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THAN A PRAYING CHURCH!**

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November 18--December 6



Dae Hwang Baptist Church, Daejeon
Pastor Ahn in 40th Year as Pastor



Sue Henry with Dr. Lee, Interpreter



Koreans are Serious Students

Annual Report--2005

*"... that those who sow and those who reap
may rejoice together..." (John 4:36)*

Sixty-two seminars were conducted during 2005 in thirteen states (CT, FL, GA, LA, MD, MI, MS, MO, NC, NY, OH, SC, VA) and five other nations (Canada, Colombia, Pakistan, South Africa, and South Korea) with thousands in attendance. Miles traveled totaled 81,703 with 100 days on the road. We have now conducted 1,205 prayer seminars, for which we give the Lord thanks and praise. Total miles traveled to carry out our ministry has reached 2,067,643.

Other ministry included fifteen sermons, four devotionals, three evangelism clinics, two leaders' conferences, one mid-week Bible study, two funerals, and one wedding. Twelve issues of the **Reflector** were issued. During the year, extensive revisions were made on **A Christian's Necessary Food; Adoration: Prayer as Worship; The Enabler; Intercession: Prayer as Work; and The Model Prayer.**

We are grateful to our **Doorkeepers** and other partners who have provided prayer and financial support. As "sowers" and "reapers," we rejoice together and anticipate a fruitful cycle of sowing and reaping during 2006. "O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good" (Psalm 118:1).

VERSE FOR THE YEAR

**"Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."
Colossians 3:2**

Perspectives

I thought about my ways, and turned my feet to Your testimonies" (Psalm 119:59)

Although any day is a good day for genuine self-examination, now is an appropriate time as we approach a new year, with prospects for a fresh beginning. It is clear that the life change the psalmist experienced began with thinking about his ways in the light of God's Word, the mirror into which he looked. God's Word is absolute and a fixed standard where we can measure ourselves.

There is a land of beginning again. In His Word, God has told us what we need to know to begin anew. Further, He does not require anything that we cannot do because He provides help. The Holy Spirit is God's provision for us to have the supernatural strength we need for the journey. The Bible is His guidebook. When we go to the Bible, the Holy Spirit will bring biblical sayings alive that will be applicable to any situation we face.

Attitude, the key

Although I had used **2 Chronicles 7:14** as a preaching and teaching text from the outset of my pastoral ministry, during a teaching session in a prayer seminar a truth forcefully penetrated my consciousness. Being **humble** is the primary requisite for God to work in our lives. The sense of being humble is an attitude of dependence on God, not self. As long as we are depending on our own strength and resources, we are saying that we don't really need God. Without the attitude of humility, God is kept at a distance. At that point, the Word of God will be of no effect.

Why I did not grasp this basic insight earlier, I do not know. After all, the very first of the Beatitudes (**Matthew 5:13**) deals with a spirit of dependence upon God since those who are truly "poor in spirit" are obviously not magnifying their own strengths. Pride would never be willing to acknowledge spiritual poverty.

Our six-hour prayer seminar has nine sessions. The very first verse we use in Session

One is **Genesis 4:26b**: "*Then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.*" The context of this statement is the birth of Seth's son who was given the name Enos, which means "weakness." With the coming of Enos, men became conscious of their weakness and need. Matthew Henry believed that the "then" was in the sense of seeing the effects of sin in Cain and Lamech that brought judgment. Thus, descendants of Seth wished to be distinguished as men who feared the Lord and desired to do His will. Thus, prayer history began when need for God was acknowledged. Prayer continues to be based on need.

In **Isaiah 66:2b**, God says that He will look to the person who is humble and who trembles at His Word. Actually, "contrite," which means brokenness, is used to describe the humility God requires. The foundation is being humble, and then giving heed to His Word. God has established the proper order for us to follow since a person is not likely to tremble at His Word who has an exalted opinion of himself and whose lifestyle is characterized by pride.

Our model

The greatest example of humility is the Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. Although He was both Master and Lord, he became a servant to His disciples in the Upper Room just hours before His death. A picture of His servanthood is seen in His washing the disciples feet (**John 13:1-17**). Although He was indeed both Master (Teacher) and Lord (one with authority to command), He laid aside His outer garment (since the servant who usually greeted guests did not wear an outer robe), girded Himself with a towel, took a basin of water, washed their feet, and wiped them dry with a towel.

