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for His glory . for His purpose . for His people



introducing...

KCCE MISSIONS MINISTRY FORWARD

My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. -Isaiah 51:5

vision statement

The vision for KCCE missions ministry 2005-06 is to begin building a long-term ministry that the church can continue to build upon and shape even after all of us graduate - a ministry in which having a heart for missions and actively participating in God's work of missions is the norm. The joyful work of missions is not for the extraordinary Christian, but it is for everyone everyday and should be an essential part of these four areas: (1) prayer life (2) awareness & education (3) finances and (4) time & vacation breaks.

This newsletter will help us to keep the magnificent call to missions in a number of ways. It will increase our prayer life by reminding us of the prayer needs in the country we will be focusing on this year, India. Starting with the next issue, we will include prayer updates from Gospel for Asia (GFA) and will also email out more urgent prayer requests as they come. It will increase our awareness of the world mission field by including testimonies and stories from short-term missions and also updates about different countries/people groups around the world. These testimonies will hopefully churn in us an unrest and longing to see God working overseas - rather than just read about it - and heed the magnificent call of missions. In order to daily mobilize ourselves into daily praying for the nations and to mobilize others who have not yet realized that they too are called to missions, we must constantly educate about people groups, the spiritual and physical needs of countries, and keep these on our minds that God might in turn place them in our hearts and convict us to pray fervently and desperately for His salvation to spring up from all grounds in all lands.

The newsletter will also keep the church up-to-date on fund-raising efforts so that it will be clear how we are using missions ministry finances and be held accountable to the church. Especially in the area of finances, we wish to be a people of integrity and honesty. Finally, the newsletter will give information about short-term missions trips over the winter, spring, and summer breaks so that there will be ample opportunity for some to go, for some to send, for some to mobilize, and in doing so, for all be involved in God's work of missions.

We hope and pray that as you read this newsletter, you will tremendously, extraordinarily blessed and moved by the Spirit of God. We hope and pray that you will be astonished and amazed, awed and speechless at who God is and love Him ever-increasingly each day. We hope that you will join our heart-cries in longing for more of God, more of God, more of God. And after you read this newsletter, we hope that you will join with us in giving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ a clap offering of thanksgiving and sheer delight. May your eyes, your minds, your hearts, and your souls feast on and be satisfyingly fed on the testimonies of God's work in the nations. Praise be to God!

-with Overflowing Love in Christ, KCCE Missions Ministry 2005-06

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After this I looked and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." -Revelation 7:9-17



cu straight ahead

“The way we live now will echo throughout eternity; our lifestyle now will shape the way eternity is shaped.” -Miriam Kim

NOTES ON...

Miriam Kim, Westminster Theological Seminary

Our World: there are a little over 6 billion people in the world: 10% evangelical Christians, 25% Christians, 65% unbelievers

-40% are within reach of the church, 25% have no chance

Where do we fit into this?

-Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-24)

-“All nations” (Ta ethne) = ethnic; Many pockets of ethnicities within a nation

-10 and 40 degree latitude from equator; majority of 65% of unbelievers live in this area; only 5% of missionaries are in the 10/40 window

Where is Missions in the Bible?

-Promise in Genesis 12:3; promise fulfilled in Revelation 5:9—cover to cover

-32,000 verses that refer to missions

The Goal

-To reach every people group - 10,000 unreached people groups

-Matthew 28:18-20: we are to baptize and teach, start or plant a church

Is this possible?

-For every people group, there are 600 evangelical churches; if 5 people from every church got together and became long term workers, we could reach the 65% within a decade

-The harvest is plenty but the workers are few

-Are we being obedient to our calling?

Victory!!

-He will be faithful in bringing glory to Himself

-He will be with us to the very end

-155,000 saved every day; 54,000 Africa, 46,000 Latin America, 43,000 Asia, 12,000 North America; Over 1000 church plants every week

Are you ready?

-Easy to emerge ourselves and be comfortable—but there is need everywhere

-The goal of missions is not overseas missions but CHRIST

-We must say, “Lord, where is it that You’re leading me?”

