the world mission command may have sounded unrealistic. At that time, the disciples had to establish their future security. If they were to obey his world mission command, they would have to sacrifice their

future security. In fact, without sacrifice and venture, nothing happens. For instance, after World War II, Japan was literally desolate. In the midst of misfortune, many Japanese women, mostly from noble families, gave up their education and engaged in world diplomacy. Many of them sacrificed their marriage and youth for the sake of their country. As a result, they could gain the favor of diplomats at the U.N. Assembly. Following this, they seized the opportunity and extended Japan Airlines routes to every corner of the world to pioneer international markets. In the course of time, they restored their nation and it became rich. On the other hand, the United Kingdom adopted a welfare policy for her nation. For the time being, the English enjoyed their wealth in a welfare society. But after 20 years, their nation was reduced to a third class nation economically. The secret of success is sacrifice and venture with a worldwide vision.

Thirdly, the faith of the Risen Christ. At that time, the disciples were weary and tired. They were fearful of everything after the crucifixion of Jesus. In spite of themselves, the Risen Jesus gave them the world mission command to evangelize the whole world. To them, it was an impossible task. But the Risen Christ had faith in them, that they would be witnesses of his death and resurrection to the whole world. They were only a handful of very ordinary Galilean fishermen. At that time, they were nobodies in the world. But the Risen Jesus believed that they would be his witnesses--beginning in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and finally, to the ends of the earth. The Risen Jesus saw them as commanding officers who would conquer the whole world. The Risen Jesus has faith in us, too.

Fourthly, the world mission command reveals God's broken shepherd heart for the



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perishing world. God had decided to accomplish world salvation work. At that time, the world was in the darkest darkness. Men treated women like slaves. When the Savior of the world came and healed the sick and preached the good news of the kingdom of God, evil men arrested him and nailed him to a cross. But the Risen Jesus wanted to spread the good news of the kingdom of God to the whole world through his witnesses, in order to save all men from their sins and bring them back to his kingdom. The world mission command is the best expression of God's broken shepherd heart.

When the Risen Christ gave his disciples the world mission command, he wanted them to be his witnesses. A witness is a person who sees a certain thing and says nothing but the truth about it. When the Risen Christ told his disciples, "You will be my witnesses," he hoped that they would be witnesses to his death and resurrection to the people of the world. At that time it was not easy for anyone to be a witness of Jesus, for to do so was an act of martyrdom. This is the reason the word "witness" has in it the meaning of "martyrdom." At that time, it seemed that the world mission command would not work. The disciples were too weak and fearful to be his witnesses. The Apostle John looked too delicate and sensitive to be his witness. But he became a witness of Jesus who was slain for the sin of the world. He says in Revelation 1:9, "I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus."

How could they be his witnesses? It was possible for them when they received the Holy Spirit. In John 14:16 Jesus calls the Holy Spirit "another Counselor." The King James Version puts this as "another Comforter." The Holy Spirit is the one who fills men with courage and strength; evil spirits make men utterly powerless. When the disciples received the Holy Spirit, they could be his witnesses to the ends of the earth. Here we learn that the Christian church is a fellowship of ordinary people who become witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Second, the glorious ascension of the Risen Christ (9-11). The Risen Christ gave his disciples the world mission command. Then what did he do? He ascended into heaven. Look at verse 9. "After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight."

How did the disciples react to his ascension? They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going (10). They became absent-minded. Then, two angels of God came and rebuked them, saying in verse 11, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

Why was it necessary for the Risen Christ to ascend into heaven? It was necessary so that his disciples might be independent workers led by the Holy Spirit (Jn 14:12; 15:26,27; 16:7). It was necessary to prove that Jesus had returned to his glorious kingdom. Jesus is the only person in history who knew

where he came from and where he was going. Jesus came from the Father in heaven, and he was going back to the Father in heaven (Jn 16:28). Jesus came from the Father in heaven in order to show us the way to the Father in heaven (Jn 14:6). After showing us the way to the Father in heaven, he returned to the Father in heaven.

The ascension of the Risen Christ was also necessary because it gives us the hope of the second coming of Jesus. These days, many historians say that history is going nowhere. They think that history is a haphazard conglomeration of chance events which are going nowhere. But this is not true. According to the Bible, the whole creation is moving toward the consummation of history--the second coming of Jesus Christ. As he promised, Jesus will indeed come in his Father's glory with his holy angels as the Judge, King of kings and Lord of lords. When we have faith in the second coming of Jesus, we can be his witnesses. When we have faith in the second coming of Jesus, we can truly be holy pilgrims on earth.

