

We are all missionaries



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"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and of the Holy spirit. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."(Matthew 28:19-20)

"Here am I. Send me!"(Isaiah 6:8)

Reading these Bible phrases above, I think we must live as a witness of Jesus Christ in our daily lives. Therefore, I am trying to live with a resolution of missionary who has been sent to the world.

I am proud that Churches of Korea these days send over 28,000 missionaries overseas to more than 170 countries. Also, as of 2019, foreign people such as international students or working in Korea are counted as more than 2.2 million. This is around 4.5% of entire population of Korea. It is now important missionary works to take care of and spread the Lord's words to foreigners who are wanderers in Korea. Even though we can't go and live in other countries as missionaries, we can warmly take care of them which is also carrying the responsibilities of evangelism.

Now Korea is experiencing more and more international students, workers, immigrants from marriage, etc. from overseas – rapidly changing our society into multicultural. OECD classifies the country to be multicultural and multicolor if immigrants and foreign people are counted more than 5% of population. Based on this, spreading and teaching of good news upon foreigners living in Korea becomes particularly important evangelical tasks for us too.

For the past 10 years I have been a team leader for Central Asia in MSO, allowing me to attend STANDART Conference in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. For this reason, every time when MCF members from Central Asia visit Korea for MEO program and for East Asia regional conferences, I have prioritized them over everything and try to serve them starting from greeting at the airport, homestay, and till they depart. I also keep in touch with international students and workers from Central Asia who stay in Korea. And I am eagerly attending events related with foreigners' missionary congregations and conferences.

I pray with such wishes nowadays. Lord! I asked for only help too many times. I have enjoyed enough grace and love from you, now I want you to send me and use me when you need to help others. Please do use me as a helper to expand your kingdom. We are all missionaries. Wherever we are, whenever it is, everyone should naturally notice that we show the fragrance of Christians by showing Jesus' love and affections to foreign wanderers (yes, brothers and sisters?) in Korea. We all should live as a missionary sent to the world.