-Short term exists because we are asking Him, “is this where You want me to go, God?”; through short term missions, the seed starts growing

-Keep your options open; don’t be so set on “this is how I’m going to live my life”—be open, don’t have a set agenda

-Our home is heaven

James Dougherty, Overseas Missionary Fellowship

5 Reasons Why You Should Go On a Mission Trip:

1. It’s God’s will; we go and do the things He asks us to, being obedient
2. It changes you; we learn so much
3. The long-term missionaries need our help; we can make a difference
4. We contribute to something eternal
5. God is worth it; His salvation plan for the world is worth my life

5 Reasons Why You Should NOT Go On a Mission Trip

1. International students - an incredible way to get to know them; that is missions here
2. Prayer - who’s going to be around and pray? “Prayer is the greater work”
3. Stay to learn; figure out what He’s doing in the world
4. What would it look like to not go yourself but send someone else? -For example, a chemical engineer and a public school teacher got married and decided to live off of only one of their incomes. They lived off the public school teacher’s income and gave the chemical engineer’s income to supporting others.
5. Mobilization - who’s going to get others fired up?

“Missions is really simple. It’s a job that He’s given us to do. We must do everything we can to either go or send or pray or mobilize.”

-James Dougherty, OMF



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“The goal of missions is not overseas missions but CHRIST. How am I going to give Him glory through my life? How am I not going to have my own agenda and ask God to squeeze into it? [...] We must find out how to carry our cross every single day. God doesn't want us to just give Him our summer, He wants us to get up every morning and say, 'Lord, I'm going to take up my cross today.'” -Miriam Kim

NOTES ON CU STRAIGHT AHEAD CONTINUED

Jeff Chang and Ben, Volunteer Summer English Teachers

Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan, Afghanistan)

-Not much attention from the West; part of the former Soviet Union rule; haven't been opened up until 1991

Kyrgyzstan

-Facts

--Poorest and smallest of the Central Asian Republics

---Capital: Bishkek

---Population of 4.7 million

--Culturally Muslim country; in reality very few people identify to Islam as their own religion

--An estimated 90% of the population live in poverty

---Average income per person per year is \$360, which is 1% of the average US citizen

-Religion

--Muslim 78%, nonreligious 13%, Christian 7%

--In 1990, there were only 20 believers and now there are at least 3,200

Kazakhstan

-Facts

--North of Kyrgyzstan

--9th biggest country in the world

---Half the size of USA

---Capital: Astana

---Population of 16.8 million

--Average income per person is \$1,350, which is 4.3% of the average US citizen

--Polluted with salt and toxic waste

---Used by the Soviet as a land to grow wheat

---Nuclear fallout affected over 40 million people (one of the biggest testing areas for the former Soviet Union, even to this day they are being affected by nuclear waste)

---Call themselves Muslim but don't strictly follow Islam; gets mixed up with their religion

-Religion

--Muslim 60.5%, Christian 25%

--10 years ago, there were hardly any Christians in Kazakhstan—now there are more than 6,000; it is the hub for Christian activities in Central Asia

Challenges of Going

-Barriers to accepting Christ

--Threat to their ethnic “Muslim” identity; they love to hear the Gospel, because it is so freeing for them; but when they want to accept Christ, the statement they make to their family, country, and people, is that they are turning away from their ethnicity and people—they feel like they are betraying their country when they accept Christ; identity as Muslim is hard to be reconciled to Christianity

--Family pressure; threat to identity

--Islam is close enough to Christianity; why risk loss of family if my beliefs are close enough?

---View Christianity as the religion of the Russian oppressors

-Needs

--Church planting in schools/universities, large cities, towns and population centers where there are no churches currently

--Begin ministry to reach many unreached people groups: Tatar, Uighur, Azerbaijani, Dungan, Kurd, Gypsy, Chechen, and Turkish people groups

-Praise the LORD!

--66 new churches and 315 new outreach groups were started for the past 3 years; many are started from short term teams

--Increasing # of missionaries into the countries, increasing printing of New Testaments in respective local languages

Other parts of CU Straight Ahead included times of praise and prayer, a presentation from Mission Team Venezuela that included a mime and Spanish praise songs, video presentations about VSET, North Korea, and inner city Philadelphia. Information about summer mission trips were available - if you want more information, please contact KCCE missions ministry. There was a bookmark/card fundraiser for the urban poor students of the Philippines - if you would like to contribute, please contact Ji Yun Lee or Lois Nam. If you would like more extensive notes from CU Straight Ahead, please contact KCCE missions ministry. Thank you for attending and we pray that you were blessed and encouraged to continue seeking God's heart for His glory! Please prayerfully consider summer missions for 2006!

