

Elijah Lee - Life testimony



Hello, my name is Elijah Lee. The key verse of my testimony is Mark 16:15 "Make disciples of all nations."

I was born on September 13th, 1961, which means I am very young. I am the eldest son of my parents. I grew up in the countryside. My father committed suicide when I was 7. This made me feel meaningless and powerless. In order to overcome powerlessness, I started practicing Tae Kwon Do from 4th grade and eventually earned a third degree black belt, yet I still felt empty and weak. But one day during my freshman year in college, a friend of mine invited me to Bible study. And based on Revelation 3:20, I accepted Jesus as my Savior. When I did this, peace ruled my heart; I no longer felt empty but the power of God.

Then, in my senior year, another friend led me to UBF where I met Missionary Isaac Kim. Upon meeting him, Missionary Isaac Kim persuaded me to live not just as a Sunday Christian but as a disciple-maker. He then put me through a discipleship training program. Six months later, in the Summer of 1982, Missionary Isaac Kim delivered his last Sunday message, he gave me Mark 16:15, and said "Make disciples of all nations." He then left Korea as a missionary to America.

I received intern staff shepherd training by Dr. John Jun for 5 years. At that time I received much love from Dr. John Jun and Sunji Jun. I can not forget the love of them. Because I lost my father at 7, I felt father-like love through Dr. John Jun. Missionary Sunji Jun served me like my mother. Sometimes she prepared lunch box for me. Also I studied Bible with missionary Joseph Ahn for an intern shepherd. I learned a pioneering spirit from him.

In 1988 I began to pioneer Seokyo center and served Hongik University students, co-working with Dr. Abraham Kim in Dongkyo center. From him I learned a shepherd heart and reverence to God from shepherd Abraham Kim and his wife. After they left Korea as missionaries to America I began to serve Dongkyo center together with Seokyo center as one. Dr. Abraham Kim prayed that our new chapter may send co-workers as frontline pioneering missionaries to the whole world. Since then, I held on to Mark 16:15 as the direction of my life. The Lord God blessed this direction and during the past 21 years, God used me to send 75 missionaries to 10 different countries. God also blessed me by giving me a beautiful wife Sunny Lee, plus three daughters, and one son.

After serving God's ministry 21 years straight, I realized that I need time to retreat and have personal time with God in order to grow more and serve the word of God more effectively in the future. God also raised a trained shepherd, Paul Moon, for the ministry in my absence . When I prayed about this matter, God gave me an opportunity to come to Headquarter of UBF ministry in Chicago. I pray that I may be prepared to be an international shepherd by learning English and meet the God of America during my six month stay . Having fellowship with American shepherds and missionaries I pray that I may build relationships with them and know their prayer topics. Even though it is short time period, I pray that I may experience a missionary life.

In summary my prayer topics are:

- 1) Grow to be an international shepherd by mastering English.
- 2) Build relationship with American shepherds and missionaries.
- 3) Raise Shepherd Paul Mun as a spiritual leader during this period.

Today, by God's grace, I have the privilege of visiting DUPAGE UBF and witnessing God's work in America. I am very happy to meet all of you. Thank you !

One word: Make disciples of all nations