

Korean Persecution Prompts Media Defense!

FAMILY FORCED TO FLEE BUT INDIGENOUS DISCIPLE CARRIES ON THE WORK! FROM SIMON, ESTHER, CHRIS & LEAH: THE ORIENT:

GBY! WLYSM! Here's a report on the ministry the Lord gave us in South Korea during the last two years, our speedy exodus from there & our present continuing ministry toward its people.

KOREA IS A COUNTRY STEEPED IN CONFUCIAN TRADITION & heavily militaristic & armed against attack from the North. This doesn't allow for very open witnessing, & so when we entered it was cautiously & we began an underground ministry of teaching in universities, fitting & unmarked free lit distribution.

OUR PRAYER & VISION WAS TO BEGIN AN INDIGENOUS WORK there that would be able to continue should we have to leave, as twice in the past the family had to do--once by deportation banning them from returning. The previous teams had left no continuing work there.

THE UNIVERSITY JOBS WERE MIRACLES, as we were teaching a special graduate course for select members of the government & trading companies, and neither of us had a degree! It was thru the university that we met and won our precious brother, Dok, a 30-year-old civil engineer. From the time he received Jesus, his love for the Word (new & old) was tremendous, & he devoured each new letter with a great desire to live them & translate them for others.

EVENUALLY WE WERE ABLE TO REVEAL ALL TO HIM & our larger family of Love which truly inspired him to the point that he became a TRFer! We had set up a small Bible class to which we were inviting a few friends, & by the end Dok was handling these.

TROUBLE BEGAN WHEN DOK'S

WIFE, who resisted his change, found & gave his Basic Book to his father who then took it to the head of the Christian Research Centre. This centre had all the standard lies about us & cooked up quite a few new ones to add weight to their garbage, & then it went to the National Police to try to get rid of us.

WE WERE UNAWARE THIS WAS HAPPENING, & about a month later one night about 30 newsmen appeared at our door--quite a shock after 2 years of a selah ministry--PTL! The stories were so ridiculous that many friends & students called & came over saying they didn't believe them & would do (& did) all they could to help. With a little here & there over the two years, we hadn't realised we'd had such an effect on so many people, but it adds up and their support was heartwarming.

ON THE NIGHT THE REPORTERS CAME, THE NATIONAL POLICE TOOK ONE OF US INTO HEADQUARTERS FOR QUESTIONING, as well as people who had attended the Bible classes (which the papers called "sex orgies"). When they questioned them about these things, we're sure they must have been practically speechless, as they had only been given milky Bible classes, & the National Police soon discovered that the charges were not true.

TTL ONE OF OUR STUDENTS WAS A HIGH OFFICIAL IN THE NATIONAL POLICE, & after a few calls the charges were dropped & a couple of papers ran the story. "Police Prove Charges Were Unfounded". Also, since one of our private students was on the Board of one of the largest newspapers, they agreed to run a rebuttal which was

favourable.

WE BEGAN TO THINK THERE WAS SOME CHANCE OF US STAYING, but as the National Assembly had decided to oust the Family in 1975, Immigration called us in for 10 hours of questioning & finally found 3 minor illegalities on which to ask us to leave, such as teaching Bible classes without a missionary visa. They gave us a week to be out or face deportation.

DURING THIS TIME, THEY HAD FORBIDDEN OUR FRIENDS TO SEE US, & especially Dok, whom they had held for 3 days & had even beaten! We were able, however, to arrange a secret meeting, and he confirmed his utmost dedication & was more determined than ever to continue in the faith!--even to the forsaking of his job & family who had caused the trouble! GBH!

WE HAVE SINCE HEARD FROM HIM THAT HE HAS QUIT HIS JOB TO ALLOW MORE TIME FOR THE LORD & has met with some of our other sheep there & plans to continue tithing! During our last week we were able to spend time with fish & friends, strengthening them before leaving--some were even moved to tears. The Lord did a miracle & brought in quite a bit of funds thru sale of our furniture & thru tax returns, which along with the help of the precious brethren here was enough help for us to begin setting up in another country.

AT THE AIRPORT, TO OUR SURPRISE, WE WERE MET BY NATIONAL TV CAMERAS FOR A FAREWELL INTERVIEW with sincere questions (people standing around must have thought we were celebrities) We told Korea that we love them & if the government allows it we hope we can

some day return, & we waved good-bye. It was truly an inspiring 2 years, & we were sorry to have to leave, but perhaps the Lord wanted us in a safer place. Our greatest prayer had been fulfilled, as Dok is as faithful & precious a brother as we could have hoped for.

