

## More News from South America and Asia

**Cross-stitch**, the network of ELS Women's Mission Societies, has offered to match donations up to a total of \$6,000 for the purchase of hymnbooks for the Lutheran Mission of Salvation – India (LMSI). Each hymnbook costs \$3 to print in India. The LMSI church body has over 20,000 members, but is in need of 4000 hymnbooks for its Sunday worshipers. Donations may be made through circuit WMS channels or to ELS Board for World Outreach, 6 Browns Ct. Mankato, MN 56001.

The Lutheran Mission of Salvation – India seminary program resumes in August. Thirty Gospel Workers will be enrolled in the Hyderabad and Rajahmundry districts. The last seminary session ended in 2014 when 14 students were ordained.

Rev. Thomas Heyn, Madison, WI, has accepted the Call to become half-time Administrator for the Board for World Outreach. He will do general administrative work for the entire board and focus his field-work attention on Asia.



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## MISSION NEWS & HELPING HANDS



*Sharing the Gospel in South America and Asia*

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## Gospel ministry in Korea and Ch!n\*

No, that's not a misprint. Some governments don't appreciate Christian mission-ministry, so sending organizations like the ELS Board for World Outreach must be careful not to draw attention nor to identify national workers.



Rev. Young Ha and Margaret Kim

Our mission in Korea at Seoul Lutheran Church is uniquely situated to bring the Gospel to two specific groups: 1) the population of South Korea, and 2) those who are ethnic Koreans holding citizenship in Ch!n\*, regardless of where they live. After the Gospel itself, our greatest assets are the men God has given us as pastors, teachers and students with hearts on fire to tell Christ's story to everyone they meet. Let's get to know them.

Rev. Young Ha Kim leads our team in Korea. He serves as pastor to the 300 members of Seoul Lutheran Church. His wife, Margaret, prepares Korean students to enroll in Lutheran high schools in the US at the Canaan Lutheran Academy, which she directs. This program draws prospect families to our mission.

Rev. Kyun Young Chung is pastor at Yesu Uri (Jesus is our Lord) Lutheran Church, a group of about 20 souls.

Rev. Dr. Sung Gyu Choi is Associate Pastor at Seoul Lutheran Church,

and Director of Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute (SLTI). He is aided in teaching and curriculum development by a long-time friend to ELS missions, Rev. John Vogt (WELS). The students at SLTI are comprised of two groups: 1) some are preparing to join us as pastors serving Korean congregations or reaching out to the Korean Ch!n\*se population in greater Asia and 2) some are outside our fellowship but



Rev. Kyun Young Chung, pastor at Yesu Uri Lutheran Church

are seeking our confessional Lutheran influence on their theology and the ministries they are conducting. If they will listen, we will teach!

Our most advanced SLTI student is Jae Woong Kim, who began a vicarage at Seoul

Lutheran Church in May and who will attempt to plant a new church in SamChumPo in September.

Young Chul C\_\_\_ is a Korean-Ch!n\*se non-denominational pastor committed to learning Lutheran theology and teaching it to his congregation which is comprised of ethnic Korean immigrants from Ch!n\*.

Finally, Jinfeng C\_\_\_ is an ethnic Korean Ch!n\*se citizen who hopes to study at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary. He has completed some classes at Asia Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong.

As you can see, God has put in place a team of Christians ready, willing and able to serve him in bringing the Gospel to greater Asia from our expanding mission in Korea.



Rev. Dr. Sung Gyu Choi, Vicar Jae Woong Kim,  
Jinfeng, Young Chul

## Will you join us in prayer?

First, let's pray for our mission in Seoul. Ask God's blessing on the congregations and their ministries – that they remain faithful to Lutheran doctrine and committed to outreach through pastoral ministry, Canaan Lutheran Academy and Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute.

We should also pray for our students at SLTI, in particular for Jae Woong Kim as he begins his vicarage and for Young Chul as he matures in Lutheran theology. And we should pray that God would bless Jinfeng in his attempt to study at Bethany Seminary in Mankato. He may one day be a strong spokesman for Christ in his homeland of Ch!n@.

## Would you like to help?

1. Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute offers weekly classes to 10 students. In some cases, transportation and meal support is provided. In addition, visiting professors from the US are brought in for special classes. In all, \$5,000 - \$10,000 per year is needed to prepare men to learn and then share Lutheran doctrine in their Asian ministries.

2. Tuition for Jinfeng at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary is paid for by scholarship funds. However, his total expenses will likely be nearly \$10,000 per year to live and study in the US.

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Class at Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute