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editorial

“God’s will is anything but safe”

I have heard, from many over these decades of ministry, that the most comfortable and safe place to be is in the center of God’s will. I understand the sentiment. Safety is one of the universal hungers of the human heart.

I believe Jesus was addressing this hunger when he said, “I am the gate for the sheep.” (John 10:7) The people hearing Jesus that day, understood the picture much more than most people in our generation. They instinctively knew that the pen for the sheep would normally be a small enclosure of rock stacked high enough for a wolf not to gain entry and to prevent the sheep from escape. They knew that the shepherd for those sheep would lie at night across the opening. Nothing would ever reach the sheep as long as he was the gate! God understands our hunger for safety and Jesus himself said he is our protector.

That being said, I am convinced that scripture teaches clearly that being in the center of God’s will is not a “safe” place. When Jesus sent out the twelve (Matthew 10), he sent them out with a list of warnings. They were to proclaim that the kingdom of heaven was near. They were to “Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy and drive out demons.” (Matthew 10:7-8) What should they expect in response for all these good works? They should expect people to arrest them, hand them over to local councils and flog them. They should expect people to testify against them, be hated and persecuted. (Matthew 10:17-23)

These twelve men were simply obeying a direct command from the Son of God. The people of Israel were praying for the kingdom of God to come. Can anyone describe a nation of people who would find healing diseases, bringing life to the dead and curing leprosy objectionable? Yet, Jesus warned that doing these things that people

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wanted would result in terrible resistance. Jesus warned that obeying him (being in the center of God's will) would result in pain, humiliation and possible death!

God is good, but obeying God is not always going to be safe. C. S. Lewis had this exactly correct in *The Chronicles of Narnia*. Susan asked the Beavers, "Is he (e.g. Aslan) safe?" Mrs. Beavers replied, "If there's anyone who can appear before Aslan without their knees knocking, they're either braver than most or else just silly." Lucy then asked, "Then he isn't safe?" Then Mr. Beaver said this famous line about Aslan: "Course he isn't safe. But he's good."

There is no place on earth more blessed, more fruitful, more hopeful, more exciting, more productive or more joyful than living our lives in the center of God's will. God is using our lives for the greatest impact both in the immediate sense and the eternal sense. It is absolutely impossible to be anywhere more joyful. However, that joy is defined by the opposition of the world and the persecution sent from Satan and all the powers of Hell.

I hope every one of us, counts the cost and then chooses the joy of God. You think about that!



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MAY 23-24

Forwarding Agent Conference

Johnson Bible College, Knoxville, Tennessee

Theme: "The Work of the Forwarding Agent -- Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow"

Contact information: Gerald Mattingly
865-251-2349 / GMattingly@jbc.edu

JULY 5-8

North American Christian Convention

Cincinnati, Ohio

Theme: "unleashed: the church turning the world upside down"

Contact information: North American Christian Convention
513-772-9970 / www.gotonacc.org

OCTOBER 6-9

National Christian Convention of the Deaf

Council Bluffs, Iowa

Theme: "different"

President: Chad Entinger

Contact information: Deaf Institute
3515 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45205
www.nccdeaf.org

OCTOBER 28-30

Eastern Christian Convention

Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania

Theme: "Changed Lives"

President: David Johnson, Colonial Point Christian Church

Contact information: Eastern Christian Convention
410-836-6102
info@easterncc.com / www.easterncc.com

NOVEMBER 17-20

National Missionary Convention

Atlanta, Georgia

Theme: "commissioned: making disciples of ALL nations"

President: Wing Wong

Contact information: David Empson
317-539-4231 / david@nmc-windows.org

2012

AUGUST 1-5

Global Gathering of the World Convention

Goiania, Brazil

Contact information: Gary Holloway
615-298-1824 / www.worldconvention.org

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North Korea

A Tiny Opening

Submitted by: Patricia Kim



***H**E taught us to love our enemies!
North Korea is not our enemy!
We love them because HE loves them;
and we help them because it is the
most humanitarian way to enter
their hearts with HIS love!*

Learning about the country's past . . .
helps us to see their future!