WE PLAN TO CONTINUE OUR OUTREACH THERE, as we have many fish & friends as well as a good size mailing list. And to confirm this the Lord raised up a dear realtor here in our new field who has tremendously helped us & who we discovered is full-blooded Korean! Imagine our surprise when he told us that his grandfather, who is now famous, was the first man on Korea's southern island to become a Christian, & for which he suffered persecution! We believe he must now be helping from the Spirit World!

WE'D LIKE TO THANK THOSE WHO ENCOURAGED & HELPED US IN OUR WORK THERE, & the brethren here who have been a help in so many ways. GBY! WLY!

HERE ARE DOK'S FIRST LETTERS TO US:

DEAR EVERYONE,
GOD BLESS YOU ALL! I am so glad that everything is going well with you. Thank the Lord! I want you to know how much the Lord has encouraged me with the news from you. Thanks for being concerned about me.

I AM GOING TO MOVE TO A NEW HOUSE NEXT MONTH TO ENABLE ME TO BE FREE TO WORK FOR THE LORD BETTER. I don't know exactly what I'll be doing yet there, but one thing is certain: I want to preach the Gospel & work as a full-time doer as you were here. I'll prepare for your coming again.

SO PRAY FOR ME TO FIND THE LORD'S EXACT WILL. The Bible says in Isaiah 55:2, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread?

and you labour for that which satisfieth not?" And Luke 22:31-32, "And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: but I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren." Also, Micah 7:8, "Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me." Thank you Lord! I will follow Jesus & spread His love to my people. I now study my Bible harder than ever before, trying to remember the things you said & what I read with you!

PLEASE SEND ME THE MAIL MINISTRY ADDRESSES YOU HAVE. And I'd like to ask you to send thru someone my magazine & each of the letters translated into Korean, & let me know how I can tithe again.

I WILL TEACH & READ & SPREAD THE PRECIOUS WORDS you taught me & always remember Eph. 4:14-15. I can not thank you enough for leading me to the truth. I love you! Give my love to all the family there. Looking forward to hearing from you soon!

(SECOND LETTER)
HI EVERYBODY! I GOT YOUR LETTERS TODAY! Thank you very much! As Simon said, I will preach the Gospel to every creature. I will do anything to see one soul saved. And I will fight the good fight of faith, as Esther said. Thank you Leah

FAMOUS QUOTATIONS FROM BENJAMIN FRANKLIN:

IDLE SILENCE: Most of us fail all too often to express appreciation or consolation to those about us. Benjamin Franklin put his finger on it when he said, "As we must account for every idle word, so we must

for your warm & precious words. I love you Chris. I really miss you all & regret not being able to see you before you left. At that time I thought that it would just make matters worse. But my heart was always with you & always will be. You all are continually in my heart & memory, and Father David's words.

MY WIFE IS STILL A BIG DISADVANTAGE TO ME. I'm really praying about the situation. Please keep in good touch. I need your help to prepare for the future & to continue learning the truth. God bless you all! I will write again! I'll be leaving my company soon & will continue translating the letters & spreading them secretly to strengthen our sheep here & help others to be saved.

GIVE MY LOVE TO JIAN AND NATHAN. I love you all, & I strongly believe every word that Father David says. Please send good news to me again. I really have hitched my wagon to his star!
Love, Dok.

PLEASE PRAY FOR DOK. He has quite a job to do! If you'd like to help him to reach his country of 35 million, a small donation would be a real blessing & give him more time to translate & witness. If you would like to help or even just to write & encourage him, please send it to your CRO with an inner envelope marked "Korean Outreach".

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CARAVANING IN RUSSIA!

Several families & brethren experienced the brave thrills of taking a pioneer journey into beautiful Russia this year. Below we've compiled summaries of some of the highlights and lessons learned from these adventures: TYJ!

MEETING INFLUENTIAL PEOPLE:

From a family who took a 1-1/2 month trip: "Coming in through customs, they searched all cars very thoroughly making sure that you didn't bring in anything illegal. It was no problem to bring our personal Bibles with us. There are still a few open churches with people attending services and many people who openly claim to be Christians. We saw how a director of a tourist institution invited some tourists that he had good contact with to visit his local church and he spoke openly about being a Christian.

