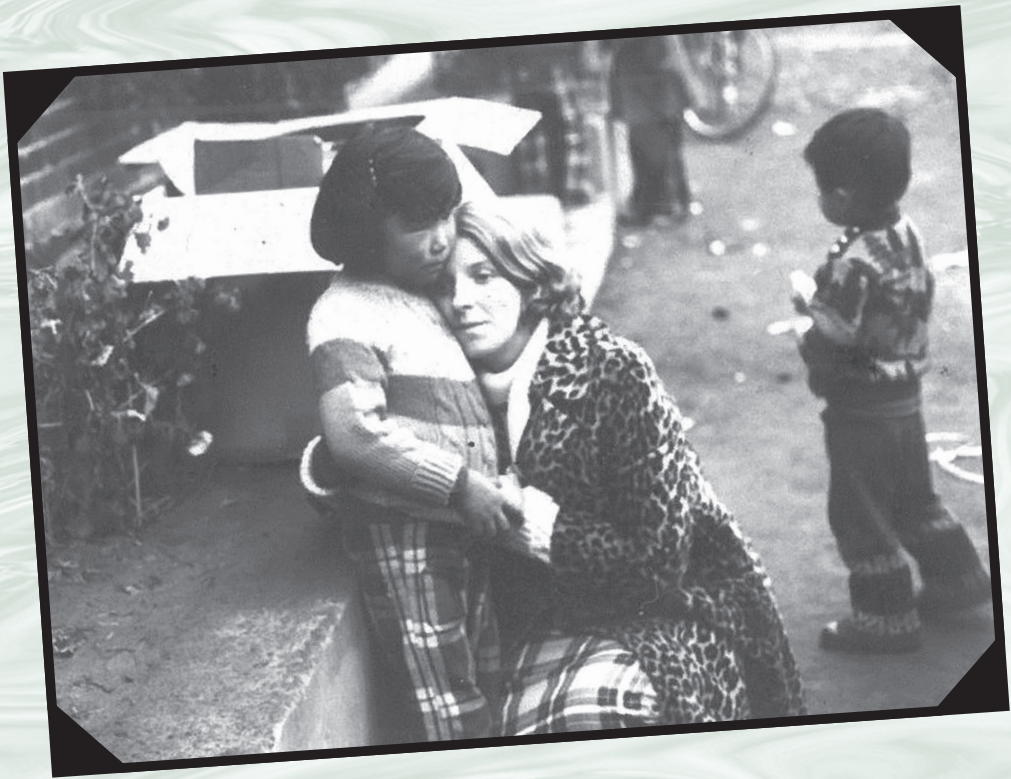


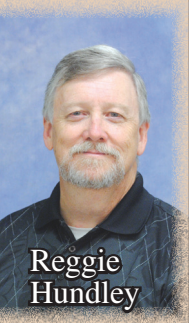
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“The More Things Change . . . The More They Stay the Same”

Having heard this pithy proverb countless times, I wondered to whom it should be properly attributed. After a LONG five minutes of research on the Internet, it seems that it was coined by Jean Baptiste Alphonse Kerr sometime prior to 1855. Having recently concluded my seventeenth year as Executive Director of Mission Services, I can verify that things have changed dramatically over that period!

Few were using the Internet in 1996; those who did commonly gained access through the giants of AOL or CompuServe using something called a 28K Baud dial up modem. Now we receive more junk email than we ever thought possible in the mail box at the end of the drive. Advances come so quickly, the term “cutting edge” is more often used in the name of a landscaping company than in reference to technology. Pagers were popular in 1997. Mention one today and the response would be a polite but quizzical look! Things have changed a lot, and the rate of change is accelerating.

However, Kerr was correct that some things, perhaps the most important things, remain the same in the midst of the whirling dervish of advancement. Allow me to mention just a few for our thoughts and prayers as we close 2013.

1. We still need missionaries! As much as technology allows us to share the message around the world instantly and repeatedly, the gospel message of God’s love is best communicated through the lives of individuals. No one envisioned Skype, You Tube, or the missions network years ago, but technology is no replacement for the testimony through word and deed. Pray for more missionaries.

2. We need missionaries to go to unreached people groups. While Paul never used the specific term, he wrote this in Romans 15:20, “My ambition has always been to preach the Good News where the name of Christ has never been heard.” Pray daily for the unreached.