DID YOU KNOW . . . The Reality?

Over 200 years ago, THERE WAS A GREAT REVIVAL that took place in North Korea. Churches, and Seminaries were opened and the Gospel was being proclaimed. A great stirring of God's Presence was in that land before the war, before the separation from North and South. . . . God had blessed the nation. (["Pyongyang Great Revival \(1907-1910\) - Korea"](#))

Then, the takeover by a Stalin type regime ... Kim, Il Sung was the First Leader / Dictator. All the Churches were either destroyed or turned into Government buildings. Many Christians were arrested and either shot or put into concentration camps--believers went into hiding. There would never

be buildings with Crosses on them. The "Religion" now in the North is "Juche" which means "self-reliance," translated to mean: "you take care of yourself".

The Bible is forbidden and those who had a Bible -- or portions of one -- would have to hide it either in their home or in the yard, where other members of the family that were not Christians would be able to find them. The story goes: Little Children were quizzed by their teachers, "have any of you seen this book in your home?" The teacher continues . . . "IF you have one in your home, please bring it to class tomorrow, and you will be rewarded with a prize." The Children, wanting a prize, and perhaps having seen a member of the household reading from this "black book," excitedly said to the teacher, "I have, teacher; I have seen that book." The next day, the parents just disappeared, and the children became the ward of the State. The parents no doubt dead for having "HIS BOOK" in their home.

There are so many horror stories, unbelievable persecution and punishment for doing anything against the

State of North Korea. A must read:
*"The Eyes of the Tailless Animals" by:
Lee, Sun Ook".*

"The Gospel in a Word is ... 'LOVE'"

How can you witness, how can you share the gospel in a land where you cannot open the BIBLE to a North Korean citizen? IF you do so and are reported, that person will either be sent to the Concentration Camp or shot for "listening" to the Word of GOD, or by chance having a Bible or portions of one in his/her possession. How do we witness? The only means is by a smile, a touch, a silent prayer, or prayers at breakfast in the hotel with eyes open. "Walking the Land" and praying that one day the country of North Korea will be free. Showing kindness; helping the sick with medicines; and bringing in

tons and tons of rice, corn, and warm socks, gloves, blankets for the bitter cold, windy winters where the temperatures drop to a miserable 30 below zero. Through us and all the Christian visitors we are allowed to take inside and view our "work," the "Light of God's Holy Spirit" goes within us and shines in a country where NO belief of GOD is allowed. Here is a country of total darkness. The people are brain washed into believing that their hermit country of the North is the greatest of all countries. *There are 25 million people in North Korea, and it is for those people that we work night and day! For those that we are allowed to work with, and areas we are allowed to travel, we feel privileged and honored to serve our Father in this way! The worse place to live in the world; yet, we "count it all joy!"*



City overview in North Korea

NORTH KOREA / PRESENT EFFORTS

For the past 11 years, your missionaries -- C. Y. and Patricia Kim -- have received the call to go into the communist country of North Korea. *As far as we know, we are the ONLY "Foreign Workers" with the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ in the land of this immensely difficult country with residence visas (enabling us to live and work inside).* HIS CALL was clear, and we knew beyond doubt, that HE was in it; and so we ventured to North Korea with great determination and zeal to do all we could to establish the ground work for others to follow and reap what we had sown.

Here we are working within a "tiny opening" in the country of North Korea. Here we are sowing seeds and hoping that many years later (or by GOD's grace, tomorrow), we can see the seeds spring forth to provide fruit for HIS

Kingdom . . . through our labors. 25 million souls live in the country of North Korea and it is for them that we have taken the challenge and entered one of the most dangerous areas to spread the Good News.

Since we are not allowed to share the WORD; we use the following humanitarian works to make contact with the people on a personal basis; showing them how much we care . . . bringing relief to their suffering, their hunger, and helping with their daily needs! These people are not our enemies. Through Him we want to show HIS love, His Compassion, His Tears for their difficult, unbearable situation.

Within the last 11 years we were able to build and operate through the help of those who have supported and upheld us through prayer! We absolutely cannot do it without YOU and most definitely without HIS ABIDING, PROTECTING, WISDOM!



