

Shepherd Ahn Min Gu's Life Testimony
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“Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John Ch.4 ver.13-15)

Part I - I Was Thirsty.

I was born in 1982, in a small city, Korea. I'm very blessed, because I was born in a Christian family. My parents were very sincere Christians. They loved God and me very much. So I could grow up very happy in my childhood. But our economic situation was not good. My father changed his job several times and my parents were poor. So, my mother always told me, “You are the hope of us. Study hard, and you must succeed in your life.” So, I had to study hard to become a rich and powerful man and support my family. Thank God for his help and my mother's force, I always got first place in my class and my school. So I could graduate from my middle school and high school as the top student. And I also could attend the Department of Chemical Engineering in Seoul National University in 2001, the best university in Korea. Although I achieved much as a good student, sometimes I was not satisfied because I was forced to study hard. So I wanted to do some different activities such as meeting a girl friend or playing sports and computer games. When I was a freshman in high school, I had a girl friend secretly. And I went out sometimes with her, and didn't study hard. That made my grades worse and my mother's mind even worse. My mother got very angry after she realized that my bad grades were because of meeting my girl friend. And finally she found out my girl friend's phone number, and called her. And we were separated. After that, I got a girl friend again when I was a freshman at the university. But it didn't last long because she was not a Christian and we had some arguments when we were talking to each other about life, future, and religion. I was seeking love and satisfaction from a girl like this and got disappointed each time. I loved to play soccer. We played soccer on Saturdays at SNU3 chapter. The problem was that I was a totally different person when I was playing soccer. I was very aggressive and brutal, especially when my team was losing. So I kicked the ball very hard and kicked some of the shepherds' feet too. And if my team finally lost, I yelled like a madman. I also loved to play computer games. Especially, I really liked to play 'Starcraft', which is the most popular computer game in Korea. When I was a freshman in university, I played that game very much, and I even didn't go to school often. I slept at dawn after playing computer game, and got up at around 5 p.m. I just stayed in the dorm and didn't go out. I was young but I was like an old man, who doesn't have any spiritual power. I led a miserable life and didn't know what to do. I was helpless. I was seeking pleasure and satisfaction in my life, which will end in vain.

Part II - Jesus gave me living water.

I was born as a Christian, so I always went to church on every Sunday. But I was just a formal Sunday Christian and I didn't have faith in Jesus or meet him personally. The

Bible was like some old stories and it was hard to believe. But, when I was studying very hard for university entrance exam as a senior in high school, I started doing Quiet Time everyday, and met Jesus. Jesus helped me very much, and I could overcome the stresses of studying 18 hours a day. I really liked 30 minutes of reading the bible everyday, and Jesus finally led me to Seoul National University. But right after I entered the university, I quit reading the bible. And I didn't seek his words and help any more. I met my shepherd, Samuel Shin on the first day of my university life, when I arrived at my room in the dorm from my hometown. I began studying one to one bible study from then. At first, I didn't like one to one bible study, because my shepherd gave me some small training every time such as getting up in the morning early or writing a testimony. So, sometimes I didn't write a testimony and was not nice to my shepherd. I disobeyed their saying. But I really liked their food serving after Sunday worship service and their love. When I became a sophomore, Shepherds wanted me to start living in brother's community house, which they called a 'tent'. So, I visited there, and was very disappointed at the look of the small and dirty house. So I said "No." and I stayed at Shep. Joshua Kim's house instead. In that summer, I wrote my 50 page-life testimony and delivered it at the summer bible conference 2002. That was a very good chance to look back my life and find out how Jesus helped and walked with me in my life. Especially, I realized that I have been in a worldly life since I stopped having quiet time after becoming a university student. I repented my sins and unfaithfulness before God. And I was changing day by day.

After the summer bible conference, I decided to live in the community house with the faithful brothers. They treated me with love and served me a lot. After one month later, I also started serving food for them. Living with brothers in community house, I learned how to be with any person who has different personality, and how to love and serve each other. And, I started studying in my major too. It was very hard and I still didn't get a good grade, at first time. But, I was getting better, and finally, I could get scholarship by God's blessing. After I finished my junior year of school, I joined the Army to do my 2 years of military service. God gave me very good chance to work with American Soldiers in the Army. So I could learn how to speak in English. That experience made it possible to plan and come here to the States all by myself on this trip.

I really appreciate God for sending me here and making me learn the missionaries' passion and love for God's mission. And I also really thank missionaries and shepherds here at COD for serving me like a son and a brother. Now, I am a little bit nervous about going back to school. Because I have not studied for almost 3 years since I joined the Army. As a senior, I need to study some complicated subjects and be ready for going to graduate school. I pray that God may help me and give me wisdom to study this fall semester. I'm a miserable sinner. And I have no life without Jesus Christ. He changed my life. I was seeking pleasure for myself. So I was supposed to die because of my sins and go to hell. But Jesus has changed me and made me think about my friends and neighbors. And I felt pity for them who are not in Jesus. So I pray that I can invite my friends to bible study and Sunday worship service. I pray Especially for Kim, Jong-Hwa, one of my close friends, to keep attending SNU3 Sunday worship service. I also pray that I can be holy, because God is holy and be spiritually and mentally sincere at SNU3 ministry. And

I pray that I can be ready for God's use whenever he wants to use me as a missionary and have a house church. I praise the Lord who changed me and made me as his glorious disciple.

One word : I will not be thirsty any more!