What is known as the **KENOSIS PASSAGE (Philippians 2:6-11)** attests to His humility. The Greek word, **kenosis**, means "to empty." Literally, Jesus poured self out in order to do the will of the Father. He humbled Himself and became obedient to the death on the cross. The exalted Christ—the King of kings and Lord of lords—went to the cross as a servant, not to do His own will, but the will of the Father.

Self-examination

We have the capacity to step outside and see ourselves. Today is an ideal time to do that very thing. Let's look at ourselves, our attitudes and actions, and see ourselves as God and others see us.

When you look at yourself, do you see a person who is humble, living in complete dependence on God, or one who is depending on self? True humility means that we acknowledge the Lord as the Source for everything we need. We have the capacity to make changes once we see what we need to do. Remember that God never asks us to do something that we cannot do with His help.

Humility is dependence and means that we look to God for everything we need. This sets us free from the thieves that rob us of our joy—circumstances, people, things, and worry. At the point we become truly dependent upon Him, nothing or no one can become a threat to us. Genuine freedom comes when we arrive at the point that we need nothing but God.

The foundation of prayer

The attitude of humility is the foundation of prayer. In dependence upon God, we are to order our lives around prayer, seeking His face and asking His hand to move.

We need prayer warriors who will be watchman on the walls (**Isaiah 62:6**) guarding our homes, our schools, our churches, our cities, and our nation. Through prayer, a watchman stays in touch with headquarters and his Commander. The Bible is our manual and guidebook, but without an attitude of humility, there will be no willingness to study the manual and follow His guidelines. There will be no victory. Without humility, there can never be a life-change.

Humble! Am I? The choice is mine.

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

Effort required

"I must work the works of Him that sent Me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work" (**John 9:4**).

Some of us are lazy about our spiritual lives tending to drift along from day to day. The blessings of God cannot rest upon the lazy, careless, and indifferent Christians. God's blessings come to those who are working.

Some are almost as lazy as the man who won the title of "The Laziest Man in the World." When the sponsoring company's representative delivered the \$1,000 prize, he found Mr. Jakson down by the creek lying down with his eyes closed, not moving a muscle. "I have your \$1,000 prize and want to give it to you," the man said. The winner of the prize said, "Roll me over and put it in my left pocket." How about that for laziness!

God feeds the birds, but He does not put the worms in their nests. Determine to exert the effort necessary to develop the disciplines essential for Christian growth toward Christian maturity. A beginning point is to make a decision to dedicate time, effort, and energy in your spiritual life during 2006. Decision determines destiny. Your spiritual growth during the New Year, in a sense, will be up to you as you put forth effort. You can count on God doing His part!

A religious treadmill?

Any church without a well organized and systematic prayer program is simply operating a religious treadmill.

Paul Billheimer
Destined for the Throne

**A PRAYER SEMINAR
COULD HELP YOUR CHURCH
BECOME A PRAYING CHURCH!
CONTACT JGHEM FOR
SCHEDULING INFORMATION.**

Christ and His People

He descended that we might ascend (**John 6:38, 14:3**). He became poor that we might become rich (**2 Corinthians 8:9, James 2:5**).

He was born that we might be born again (**John 1:14, 3:2,7**). He became a servant that we might become sons (**Philippians 2:7, Galatians 4:6-7**).

He had no home that we might have a home in Heaven (**Matthew 8:20, John 14:2**). He was hungry that we might be fed (**Matthew 4:2, John 6:50**).

He was thirsty that we might drink from the wells of salvation (**John 19:28, Isaiah 12:3**). He was weary that we might have rest (**John 4:6, Matthew 11:29**).

He was stripped that we might be clothed (**Matthew 27:28**). He was forsaken that we might not be forsaken (**Matthew 27:46, Hebrews 13:5**).

He was sad that we might be glad (**Isaiah 53:3, Philippians 4:4**). He was bound that we might go free (**Matthew 27:2, John 8:32-36**).