“John 4:35 says, “Do you not say, ‘Four months more and then the harvest?’ I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.” Just open your eyes and look; God is already doing His work!” - Ben

“ John 12:24 says, “I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.” If we are willing to sacrifice our lifetime, imagine how many people could hear the Gospel! We must die to ourselves and be a part of God's plan. If we don't and just live for ourselves, we will just be one seed. But if we die to ourselves, there will be many seeds. ”

Jeff Chang and Ben, Navigators California VSET (Volunteer Summer English Teachers)

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MISSION TEAM VENEZUELA

“Also pray that we would not judge how “well” we did on the mission field by how many people we bring to Christ, but that we would rejoice in each and every life that has been changed, no matter how big or small the number.” -MTV 2006

LETTER TO KCCE

KCCE will be sending a short-term mission team of fourteen members to Venezuela over spring break. From the beginning, we saw that it was not us, but God who brought this team together and prepared each of our hearts to be used on the mission field. Individually, we would have been so inadequate in every way to serve God in Venezuela. How could we change lives with our own abilities? God showed us that this was impossible. Only He can change lives and save souls, and we are merely the tools that he chooses to use. With this humbling realization, we devoted a semester full of prayer meetings and training sessions.

We are flying down to Maracaibo, Venezuela on March 17th and will be returning on March 25th. This missions trip is heavily ministry-based. We will visit villages around Maracaibo and evangelize to the locals through songs, mimes, VBS, and the four spiritual laws. A typical day might begin with preparing our hearts for the day ahead. In the morning we will have devotional time and prayer. Then, we will head out to a neighboring village or town singing Spanish praise songs to draw attention. We will use our mimes and the four spiritual laws to share the gospel with the Venezuelans. We are also planning to have VBS for the children of Venezuela. Of course, this is just the plan we have in our heads. Who knows how God might choose to use us once we are there!

Pastor John gave us this advice: “Expect great things from God; attempt great things for God.” Our team does not expect to single-handedly lead masses to Christ through our actions alone. We expect that God will work miraculously in the lives of the Venezuelans, in one way or another. Our team, with a broken and humble attitude, may be one way God chooses to work in Venezuela! We have great expectations that God will move powerfully in Maracaibo, so we will depend completely on Him and not on our own strength.

Please keep us in your prayers as the day of our departure approaches. Pray for the people of Venezuela, that God would soften their hearts and allow the Message to work in their lives. Pray for the health of our team, for our unity, and for our safety. Also pray that we would not judge how “well” we did on the mission field by how many people we bring to Christ, but that we would rejoice in each and every life that has been changed, no matter how big or small the number.

In Him,
Missions Team Venezuela '06



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-Spring Break MTV 2006



INNER CITY MISSIONS 2006

Please pray for humility and against my tendency to try and be the "hero". I want God to be the hero who rescues us by showing more of Himself to us through this trip. Please pray for selflessness and God-centeredness!



Eugene Kwon



Jiyun Lee

Pray that God would make the people's hearts fertile & that even if just a little seed is planted, that we could just be joyful & trust in God to grow it.

-for Him to be the only thing i see
-complete dependence on Him.



Joy Lee

Who?
Us. Them.
You. God.

What?

VBS, homeless outreach, Bethany Medical Bus, mercy ministries (food, Bibles, socks)

When?

March 18-25

Where?

Kensington,
Philadelphia.

Why?

Matthew 25:34-40

Matthew 28:18-20

Hebrews 12:2

Mark 8:34-35

1 John 3:10-12

Romans 10:14-15

Isaiah 55:8-13



Deborah Han

I wish that God would really open my eyes through this mission and my commitment would be whole-hearted throughout.

- humility in all things
- being ok with being "spent" for God and others
- for flexibility & openness
- against hard-heartedness
- to see them as Christ sees them



Biblia Kim



Thomas Rho

My prayer request is that God teaches me true surrender to His will and what it means to serve others in love.

