



“So we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.” ESV Romans 12:5

KNU International English Church Newsletter: The Gift of God’s Family

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Plans for Fall 2011



We are starting off the fall with **Hymns and Testimonies** service on September 4th. There are a number of people being baptized on that day. After the service there will be a barbeque party. Kids can bring their swimsuits and play in the pool during the party. If you can help with the party or share a grill, please call Tori (010-5620-2202) or HaYoung (010-4407-5034). The youth group will be joining this special event.

The sermon series for the fall will help those of us who ask questions like these. Why does KNU International English Church do what it does? What are the different parts of the worship service about? What is a Nazarene anyway? What makes the Nazarene denomination distinct from other churches?

With these questions in mind, sermons on worship will continue throughout September. **Why do we Worship?** (Sept. 11), **Scripture and Preaching** (Sept. 18), **Music and Art** (Sept. 25), **Sacraments** (Oct. 4), and **Silent Service** (Oct. 9).

This will be followed by a four week series on Nazarene heritage and identity. This will start with a sermon entitled **Holiness** (Oct. 23)

followed by **All Saints Day: Wesley and Bresee** (Oct. 30), **Mission** (Nov. 6), and **Christian Unity** (Nov. 13).

The youth group has some great plans for the fall. They are holding a **Back to School Barbeque party** at 5:30 on August 28th as well as Bible study and lunch after church, a regular part of their schedule. Other special events are a **Pastor & Parent Fellowship** (Sept. 25 6:00 p.m.) and a **Fall Bonfire and Bible Study** (Oct. 30 2-6:00 p.m.) at Taejosan mountain.

Please note the youth group will not have a separate lunch and Bible study on September 4th. They will join us for the **Hymns and Testimonies** service and the barbeque party.

Message from the Senior Pastor

These days our focus is all about babies and grandparents. Between my family and the Palmers, we have two new babies and five grandparents here or coming soon. (Sarah and Elizabeth are sisters — in case you didn’t know.) We’re preparing rooms, checking lists, buy-

ing food and supplies, and planning activities along with worrying, dreaming, remembering, and laughing. All of this flurry of activity, sends to thinking about the Church as family. I grew up singing, “We are one in the family ... the family of God,” usually while walking around

shaking hands during congregation time.

We are a far-flung family with members moving out to the corners of the world. This newsletter is one way to forge these family bonds a little stronger. Use this tool to get involved, to reconnect, and to strengthen our family.

Special points of interest:

- PASTORAL INTERVIEW WITH MATT BANNER
- HOW TO PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES DAILY
- POETRY, FAMILY NEWS, AND OTHER GREAT THINGS

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Bangladesh Update



Our church's mission is to be a loving community that changes our world. We say it every week, and we mean it. Our church is partnering with Nazarenes in Bangladesh to help build a village for widows and orphans that is scheduled to be completed this fall.

Why did we choose this? Through-out the Bible, God is concerned with care for widows and orphans. In addition to this, the poverty in Bangladesh is quite striking. 83%

of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.

The dream for the Bangladesh project is for a thriving, self-sustaining community of 50 homes, each home with one widow and six orphans gathered into a new family. In the center of the community will be a child development center which will double as a church on Sundays. Surrounding the community are rice fields which help feed and fund the community. A Nazarene elementary school,

a medical clinic, and a vocational training center are also being planned.

Please pray for the church that are serving as shelters for the many people affected by the flooding in the summer. As well, Bangladesh Jesus films have established 80 new churches and 256 church plants. Thank God for their effective ministry and pray that these churches and new Christians will grow in God's love.

"JESUS ASKS FOR EVERYTHING YOU ARE ... GIVE YOUR LIFE TO THE FATHER THROUGH JESUS. IN EXCHANGE, HE WILL GIVE YOU HIS LIFE THROUGH THE SPIRIT...THAT IS THE BEST EXCHANGE YOU'LL EVER GET."

- JOSH BROWARD

Summer Highlights

Our church had a wonderful outdoor service on Pentecost Sunday that celebrated how God uses earth, air, fire, and water. If you are interested in this topic, a recent book entitled *Water, Wind, Earth & Fire: The Christian Practice of Praying with the Elements* is a great devotional.

An enlightening series on tough theology followed this.

The topics included the trinity, hermeneutics, denominations, eschatology, heaven and hell, and conversion.