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3. We need more people to translate the Bible. It is true that some who have no Scripture in their native tongue may have a Bible available in a "trade language" of their region. However, it is so much more convincing and convicting when someone realizes, "God speaks my language." Pray for the work of Scripture translation.

4. We need missionaries in areas that were once considered Christian. Not many years ago, people spoke of the dangers of "post-modernism." Friends, the greater danger is that billions live in areas that are "Post-Christian." We must engage the people of nations where the church exists but is considered irrelevant or worse. God has not cast these people aside; they are still among the cherished for whom Jesus died. Pray for missionaries to go to the post-Christian world.

5. We need a renewed focus in our churches on missions. I believe there is a grave danger lurking in the churches across the USA. We have growing numbers of teens expressing interest in world missions and we have great enthusiasm about missions at meetings like the ICOM, but it seems the emphasis on the world need is diminishing in some pulpits and congregations. This is certainly not universal, and I know of many who are more passionate than ever. Pray for a revitalized passion for the lost wherever they live.

That is just five! Amazingly, these could have been mentioned as much in 1963 as in 2013. Perhaps it IS true, "the more things change, the more they stay the same." Let us all pray for these priorities until Jesus comes. You think about that!

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NOVEMBER 14-16

Eastern Christian Conference

Hershey Convention Center, Hershey, Pennsylvania

Theme: Sent

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YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW

ONLY BY GOD'S GRACE

Patricia Kim, missionary

There are two days in every week that we should not worry about,
two days that should be kept free from fear and apprehension.
One is yesterday, with its mistakes and cares, its faults and blunders, its aches and pains.
Yesterday has passed, forever beyond our control.
All the money in the world cannot bring back yesterday.
We cannot undo a single act we performed.
Nor can we erase a single word we've said -- yesterday is gone!

The other day we shouldn't worry about is tomorrow,
with all its impossible adversaries, its burdens, its hopeful promises and poor performance.
Tomorrow is beyond our control.
Tomorrow's sun will rise either in splendor or behind a mask of clouds -- but it will rise.
And until it does, we have no stake in tomorrow, for it is yet unborn.

This leaves only one day -- today.
Any person can fight the battles of just one day.
It is only when we add the burdens of yesterday and tomorrow that we break down.
It is not the experience of today that drives people mad --
it is the remorse of bitterness for something which happened yesterday,
and the dread of what tomorrow may bring.
Let us, therefore, live one day at a time!
(Author Unknown)

The above story is true. BUT, our Yesterdays can bear on our Todays. Our Tomorrows will not be WITHOUT OUR TODAYS!!! We need to learn from the past in order to live better and more fruitful lives Today . . . for our Lord!

The title to this story and its contents could go in several directions. But, with prayerful consideration, C.Y. and I have decided to take you back to our beginning.

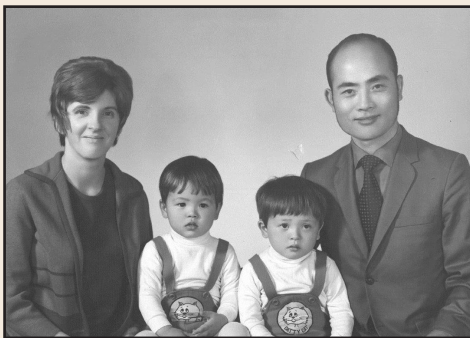
YESTERDAY . . . We met at Johnson Bible College (presently Johnson University.) My husband has often said to me, "It seems like yesterday, honey" (that we were married), and my words back to him were, "No, sweetheart, it seems like 46 years!!!" The manner in which my husband asked me to marry him those long years ago were these: "Will you go with me to my country (South Korea) and PREACH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST?" At that point in my life, my

greatest desire was to serve GOD in a most remarkable way. I was young and full of love for my Lord and I had secretly been praying every night in chapel, "... send me!" You see, I had been praying very diligently that God would send me away to share the "good news" to those who had never heard. My answer that day to Mr. Chan Yung Kim was: "Yes, I will go with you." (There is so much more to this story; but, for time's sake, this is all I will share!)

Our Yesterday's were all about training preachers, teachers, leaders, missionaries as C.Y. served as the President of Han Sung Bible College. For 27 years we diligently gave our all, making every effort to prepare young men and women in the field of ministry. We were a small part of South Korea's being a nation that sends out more missionaries than any other country in the world. I saw the tears in my husband's eyes every time a student, a missionary, or a pastor and their family would visit us. They still come. Visitors from South Korea come to China to show their love and



Frontier Missionaries, John and Jane Hill (who are now receiving their reward in Heaven for their faithful service to the King of Kings.