Third, they joined together in prayer (12-26). After the ascension, they returned to Jerusalem and stayed in an upstairs room. "Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James" (13b). They were the future commanding officers of the world salvation work. There were several women there who were supporters in the spiritual warfare. What did they do at the beginning? They all joined together constantly in

prayer. To them, prayer was the most potent weapon. In the past, the disciples were too selfish to get together. Peter and Matthew were around Jesus all the time, but they were not friends. However, after the ascension of Jesus, they got together under the command of Jesus. Thus they made a spiritual vessel which God could use in his spiritual warfare for world salvation work. In this way, the church of Christ was formed, and the church of Christ was characterized to be a fellowship of prayer under his world mission command.

But there was a serious problem for them. It was the problem of Judas Iscariot, who had betrayed Jesus. Because of his betrayal and suicide, they were deeply wounded. They needed healing from Judas' betrayal. So Peter stood up among the believers and explained that Judas' betrayal was to fulfill the Scripture (16,17). Verse 18 speaks of the fate of the betrayer: "He fell headlong, his body burst open and all his intestines spilled out." In verses 20-22 Peter urged them to choose one to replace Judas in his place of apostleship, to be one of the

witnesses of Jesus' death and resurrection. Matthias was chosen to replace Judas Iscariot, the betrayer. In this way, they restored their spiritual vessel.

In today's passage we learn that Jesus' world mission command is the best expression of God's broken shepherd heart. God wants to save all people of the world from their sins, with no one missing. We also learn that the Christian church is a fellowship of witnesses to Jesus' death and resurrection. May God help us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth.



A Father Of Many Nations

A KINGDOM OF PRIESTS AND A HOLY NATION

Mother Sarah Barry
UBF Director

"Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." (Exodus 19:5,6)



At the beginning of this year, 2002, UBF and I met an unexpected and drastic turning point. Dr. Samuel Lee, UBF shepherd and my closest friend and coworker for 40 years, was called home by our Lord. It is still hard to imagine being without him, and I miss him very much. As unexpected as this event was for all of us, for me an even more unexpected event was the call by UBF international senior staff, then by the boards of directors of USA and Korea, respectively, to step in the gap left by Dr. Lee's departure and assume the title and task of General Director of UBF. (I think that if Dr. Lee had realized that this would happen, he might have waited a little longer before leaving.) I can step into this position only by faith in Almighty God and with dependance on Jesus Christ, the true Shepherd of God's flock—and only because Dr. Lee left UBF International

spiritually strong and in the hands of very able, responsible and faithful leadership in Korea and in America and throughout the world. The true head of UBF is Jesus Christ. He is the Shepherd to whom we all look for guidance and protection and help and direction. UBF is not mine or yours—it belongs to God. He raised this fellowship of believers up to do his work in these times. He has been at work in us as individuals and as a community of believers. In every age he raises up people who can be for him a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He has given us this prayer topic and called us to be his own people. It is indeed God who has begun a good work in us and who has promised to complete it.

Dr. Lee exemplified the man in Psalm 1: "Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers."

The Christmas worship service in Chicago this year was the most memorable one ever. Around 1400 UBF members, their families and their one-to-one Bible students met in the spacious and beautiful auditorium of River Forest-Oak Park High school. Dr. Lee, even though he was not well, wrote the drama. Shepherd Mark Vucekovich won a personal spiritual victory. He did not change the drama, but performed it as Dr. Lee had written it and planted gospel faith in the hearts of the members of the cast. Dr. Lee also wrote the Christmas message and rehearsed it at least six times, just like a staff shepherd in training. I was moved as I listened to him practice delivering his message the sixth time in his office in the center. He poured his heart into preparation. When he stood

at the podium to deliver the message, the light was so poor that he could not see his manuscript, so he delivered it from memory. He poured his life into this message, and afterward he was exhausted. He had been on oxygen at home for several weeks, under the care of UBF doctors. He was feeling much better and was thinking of going back to his office Monday morning. Sunday night the elders all visited him and he demonstrated his strong heart by marching in place one hundred times. Then, on Monday morning there was an electrical short which set his house on fire. The fire was put out by the Chicago Fire department rather quickly, but Dr. Lee passed out because of the smoke and his already weak lungs. His heart stopped and he went to heaven on Tuesday, January 8. His homecoming ceremony was on Saturday, January 12. UBF staff came from Korea, Germany, England, Hong Kong, India, Mexico, Argentina, Brazil, Bolivia, and other countries around the world as well as from every UBF chapter in the USA. The senior staff and boards of directors all came.

