

Part 1. 2010 USA Midwest/Missouri Regions Summer Bible Conference report

Thanks to God for abundantly blessing the Midwest/Missouri Valley Region Summer Bible Conference held at the Civic Center in Peoria. Like the title "The Kingdom of God is near", we saw the Kingdom of God is near among us through the message, testimony, video and drama presentation, music and dancing. Thank you for all servants to serve the work of God with their whole hearts, time and energy. Thank you for our King, Jesus Christ, to bless our Summer Bible Conference with the Holy Spirit and to give us true hope and life direction to expand the Kingdom of God to the whole nations.

One highlight of the conference was the presence of American missionaries and mission call. The testimony from 7 nations inspired us the hope of God that God may change the America as a missionary sending nation, and use many Americans as bible teachers and missionaries. Many were enlightened with hope in Christ's kingdom and to make decisions to give their lives to preach the gospel to all nations. As a result, when a mission call was given on Saturday evening, over 250 persons came forward, volunteering to go as missionaries to the world or pioneering new campuses in obedience to Jesus' command.

Thank you for 6 main conference messengers to deliver graceful and joyful message with the whole hearts. They meditated the bible passage deeply and memorized all, then delivered powerful messages that moved sinners' hearts. Through their messages from the word of God, the kingdom of God came upon the conference attendants.

New fresh program was the testimonies of the House Church. They shared their personal experiences how God led their house church and helped to overcome the troubles of the marriage. They also shared how their house church dedicated to the campus ministry and the world mission. Through the testimonies, we learned how beautiful and fruitful Jesus-centered house church is. May God establish many holy house churches in DuPage ministry to serve and follow Jesus.

In our DuPage chapter, total 23 attended this conference, including 10 sheep. Thanks to God to give all attendants the hope of the kingdom of God, grace of the gospel and a holy desire to follow Jesus as disciples. Thanks to God to raise new messengers in DuPage ministry through a message training. May God help them to grow up as a great messenger through receiving God's training humbly.

Nathan and Phil prepared the morning devotion messages with whole hearts. Nathan humbly accepted the many comments from the missionaries and shepherds and struggled to finish the message until mid night. He gave grace to me through his clear direction, to learn Jesus coming to serve, coming early to prepare for the environments of Friday meeting and Sunday service. I learned that I can obey the Jesus' examples through my very small serving in practical action.

Phil served the morning devotion messages very joyfully and humorously. Actually in morning time, I became very sleepy, but during his message, I could focus on his message.

Sh. Jeremy Hajek went to Chicago center after work for 3 week for messenger' training. He received much training from Dr. John Jun, Dr. Mark Yang, P. Teddy P. Mark and P. Ron Rord. Thank you for their supports and prayers for sh. Jeremy. During training, Jeremy confessed to me I am poor messenger. Thanks God to help him to be humble before God and to expand his narrow dream to the wide vision to be used by God as a missionary at the God's time.

Matt played very important role in a drama skit in his first conference. He memorized the Bible passage and played the Jesus role with spirit and in good low voice. May God use him as a good messenger also in next conference. Hector, Rudy, Juli, Crystal, Oliva helped the drama kit as the role of disciples and participated in serving the morning devotion. Help them to accept Jesus as their Christ and King and to follow Jesus as disciples. Sh. Esther and Hannah served Turkish dancing with joy at the last night. Thank you for sh. Hannah and Crystal to have a good fellowship in the group Bible Study. Thank for Crystal to make the group joyful. May God use her talents and passion to learn a foreign language, Japanese, Korean, and Chinese for God's glory. And M. Gideon Bahn and Joy Kim planted the word of God to the sheep in the group bible study. Thank Sarah and Isaac Bahn to serve the music environment in HBF with their whole heart.

God bless DuPage ministry to be used as the kingdom of God to raise many future workers and messengers and bible teachers to serve the work of God.

Part 2. Confessing and following Jesus the King

Mark 8:29

“But what about you? He asked, “Who do you say I am?” Peter answered, ‘You are the Christ’”

Thank you for Jesus who saved me from miserable sinful life and now uses me as his servant for fulfilling God's will. Before I met Jesus, I was Samaritan woman to be thirsty for human love and worldly success. But I was not happy, when I didn't know God's will for my life. But God helped me to meet the Bible Teacher who taught Jesus and the way of life, so I confessed my sins and accepted Jesus as my Savior. At that time, I vowed to God, “If you save me, I will dedicate my life to you.” But I forgot this vow, but God remembered this vow and in 2008 God established the house church with sh. Jeremy and sent me as a missionary in America. Through this event in my life, God showed his plan and hope for me. Even though I had my own plans and dreams, I realized that God's leading and guidance for my life is perfect and the best.

Through the Mark gospel, I learn that I should follow Jesus first of all. In South Korea, I depend on the church system and counseling of my senior shepherdess. But now God gave me a glorious mission to pioneer the DuPage County. To serve pioneering ministry, I should grow up as an excellent bible teacher and good shepherdess to plant the word of God to a hopeless people with prayers. I pray that I may follow Jesus and depend on his life changing power and his grace for sinners so that I can help many sheep to follow Jesus.

Second, I learn that I must follow Jesus with cross of mission. Comparing with worldly people without mission and cross, taking up the cross of mission is not easy. But through word of God, I realize that if I don't deny myself and take up cross, actually I don't follow Jesus. It is spiritual reality before God. Following Jesus is more than attending Sunday worship service. It is spiritual struggle everyday life in denying myself and taking up the cross. Following Jesus requires my sacrifice and cost and dedication. Maybe after delivering the baby, it would be my new cross to deny myself as a mom and to feed the spiritual sons and daughters as a shepherdess. Also to serve ministry and family by prayers is my cross I should take up. God gave me many blessings. But it is more important than keeping and bearing blessing continually. I pray that I take up the cross of the mission and follow Jesus so that I produce many fruits for God's glory. I pray that I may try to have 12 1:1 Bible Study every week and raise them as disciples to follow Jesus.

One word: Follow Jesus through taking up my cross