" By the grace of God"



General(A,Ret) Lee, Pil-sup Former AMCF President

I was born in aBuddhist family, and was raised without knowing Jesus.

As I started my military career at the Korea Military Academy, I had a fortune to start my Christian life with help of my sincere friend in the same companyof the KMA.

I came to realize that soldier's duty is to "sacrifice his life for the nation" and at the same time learnt Jesus' word "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends." (John 15:13)

As my Christian life went on and sincerer, I also got more dignity and pride of my career while becoming a soldier and finding it a duty to implement thelove that Jesus told. Faith became my foundation on which I stayed strong and enjoyed my 37 years of career throughout many hardships.

The military must have strong enough power to fight and win against the enemy. First and most to become a strong military, every member of unit must unite as one that they can live and die together. Theart of war saysthat thekey condition to become one is to "Love your unit members as you would love your children". In short, to love them. This can be done by following the Bible teaching"You shall love your neighbor as yourself". Keeping this teachinginside my heart and implementing it allowed me to make our unit more and more firmly unite as one. Furthermore, looking after my unit soldiers with love and training myselftolove them day by day, I found the Holy Spirit helped me and made me possible to love them even more as dayswent by. Thus, I could live and work with people whom I loved as I loved my children. And of course, military life with people I loved was happy and enjoyable. Praise the Lord who gives me the faith to live by.

After retirement and for past 27 years I havehad a chance to commit myself in domestic and international military missionary works participating domestically in the vision 2020 project and internationally in the AMCF movement.

During that period, I witnessed that more than 4 million youngsters were baptized at various military missionary sites in Korea. This could be achieved by working together as "All One in Christ Jesus" among people and organizations such as military chaplains, civilian pastors, MCF members and more than 4,000 local churches & military missionary organizations, to name a few.

Globally in the same span of timeMCF countries have been expanded from 78 to 150. This also could be achieved by working together as "All One in Christ Jesus" among international organizations such as AMCF, three Principal Supporting Organizations for AMCF (3PSOs:ACCTS, MMI, MSO) and other supporting organizations, and related international missionary groups. Most importantly, I could witness all these works were done under God's blessing and help just like it is written in the Bible: "Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit."(Zechariah 4:6)

I praise the Lord and glorify the God who makes it all happen.

Brothers and sisters who are "All One in Christ Jesus" working hard in blissful military missionary sitesaccording to Jesus' sincere promise, when the day comes and we stand in front of the Lord, I wish you all to be told 'you have done a good job' and enjoy eternal award.

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what hehas done." (Revelation 22:12). Amen!