



April 10, 2017

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Spring has arrived with the good news of many different flowers blooming from the South. We can see cherry blossoms, azaleas, forsythias, and magnolias, even in Chuncheon, which is in the northern part of South Korea. I think the reason why people like spring is not only because they can get rid of their thick winter coats, but also because of the change in the environment coming from living things. Like our busy and vibrant surroundings, we find ourselves also bursting with fresh energy and movement.

Along with the seasonal changes, we have also experienced many changes. BockKi decided to stop attending Jesus Heart church in order to visit a different church on Sunday mornings. One of these days he would like to put forward the first step for planting a church in Seoul. While he is focusing on the church-planting ministry, Sook Kyoung has been putting most of her energy into the English education ministry. We have already talked about these changes, which began last year, but we have officially started putting these plans into action from March of this year. Therefore these changes have been more tangible and visible for us. Bock Ki is sharing the church planting vision with other brothers and sisters. He is also participating in a book discussion group, which gathers at 5 o'clock on Sundays. We wait for God's guidance as we ask for people's prayers. Bock Ki is visiting a small church every Sunday morning to see how



Sook led a circle activity for ESL students

God is working in South Korea, though many people say that there is not much hope for Korean churches. He feels that planting a Mennonite church in Seoul is a kind of calling from God. Although he is in the very first stage of planting a church, he wants to see a Mennonite church in Seoul in the near future. We would like to ask your prayers for 1) finding a good meeting place that people can easily access from a subway station in Seoul 2) meeting good people who are interested in the kingdom of God as well as a healthy Biblical church 3) sensing the right timing for starting the church and 4) many people's support.

Concerning Sook Kyoung's English ministry, there are 15 students who have registered for classes in April. Students register on a monthly basis, with the age group of her students being from 8 to 13, or grades 2 to 7. Sometimes Bock Ki is confused by her role, because in addition to teaching English, she provides good counseling, encouragement, and emotional healing for the children. Her academy is not like the typical English academies found throughout South Korea, but is rather a small healing community for the children. We would like to ask you to pray for this ministry and for the students, so that she can give them hope in the midst of South Korea's heavily stressful society.

Last February, Walter Klaassen's book *Anabaptism: Neither Catholic Nor Protestant* was published in Korean. Bock Ki translated it and now provides a lecture on the basis of the book. So far in April, he has become engaged in various lectures in several locations on Christian

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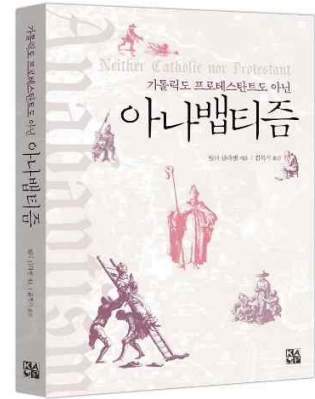


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pacifism and church practices. He will present on April 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th and lead a seminar in a Presbyterian church on April 16th and 23th. Pray for his presentations and for the development of Anabaptist resources in Korean.

Mennonite Church South Korea gathered for their first meeting on February 20 and 21, 2016. It has been a slow development. Like a seed, a new national church also takes time before bursting into a sapling. Over the one year, church representatives from four churches have met many times, worked together in registration for charitable status, are visiting each church, exercising many different activities as a body, and are planning the next meeting. Last year, we decided that we will have the annual assembly for the year of 2017.



Korean version of Anabaptism



BK interviewed on Anabaptism by a Christian newspaper

Now we have detailed the schedule for the first official annual MCSK assembly. We expect to gather together as the official body as the Mennonite Church South Korea from September 15-17. We have only 4 churches under MCSK: Jesus Heart Church in Chuncheon, Peace&Joy Mennonite Church in NonSan, Jubilee Mennonite Church in JinHae, and God's Family Church in Jeju. Pray for obtaining the charitable status, preparing the assembly and re-memorizing the churches.

Please pray for our children who live in Canada. Our daughter, Jin Sol, has recently started a full-time research position at the University of Waterloo. From September, she will be focusing on beginning her doctoral studies while continuing to work part-time. Our son, Daniel, will be working part-time until he resumes his study at Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford. Pray for their health, faith, studies, and relationships with others.

Peace be with you all.

In God's Shalom,

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