Dr. Samuel Lee left us an important legacy. He told Korean UBF to "go back to the Bible"; he left us a prayer topic for America: "America may become a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He left UBF throughout the world with some important principles: Read the Bible, believe the Bible, obey the Bible, teach the Bible. Keep spiritual order in the family and in the church; focus on campus ministry; engage in fishing; one-to-one Bible study; Daily Bread; disciple training; two by two prayer; learn Jesus' shepherd heart, give life and money sacrificially; send out missionaries to the ends of the earth.

As we think about Dr. Lee's legacy, Exodus 19:5-6a comes to mind: "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." When the people of Israel lived in Egypt they suffered under the yoke of slavery. But at the same time they enjoyed small pleasures and a certain sense of security. God persuaded them to leave Egypt by promising them a land flowing with milk and honey. The dream of milk and honey, an easy, luxurious life in the promised land, grew in their hearts. With this hope they could overcome fear and obey Moses. They came out of Egypt through the blood of the Passover lamb, crossing the Red Sea as if on dry ground.

But God did not give them the land flowing with milk and honey immediately. They were not



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ready for it. They needed God's training. He carried them on eagles' wings through the desert to Mount Sinai, the mountain of God, the place where Moses had met God in the burning bush. "On eagles' wings" refers to the training which the mother eagle gives her eaglets in order to teach them to fly by themselves (Dt 32:11). God taught the complaining Israelites to depend on God. They must learn to depend on God and obey him in order to overcome their slave mentality and beggar spirit. They arrived at Mount Sinai and camped in that desolate place for a year. He fed them with manna and with quail and with water out of the rock. Most importantly, he gave them the Bible—the Ten Commandments, the Law of the Lord. In this law he taught them how to live together as a community, even though they had to live in a fallen world; he taught them the way to worship God and the way to repent and find forgiveness. Then he told them the real desire of his heart for them—the real reason he raised them up

and delivered them from Egypt. It was to make them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. He said, "Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." God had great hope for these former slaves. What does it mean to be God's treasured possession and to be for him a kingdom of priests and a holy nation?

Our God is the Creator of the whole earth. The whole world belongs to him. He loves the world. John 3:16 tells us that he so loved the world that he gave his only Son for the sake of sinners. At the beginning of his redemptive history, he chose only one man, Abraham. He promised Abraham that he would not only bless him, but also make him a source of blessing to all the people of the world. So God trained Abraham's descendants in the furnace fires of Egypt. He redeemed them by his mighty hand. Through them he wanted to give his word, the Bible, to the world (Isa 2:3). Through them he wanted all the people of the world to know him and worship him. He wanted all people everywhere to come to him and worship him and love each other. He wanted to restore broken creation order and bless mankind and all creation.

In order to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation, people must study the Bible and obey it. At Mount Sinai Moses read the words of God to the Israelites and they said, "We will obey." He sprinkled them with the blood of an animal offered on the altar. So they entered into a blood covenant with God. This is the "old covenant." They agreed to obey his word. But they failed. They could not overcome the sinful nature. They came to the promised land and enjoyed the milk and honey and forgot to study and obey the Bible. They broke the covenant, so God sent Jesus, the Living Stone and Cornerstone of a new history to make a new covenant in his own blood. It is a covenant of forgiveness and love. The Holy Spirit works to change the sinful nature and give new birth. He binds believers to God and to each other and helps us to live by the word of God. Peter told the early Christians, "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light." Paul teaches us that preaching the gospel to unbelievers is the priestly duty (Ro 15:16). Jesus commanded us to go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, making them a covenant people who obey his teachings, the Bible.

We pray for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. There are people who criticize this prayer topic, saying that it is too nationalistic and that Christianity should embrace all nations. Of course, this is true. But our God is a God of history and he works out his redemptive plan step by step. I believe that God is beginning to turn the hearts of the people of this nation to himself. "God bless America" is a motto that we see everywhere since the 911 tragedy. Our prayer topic is exactly this. We pray that indeed God may bless America and make America a blessing. God raised this country himself by sending a few men of God to pioneer and build this country. They established this country on Christian values and principles. Our forefathers prayed that America could be a "city on a hill," giving the knowledge of God and his ways to the world. May we raise up a million Bible teachers and send out a million missionaries to the ends of the earth. This is what it means to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

I pray for UBF around the world. May our Korean UBF engage in deep and prayerful Bible study. And may all of our missionaries throughout the world pray for their respective mission lands to be "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." May God make us good stewards of the spiritual legacy which Dr. Lee left us.



