

The Harvest is Plentiful but the workers are few

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The Key Verse: Matthew 9:37

'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."

Part I: Jesus rescued me from darkness and sent me to the US as a missionary.

Hi, my name is David Kim, and I was born in 1960. My parents named me Kyou Dong Kim, which means 'Golden Star in the East.' My father's hope was that I would be a great man in the East. God accepted his hope and sent me far east—very far east—which is America, as a missionary. He has called me to shine Jesus' light here. But my life was not bright before meeting Jesus Christ. I remember when I was growing up, my father's business always failed. My girlfriend of 10 years cheated on me when I was in college. Police officers were after me for my seditious activity. All these things together caused me to lose hope, and I tried to commit suicide on a mountain. But being too fearful to die, I instead cried out to God, "If you save me from this suffering, I will live for you." God heard me.

In the army, God helped me to meet one UBF shepherd who lived a very exemplary life as a Christian soldier. After military service, I began to study the Bible with Missionary Paulus Cha, who is now in Canada. When studying John 1:14, I realized that Jesus came to this sinful world in order to solve our sin problem, even though he is God almighty. At the 1984 Summer Bible Conference, I repented of all my past sins and accepted Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord. Then Jesus miraculously removed the burden from my heart, and even healed my stomach ulcer. Out of gratitude to my Lord Jesus Christ, I began to live as a campus shepherd at In Ha University. Jesus blessed me to raise 3 disciples and granted me a P.E. teacher's job in In Cheon. In 1986, my Lord Jesus granted me the most spirited and beautiful woman of God, Joy Kim, as my wife and life long mission partner. After marriage, God led us to pioneer Seoul National University and raise several Bible teachers there. In 1993, God opened the door for my family to go to L.A. as missionaries by helping Joy to pass the R.N. Exam.

Part II: English study and self-support ministry.

Before receiving a green card, I had to support my family financially. I woke up at 5:00 AM to wash dishes at a restaurant. At the restaurant, I was promoted, but then soon demoted. I remember crying because of that. In the morning I worked as a food delivery-man, and in the afternoon I taught the Bible at CSULB, and at night I studied at Long Beach community college. Then God blessed my

mission life by leading me to many one to one Bible students. I was then planning to study Occupational Therapy at Saint Mary's College in L.A. Just as I paid the fees for the coming semester at Saint Mary's, God called me to come to Chicago to receive internship training. I gave up everything and went to Chicago with my family. I studied English in preparation to take the TOEFL exam, and attended pronunciation classes led by Pastor Ron Ward. Each week, I read the manuscript of the Sunday message more than 10 times. God challenged me through his servant to minister to more than 12 students at UIC each week through one to one Bible study. In this way, God began to open my ears and mouth to use me as a shepherd for many American college students. Like many other missionaries, I wanted to support my family financially. But my wife decided to work and dedicate her husband to be a full time Bible teacher. When I sought God's kingdom first, God began to provide all necessary things for my family. In 2003, in God's right time, he sent us to pioneer the College of DuPage with the gospel of Jesus.

Part III: My mission report

First, Dr. Tami McHugh. I fished Tami at UIC and made an appointment to study the Bible. She never came, but I found her the next day and invited her again. Through our first Bible study together, God opened her heart and helped her to repent of all her darkness by accepting Genesis 1:3. God spoke to her, "Let there be light." Then all the elements of darkness in her heart disappeared and God's light began to dwell in her soul. Whenever I studied the Bible with her, she cried many tears and repented that she wanted to commit suicide because of her past life. God began change her desires towards spiritual things. After finishing up one semester, she had planned to go home to visit her family in Arizona. But when I prayed for her, I felt that God wanted her to stay in Chicago and write her life testimony and participate in the Christmas service. By the help of the Holy Spirit, she amazingly stayed in Chicago and wrote over a 100 page life testimony. When she danced for the Baby Jesus, I saw a heavenly angel dancing. The next year, we prayed for her to marry a man of God. But some family members, who did not understand the work of God in her life, began to persecute her. However, when God's servants and Shepherd Rob McHugh stood firm on the promise of God and prayed for her, God removed all doubt from her heart and blessed her to establish one of the most beautiful house churches in America. As a fruit of their marriage, God blessed her to enter the Medical School at UIC. Her husband is a growing fellowship leader, and she serves many people as a doctor. She has one son and one daughter.

Second, Adam Kramarczyk. My wife fished Adam at UIC. When my wife asked him to study the Bible, he answered, "No, thank you." But my wife only heard 'Thank you'. So she made an appointment with him. Amazingly he came and began to

study the Bible with my wife. After that spring semester, he just disappeared, and was nowhere to be found on campus. My wife and I found him at his parent's house watching TV all day long by himself. So I bought a \$300 car and began to visit him once a week to study the Bible with him. Slowly he began to open his heart. I tried to plant one word of God, especially Matthew 6:33, when we studied together. From the fall semester, we studied faithfully. Every Sunday I went to his house to pick him up for Sunday worship service. Since he lived 45 miles away, it took up the whole day. But I was happy because he was very faithful. One night, he called me and declared that his boss at McDonalds wanted him to work on Sunday. When I prayed for him, I felt God wanted me to challenge him according to Matthew 6:33. By faith, I asked him seek first God's kingdom and his righteousness. God worked mightily. From that time on he never missed Sunday service. He graduated from UIC Engineering School, and currently works at Dr. Ben Toh's company. Now he is receiving internship training under Pastor Ron Ward and established very beautiful house-church with Shepherdess Cheryl. His prayer topic is to deliver a main message at an upcoming International Conference.

Third, God blessed me to serve **Rosa Garcia** until she established a God-centered house church with Shepherd Alberto after graduating from UIC Nursing School. In spite of her many problems, God changed her through his power, in answer to much intercessory prayers. I also thank God who raised Sly Marinca from UIC as a man of God who has supported God's ministry for many years. God blessed me to raise **Jeremy Hajek** from COD as a one to one Bible teacher and influential shepherd in COD ministry. God blessed him to share his life testimony at the Korea World Mission Report, 2006. Also from COD, God raised **Steve Slattery**, who is faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ. I also pray for **Matthew Monroe** to go to Japan as a missionary in God's right time. Also there are several disciple candidates that are growing through one to one Bible study and discipleship training. Especially, I am very thankful to God who is raising my two daughters, **Hannah and Esther Kim**, as second-generation missionaries by answering my precious wife's unceasing prayer. My wife, **Joy Kim**, is working hard as an RN at the Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago in order to support my full-time missionary life. Hannah is studying Biology at Wheaton College and Esther is studying Bio Engineering at the Northwestern University.

Part IV: My vision and pray topic in my mission field

Our ministry is now pioneering the DuPage County, a western suburb of Chicago. We have around 10 colleges and universities nearby. But the harvest workers are few. So I made a big map and marked all the campuses that needed to be pioneered. Some young missionaries realized the necessity of pioneering these front line campuses and decided to move to COD. I want to train young missionaries

and help them to raise disciples. I want to help them pioneer these campuses when their young disciples transfer to other campuses. God recently used me to lead workshops on fishing and developing one to one Bible study relationships at Northeastern University, UIC, and U of C. I want to help young missionaries know how to fish and how to study the Bible with God's flock and how to raise disciples of Jesus based on my experience. God also blessed me to receive God's training for the last 10 years under Dr. Lee and M. Sarah Barry's leadership. May God bless me to establish a 120 worshippers' ministry and pioneer the 10 campuses of DuPage County.

One Word: *"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."*