

Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

Greetings from BC! The five-month semester at Missionary Training Institute (MTI) in Yeosu, South Korea, finished up well with final classes, graduation and farewells in the week of on January 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. It was bitter-sweet to say good-bye to the students whom I had taught and come to know quite well. I've had the privilege of facilitating a Bible class of five students (four of whom were pastors), teaching English as a Foreign Language (ESL) to a class of seven and a writing class (letters and simple essays) to a class of five. I also tutored the wives of three of our students and three teenagers (the sons and daughter of some of our students) at levels commensurate with their English proficiency. Overall, this mission has been challenging, but I really enjoyed teaching. I've learned a lot, and am glad and grateful for the Korean experience.

Koreans are very generous, and vendors often give you an extra few tangerines, persimmons, etc., along with those you buy. I was once given back 5,000 won (about \$6 Canadian) after buying a dress. ☺ Over the semester, I received several gifts from students, staff and others - honey, fruit, leg-warmers, coffee and a coffee mug, etc. As classes finished up, I also received notes of appreciation & kind gifts from several students.

I enjoyed ten days during the Lunar New Year in Malaysia, visiting some people who had studied in Ontario from c. 1978-1985. The Wong sisters and Ruyi had attended Knox Church and found a home away from home at Dad and Mom's place, especially on Sundays where they'd have a weekly buffet followed by a Bible study. What a joy to see these precious folk about forty years later, following on with the Lord. I was spoiled by Ping Ching Wong, who picked me up at the airport, took me to visit Kuala Lumpur, Ipoh, her home town (Johor Bahru), and a little fishing village on the coast of Malaysia – oh yes, and over to Singapore! She and Ping Moi also took me up to visit another of Dad and Mom's "graduates," Ruyi, who had been baptised at Knox. Ruyi welcomed us in her home and took us by her church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Ipoh.

I'm now in British Columbia until February 28<sup>th</sup>, visiting my brother Paul's family and friends. I have been accepted to return to live at the vicarage attached to the Roman Catholic *St-Sixte* Church in St-Laurent, where I lived for several months last year. I look forward to ministering again for a few months with Christian Direction to newcomers and refugees in Saint-Laurent.

#### Notes for Praise

- ✚ A faithful supporting team who have kept me going through my latest assignment by their prayers and financial support, and God's help through the final few weeks of classes and graduation at the Missionary Training Institute.
- ✚ A few days on beautiful Jeju Island with other teachers and some students after school, seeing friends in Seoul before leaving Korea and visits to Malaysia and British Columbia before returning to Montreal and work in March.
- ✚ A lovely place to stay and a ministry awaiting me back in Montreal!

## Notes for Prayer

- ✚ May the Lord guide and sustain all of our MTI graduates as they move on and provide the funds for the interns to serve for three months with a mission in Birmingham, England. Five others are well en route to their mission assignments in Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe.
- ✚ May the Lord bless and refresh the staff during this break time and send a full complement of thirty students for the next semester, beginning on March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ✚ My safe return to Montreal and ease of reintegration to life there.
- ✚ God's leading as I discuss with the staff of Christian Direction as to the best way to invest my time in ministry among newcomers and refugees.

Your sister in Christ,

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At the door of MTI in January.



2 of our students, a pastor and his wife, left Korea on Valentine's Day to serve long-term in Uganda.



Oysters, anyone?



A vegetable vendor reads a tract I gave her in Yeosu.





Enjoying seafood by the sea in Malaysia with Ping Ching and Ping Moi.



Sitting with Ping Moi across from the original colonial train station in Ipoh.



Ruyi was baptised at Knox Church, Toronto, c. 1980. She faithfully attends her family's church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Ipoh.



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My last evening in Korea was spent with Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Mary Cho and Paul & Jinny Lim. Dr. Cho is director of AIM Korea, and Paul & Jinny met in the International Bible Class at Knox Church, Toronto. They were all very good to me.