Best Friends In Jesus For 40 Years

BE FAITHFUL, EVEN TO THE POINT OF DEATH

Missionary Grace A. Lee
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"Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." (Rev 2:10b)



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Praise God for blessing our Christmas Worship Service 2001. Praise Jesus who gave up his heavenly glory and power and came to this earth as a baby in a manger. Because of this humble Jesus in a manger, we

received the good news of great joy of salvation and a blessing to be children of God. May all our praise and worship only be given to the baby Jesus, and thus bring peace to men on earth. Most of all, may God grant joyful

heavenly messages to our precious front line missionary co-workers and fill them with great comfort and new faith. May God continue to use us as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

God granted us a wonderful Christmas message, "Glory to God, Peace to Men," through his servant, Dr. Samuel Lee. This word of God taught us the meaning of why Jesus' coming to this world is glory to God and peace to men. God gave his one and only Son as a ransom sacrifice for sinners who are destined to eternal condemnation. Although Jesus is the holy Son of God, he obeyed the will of God for world salvation to the point of death on the cross. Through his death and resurrection he became the Savior of the world. He served sinners until he gave his own life as a ransom sacrifice as obedience to God's world salvation. Through Jesus' obedience and humbleness we crossed over from eternal condemnation to salvation, eternal life and the kingdom of God as our inheritance.

We offered our precious Christmas offering to suffering Afghanistan and North Korean people. May the peace of God and the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ come upon these suffering people.

I. World Mission

Praise God for blessing the ISU International Summer Bible Conference 2001 from July 26-29. God brought his precious servants scattered from 87 nations and granted us the abundant life-giving word of God and made it a heavenly banquet, full of joy. Our missionaries have suffered much from persecutions and have had many kinds of hardships while they were serving God's flock of sheep. At the conference, forgetting all their hardships and sufferings, they loved to listen to the word of God, sing songs of praises to God, and pray. They were so happy and joyful like little children. This year was not an easy year for any of our missionary coworkers to receive American Visas. But all of us worked hard to the end without giving up, and prayed. When we did so, God made the impossible possible and there were more missionaries and participants than other years.

The theme of the ISU conference was "A kingdom of priests, a holy nation." God did not abandon the Israelites who were soaked in a slavery mentality, but called them as his chosen people and trained them in the hope of making them a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. God also chose us and called us and made us his holy people. He gave us his special mission to serve God's salvation work in our generation. All who attended the conference accepted this prayer topic, "a kingdom of priests and a holy nation" as God's hope and vision for each nation. The messengers for the conference were Andrei Petrukhin and Stephen Kim from Moscow, Volker Keller and Dr.



Missionary Grace A. Lee, Mother Of Prayer Behind The Scenes Of UBF

Peter Chang from Germany, Dr. Mark Choi from France, Abraham Hwang from Mexico, Mark Kim from Hong Kong, Dr. David Lee from Yekaterinburg, and Dr. Joseph Schafer, Dr. Henry Kim and Dr. Samuel A. Lee from America. Messengers were chosen internationally in order to be raised up as world famous messengers. They humbly received training. As a result, they delivered powerful messages. After each message, Dr. Samuel Lee gave announcements and prayer topics without missing even one time. Whenever Dr. Lee came up to the podium to give prayer topics and announcements, American students especially welcomed him with applause, whistles and stomping. Dr. Lee gave announcements and prayer topics with all his heart with a prayerful heart for each attendant to accept God's hope and vision as their own. So he did this with more spirit than the messengers. Many said that they received more grace from his

announcements than the messages. After the conference, we had another conference for three days for the overseas missionaries. Looking back over 40 years of UBF history, more than anything, we thanked God who used us in his redemptive history. Our missionaries shared difficult problems of their mission fields, such as coworking problems, self-supporting problems, etc., and prayed together. Dr. Samuel Lee prepared two beautiful books-Genesis and Mark's gospel-and gave these to our missionaries as his gift. They were so happy holding these books in their bosom and said that this was the most treasured thing in the world. About ten years ago, Dr. Lee gave us a prayer topic for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. At first, this prayer topic did not touch our hearts. And we did not know its meaning. Anyway we prayed and prayed even though we did not believe what we prayed for. But when

we prayed for it again and again, God gradually gave us faith and helped us accept God's hope and vision as our own. Since the work of God began in Kwang Ju in 1961, our manger ministry continued for 40 years. Thank God for using us as his remnants and witnesses of the gospel in our generation. Thank God for sending 1,600 missionaries to 87 nations. I believe that God will accept our shepherds' hearts and obedience to God's world mission as our five loaves and two fish and will accomplish his world campus mission.