He was made sin that we might be made righteous (**2 Corinthians 5:21**). He died that we might live (**John 19:33, John 5:24-25**). He will come down that we might be caught up (**1 Thessalonians 4:16-17**).

Certainty of salvation

You have heard the Gospel, the Good News of the death, burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ for our sins (**1 Corinthians 15:1-4**), but have you trusted Him as your personal Savior? The Scripture says that we are saved through faith, not works (**Ephesians 2:8-9**), but what does this mean? The word "faith" simply means "trust." Saving faith encompasses more than knowledge, it includes acting on the knowledge. No person can claim any of the above things, until he has received the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. If you have not done so, bow your heart before Him and do it now. "Now is the accepted time; today is the day of salvation" (**2 Corinthians 6:2**). When you trust Him, let us know and we will send a copy of the booklet *Hey! I'm Saved!* to help you get started right.

Get started

A famous Chinese proverb declares, "The Journey of a thousand miles is started with a single step." Another proverb states, "The man who removed the mountain started by carrying away the small stones."

God has a place for every Christian to go and a task for every Christian to perform. No one can fill his place as far as He is concerned. There is just one place to start and that is where you are at this very moment. There is just one way to start—with the abilities and gifts God has given you. And there is just one plan with which to start—God's plan for your life. Satan, however, does not want you to understand your role in spiritual development.

Getting started will be your responsibility. Keeping you going will be God's power. The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.

Establishing a time and a place

Start by making a daily appointment with God and then keep the appointment. Dedicate a place where you can be as free from interruptions as possible. Begin with Bible reading determining to see God (the Father, the Son, or the Holy Spirit) as you read. God reveals Himself in His Word. Once you have heard from the Lord, you will then be in a position to communicate with Him through prayer.

Getting on praying ground

Ask God to let you know anything you are doing that He does not want you to be doing. Then ask Him to impress upon you things you are not doing that He wants you to do. Deal with sins of commission and omission by repenting (changing your mind), confessing (specifically owning up to any sin in your life that the Holy Spirit has revealed), and receiving His forgiveness and cleansing (**1 John 1:9**).

There is a land of beginning again. Revival is possible for you, but you must be willing to make the first move. As you "draw nigh to God, He will draw nigh to you" (**James 4:8**). God is ready when you and I are ready to obey.

God's Promises for a New Year

I will bless thee. Genesis 12:2

I will not fail thee. Joshua 1:5

I will heal thee. 2 Kings 20:5

I will guide thee. Psalm 32:8

I will instruct thee. Psalm 32:8

I will teach thee. Psalm 32:8

I will deliver thee. Psalm 50:15

I will satisfy thee. Psalm 132:15

I will help thee. Isaiah 41:10

I will strengthen thee. Isaiah 41:10

I will uphold thee. Isaiah 41:10

I will hold thy hand. Isaiah 42:6

I will not forget thee. Psalm 49:15

I will comfort thee. Isaiah 66:13

I will forgive thee. Jeremiah 31:34

I will restore thee. Jeremiah 30:17

I will be your God. Ezekiel 36:28

I will put my Spirit in you. Ezekiel 36:27

I will save you. Ezekiel 26:29

I will love you. John 14:21

I will manifest Myself. John 14:21

I will come for you. John 14:3

I will sup with you. Revelation 3:20

I will give you a crown of life. Rev. 2:10

**GOD IS NOT PERMISSIVE.
IF HE WERE, WE WOULD HAVE
THE TEN SUGGESTIONS INSTEAD
OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.**

Explanation

As we begin the 52nd year of publication, we have reverted to the format used from 1990 until 2000. We hope that this format will be easy for you to read and to file for later use. Our goal in each issue is to provide inspiration and information. It is a great pleasure to share and we are grateful for the opportunity to come into your home.



Rules for Daily Living

One day at a time

Begin the Day with God

Kneel down to Him in prayer; lift up thy heart to His abode, and seek His love to share.

Open the Book of God

And read a portion there, that it may hallow all thy thoughts, and sweeten all thy cares.

Go through the Day with God

Whate'er thy work may be; where'er thou art—at home, abroad—and He still is near to thee.