The Morning Star Children's and Home for Youth:

God teaches us to take care of orphans. HE made the way and we now have built an Orphanage that houses up to 100 children from the ages of infants

– seventeen years old. Here, children have been taken off the streets from begging, and we have made a home for them. For the first time they can eat three meals a day. They can take baths and have clean clothes to wear. Nourish-



North Korean orphans



Mama Kim with North Korean orphans



Dr. C.Y. Kim at the Morning Star Orphanage during lunch time

ing foods are served and warm beds are slept in! These orphans are allowed to attend public school (something out of the norm). We are making a difference; many of the children have contracted Tuberculosis. We take medicines in on a regular basis; and due to the severity, some of the children have died.

We also have a Youth Home where there are 64 rooms to receive orphans over the age of 17 years old.



Morning Star Home for Youth

Sonbong Bread Factory and Song Bong Milk Factory

We have been able to feed 4,000 children from Day Care to Middle School children every school day within a radius of 35 kilometers, giving fresh made soy bean sweet bread in the Name of



North Korea staff making sweet rolls



***Soymilk being delivered
to North Korean school children***

the Father! Cooperating with an already established Milk Factory, *CRAM WORLD-WIDE* is helping in producing 10,000 cups of Soy Milk among the Day Cares – Middle Schools with a cup of milk daily within a radius of 50 kilometers.

Canaan Clinic, Pi Pa Clinic, Yoo Hyun Dong Clinic's –

We are outfitting these clinics with everything they would need to carry out medical procedures, right down to



***Dr. Peter Kim (son of Dr. C.Y. and
Patricia Kim) performing heart
surgery in North Korea***



***North Korean and foreign
dentists working together***

every needle, suture. And every building material has been brought in from CHINA. North Korean Doctors of OB/GYN, Family Practice, Dentists, Minor Surgery and Internal Medicine assist in



Canaan Medical Clinic



Pi Pa Medical Clinic



***Yong Hyun Dong Medical Facility
and doctor housing***

the care of the patients. We are providing a bag of rice for each employee and side dishes every month.

We are privileged to enter North Korea with healing through medicines and foreign doctor's visits, showing care to the three different communities of 7,700 residents. Without our presence and the financial help to keep these

clinics that we have built sustained, the population in these rural areas would not have their medical needs met.

Canaan Kindergarten and Day Care Center -

Both the *Kindergarten and Day Care Centers* have been built to show the rural areas that our hearts are for the children. There are *fifty children in each facility* for whom we provide not only schooling, but also nourishing lunches



***Canaan Kindergarten children
eating lunch***



Canaan Kindergarten children



*Canaan Daycare performs during
Children's Day in North Korea*



Children's Day in North Korea



Canaan Kindergarten



Mama Kim with Canaan Daycare children

as well as bread daily, vitamins, and clothing twice a year, including shoes and rain gear since the children have to walk to school. We have been observed with great respect in the little community as people who care! Also, it provides a way that the mothers can work, as we care for their children.

Good News Farm –

*The Farm is a self-supporting program which helps **many farmers** with raising 100 beef cows used for plowing hundreds of acres for seeding. We also give two cows to the Orphanage each year for consumption. We are showing HIS love by clothing, feeding and providing for the farmers some of their daily needs.*

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So, why are we there again? . . .

To be a “light” in a dark, dark country, both spiritually and materially. We

take in flash-lights that don’t require batteries -- all you need to do is shake them. We also take in cranked



lamps that produce “light.” Literally thousands of these lights have gone in to North Korea to provide the necessary lighting for the paths the people travel either by walking or riding bikes. There are no street lights -- the city gets a low grade of lighting while the rural areas suffer . . . they nearly have none. ***The Light of Jesus Christ is the answer!***

One day . . . as we continually pray for Revival to come again through the tireless efforts of many who are laboring in that country as frontier workers . . . may HIS love for the North Korean People prevail, and the “Good News” once again be preached.



North Korea Farm

From our Supporters

Every month, along with gifts from our supporters, come many handwritten notes of encouragement. We would like to pass along a few of those to help encourage our readers as well. These prayers and words of thanks are appreciated.