Thank God for using our missionaries in the year 2001. Although last year was harder and more difficult than any other year, God used our missionaries as the remnants of God and did his mighty work around the world.

Our Moscow UBF has not had a Bible house for two years. The Russian government did not give permission to use the kindergarten building for center use. Our missionaries did not make an excuse because of this difficult situation. Instead, they made a strong vessel of the Holy Spirit and engaged in the one-to-one battle. They opened their houses for one-to-one Bible studies and fellowship meetings. God blessed their work all the more and bore good fruit through their sacrificial lives. God is using Missionary Stephen Kim as a humble servant of God and a good shepherd for Russian students. May God grant them a good Bible house in his right time.

God blessed the beautiful coworking of Missionaries Aquila Shin and Matthew Lim in Mongolia and sent 80-100 sheep to

their worship services. They have two worship services every Sunday. The Mongolians did not have the Bible in their own language. Our missionaries translated the Bible in Mongolian and taught the Bible to Mongolian students. God blessed them so abundantly. Missionary Aquila Shin was a chauffeur for the ambassador in Mongolia and faithfully did his job as a driver for the Embassy. On the top of that, he worked hard as a self-supporting lay missionary. He prepared the Sunday worship service messages and served Mongolian students with one-to-one Bible studies and gave his heart to translate the Bible into Mongolian. When he was doing all these, he could speak Mongolian as well as native people. In Korea, there was no person who spoke Mongolian better than Missionary Aquila Shin. So the Korean government promoted him from driver to consul. Praise God who blesses a humble and faithful servant as God exalted Joseph to be prime minister of the Egyptian Empire when he was a faithful steward before God. May God continuously bless Mongolia as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

God blessed Hong Kong UBF so abundantly in the year 2001. Missionary Angela Kim's health was not good at all due to her undergoing brain surgery three times. But she was not in despair or self-pity, but gave herself all the more to raising disciples of Jesus through fishing and one-to-one Bible studies. Thank God for Missionary Mark Kim and for using him as a good shepherd for Hong Kong students. They are praying to pioneer mainland China.

Missionary Juan Baek in Panama UBF works hard for the Embassy. But without missing a day he goes to the campus and fishes sheep. He is praying to conquer the Spanish language and feed God's sheep with the word of God as a Bible teacher. He never failed to send world mission offering in the first week of each month. May God bless his family to be Bible teachers for Panama students.

God blessed Missionaries Lucas and Maria Cho and sent them to pioneer Colombia last year. When they were in Rosario, Argentina, they had a clothing business and they did not have to worry about how to survive. But they suffered a lot in Colombia because they did not have even one missionary coworker. They received wilderness training. They thought about going back to Argentina many times. But God supplied their needs in time and blessed their five loaves and two small fish. God helped them open a Telecabina right in front of the campus. They could fish sheep every day and establish one-to-one Bible studies with the students. They were praying to have 30 students to the Christmas Worship Service. Thank God for his mighty work in Indonesia, Sudan, Argentina, Bolivia, India, Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia and Ukraine.

Thank God for using Dr. Lee as a faithful soldier of Christ during the last one year. He gave all his heart and mind and strength to prepare the ISU International Summer Bible Conference 2001. While preparing for the conference, one time he fell in the bathroom and broke two of his ribs after hearing painful and

heartbreaking news. Soon after that, he was so joyful and jumped because he finished the preface of Mark's gospel in three hours, and he fell down the stairs and had deep cuts on his face and bruises all over his body. However, he did not feel the pain at all and gave himself for the conference preparation. God held him up with his strong arms and gave him good health and the spirit of a 17 year-old. As God used him precious for the last 40 years, God received great glory through the 2001 International Conference through his faith and fervor. Although it was very hard for him to persevere because of severe attacks of Satan, he thought more of our missionary coworkers who are suffering from persecutions and hardships for the sake of Jesus and the gospel in the mission field, and his heart was painful. He wrote 7,323 letters in 2001. He understood each person's problems one by one, and gave them directions and prayer topics. He comforted them with the word of God and strengthened their faith and encouraged them to carry out one-to-one Bible studies and establish each nation as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