Converse in Mind with God

Thy spirit Heavenward raise; acknowledge every good bestowed, and offer grateful praise.

Conclude the Day with God

Thy sins to Him confess; trust in the Lord's atoning blood, and plead His righteousness.

Lie down at night with God

Who gives His servants sleep, and when thou tread'st the vale of death, He will thee guide and keep.

No man ever sank under the burden of the day. It is when tomorrow's burden is added to the burden of today that the weight becomes more than a man can bear. Never load yourself so. When you find yourself so loaded, remember this: it is your own doing, not God's. He begs you to leave the future to Him, and mind the present.

George MacDonald

Explanation

The first half of the first decade of the twenty-first century swiftly passed. Days, weeks, months, and years rapidly moved along. The prayer seminar began is twenty-second year in May 2005. Without question, these have been the most satisfying and fulfilling years of my fifty-three year ministry as God has opened up doors around the world to share His Word.

It is awesome to see the Holy Spirit bringing the Word of God alive to those attending a prayer seminar anywhere and in any language. A few days ago, a congregation in Daejeon, Korea gathered together for Seminar #1205, placing themselves under the Word of God allowing the Holy Spirit to break up and fertilize the ground (**Luke 13:6-9**).

Making a difference

The following letter was received from the pastor of a large congregation that sponsored a seminar: "The response to your seminar has been great and mighty. A follow-up session on Wednesday, the night of our mid-week service, packed the room in which we were meeting. We continued to work on the prayer seminar workbook and are going to continue to do so. One woman in the group said, 'I am getting up an hour earlier at 5 a.m. to pray and meditate on God's Word. It has been wonderful.' Lives are being changed. Hearts, minds, spirits, souls were brought closer to the Lord. We praise God for your work and ministry. We also thank you for your caring and patient spirit—for your humility and show of concern. May God continue to bless your work for Him."

Desiring to share widely and often

The joy of the Lord is my strength (**Nehemiah 8:10**). JGHM is a faith ministry and makes no charge for the prayer seminar ministry. We provide a prayer seminar workbook for each participant whether there is a contribution or not. When a group/church cannot provide travel funds, JGHM is able to pick up the difference. The point is that no church need be hesitant in scheduling a prayer seminar when one is needed.



NOTES from my BIBLE

Note 1001. Obedience is the bottom line of Christianity; God calls us to obey Him,

Note 1002. "Our Father." Prayer is based on sonship, not friendship.

Note 1003. Changing times do not change God.

Note 1004. God accepts all who accept His Son as their Savior and Lord. Simple!

Note 1005. Sorrow looks back; worry looks around; faith looks up.

The first one thousand notes are in my book, **Notes from my Bible**, along with tributes to our parents, and favorite poems I have used in sermons. The notes are not only thought-provoking, they are good fillers for bulletins and church newsletters. The suggested contribution is \$7, which includes handling and shipping. Call (434) 239-8837 or E-mail us at jghm84@aol.com to place an order.

DOORKEEPER REPORT

November 1- December 16, 2005

	# Gifts	Amount
REGULAR	88	\$14,683.50
KOREA	30	3,135.00
TOTAL	118	17,818.50



Thanks, Doorkeepers!

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South Korea Report

November 18--December 6

We are home. Other than a good case of old-fashioned jet-lag, we settled back into the routine after one of the most successful international ministries that we have ever had. As far as I can determine, we had right around 4,000 in the prayer seminars in South Korea. From the time our plane landed until we departed we felt we were at home. The seminars were in Daejeon and Seoul.

Dr. Pee Young Min, whom we helped to come to the U.S. to earn a doctor's degree at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, arranged for a new Korean translation of the prayer seminar workbook and it is an excellent one. To see hundreds making notes in their workbooks session after session was inspiring. **Dr. Lee**, seminary professor, served as our interpreter in one seminar in Daejeon and in the Seoul seminar. He had worked with us in 1986.