In August, Pastor Josh started a series on I Thessalonians.

Many people traveled this summer. One of members, Gina Dawson, traveled to Southern Sudan to volunteer at an orphanage there. Our

associate Pastor, Matt Banner, was ordained with the Church of the Nazarene. As well, many people traveled to see their families.

Of course, Pastor Josh and Sarah Broward's son, John David was born in August 19! Another surprise was the birth of Michael and Elizabeth Palmer's baby girl, Elliana (Ella) Renae. Congrats!

Pastoral Interview with Matt Banner

What kind of work do you do for our church?

I am the associate Pastor. I lead the children's ministries, preach about once a month, and also a lot of things behind the scenes.

What classes do you teach at KNU?

I teach conversation classes for the undergraduate students. I also teach TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of other Languages) and graduate classes in storytelling.

What have been some of the highlights of your time in Korea?

Meeting friends, going to Busan and relaxing on the

beach, watching many baseball games (go Hanwha Eagles!), and strolling around Insa-dong (in Seoul).

Do you have an Old Testament hero?

...I'll go with Esther. She follows God and shows bold- (article continues at top of next page)

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ness even when she has a lot to lose (status, position, life), and her bravery inspires me.

What do you enjoy most at our church?

I enjoy the mixture of people. We have so many people from different cultures, backgrounds, churches, and so on. We have people who are very liberal and people who are very conservative, and that causes some tension, but it is also great learning to

live with each other and accept each other.

Pastor Matt was recently ordained as a minister for the Church of the Nazarene. Be sure to congratulate him!

Of North Korean Foreigners

...While many South Koreans have very limited experience with the North Korean minority, I have had the privilege of getting to know some of these people through volunteering at a community center in Seoul and an alternative High School in Cheonan, called the Heavenly Dream School.

Before volunteering, it was easy to categorize them as 'other'. Upon meeting them, I

have found that they are strikingly like me, like other Koreans, like regular people.

Never have I felt a more poignant sense of this reality than when I attended an arts performance at the Heavenly Dream School. In the midst of many fun performances, one girl slowly came to the podium and began to read. A hush, then a reverent silence fell over the audience as she read a letter she had written

to her mother and sister, who were presumably still in North Korea.

The girl and I have the shared experience of being foreigners—both adapting to life in South Korea—and a shared humanity. It leaves us with a call to work together as fellow sojourners.

By Nikki Muyskens (Adapted from Engage Magazine, June 10, 2011)

Alumni Story

Andrew and Sheri Austin, alumni of our church, are starting a ministry in St. Louis called BIO.

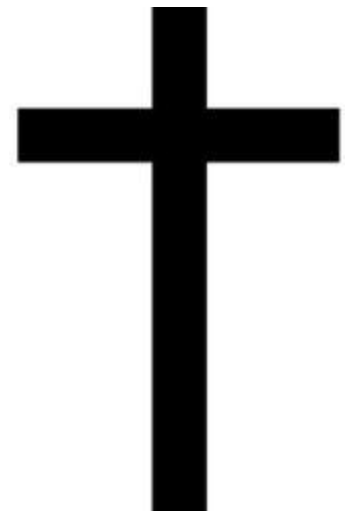
BIO (Bosnian International Outreach) is a ministry that will reach out to the 60 000 Bosnians in St. Louis. Most Bosnians are nominal Muslims. This ministry is to reach out to

this almost lost people group.

Their vision is to share the Gospel with 30 000 Bosnians and see 7 500 saved and disciplined.

This is a big vision and it must come with big prayer. Please pray for God to prepare Bosnians' hearts and provide opportunities to min-

ister. Pray for the Holy Spirit to convict them of their sins and convince them of their need for a Savior. Pray that whole families will be saved! Pray also that the Austin's support raising would be completed soon so they can focus on this God-given mission.



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Turkey Update

P and H missionaries, have been doing some very interesting work in a small town that they recently moved to.

God answered their prayers to build relationships in that small town by introducing them to some Filipino women who are married to Turkish men. These women inspired them to start a support group because many of them have difficult home lives.

Christmas was a highlight for them because they were able to give out Christmas gift boxes to refugees from Pal-

estine, Iraq, and Liberia. As well, a few of the Filipino-Turkish families came to their home for a Christmas celebration.