C.Y. and Patricia and two toddlers, Peter Yung and Phillip Yung. We went to the mission field when the boys were 1 month and 15 months old.

appreciation for those years of service we gave them. Most are pastors, teachers, or missionaries who were under his leadership at the Seminary. To see the fruits of his labors through ***God's Divine Hand***, bring us tears of joy. But C.Y.'s start did not happen on its own. ***It happened because one missionary husband and wife took him under their wing and nurtured him, taught him, and had faith enough to send him to America to be trained in Johnson Bible College.***



C.Y. and Patricia pictured with students at Korea Bible Seminary.

C.Y.'s intention from the very beginning of his journey to the United States was to return to his country following his studies and "preach the gospel of Jesus Christ." I have to say that desire has never diminished.

My Personal Yesterday . . . BY HIS LOVE!

Here I am writing a story about the past. The story of my individual missionary service was first and foremost to be the wife of C.Y. Kim and nurture our four "homemade" children and later our five adopted children. My service was to CHILDREN. My first question to the Lord when I landed in South Korea was this: "Father, I know my first responsibility is to my family . . . but, I know that I know . . . that YOU, Father God . . . have given me a ministry of my own!!! Show

me, Father. In Jesus' Name."

Soon after saying that prayer, God opened my eyes to the people around me who needed help. The time was 1970 and, for the next 27 years, I devoted myself to the cries of children. From that time on, I assisted three orphanages that needed funds in providing clothing, food, medicine, and



Patricia in the early years of "fitting in" the culture and worshipping with Korean sisters.

school supplies. Babies were left at our door step and in our car -- often with notes . . . "I know you can help my child." I began "helping!" Children needing surgeries were often not far from my eyes.

I worked as hard for "The Baby Home" with that same care, love, and diligence. It was a measles epidemic that first took me to the Baby Home. I walked into scabies-infested children. They were covered with measles from head to toe -- the epidemic so extreme that it took some



Holding onto an orphan child at my first visit to Eden Orphanage.

of the babies on to heaven. I called for the U.S. Army's Hospital Service to come and help me.

Many nights I found myself on my knees asking for mercy and strength to do all I could to help these babies through the power HE gave me. I am grateful to God to have been privileged to love, care, kiss, and send off a great number of these babies to adoptive parents in the United States.

My interests also took me into medical missions and to villages that were very poor. All of this work was never far from me sharing who Jesus was and inviting others to accept Him.



I found this newborn baby in my rose bush outside our mission house. (Our 2-year-old son, Peter, looks on.)

TODAY: By God's Grace . . . After 27 years of labor, hardships, and trials in South Korea, God said, "Go!" We asked, "Where?" "Go to China, North Korea, and Vietnam." This was in 1998 when we ended our ministries in South Korea to follow the Lord's command to go to all three Socialist countries. Living and working in communist countries has been a tremendous challenge to work, pray, and bear fruit! Freedoms were stripped from sharing the WORD outright. So, with God's help, we found ways to serve HIM and the people of North East Asia for the next 15 years -- and it is still on going! We have residences in both China and North Korea. In China we built a School for Disabled Children in which we minister to 120 children. We also have a Ranch for Hippo Therapy, a language school, a cow farm and a bread factory. Presently we are building a Home for Orphans/Ole Folks Home.

We are touching people's lives and loving them with Christ's Love in hope that they will be led to the "love of God" through us and these projects! We are training evangelists to be leaders, training young people to be strong in their faith, and sharing the gospel with HIS wisdom as God leads.



The Special School in Hunchun City, China

NORTH KOREA . . . A Miracle of God

Only God knew what HE was doing. Here He was taking a tried-and-tested, ready-to-start-again servant couple to a land that no one really wanted to go and work. Besides, how would it be possible? ***But, when Father GOD asks you . . . never fear . . . the way will be opened.*** Truly it was a miracle that we walked through and over the bridge from China into North Korea. We built from the ground up a ministry that is still on-going. In North Korea we have three medical clinics, an orphanage (where they said, "There are no orphans."), a youth home, a cow farm, a bread factory, a co-op with a soy milk factory, two kindergartens, and two day care centers. ***We said over and over, "Wow, God, Wow!" as we watched what happens when you have faith in HIS direction and obey! It isn't us, folks . . . it is God!***

"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear.