Dear Mission Services Team: You are rendering a great service in the Kingdom. God bless. --C.W. Callaway, Vallejo, CA

Contratulations to Mission Services on achieving 65 years of Ministry. May God continue to bless this great service. In His love,
-- Bob & Martha Forbes
Johnson City, TN

Wish this could be much more, but as retired missionaries in our 80's, our finances are hurting! But still wanted to help what we could!
-- Harold & Irene Gibbs, Round Rock, TX

Thanks for your great work! When I finish reading HORIZONS each month, I share my copy with other Team Expansion staff. -- Bob Gibson, Louisville, KY

Dear Christian Friends, We hear from various quarters that the economy has affected financial support in many ways. We hope you are not among those who are being slighted.

We feel what you are doing is vital to the growth of the kingdom. We shall continue our giving as well as keep you in our prayers.

--Paul & Alice Wiener, Mason, OH

--- Gifts ---

in Memory of:

**Jack Elliott
Gary Elliott**

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R.S. & Margaret Elliott, Denver, CO

in Honor of:

Zelma Woodard

in honor of her 90th birthday

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Lola Mitchell, New Lenox, IL

in Memory of:

Carol (McFarland) Kelley
mother

Harrold McFarland
grandfather

Given by:
Christine Vijil, Sullivan, IN

in Honor of:

Charles Kelley
father

Adele McFarland
grandmother

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Prayer Needs & Praises

Around the World

- Gospel Broadcasting Mission (Wisconsin) requests prayer as they continue to enhance technology in order to preach the gospel in a variety of languages worldwide.
- Pray for Regina & Sasha (Ukraine) as changes occur in their Upward Sports Ministry. Pray that God would continue to help them reach the youth for Christ.
- Charlie Budd (Ghana) requests prayer that, while on home assignment, he plans to make multiple trips to Haiti this year to help in ministry and outreach.
- Scott & Annelle Price (CMF-Tanzania) request prayer that the registration of Community Christian Church currently sits on the desk of the President awaiting his approval.
- Robert Sheffler (Ivory Coast) asks us to continue to pray for political peace in that country.
- Bill & Karleen Crandall (Ecuador) request our prayers for the stability of the Ecuadorian government and God's guidance as new laws are being formed concerning religious activity.
- Ask God to raise up young professionals with a heart for reaching the Arab & Muslim world.

Australia

- Delroy & Marilyn Brown (Toowoomba) request prayer regarding recent floods in their area. News reports show the critical situation and many homes and lives are affected.
- Darryl & Carol Krause request prayer for the flooding situation in Australia as well. They served over 32 years in Queensland and are deeply concerned about the people in that area. They also have 3 sons and 7 grandchildren still living there.

Celebrations

- Praise and rejoice with Mission Services as 2011 marks 65 years serving missions, ministries, and churches worldwide.
- Congratulations to Jim & Caranita Wolsieffer who will celebrate 40 years in Italy in 2011.
- Give praises that Madonna Burget Spratt recently completed 50 years as a missionary.
- Congratulations to Bana & Marguerite Uriah (India) as 2011 marks their 40th year serving the Lord together.
- Join in giving prayers of praise as the Polish churches celebrate the 90th anniversary of the Fellowship of Christian Churches in that country.

Nepal

- Pray for the safety and effective ministry of evangelists working in extreme remote areas..
- Pray for God's intervention to establish permanent peace in an uncertain political situation.

Pioneer Bible Translators

- Shannon Haynie (Ukraine) requests prayer for the progress of Bible translation in the Crimean Tatar language.
- Pray specifically now as work is being done on 1st & 2nd Peter, Jude, and Philemon.
- Diane Miller (Papua New Guinea) requests prayer for Lori Witham, fellow missionary, recovering from a stroke she suffered while in the U.S. on a short vacation.
- Pray for continued success as PBT recruits new workers to complete the task of providing God's Word for the Bibleless people of the world.