Other noteworthy events in their home included an Easter service attended by a large number of families they know and a Mother's Day celebration. The Mother's Day celebration was not as well attended. Please pray for the Filipino women who often openly share their stories of physical abuse and struggles with family relationships.

They have also been involved in church planting and leadership development activities. Please pray for the Nazarene Eurasia Regional Conference that will held in Turkey on October 12-16 of this year. They are planning on bringing two families who are in need of financial support.

They created an online album that is worth checking out (<http://yurl.com/62my23d>).



Korea Food for the Hungry and APNTS Partner to Help Alleviate Dengue in Urban-Poor Communities

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- JARRETT DAVIS

Addressing a dire developmental need, [Fairbanks International School of Communication](#) (FISC director, Dr. Dong Hwan Kwon) of [Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary](#) (APNTS) has received an initial \$20,000 project grant from Korea Food for the Hungry International (KFHI) to develop community through Dengue prevention and control which will eventually serve the Philippines and surrounding south-east Asian countries.

Dengue Fever and Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever are serious mosquito-borne infections that can lead to a flu-like illness and even death. The project proposal from KFHI states that these illnesses have grown dramatically in the past

few years and have threatened and taken the lives of many people in underdeveloped countries.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has indicated that it has a great knowledge base on Malaria, however there has been a great lack of communication in delivering that knowledge to local communities. Fairbanks International School of Communication (FISC) with KFHI hopes to develop relevant communication strategies to bring this WHO knowledge-base to south-east Asian communities, develop capacity building workshops, and help connect local counterparts to aid in the efforts.

This multi-year project aims to conduct its foundational research in the Rowena community, located just

behind the APNTS Campus. During this initial stage, the group will create a pilot program as well as conduct additional research to aid in the creation of an effective center for prevention and control in the later stages of this project.

Together with the Holistic Child Development Program (Director, Dr. Floyd Cunningham) of APNTS, the project proposes a holistic approach to Dengue, which combines the efforts of medical experts, entomologists, local communities, and churches to work together to address the growing problem of Dengue.

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This approach views people as holistic entities that are spiritual, as well as biological and social beings. An integrated view such as this unifies community development with the work of the Lord. APNTS is proud to be a part of this initiative to build developmental bridges to the people around it.

By Jarrett Davis

APNTS Communications Officer

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How to Pray Daily for Missionaries

We all know that missionaries ask for prayer. Many of them pass out prayer cards when they visit a church, and those cards are picked up from the missionary's display table with the best of intentions. They are stuck with a plastic magnet to the front of the refrigerator where they can be seen several times each day or tucked in a Bible.

Sometimes missionaries send a prayer list with their newsletter. Other times God seems to impress a need directly on our hearts for them. We might see their name in the Prayer Mobilization Line or Nazarene Communications Network. Somehow, it doesn't seem to be enough. How can we pray for missionaries, (or others in ministry) between the times of crisis. How can we make these prayers a part of our daily time with God?

Here is a suggested prayer plan for the missionary or minister in your life.

Sunday: Spiritual life — A closer walk with God. Missionaries need times of refreshing just like everyone else. Those in ministry give on a regular basis. Pray that they will take the time to be filled so that they will not be running on empty or on their strength.

Monday: Mind — The ability to learn what is needed, be it language and culture or a new way of getting things done. Pray that their mind will be open and accepting to the new things that greet them. Louie Bustle, director of Nazarene Global Mission, used to say missionaries need to "trust the locals". It is easier to think that we have all the answers than to admit we need to learn them.

Tuesday: Team — The people the person works with — for good relationships that build

up the work and honor God. Pray for the local people whose lives are touched by the missionary, as well as missionary co-workers and leaders. No one is a long ranger — and even the lone ranger had Tonto.

Wednesday: Well-being — No one likes being sick. Being sick in another cultural context can be scary and even more dangerous. Malaria and other diseases for which we have built up no immunity can be deadly. Health care can be hard to find. Driving over rough roads, air travel and other modes of transportation can be fraught with ... excitement. Pray for physical safety from illness and travel safety.

Thursday — Thoughts — Pray that the missionary will not be discouraged.

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Thursday: Thoughts — Pray that the missionary will not be discouraged. Pray that they will remain focused on the things of God. There are “get thee behind me” moments in everyone’s life. Pray that the missionary will be able to discern those moments for what they are and be bold in confronting them.