What can man do to me?" Psalm 118:6

Picture me, if you will . . . going across that bridge into North Korea, the first American woman to be given a residence card in the city of Rajin. "You have now become a citizen of Rajin." Tears were streaming down my face as I held that little booklet in my hand. I had been accepted! I worked hard for three years to show these people that I loved them with HIS love. When rudely asked why I was there, over and over I would confess:

"I am here to help you;

I am here to love you!"

Because of the call to North Korea, we became the first Christian Church / Church of Christ **Frontier Workers** in that country. We still work and hope for the future for that land. Having residence, C.Y. and I can freely travel back and forth and do the work that God started through us!

With this opportunity to serve, we are able to feed 400 people with three meals a day. We are providing their daily necessities with love.



The Youth Home in Rajin City, North Korea

TOMORROW: Hope . . .

One of our last attempts to reach out to others is with the lepers of Cambodia and Laos. We are in the process of building a colony for lepers that would have a church, school, medical clinic, and a farm on thirty acres of land that has been given to us.

The door to Cambodia for the Gospel is presently wide open. Please come and help us. Let us not wait until those doors are closed by communism.

The work we have started is in the hands of younger adults whom we have either trained or are training. We are in a transitional mode at the present time. We have always intended for ANY work that we have started to leave a legacy for the younger generation to follow and build upon -- even greater than what we have done.



Some of those who have leprosy



Missionaries Patricia and C.Y. Kim

"Brothers (and sisters), I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

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Prayer Needs & Praises

Africa

- Please pray for Kathy McCarty as she reports the following:
On November 21st a fire broke out in the kitchen of Chidamoyo Hospital. The cause is still unknown whether a lightning strike or an electrical fault. Most of the kitchen was destroyed as well as a laundry and drug store room. Many agencies, churches, and individuals have already come to their assistance. Pray that the hospital will once again be fully functioning soon.

Asia

- Be in prayer for David & Deloris Filbeck (Thailand) who recently retired from 54 years of service in Southeast Asia.
- Billton Sohkhet (India) gives praise for the following:
 - A new waterwell in a village where people had become ill from drinking contaminated water.
 - The Christian school receiving a state science award and the students who will travel to Delhi to present their exhibit.
 - Recent responses of many people coming to know the Lord through baptism.

Europe

- Please pray for Dick & Sarah Robison, missionaries for the last 32 years in Portugal, who retired recently. They have now returned to the US after 50 of missionary service.
- Please pray for Shannon Haynie (Ukraine) and for the final editing and audio recording of the Crimean Tatar Bible.
- Give praise that Shannon and a national friend who were recently in a car accident were not injured.

Middle East

- Pray for Harvey & Nancy Bacus (Jordan) as they returned to Amman on December 12th to resume work with BOOKS & MORE library.

Medical

- Please pray for a quick recovery for Carolyn Bump (Mexico) following shoulder surgery on November 4th.
- Give praise for Barbara Stringer (Colombia) recovering well following total right knee replacement surgery.
- Pray for the family of David Sanders (Brazil) who passed away December 2nd in Brazil from cancer.
- Pray for the family of Deepak Dhingra (India) who passed away December 1st in India of a very aggressive, unidentified lung infection.
- Pray for the Doug Lucas family (Team Expansion) following the death of his mother, Sally, in late October.
- Be in prayer for Marcia Kay Thomson, 50-year veteran missionary to Zimbabwe, who is battling cancer. Pray for strength as she goes through treatments.
- Please pray for a quick recovery for Saleem Massey (Pakistan) who recently suffered a heart attack and is recovering from triple by-pass surgery.

Team Expansion

- Join B & L (Southeast Asia) in praying that hearts will remain compassionate toward those who do not know Him.
- Ask that A & B might be able to touch base with those working in TD radio work in Southeast Asia.
- Join K & R in Southeast Asia as they lift up Beau, a believer who was injured in a motorscooter accident.
- Pray that MS in Southeast Asia will be sensitive to God's leading about her future.
- Spencer & Patricia Garner (Mongolia) request prayer for the Sunday School and for Magda as she works to get it off the ground.
- Join Mike & Jean Propp (Philippines) in praising God for no loss of life among the Kingdom Adventure staff following a 7.2 earthquake and devastating typhoon.
- Join Chris & Samantha Sanford in praying for church planting efforts in southern Taiwan.

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