Praises

- Ajai & Indu Lall (India) are rejoicing that the legal situation regarding the recent suicide of one of the hospital workers has been resolved in the high court.
- Good News Productions International reports the following 4 praises:
 - More than 5,000 Truth Seekers have been baptized in India over the past two years.
 - Christian music is being played in Buddhist temples and many are coming to Christ in neighboring villages.
 - The Eldort, Kenya NOMAD\ Team started several new churches among the Pokot people.
 - Fifteen requests for potential NOMAD Teams have come in, far exceeding their expectation.

Team Expansion

- Pray for M.B. in a sensitive field as he develops a relationship with a local imam and studies language with him.
- Please join the "R" family in praying for the people of The Hills. Pray that spiritual strongholds will be eliminated.
- Marcus Van Dorn (Italy) is overflowing with praise and thankfulness for a wonderful team that has become a surrogate family to him.
- The Klines in Japan spent weeks in preparation for recent outreaches. Pray that much fruit will come from seeds planted.
- Join Rodney & Linda Peterson (International Services) in asking God to raise up a team to work among the Huichol people of San Miguel, Mexico.
- Join Jorge & Sara Navarrete in praying for ministry leaders to deepen their commitment with the Lord.
- Please pray for S.S. in a sensitive field to be healthy. Pray that she and her teammates will remain strong and able to serve.

Medical

- Don & Debbie Anderson (former FA for Rio Bravo Christian Ministries) ask prayer for Debbie as she undergoes cancer treatments.
- McKinley Indian Mission (Toppenish, WA) requests prayer as they attempt to combat suicide, which has reached epidemic proportions on the Yakama Indian Reservation.
- Be in prayer for the family of veteran missionary Helen Morse who passed away in Thailand on December 29, 2010.
- Urgently pray for the country of Haiti as the cholera situation continues to worsen. Many thousands have died.

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Reports from the Field

KENYA: Maasai clinic receives half-million dollar grant

CMF International's Maasai Health Services clinics recently received a grant of \$516,000 from the Presidents' Emergency Fund through the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) to provide HIV/AIDS services in the Maasai area of Kenya.

CMF began working with the Maasai in Kenya in 1977 and established a medical dispensary within a few years, so medical work has been a part of CMF's ministry there for 30

years. There are now 8 clinics and dispensaries in the Maasai areas of the country. In 2009 these clinics saw 71,000 patients, not including a large number of children who received immunizations and women who received follow-up pregnancy visits. In 2007, one of the clinics won a first-place award from the Kenyan government for its Voluntary Counseling and Testing program.

Retired CMF missionary Dr. Glynn Wells was

the primary physician in the early years of the Maasai clinics. Dr. Suzie Snyder, who still serves as a member of the board for Maasai Health Services, succeeded him. Since Dr. Snyder's return to the U.S. to serve as CMF's Director of Member Care and Affiliation, the clinics have been run completely by Kenyans. Many of these leaders were students from the Maasai churches who were encouraged in their educational and career

pursuits by CMF missionaries.

The funds will be dispersed to the clinics through September 2011. They will be used for HIV/AIDS education, prevention, medication, staff training and assistance to get to rural villages where there are no clinics.



LIBERIA: Victorious Safari for Souls Campaign

WHITE FIELDS Evangelists: Tom Mullenix, Blythe Robinson, Barbara Barger, Reggie Thomas, Lydia Abbott, Adolphe Solonique, Cody McDaniel, Jeff Badgero, Barry Kermeen, Lou & Patsy Hall, Mark & Janet Laymen, and Kouame Sylvestre have all returned home safely and filled with praises to God. This 15 member White Fields team of evangelists traveled to the war-torn nation of Liberia and preached "open air" campaigns throughout the capital city of Monrovia. God used this team and accomplished a mighty work that has glorified His name!!!!!! The campaign has concluded with 930 precious souls who have accepted Jesus and obeyed Him in baptism. All praise to God.

Our team was composed of members from the Ivory Coast, Haiti, Liberia and America. We

were an International Team. Our brothers and sisters in Liberia now have the task before them of Matt. 28:20: "teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Please continue in prayer

that all converts will remain faithful to Jesus and that the Christians will teach the new converts about living for Jesus.





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