Friday: Family — Spouse, sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, mother and father. Some of these people will be Christian, others not. Some will be going through a crisis — physical, spiritual, or emotional — which drains the missionary.

Sometimes the stress comes from being in the situation; at other times the stress comes from being half the world away. Pray for peace, contentment and open communication between the missionary and family members.

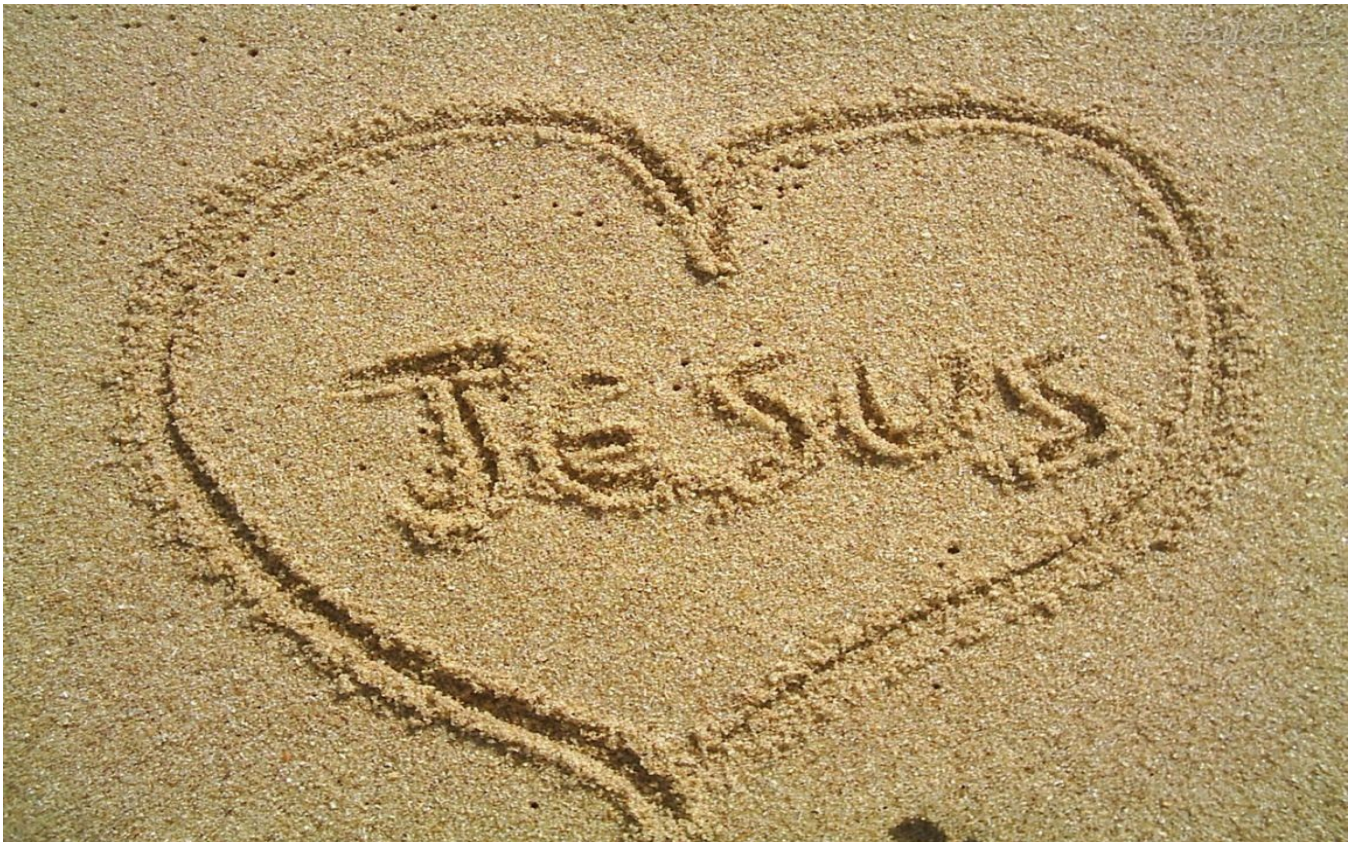
Saturday: Schedule — As the week comes to a close and missionaries are planning the week ahead, pray that the schedule will be filled with divine appointments. Pray that when the schedule is disrupted that the missionary will see the hand of God at work and not be angry, but rather expectant.