My personal prayer request is that God can help me communicate to the people of Kensington and that I allow God to speak through me, in speech and in action.



Lauren Der

Pray
team unity as we fix our eyes on Christ
dependence and trust in the Lord
overflow of love, praise, joy, peace
safety and health
the people of Kensington
Inner City Missions and Pastor Vega
www.innercitymissions.org



Sanghee Suh

- To have a heart for the people of Kensington before I even get there
- To live according to Mark 8:35
-To let go of the idols I keep holding on to & instead keep a stubborn grasp on God.

I hope that I can be too exhausted and broken down so that I would not have any strength to stand on my own. I hope he makes me stumble and fall, knowing that God will be there to catch me.



Jung Hoon Son

Send
if you would like to support the team financially, please make checks payable to either jung hoon son or thomas rho and give them to one of the team members.

Sock and Bible donations are also welcome!



Sara Woo

-that I can be still and know that He is God
-that I can put all my hope and trust in Him
-that Christ would increase as I decrease
-against physical exhaustion during and after the trip

salvation belongs to our God

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KENSINGTON, PHILADELPHIA INNER CITY MISSIONS

“Then [Jesus] called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it.” -Mark 8:34-35

LETTER TO KCCE

“What about in the trash? Anything in there?” For a moment I didn’t know how to respond. Did he really just ask me that? “Um, yeah, sure, probably,” I blurted out, trying to hide the surprise in my voice. A minute later I found myself digging through a public trash can looking for a plastic bottle. I found one that looked pretty clean, rinsed it out and filled it with some lemonade, and handed it to the man lying on the bench a few yards away. “This is great!” the man exclaimed when I handed the newly-filled bottle to him. “Great! Thanks a lot, man.”

A homeless man just thanked me for giving him a bottle I found in the trash that I had filled with some bad lemonade. That dirty, used bottle of lemonade meant a lot to that man on the bench. And maybe while he and I were trying to find a bottle for him to use he felt like he had someone on his side, and just maybe that meant something to him, too.

In about a week, ten students from Cornell University will be driving a few hours south to live in the ghetto of Kensington, Philadelphia, for a week and meet the needs of the urban poor in the area. They won’t have much to give besides a box full of socks and Bibles, a few sandwiches and hotdogs, maybe a thermos of lemonade or two. But neither did the little boy who brought Jesus his two fish and five loaves. In Jesus’ hands, that meager lunch was used to show that the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom with no pain, fear, or tears, had arrived. And in Jesus’ hands, that dirty bottle, those socks and Bibles, our hands, feet, and words – in Jesus’ mighty, sovereign, loving hands, these things can save the souls of the people of this world by pointing them to the God Who Cares, the King who loved His people to death.

That is our prayer for Philly Missions Spring Break ’06, that God would use us, our paltry two fish and five loaves, to reveal Himself to Kensington. And as we see our God at work saving the lives of the people around us, that we, too, would be recaptured by the goodness and glory of our God. Join with us in praying for this; we humbly ask that you would also pray for the following specific requests:

Eugene Kwon: Humility! That God would be the hero of this story, and that I would remember that I’m not.

Joy Lee: For God to be the only thing I see; complete dependence on Him.

Biblia Kim: Humility in all things; willingness to be spent for God; flexibility and openness; a soft heart; and to see the people of Kensington as Jesus sees them.

Lauren Der: For God to help me communicate to the people of Kensington and that I allow God to speak through me, in speech and in action.

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Sara Woo: That I can be still and know that He is God; that I can put all my trust in Him; that Christ would increase as I decrease; against physical exhaustion during and after the trip.

If you would like to support Philly Missions Spring Break ’06, we will gladly accept socks, Bibles, car rides to and from Philly, and financial support. In fact, we offer to YOU, our brothers and sisters, the opportunity to share in the joyful work of the LORD, who meets your needs and ours in the abundance of His overflowing grace, by giving generously in faith as the Spirit leads.



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-K.P. Yohanan, Founder of Gospel for Asia

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“The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.'” -Acts 17:24-28

As the world's largest democracy and second most populous country, India has made vast improvements since gaining its independence from Britain in 1947. Already, great strides have been made towards an improved standard of living.

