

Understanding the challenges

- ◆ There are about 25,000 Koreans in Oregon.
- ◆ Less than one tenth of the Koreans in Oregon are Christian.
- ◆ Oregon has about 50 Korean Churches.
- ◆ There is only one Lutheran Korean Church in Oregon.

Ministry in the Korean community is difficult in that it is intensely one on one. Therefore it is time consuming and tedious. Although stewardship in this tiny congregation is tremendous, Pastor Ahn is working a full time job to support his family. He hopes that as funding sources are found and congregational size increases that he will be able to devote all his time to his first love - sharing the saving grace of Jesus to the Korean community.

Pastor Ahn grew up listening to the Lutheran Hour on the radio in Korea. He finished the Korean Colloquy Program at Concordia University in Irvine California and was ordained December 10, 2000. He planted the Korean Community Lutheran Church in Milwaukie, Oregon. They meet at Beautiful Savior Lutheran at 1:30 on Sundays except for the second Sunday when they gather for a potluck and worship. Every Friday is small group Bible study and every Saturday is young men's Bible study. This active church is growing - a true example of evangelism and God's love for all.

Together in Ministry!

Goals and needs...

...to "daughter" at least nine other churches in the Northwest District in the next nine years.

...to send at least ten missionaries throughout the world.

...to utilize radio and TV as an effective tool in reaching the Korean community.

...The funds to do the above!

Together in Prayer

Pray that we have opportunities to witness and opportunities to share the Gospel, and that we recognize those opportunities.

Pray that God is opening the hearts of the Korean community to the love and salvation offered through Jesus.

Pray that we continue to grow willing, witnessing disciples in the Korean community.

Pray for Pastor Ahn - for strength, stamina, and confidence - and for the peace that surpasses all understanding as he diligently serves the Lord in this ministry.

Pray that God will go before us to provide funding to reach more in the Korean community with the good news of Jesus' love.

Photo at left: Pastor Ahn (front in robe) and the Korean Community Lutheran Church - first service - December 10, 2000. Left back row, Pastor David Hoover - NW District. Right back row, Pastor Mark Bertermann - Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Milwaukie.



