

DEAF MINISTRIES UPDATE

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Following the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Immanuel Church for the deaf in the town of Taechon on the second day we were taken to a hotel at the nearby beach for a workers meeting then to a restaurant specializing in raw fish that same evening. We survived our first day after flying all night from Australia by attending the worship service at Seoul Union Church, speaking at the Seoul Deaf church, doing an ordination in the afternoon followed by another meeting at night. Jeff Weston from the OMB here in Australia was with me on his first and possibly last trip to Korea! The workers meeting got a bit heated which is more than we could say



The group at the raw fish restaurant

for the raw fish. I actually love raw fish so I was nervous about my visit to a similar restaurant where the fish was moving on the plate! I am sure that he thought that I was exaggerating until a dish of freshly caught octopus was put before him with the tentacles still moving. The taste is not bad but the feeling in the mouth of the octopus still jiggling is a bit off putting to say the least.

The main purpose of Jeff's visit to Korea was to help with an ordination that first Sunday. It was a wonderful moving service where each



Kim Yong Whan

person who attended was really blessed and encouraged. A visit to the Geon Children's home and a service at the Churches of Christ Seminary in Seoul where Jeff was the speaker saw his main obligations fulfilled so the rest of the time was spent with our deaf churches, workers and families. It was a great time.

Park Kwang Chol is one of our young evangelists. He is now responsible for the church in Kuri on the



Park Kwang Chol and family with Jeff Weston

PRAYER POINTS

- *Conference*
- *Solution for Seoul Church*
- *Healing for Kim Yong Whan and Park Kwang Chol*

eastern side of Seoul. Kwang Chol has leukaemia which is in remission and he is doing well but needs to be checked constantly. We are hoping that he will be able to visit Australia later in the year to share in churches here. Keep praying for him.



Seoul Church

Kim Yong Whan in Chuncheon was in hospital when we arrived. While in the bathroom it fell knocking over a bowl which broke his leg cutting it right down to the tendon. He was in pain while we were there. I say kind of, as he kept checking his leg so that he could be with us wherever we went in Chuncheon. It's a bit of a pain but it's not too much of the fun.

ixing a shelf in the bathroom and then fell onto his leg. He was out of action while we were in hospital. Chuncheon is really doing well.

A day was spent too in Kangwha with Kumiko and Doo. We visited a 100 year old Anglican Church on Kangwha Island. The Kangwha Immanuel Church for the deaf is growing and we shared a great time at the service Wednesday night.

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services, an ordination, Church anniversary, 3 work-nary Service, orphanage visit, Rotary Club meeting, invitations we lost count, two visits to the immigration office for a permit which I still keep, taxation office visit, counselling and discussions. Thank you for praying. I am on the verge of a split so please keep this issue in your prayer too.

During the week spent in Korea we took part in 5 Churchers meetings, a Semisomany dinner invitation office for a renewal of, plus loads of personal One of our churches in your prayer too.

God Bless,

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