Despite these advancements, the vast majority of the population remains illiterate and impoverished. Although their government professes a democratic creed, those of the lower castes are still dominated by the ancient Hindu caste system, chained to a fixed place in the social hierarchy. However, more than economic or political disadvantage, these people suffer the greatest poverty of all—rejection, ostracism, the feeling of being unwanted. They are despised by men, deprived of love.

For a country whose motto is “Truth will prevail,” the Truth in India has been recently persecuted at a violent and unprecedented rate. K.P. Yohanan, founder of Gospel for Asia, a missionary foundation in India, says, “We are facing more persecution now than at any other time in our history. Our leaders on the mission field tell me that it has become such a regular, daily event that they now report only the worst cases.”

According to Yohanan, a growing Hindu supremacist ideology, Hindutya, literally meaning “Hindu-ness,” has possessed the government with the goal of a purely Hindu nation with a dogma that declares, “To be Indian is to be Hindu.” The Dalits (“Untouchables”) and other lower classes of the caste system are the most greatly affected by this ideology, as extremist minority groups attempt to gain control over them. How does this seemingly political issue relate to the persecution of Christians? As stated by Yohanan, “Because, just like in England and America in centuries past, believers in Jesus are the ones today working and praying toward the liberation of millions of ‘slaves’ on the Indian subcontinent. These slaves—the Dalits and other lower classes—make up the vast majority of the Indian population. Yet they are the ones harassed, abused, denied the right to worship, forced to live on the outskirts of villages, maltreated and even murdered—simply because of their social position...the issue is not a primarily religious one, although proponents of Hindutva would lead the public to believe so. No, the issue here is much more sinister; it exposes the dark side of human nature. And while there are many other issues and variables involved in the struggle for spiritual freedom, this is a significant one that deserves much attention and prayer.”

In just the past few days, students have been beaten while on outreach, pastors have faced death threats, radio producers have been

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attacked with iron rods, and believers have been framed for murder. Churches have been burned, entire congregations forced to renounce their faith—the things we cannot even imagine are a daily reality to our beloved brothers and sisters, fellow members of the Body of Christ. The Great War is both a spiritual and physical reality.

To our brothers and sisters in India, we lift up this prayer to them, believing Christ when he says,

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you”(Matthew 5:11-12)

“Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you...if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name...So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.” (1 Peter 4:12-19)

Just so, if we are indeed His Body, let us remember that “If one part suffers, every part suffers with it” (1 Corinthians 12:26)

Let us remember our Lord Jesus Christ, the One we follow and raise up, who suffered willingly, lovingly, in obedience for the salvation of the world, who was Himself “despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.” (Isaiah 53:3)

In a last word from K.P. Yohanan, “As we grow in our understanding of the issues behind this persecution, we must also understand our responsibility in this situation as Christians. We must be willing to give of ourselves through prayer and fasting until we see a breakthrough. We must be willing to ‘dig in our heels’ and not give up. And through our sacrifice and willingness to identify with our suffering and oppressed brothers and sisters in Asia, I am convinced we will someday have the joyful privilege to welcome millions of men, women and children into heaven. The blessings we will experience then will be far greater than any discomfort or inconvenience now.”

We cry out to the Lord, “Why should the nations say, ‘Where is their God?’ Before our eyes, make known among the nations that you avenge the outpoured blood of your servants” (Psalm 79:10)

And He replies, “Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations” (Isaiah 51:4)

We rest assured –
the Truth will indeed prevail in God's nation, India.

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{blessed are you}

It is not new to us that the church in Paul's day, and even before that, endured "persecution." In fact, if one refers back to Acts 7, it was he who stood there watching the martyr Stephen be stoned to death. Throughout Paul's years of ministry, he continued to rejoice in suffering for the growing church across Asia Minor.

It should not surprise us, then, that the present church is going through the same thing. There have been dozens of instances even in just the past six months, of physical violence and legal action taken against Christians in countries such as India, Pakistan, Nigeria, Indonesia. The stories of Brother Yun in China have reached many through The Heavenly Man, and there are countless stories of the treatment of Christians in North Korea. And yet here we are in the comfortable US of A. There may not be persecution as directly as mentioned, but contemplating Jesus' words in John 15:18-20, it is natural, if we are truly following Christ.