In Leningrad & Moscow the campsites were guarded & only for tourists, so we had to get out of there to meet any Russians.

We set as an open door for this trip, that if God wanted something done, He'd have to lead us to influential people that can give us the ability to work more freely under their wings of protection. Our experiences from working in Poland, was that there are always many students & sweet "normal" workers that need

to be reached & you can reach a few of them, but if we want to try to reach many, we'd have to at least have some very influential "king" for support and protection.

A few of the people that we met on our trip: A person who works with the cream of the crop of the Soviet Union, educating them in a certain field, wants to meet us again when we return. A high officer in the UN who knows both Gromyko & other Soviet officials. --We spent 10 days with a family who have the status of diplomats & are working on a fairly high level. We became close friends--with an invitation to meet them again. --And last, but not least, we met one of the most popular & famous men in the culture & entertainment of the USSR. He personally invited us to come & have the seats of honour in Moscow! Hall Our burden is to return there for a follow-up trip."

SOULS SAVED
"We had a really inspiring 3 week trip to Russia--full of miracles! And the best fruit was that we won 4 souls! TYJ! It really amazed us how sheepy and friendly people can be. We're just

not used to that in the cold north!"

TAKING A VAN INTO RUSSIA

"Our endless stream of experiences in Russia, made our short time seem more than a year in the West! Until going there, we certainly didn't have the vision like we do now.

We found many people warm & hospitable, sincere & open once they see that you are concerned about them & love them. Russians are sincere and much less superficial, much deeper than most Americans.

It's a rough & rugged road as well, with some hardships.

Our entire expense for 2-1/2 weeks was only \$400. We had to pay \$200 ahead of time when we applied for visas and camping fees. Within the country, we exchanged another \$120 for living expenses & we spent \$80 for gas for 2000 kgs. Gas is very cheap--27c/cts. a liter, & diesel 8 cts.

Crossing the border, they searched the van very thoroughly & made note of all we had.

We brought 10 MMW tapes & found them invaluable to give to sheep--the music & witness of the Spirit!

FISHING STORIES



was willing even to risk having a friendship with us as he admitted recently that he's not really permitted to actually carry on personal social relationships with foreigners except in the case of business associates or propagating communism. So it's only lately that he has started to nibble on the bait & open his heart of his problems in life, at home, etc. and really receiving. We've learned from this and other relations with Russian people, that many of them seem to be quite suspicious of overly friendly foreigners. We found it wise in this case to go slow & not be pushy or over eager at first, as this seems to scare them and they put up a defensive wall from the start. So we worked on first winning his friendship & confidence. The Letter, "Deep Sea Fishing", is really helpful in this situation. Also, like it says in "Real Love Never Fails", "It's the fellows that we've been faithful to and kept at for years...that are finally coming through." (par. 4) We've found, also, that Russians are people like everyone else, with the same troubles in life, longings, searching for love. They're not like the impression we've had instilled into our minds thru American fear propaganda & conditioning. At first they were sceptical and wondering what I wanted. At the end, they were cheerful, thankful that someone was interested in them.

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We have one story from a couple who have been working on wooing & winning a Russian man who represents his country in business contracts with other countries throughout Europe & Asia: "We've known him now over 2 years and it's just only now that he's coming through. It took two years of going slow, showing genuine sincere friendship before he felt rested & assured that we had no ulterior motives in befriending him & that he

The Russian lit is finding outputs in new & interesting places world-wide from Calcutta to Miami Beach, as well as continuing to get out in many other hot spots of Golden Opportunity where brave adventurers are taking interest in finding and approving the un-pioneered Russians. Here's a few excerpts of recent experiences sent in:

"In CALCUTTA, where there are many Russians, we were able to give out Russian lit in the main Aeroflot office, Russian Information Center and Library, Embassy, and to sailors in a Russian ship at the docks!"

"In VALENCIA, we saw 2 Russian wine ships tanking up with wine and we were able to give some of David's wine to some of the sailors who looked very interested and we pray they'll go far and reach many others."

"I was able to channel the batch of Russian lit you sent to a group of Russians living here in AUSTRALIA! I know the school they learn English at, so I will be able to call back."

"CANADA: I had the opportunity to go on a Russian ship. At first they were sceptical and wondering what I wanted. At the end, they were cheerful, thankful that someone was interested in them."

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