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## The Korean Harvest

At the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century mission organizations in America said Korea was “a land impossible to penetrate with the Gospel” They could have never been more mistaken! The 20<sup>th</sup> century closed its last pages telling us that of the “11 largest mega-congregations in the world, 10 are in the one city of Seoul. Here also are the largest Pentecostal, Presbyterian and Methodist congregations in the world and the second-largest Baptist. Korea has the world’s largest theological colleges, Christian baptismal services since Pentecost, and some of the largest evangelistic and Christian gatherings in history. Korean missionary numbers have rapidly increased. The goal of 10,000 missionaries serving in other lands by 2000 was almost achieved. Korea has now 10,646—the second-highest number of serving missionaries and only exceeded by the USA.”<sup>1</sup>

1.(Source: Operation World, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Edition, Patrick Johnstone and Jason Mandryk)

Korea has been a focal point in my prayer life since the war in 1950-53. I had three first cousins engaged in that war with only one of them



returning home. Then during my seminary days at Asbury Theological Seminary in the early 60's I was blessed by the fellowship I had with two Korean students that came to prepare for the ministry.

Various things continued to draw me toward Korea, but not until this year did the door open for me to minister there. On my return home from India I stopped over in Korea for six days of ministry. I conducted a combined gospel crusade and leadership conference at the IRIS Methodist Church. Pastor and Mrs. Park were delightful hosts that could not do enough for you. They pastor a lively and growing church of more than 500 members. The Lord confirmed

His Word with people being saved, healed, strengthened and encouraged.

From there I went to the Jesus Assembly of God church in Daejeon for a Sunday service before



Photo: Hugh banners like this were displayed throughout the area advertising the meeting



Photo: Pastor Park on my left and my interpreter John Park on my right in front of the IRI Methodist Church



Photo Above & Below: The Altars were filled in each service with hungry souls seeking salvation, healing and answer to prayer.



Photo: Lunch Korean style sitting on the floor. This would keep most Americans from overeating.

returning to the airport in Incheon.

Although Christianity has made major growth in Korea, the Church there is not without its problems. In talking with the Methodist pastor he shared his concerns about the growing spiritual apathy and numerous other problems that make for major spiritual challenges to the Korean Church. Please pray they will not follow the liberal road the Church in Europe and America has taken.

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## ROMANIA AND BULGARIA GOSPEL OUTREACHES

I will leave May 21 for meetings with John Dolinschi in Romania and Tim and Betty Cornett in Bulgaria. I will be conducting minister's seminars, teaching in Bible schools, gospel crusade meetings and church services. We urgently need your prayers and support to take the Gospel and leadership training to hundreds of hungry pastors, evangelists, gospel workers and the laity. This is an investment in the Kingdom of God that will bring eternal dividends. Please ask the Lord what He would have you to do to share with us in this outreach. Your gift, regardless of the size will be a special blessing and deeply appreciated.

We pray daily for you, our partners and friends, and we ask the Lord to keep you healthy and give you mighty increase in all you do for HIM!! Until next time,

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