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The Koradian Courier

Ministry Update from the Andersons
Serving in South Korea
August / September



Summer Camp (Continued)

After our main summer camp at the center, we had the privilege of partnering with three other churches and Christian schools to run a week of camp with their young people. These camps included both elementary and middle school students. Altogether, 313 campers clearly heard the gospel multiple times. We were encouraged to see many respond to the message, and we continue to trust God with their hearts.

One camper, Yeobin (14), has been attending WOLKO camps for several years. Her mother, a graduate of our SYME program, had often prayed, "I hope my daughter will come to know Jesus through camp and the Word." This summer, Yeobin shared with one of our missionaries, "I think now I finally understand the gospel you've been sharing!" Praise the Lord!



Jr. SYME

In September, we hosted a special program called *Jr. SYME* (School of Youth Ministries in English). This is a shorter version of the full-time SYME program we ran before Covid. For three weeks, 13 students joined us on our property to study God's Word, grow in their faith, and practice English.

The program is primarily in English and included Bible classes, English classes, daily chapels, evangelism training, and practical lessons on topics like media and healthy relationships. Each week in chapel, we focused on a different theme: Week 1—Assurance of Salvation, Week 2—Self Image, and Week 3—The Life of Christ. Our missionaries and interns built close relationships with these students, and it was a joy to watch them grow in assurance, deepen their love for the Lord, and develop a greater eagerness to know Him.

Here is an encouraging testimony from one of the students:

Before I came to SYME, my thoughts about the gospel were quite different. Sometimes I prayed with passion, attended retreats faithfully, and did my best to live a good worship life. On the outside, I may have looked like a Christian. But in reality, I was stumbling daily, falling into sin, feeling anxious, overwhelmed, and even crying at times. I often sought out counselling because my assurance of salvation was constantly being shaken.

After coming to SYME, I started learning the Word of God through evangelism training. As I studied the Bible, my thinking began to change. I realized that salvation doesn't come through my efforts or outward appearance, but only through faith in Jesus. That finally clicked for me—something I hadn't really understood before. I learned that if I simply believe in the Lord who died for my sins and rose again, and if I root my faith in Scripture, then I don't have to live in constant insecurity. I know I'm weak and stumble every day. If I base my faith on my feelings or thoughts, I'll always end up anxious. But if I place my

faith in the promises of God's Word, then I don't have to worry, because the Lord already guaranteed it.

Through this evangelism class, I gained real assurance of salvation. It's been such a valuable time, and I've learned so much. Before I came here, I didn't think much about evangelism. I used to wonder, "Why should I share the gospel? I don't even understand it fully myself. Isn't it enough if I just know it?" That's how I thought. But now, my perspective has changed. I realized I can't just keep this good news to myself. I've also been thinking a lot about vision—what the Lord truly wants from me. Through many conversations with Teachers at WOLKO, I felt deeply challenged. I haven't shared this with anyone except my family, but I've now gained a vision: I want to become a missionary. I don't know exactly what the future will hold, and that's okay. As long as I follow the Lord's will, I believe it will be right. Even now, I keep praying earnestly for God to show me the way. Whatever I do, I want to live a life of evangelism. I want my life itself to testify to the gospel.





This is our current Word of Life Korea team! Each year, our Jeju Island team and Mainland team come together for a special time of fellowship, prayer, and planning as we look to the future of the ministry here in Korea. It is always such a blessing to gather as one team and be encouraged in the work God has called us to do.



Please Pray



- Pray for our interactions with locals—especially students—as we do street evangelism. Pray that our team would be bold and that God would bring seeking souls our way.
- Pray for unity within our team and for each of us to remain spiritually healthy. Pray especially that I would have wisdom as I oversee the short-term staff.

- Pray for the campers who heard the gospel and made decisions for Christ this summer—that they would continue to grow and build their lives firmly on the Rock.
- Pray for our SYME students, that they would be bold with the gospel after they leave, and that their faith would be found genuine.
- Pray for Chanjoo as she homeschools both of our children. Pray also for Joshua, who has been experiencing an ongoing skin issue of unknown cause.
- Pray for my Korean to keep improving—especially in evangelism.
- Pray for me as I travel to the Philippines at the end of October with another missionary for evangelism training
- Pray that our family would become well established and deeply involved in our new church.



Praises



- Praise God for the lives that were changed through camp and SYME.
- Praise God that we have found a church! The church we have decided to serve in is the same one I attended when I first came to Korea in 2018. It has both an English and Korean congregation, and our family plans to be involved in both.
- Praise God for the time our Word of Life team was able to spend together, preparing our hearts spiritually for another year of ministry.
- Praise God for His continual provision as we serve Him.

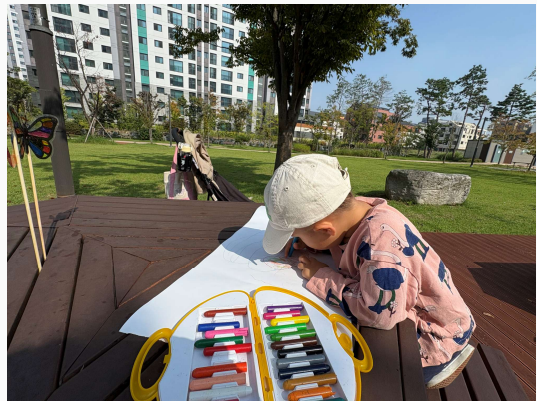
Family Update

Lucy celebrated her 5th birthday on September 11th, and we were able to celebrate together with another missionary family whose daughter was also born on the same day. Lucy has been enjoying homeschooling with Chanjoo throughout the week. She is slowly learning to read and is always eager to learn more about the Bible. It is especially precious to hear Lucy's prayer requests—she expresses her heart so sincerely, and it has been very encouraging for us as parents.

Joshua has also been growing a lot! He has been speaking much more these days and loves to follow and copy his sister. He has a healthy appetite—often eating as much as, if not more than, Lucy—and he’s usually the first one finished at the dinner table. Unfortunately, Joshua has been struggling with some skin troubles, and because he can’t stop scratching, it has been hard for the condition to improve.

At church, we are thankful to have connected with several other homeschooling families. This has been a great encouragement, and Chanjoo has also been able to attend the ladies’ Bible study, which has helped her build even more connections in the area. Please pray for her as she continues to adjust to life as a homeschooling mom, especially as she balances teaching both English and Korean to our children.





Thank you so much for praying for us and our ministry. 🙏

The Anderson Family,
Jason, Chanjoo, Lucy, and Joshua.

Isaiah 40:28

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

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