When we looked back at the 40 years of pioneering Kwang Ju, Seoul, Germany, America and Russia, this long 40 years of time seemed to pass by so quickly, like a few days. World Campus Mission is what God really wants to accomplish and he has been with us and worked himself for this purpose. Dr. Lee obeyed Jesus' world mission command with an absolute attitude. He did not care about himself but gave himself fully to raise up soldiers of Christ from poor and sorrowful

Korean students. God was pleased with his prayer topic to preach the gospel to the ends of the earth and sent out our missionaries to 87 nations. God has used us as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.

Thank God for using Chicago UBF as a world mission headquarters. Missionary Joshua Lee from Toronto, Canada, received shepherd training and Bible study training for the last one year in Chicago. After the ISU conference, Pastor Abraham K. Lee from Germany, Missionary Sarah Kim from Kiev, Missionary Rebecca Choi from France, and Missionary Sarah Yoon from England remained in Chicago for two to three months, renewing their faith and spirit through Bible study and missionary training before going back to their mission fields. Especially, Missionary Sarah Yoon from England received diet training for three months. She still struggles hard to maintain

her normal weight. Shepherd Daniel Cheng from Arizona studied Romans with Mother Barry and went back to Arizona full of spirit to teach the Bible to the students there. The Guest House in Chicago Center is a house for all peoples of all nations. Every week, there are guests studying the word of God and renewing their spirit. In one year, they come from about 60 different places. It is beautiful to see their spirit and faith renewed through receiving the word of God and saintly love. Missionary Maria Ahn and Lydia Shin are serving the guests with all their hearts. Johan Hwang, the second son of Missionary Abraham Hwang from Mexico, got a scholarship from Loyola University in Chicago. It is very hard to receive this kind of scholarship as a foreigner. He gives a good example as a second generation. May God grant him necessary health to overcome hard school study.



May Dr. Lee's Grandchildren Inherit His Spiritual Legacy

Dr. Henry Kim (Toronto University) was sent out to pioneer as a professor shepherd. Los Angeles UBF moved to Downey Center on June 2. LeHigh UBF bought a new center and had a dedication ceremony on June 16.

Last year we started the new year 2001 with Psalm 1 and studied Luke's gospel, Romans, and Daniel. Romans chapter 16 is the final greetings that Apostle Paul wrote. He remembered each one of the fellow coworkers in Rome. There are 35 saints and among them 9 are women. Apostle Paul remembered each one by name and praised them for their faith and zeal for the Lord. And he prayed for them to be blessed by God. When I studied this passage, I repented a lot before God. I realized my sin, that I did not remember each one of our missionaries and their sheep by name and I did not praise God for their zeal for the Lord. I did not have a deep shepherd's heart. Now, as a good grandmother before God, I want to remember the names of the children of our precious missionary coworkers one by one and pray for them.

During the year 2001, many shepherds and missionaries went from Chicago to serve conferences of other nations with prayer and the words of God. Pastor Abraham Lincoln and Shepherd Tim Fitch went to India, Pastor Kevin Albright, Pastor Teddy Hembekides and Missionary Maria Ahn to Nigeria, Dr. Mark Yoon and Missionary Joseph Ahn to Venezuela, Missionary Rebekah Choi, Shepherdess Liz Hembekides and Dr. Jim Rabchuk to Bolivia, Missionary Joseph Ahn and Shepherdess

Maria Horvath to Mexico, Dr. Mark Yoon, Missionary Sarah Jun and Shepherdess Liz Hembekides to Brazil, Dr. Paul Hong, Shepherd Jeff Lewis, Shepherdess Liz Hembekides and Missionary Sarah Jun to Argentina, Dr. Joe Schafer and Missionary David Baik to Paraguay, Missionary Daniel Yang to Novosibirsk, Missionary David Baik and Shepherd Steve Stasinos to Kiev, Pastor Kevin Albright and Missionary Maria Ahn to Guatemala and Dr. Joseph Chung to Yekaterinburg.

Every year we had weddings. We were sorry when there seemed to be no weddings in the year 2001. But God blessed Shepherd Renato and Shepherdess Joanna Boyarska and they established God's house church on Oct. 28, 2001 after the Sunday Worship Service and we were so joyful. May God continue to establish 10,000 house churches and 10,000 Bible teachers and make America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. May God grant 1,000 one-to-one Bible studies per week and 500 Sunday Worship Service attendants and help us to serve world mission.