Being with Dr. Pee and his family was special. His church, Central Baptist, is one of the largest in Korea and is located in a wealthy section of Seoul. He has fifteen associate pastors. He, his staff, and his people treated us like a king and queen, or better! The Dae Heung Baptist Church in Daejeon runs around 6,000 each Sunday. Amazing, indeed! Pastor Ahn is in his fortieth year as pastor of this great church. He and his staff left no stone unturned to care for our every need. We have never seen more interest anywhere in the world. The day sessions of the seminar averaged around 700. Warm hospitality was the order of the day.

One special blessing was to be with **Joshua Kim** who became our friend in 1986 when we conducted evangelistic services and a prayer seminar in his church in ChongJu. He is now a missionary in South Africa and is doing a tremendous work leading a Bible institute for Colored. We were impressed with his grace and maturity. He impressed us as a missionary statesman. One disappointment was not being able to be with **Dr. Kwang Suk Shin**, who was unable to travel from his home in SangJu due to health problems. Although the JGHM Korean

Branch is no longer active due to his health, he will forever be a member of our prayer seminar team in our hearts. His leadership was exemplary.

South Korea

The population is 46 million. Seoul is a modern, sprawling city of fourteen million. Daejeon, ninety miles south of Seoul, has over two million. It, too, is a beautiful, modern city and keeps growing toward the mountains to the west. Someone commented that the city was completely leveled during the Korean conflict. To see the physical accomplishments in building this city was a phenomenal experience. The cities are fully westernized. Their malls and shopping centers equal or surpass ours. The contrast between 1986, our first trip, and 2005 is nothing short of dramatic. There are major expressways comparable to our interstates connecting all parts of the nation. Sue and I were impressed with the number of high rise apartment buildings everywhere we looked.

South Korea has become known for the strong Christian growth and influence. Around 30% of the people were Christians in 1986 and each year there were advances. Now the Korean church faces a real challenge. Many believe that the explosive growth of Korean churches was having the power of God unleashed through fervent, enthusiastic, extensive, and believing prayer. Prayer mountains were created with prayer beginning early in the day. Without exception, the leaders shared their dismay because the forward movement has slowed. Instead of advancing, the cause of Christ is declining. The churches are losing ground. Many shared that the prayer seminars could not have come at a better time. South Korea needs our prayers as never before.



The Henrys with Missionary Kim & Dr. Pee

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4,000 Attended Prayer Seminars
in South Korea. See page seven
for the thrilling report.

During 2006, I will

Like **Enoch**—walk in daily fellowship with my Heavenly Father (**Genesis 5:24**); like **Abraham**—trust implicitly in my God (**Romans 4:20-22**); like **Joseph**—turn my back on all seductive advances (**Genesis 39:7-8**); like **Moses**—choose rather to suffer than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season (**Hebrews 11:25**); like **Aaron** and **Hur**—uphold the hands of my minister and the leaders of my church with my prayers and support (**Exodus 17:12**).

Like **Caleb** and **Joshua**—refuse to be discouraged because of superior numbers from the opposition (**Numbers 13:30-31**); like **Gideon**—advance, even though my helpers are few (**Judges 7**); like **David**—lift “mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help” (**Psalms 121:1**); like **Jehoshaphat**—prepare my heart to seek the Lord (**2 Chronicles 20:3**); like **Ezra**—prepare my heart to seek the Law of the Lord, and to do it (**Ezra 7:10**).

Like **Job**—be patient under all circumstances (**James 5:11**); like **Isaiah**—consecrate myself to do God’s work (**Isaiah 6:8**); like **Daniel**—commune with God at all times and in all places (**Daniel 6:10**); like the heavenly host—proclaim the message of peace on earth and good will toward men (**Luke 2:13-14**).

Like **Jesus**—overcome all earthly allurements by refusing to yield to their enticements (**Matthew 4**); like **Andrew**—strive to lead my brother to Christ (**John 1:41**); like **John**—lean upon the bosom of the Master and imbibe of His Spirit (**John 13:23**); like **Stephen**—manifest a forgiving spirit toward all who seek my harm (**Acts 7:60**); like **Paul**—forget those things behind and press forward (**Philippians 3:13**); like **Timothy**—study the Word of God (**2 Timothy 3:15**).

Leaning on Him

Realizing that I cannot achieve these objectives in my own strength, I will lean upon my Lord for “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me” (**Philippians 4:13**).