No matter what day of the week it is, missionaries (and ministers) covet your prayers. Thank you.

“If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.” Matthew 21:22

By Amy Crofford

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Poetry, Family News, and Other Great Things

Baptism

We partake of it so gently
On a schedule
Sometimes even a sprinkle
Not even requiring
a change of clothes.

It should be done
As enemies are treated—
Bound and gagged,
With head held back.
The pastor should pour
The water to overtake you.
Your lungs should burn.
You should choke and sputter
and
Wonder how you will survive
The process.
You should break.

For those who would live
Die, but
For those who would come
To their end,
Every new life
Begins in drowning.

By Ron Knickerbocker

Family News

Eric Stevenson, the former church pianist, got married this summer. As well, he launched his band, Pocket Vinyl. If you have time, check out www.pocketvinyl.com.

SuHee Im, a former Advisory Council member, also got married. In addition, starts a new job teaching English in SeoSan.

Dave Batley and Jami Carpenter, former members of our church and Bangladesh August 2010 team members, got married.

There were 8 baptisms in September. Ji-Un Kang, Kwang-Yeon Lee, Jae-Young Seo, Geun-Tae Kim, In-Tae Kim, and Jeom-Sook Lee were baptized and Arnold Tanubrata, Claire Rive, and Cliff Spruill renewed their baptismal vows on September 4th. Congratulations to all of them! Let's keep them in our thoughts and prayers as they learn and grow in

Christ.

If you are interested in making a contribution to this section of the newsletter or have suggestions for improvements please contact Virginia Hanslien at virginia18@gmail.com or call 010-3601-4826.



One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voscamp (Book Review)

I must admit that I was completely captivated by this woman's remarkable gift of pen. If you enjoy poetry or appreciate a writer who can describe the mundane as holy, you will enjoy this book.

She begins with the story of the loss of her sister, Aimee, who was literally crushed in front of her family by a trucker who just didn't see her. As many people before her

have done at times of loss or pain, she asks the question, "How can a good God...?"

She finds her answer in thanksgiving. She calls it Eucharisteo and she knows how hard it is. Yet, she begins compiling a list of one thousand gifts, small things that she is thankful for.

"It is impossible to give thanks, and simultaneously feel

fear." (p. 203) This is one of the reasons for thanksgiving. Many times God calls us to remember and give thanks...to count our blessings...come into grace. When we remember His good works, His salvation, His provisions, protection...we give thanks.

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Our Mission is simple:

To be a loving community that changes our world.

Our vision: We see this mission happening in three core areas.

1. **Renewed by God's Love.** This is the first and fundamental part of our vision. God's love changes us. When God's love soaks deeply into our hearts and souls, we become new people. We become able to love God, to love others, and even to love ourselves.
2. **Multicultural community.** In some ways, we don't have much choice about this. On any given Sunday, we may be gathered from ten different countries. However, we want to embrace our differences as God brings us together for Christ. We ask all of our members to go out of their way to show love to people of other cultures.
3. **Global Change Through Local Action.** We want to change the world, but we can't do it all at once. We're starting here in Cheonan (where we serve orphans and migrant workers) and in Bangladesh (where we are helping to build a village for orphans and widows).

One Thousand Gifts by Ann Voskamp (Book Review)

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In the process, we are built up, given peace and hope that He loves us. Knowing this takes us closer to knowing the fullness of Him.

Ann's words express it very poetically. "I am a hunter of beauty and I move slow and I keep the eyes wide, every fiber of every muscle sensing all wonder and this is the thrill of the hunt and I could be an expert on the life full, the beauty meat that lurks in every moment.

I hunger to taste life. God." (p. 71)

In her quest to abandon pride, fear, control she found that her cup overflows with God's goodness, grace, and love as she embraces a lifestyle of radical gratitude.

She learns to slow down, savor life, and catch God in what used to be fleeting moments of her life.

To say I was touched by this author is a complete understatement. I am not the same person. Her superb writing style left me undone and wanting to be made new. The Holy Spirit is reforming me as start my own list.

Thank you Jesus for all of your gifts and thank you Ann for inspiring me and others to start our own lists.

If you are interested in her blog, check out www.aholyexperience.com.