Dr. Dan Pierce went to heaven on Aug. 11, 2001. God led him to his kingdom where there is no pain and tears and gave him eternal rest in him. May God be with Shepherdess Birgit Pierce and three daughters, Rebecca, Mary and Miriam. May God grant them a living hope and may Jesus be their shepherd and guardian.

II. My Key Verse 2002

My key verse for the year 2002 is Revelation 2:10b, "Be

faithful, even to the point of death...." I did not choose this key verse. This is the last gift that Dr. Lee gave me. Dr. Lee never gave me a key verse before. But on Dec. 31, 2001, he asked me what my key verse for the new year was. I was a little embarrassed and said that it was Mark 1:35 and I wanted to learn Jesus' life of prayer by getting up early in the morning and pray. Then he brought the Bible and read Revelation 2:10b, "Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life." He said it would be good to have this verse as my key verse. It was difficult for me to accept the words, "even to the point of death." So I asked, "If I am faithful to the point of death and die, how are you going to survive without me?" He answered without any hesitation, "Then I will go to heaven, too." I wondered how he could ask me to have this verse as my key verse when he knew very well that I do not have any faith to be a martyr. Now when I thought about it deeply, through his servant, God was showing me the way to live and granting me prayer topics. Until I meet him, the one whom I love in heaven again, may I hold on to this key verse and be faithful to world mission to the end. Even though Jesus was the Son of God, he gave up his power and glory in heaven and came to this world to serve sinners to the point of death on the cross. May I learn his beautiful life of obedience and live for the glory of God. May God be my shepherd and eternal Messiah and strengthen my feeble arms.

God sent Dr. Lee to this world on Oct. 9, 1931 and took him to heaven on Jan. 8, 2002. I feel like I am in a dream. It is



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hard to believe. But it is reality and it happened this way according to God's plan and sovereignty. Dr. Lee often spoke about David who served God's purpose in his own generation. (Acts 13:36) David and Moses did their best and were faithful as shepherds for Israel before God for 40 years each. And Dr. Lee often said, "I am ready to go to heaven any time, but when I think about you who will be left alone, I cannot die." He spoke like this for the last three years. For a long time, God let him know that there was not enough time left on earth for him and prepared his mind beforehand in many ways. Thank God for blessing his servant Dr. Lee for the last 70 years and using him as his faithful servant. God blessed us to establish God's house church on March 26, 1959 and helped me cowork with him for 42 years. Instead of my serving him, I was served most by him, protected by him and loved by him as "a flower wife." God has blessed me as the most

blessed woman. At his homecoming ceremony, one missionary asked me, "I heard that Dr. Lee loved Jesus most and you next in the world. Is it true?" I told him that it is true. And I told him that he did not know one most important thing about him. Dr. Lee was 1) A servant of God who loved the word of God most, 2) A good shepherd who had a heart like Jesus, 3) A warrior of prayer who asked for God's wisdom constantly and who had a wonderful pioneering spirit and courage. His fatalistic childhood was used by God to raise him as a mother-like shepherd who could understand all kinds of God's sheep. "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." (Eph. 2:10) He took this verse as his life key verse and finished his race of faith on earth.

Many times he said that there is nothing to say in his resume except "UBF shepherd."

In order to prepare the Sunday message, he worked night and day. Many a time I was awakened in surprise because he was delivering the message loudly in his dreams. Although there were so many things to do and he was so busy and burdened with many difficult problems pressing him down like a heavy mountain, he always gave his heart to prepare the word of God for Sunday as a matter of the first importance, with all his heart and with all his strength. Then after finishing preparing the Sunday message, he got into taking care of other things. "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." (2Tim 2:15) Last year, Satan attacked him so severely through slanderings and there were many difficult problems. But he did not fight back even once against Satan. Instead he devoted himself fully to Mark's gospel lecture writing. Before going to bed every night, he sang "The Lord's Prayer" several times and prayed that the name of the Lord be honored and that his kingdom come on earth. And he prayed that God might forgive the sins of God's enemies. No matter how difficult and troubled our sheep are, he never lost hope in them but patiently waited on them with the word of God with Jesus' shepherd heart and prayed for them until God's sheep could realize the unfailing love of God and become the children of God. Holding on to John 10:11, he followed the Good Shepherd Jesus and lived his life to put his word into practice. Dr. Lee's wisdom was different than ours. He always asked for God's wisdom. He had faith that overcame

