

## Will you join us in prayer?

*"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." (Luke 10:2). A great harvest awaits us in Korea—and in other ELS mission fields. But workers are needed—workers like Jae Woong Kim.*

Please pray for workers like him.

Pray that the Lord bring such men to us, eager and ready to study and serve. Pray that the Lord would bless the teaching that takes place in classrooms, like those of Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute.

Pray that the Lord bless the work of pastors like J. W. Kim, that the mission congregations they begin and serve may bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to many. That is one way that *you help make it happen*.

## Would you like to help?

Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute needs scholarship funds to assist students who miss work to study God's Word. Funds are also needed to provide transportation and accommodation for visiting professors. Textbooks and other materials must also be purchased.

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*"It is my privilege to present to you ..."* *You help to make it happen.*

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## Ask the Lord of the Harvest

*"It is my privilege to present to you the Rev. Kim Jae Woong, pastor and exploratory missionary to the Anyong community." Date: April 30, 2017.*



He had waited to hear those words for years. Now he was the pastor he had longed to be. The long course of studies was complete. He was known as J. W. Kim, or J. W. for short. Years earlier he had been a sales manager for Merck in its Korean pharmaceutical division. He was retired, 60 years old, married with two children. But this is what he wanted to be—a Lutheran pastor in the Korean Lutheran church body associated with the ELS. *And you helped make it happen.*

He had joined Seoul Lutheran Church about ten years earlier and became an elder in the congregation. He began biblical studies under Pastor Young Ha Kim. He was anxious to learn, and to complete his studies quickly. Professor John Vogt from the WELS



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visited and taught classes. ELS Pastor Steven Petersen would teach when he made visits to Korea to review the Korean mission work. J.W. was impatient, and wanted to complete his studies even more quickly. What was needed was a program of theological education that could offer regular classes. Eventually the Seoul Lutheran Theological Institute (SLTI) was created. Rev. Dr. Samuel Choi was its new director. He had completed his studies at Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary and completed his graduate work before returning to Korea. Now, he could head up a theological program that would provide the classes J.W. needed. *And you helped make it happen.*



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The church in Korea, together with the Board for World Outreach, looked for places where a new pastor could begin mission work. During the time that options were being studied, J.W. studied at SLTI. In May of this year, Pastors Steven Petersen and Thomas Heyn visited Korea and taught a course on 1 Corinthians. Lay members from Seoul Lutheran Church attended the class. Several people that are not Lutherans, but are interested in Lutheran teaching, also attended. Finally, several men studying to be Lutheran pastors attended, including J. W. Kim. With his seminary training complete, and a place of worship located, J. W. Kim was ordained and installed as the pastor of HeeMang Lutheran Church (Hope Lutheran Church) in Anyang City, a suburb of Seoul. The new church was dedicated and more than 100 people attended. *And you helped make it happen.*



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