"If the world hates you, keep in mind it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."

But Jesus also said, "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me," in Matthew 5:11; thus, we have hope in the promises of God! As part of the entire body of Christ, let us encourage the unified church that reaches even to the corners of the jailed missionary in India, the beaten distributor of Christian literature in Pakistan, lifting one another up in prayer, crying out for His mercies, and enjoying in His glory.

Several websites that have news and information on prayer requests for countries and peoples who are undergoing physical persecution include persecution.org, persecution.com (The Voice of the Martyrs), www.greaterthings.com/News/Christian/Persecution, and www.christianpersecution.info/.

DESPITE NEW REGULATIONS, RELIGIOUS POLICY STILL UNDER STRAIN

March 8, 2006
China
Debate continues over how to control religion in China. Underlying the debate – and the increasing strain on government policy – is the fact that religious faith and practice of all kinds is rapidly growing in China, making the ideological foundation of religious control increasingly unreal. Resisting reform may sadly and unnecessarily be the most likely direction of current policy.

PRESSURE CONTINUES FOR HOPEGIVERS IN INDIA, BOUNTY FOR LEADERS LIVES

March 7, 2006
India
Local newspaper publishes offer of 25,000 to anyone who brings in the heads of two Christian missionaries.

PAKISTANI CHRISTIAN WOMAN ACCUSED OF BLASPHEMY

March 7, 2006
Pakistan
Muslim's first reaction on finding desecrated picture is to accuse a mentally-challenged Christian woman of desecrating it.

UPROAR IN HOUSE OVER ATTACK ON CHRISTIANS

March 7, 2006
India
Indian state officials want to punish Christians who printed a book critical on Hinduism. Hindus respond to book criticizing Hindu deities by vandalizing Christian school and church, and burning the effigy of a bishop.

IRANIAN HOUSE CHURCH LEADER'S MARTYRDOM PROMPTS MUSLIM CURIOSITY ABOUT CHRIST

March 8, 2006
Iran
Islamic Terrorists recently stabbed to death a Christian cell church pastor in Iran for refusing to renounce his faith, however; through his bravery in his faith, many hard-line Muslims are now curious about his religion of peace.

MUSLIM EXTREMISTS AGAIN ATTACK HOME IN NIGERIA

March 7, 2006
Nigeria
Five years after the introduction of the sharia penal code in the northern state of Gombe, Islamic extremists have misused it to accuse a Christian of blasphemy and punish her by assaulting her sister.

[HTTP://WWW.PERSECUTION.ORG/NEWSITE/INDEX.PHP](http://www.persecution.org/newsite/index.php)

{visiting effie}

The first question Effie asked me was what my name means in Korean. She told me she was interested in the origins of names and since then we quickly became friends. I believe God drew us together at his perfect time. I soon found out that Effie is Christian and boy was I excited! Whenever I visit Effie, we share about our past week, pray and I read the bible for her because her eyes are failing. I am always encouraged by Effie, because she firmly believes that God is good no matter how bad her physical, emotional, spiritual state is. Every week I am reminded that God is good and omnipresent.

Of course there are some weeks when Effie looks defeated; I can tell when she is overwhelmed with sadness by the faraway look lingering in her blue eyes. I would ask her how her week was and she wouldn't want to talk about it. But she never refuses when I ask her if I can read the bible for her.

Jeremiah 15:16

When your words came, I ate them;
they were my joy and my heart's delight,
for I bear your name,
O LORD God Almighty.

I go to Recon home not only to visit the residents there; I go because I have a friend, a sister in Christ and she needs help to eat God's word every week. I hope that God moves in your heart to share your food with the hungry souls in Recon Home.

-Ji Yun Lee

If you are interested in going to the reconstruction home and want to hear about more details, please contact KCCE outreach ministry. Visits take place twice a week, Tuesdays and Fridays.

{summer missions opportunities 2006}

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be in the know

READ UP / PARTICIPATE / BE MOBILIZED.

"Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: The law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail. -Isaiah 51:4-6

soon coming

Neah Lee
BENEFIT CONCERT
LISTEN & GIVE APR/MAY

SUMMIS06
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