impossibilities. Whenever he gave training to someone, he did so gently and helped that person until he or she realized and repented. Many who came to Chicago said that they did not want to come to Chicago because they were afraid of Dr. Lee but when they met him personally, they found out that Dr. Lee was like a mother. At the beginning of this year 2002, there were difficult problems in Korea and his heart was so painful and sore that he could not sleep at night. When he was suffering from insomnia, he called Missionary Sarah B. Choi. She did not mind coming to help him at any time of the day or night. She did not have time to take care of her family, her children or herself, but wholeheartedly served God's servant. I am so much indebted to her that I cannot repay her love and devotion to God and God's servant. I believe that God will use her in God's work and she will be a good coworker for God's work.

The last words of Dr. Lee on earth to us was for us to "Go back to the Bible." In 1961, God started the "University Bible Fellowship" ministry with his words. By the power in the word of God, many intellectuals in Korea repented and were changed and became the children of God by the word of God. When they were changed by the word of God, they were willing to go out to the ends of the earth as witnesses to the gospel of Jesus. It was a great miracle of God that 1,600 our missionaries went to 87 nations, depending only on the life-giving word of God. We saw that many native shepherds received life and became faithful to God's ministry. If a kernel of wheat falls

to the ground and dies, it produces many seeds--100 times and 1,000 times. When a servant of God obeyed this word of God, God produced many seeds. Though Dr. Lee's body left us and he went to heaven, 70 years' footsteps that he left behind still lives in our hearts. We, his spiritual descendants, must inherit his spiritual legacy--his life-giving spirit, vision, courage, soldier spirit, independent spirit, giving spirit, martyrdom spirit and wisdom, and live lives to please God. We must accept his last words, "Go back to the Bible," in our deep hearts. We UBF members must engage in deep personal Bible study and work harder than before to do the work of God until the kingdom of God comes on earth. As a good sheep of Jesus and as a good shepherd to Jesus' sheep, he struggled hard before God without having even one day of vacation in his 40 years of shepherd life. Now God gave him the long vacation he never had in his life time and made him rest together with our ancestors of faith in the kingdom

of God. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing." (2 Tim 4:7,8) I want to be a witness to the life of God's servant throughout my life. Thank God for appointing Mother Barry as the General Director of UBF. May God grant her good health every day and fill her heart with the wisdom of God and the word of God. Thank God for Dr. John Jun, Dr. Joseph Chung, Dr. Mark Yoon and Missionary Isaac Kim. May God be with them and bless his mission in Korea, America and the world mission. I deeply thank God for all of our precious coworkers around the world who mourned together with me and my family hearing the Lord's call upon his servant, Dr. Lee. May God bless each of them with heavenly blessings. Especially Chicago coworkers and American shepherds warmly welcomed precious guests from all over



the world and served them with much love. I realized how beautiful koinonia in Christ is through them and I thanked them with all my heart.

Please pray for me that I may overcome this dreamlike reality by faith and come out of great sorrow and obey the word of God, Acts 1:8: "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." I earnestly pray that I may give my small five loaves and two small fish to Jesus' world campus mission and lay-men self-supporting mission and be faithful to this holy mission to the point of death. May God make America a kingdom of priests

and a holy nation and send out another one million missionaries to the whole world through our one-to-one ministry and discipleship training. Shepherdess Heather Janis from Cincinnati UBF went to Nam San UBF in Korea as a short term missionary on January 23, 2002. May God bless America and send one million missionaries. May God use Chicago UBF as a world mission headquarters this year. Thank God for granting us many faithful servants of God and beautiful women of prayer coworkers in faith. As God has granted them as my beloved family members, I want continuously to cowork with them and learn from them humbly.

May God grant wonderful Luke's gospel messages to

Pastor Ron Ward, Pastor Abraham Lincoln and Pastor Kevin Albright.

I pray for Dr. Paul Koh's family, Dr. Samuel A. Lee's family and Dr. Charles Kim's family. They and their children may receive the spiritual heritage—his faith, shepherd life, and prayer for each of them—of their father and grandfather and grow to be 2nd and 3rd generation missionaries and shepherds for God's flock.

May God grant me the hope and faith of Simeon and Anna to pray for America to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation throughout my lifetime.

One Word: A kingdom of priests, a holy nation.



Your Descendants Will Be As Numerous As The Stars In The Sky