

Dear praying friends,

Greetings from Yeosu, South Korea. Yes, here I am, safe and sound at MTI, the Missionary Training Institute in Yeosu! My uneventful flight from Vancouver on August 28th took about 10½ hours, and we landed in Korea the next afternoon, after crossing the International Dateline. Former international Bible students at Knox Church, Toronto, Paul & Jinny, were there to meet me, and we drove through a torrential downpour to the AIM office, where I stayed the next two nights. The director of AIM Korea and his wife, Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Mary Cho, welcomed us warmly and kindly took us all out for supper. On Wednesday, I was given an informal orientation to AIM Korea, which included eating out again for lunch and supper! ☺



Arriving at Incheon International Airport



A joyful reunion with the newlyweds, Paul & Jinny!

That Thursday, after a very pleasant day of informal orientation with Dr. and Mrs. Cho, I was in the front seat of a very modern bus speeding through tunnel after tunnel and mountain after mountain to Yeosu, right on the southern tip of the country. Both North and South Korea are very mountainous; and Yeosu is nestled on and between a few mountains. Wherever you go, you soon have to go up-hill or down-hill. Less than five hours later, Rev. Youngshin and Mrs. Mihyang Yoon, directors of the Missionary Training Institute (MTI), picked me up at the bus station and took me to my new home. I share a nice top-floor flat in MTI with three other lady volunteer teachers, all here for ten weeks. We each have our own room with an air conditioner, a fan and our own washroom; and we share a living room, a TV, a sunny sitting room and a kitchenette. That Saturday, we received an orientation to the new term and the English course. As the others have been here several times, they patiently bear with me and help me, “the new kid on the block,” as I try to understand how MTI works, the course, the culture and how to find my way around town, etc. Five days a week, we eat lunch & supper in the dining room with staff and students.

A good orientation week followed, and we were informed of two main rules at MTI: (1) Speak English in the building, and (2) No Bible - no breakfast! The first is, of course, a breeze for us teachers, but I must admit that having devotions before breakfast at 7:20 in the morning is a challenge! ☺

Thanks so much for your prayers for my adjustment to life here on my first assignment to Asia! My Level Two class of seven students has gelled quickly, and we have lots of laughs. Most of them are eager beavers, and they came up with this rule for themselves: No homework, no lunch! The course, *American Headway*, is very interesting and has lots of audio clips, pictures and extra resources. One day we had class outings, and our class had a fabulous time at a beautiful Eco Park about 1½-hour's drive from here.

♪ Notes for Praise

- ♪ God's help in tying up my classes in Montreal, clearing out of my quarters, getting packed, catching my plane to Vancouver & saying good-bye to beloved churches, friends and colleagues.
- ♪ Excellent visits with relatives and friends in Ontario, BC and Washington State. I was spoiled!
- ♪ My students, who are really working on their English and expressing appreciation for my in-put.

♪ Notes for Prayer

- ♪ that my former students in St-Laurent read the Bibles they received & come to know the Saviour.
- ♪ for new volunteers to come along to teach English and French this fall at *Le Centre Accroche* and help out at the food bank.
- ♪ for my on-going adjustment to life here, growth in grace, good relations with colleagues, efficient lesson planning and a measure of success in helping my students improve their English.

Your sister in Christ,

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Pictures

- ✚ View from the roof of MTI.
- ✚ Sunday afternoon walk in Turtle Park.
- ✚ EunPah Presb. Church.
- ✚ Paul & Esther Lee, MTI students.

