

After two years of planning and prayer, God's people, from all parts of the globe, came together in Seoul, Korea to celebrate His work at the Global Fellowship Meeting of the Baptist Bible Fellowship International.

Aided by interpreters, 13 international speakers shared how God blessed them and their churches as a result of missionaries being sent from BBFI churches in the United States. They not only encouraged us to do more for world missions, but also expressed their eternal gratefulness to missionaries for revealing the free gift of Jesus to them.

Excitement permeated the entire meeting as we saw the fruit of our labors over the past 65 years. Over 2,000 attendees from the many churches in the Korea BBF along with 500 people from countries outside of Korea attended the meeting. One Vietnamese pastor shared how he was led to the Lord, disciplined and trained by a Cambodian missionary, who was disciplined and trained by a Filipino missionary, who was disciplined and trained by a missionary from the U.S.A.

I would like to thank Dr. Daniel Kim, pastor of BulKwangDong Bible Baptist Church, and his people for sacrificing their time and giving to help make this special occasion successful. Additional thanks goes to the preparatory committee of 15 Korean pastors and church leaders who were instrumental in organizing all the details from greeters to sound and video technicians. Their precise planning and efforts were evident by how seamlessly the services flowed and the care everyone received.

Missionaries and pastors from over 30 nations attended the 2016 BBFI Global Meeting in Korea. It was a joy to meet servants of God from Asian Baptist Clearinghouse, Korea BBF, Japan BBF, Brazil BBF, Philippines BBF and many other countries who have partnered with us by sending missionaries into nations from Asia to Africa, Latin America, and Europe.

The meeting's theme was "Lift Up Your Eyes and Look!" Every message encouraged us to look to God for direction and power, commit ourselves to see the world as God sees it, and keep moving forward until Christ's imminent return.

Jon Konnerup
BBFI Mission Director

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GLOBAL MEETING 2016



"Awesome!"

"Unbelievable!"

"Refreshing."

"I was reminded that I am not alone."

"Amazing blessing!"

"God honoring."

"Proud to be part of the BBFI."

"I can't wait until the next one!"

"We want to partner with you in the Great Commission."

"I didn't realize the BBFI had so much going on around the world."

"The leaders in our country must have a talk — we are not doing nearly enough in global missions."

"It is exciting to see the BBFI is truly international."

"I sure wish so many more could have been a part of this meeting, it changed my life."



About two years ago, I was contacted by Jon Konnerup concerning the possibility of holding the BBFI Global Meeting in Seoul, Korea, in March 2016. When the BBFI Global Meeting was held in Cebu, Philippines, in 2011, I was there, and it was such an inspiration to me. So I did have a desire to have the same kind of meeting in Korea. But what was different from the Cebu Meeting was, in Korea, all the preaching would need to be interpreted from English to Korean! Dr. Konnerup and I talked about this, and came to the conclusion that if we reduced the number of speakers and the length of each preaching time, and if the manuscripts could be ready for the interpreters, then it would be possible and could even add a special blessing.

As the host church for this meeting, the people of BulKwangDong Bible Baptist Church were united in the Lord with one mind, giving themselves wholeheartedly for this meeting. In March 2014, the pastors of KBBF took a vote at the business meeting of spring Fellowship and unanimously decided to invite the BBFI Global Meeting in Seoul. Shortly after, we organized the Preparatory Committee with 15 pastors, and they took the responsibility of leading one sub-committee each. They also asked me to be the chairman and pastor Ryuh Hyun Taek to be my co-chairman. We served together with one heart for the great Global Meeting under the theme of fulfilling the Great Commission.

Upon the opening and closing of the meeting, the ceremony with the flags of 81 nations entered into the auditorium, with our young people carrying the flags. We also had presentations of Korean culture for 30 minutes before every evening service. Speakers from around the world challenged us to be witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. Many missionaries and pastors renewed their commitment and resolution to send out more missionaries.

One Indonesian pastor who attended the meeting with our missionary told me, with tears in his eyes, he surrendered to build a mission-minded, missionary-sending church when he goes back to his country. Christian media in Korea that broadcasted our meeting stated the Korea BBF will take the leading role in the future of world missions in Korea. And all through the meeting, the services were on live internet streaming for those around the globe to watch, so they could participate online.

In morning sessions, over 1,500 people were gathered, and in evening services we had 3,000 people together. During the invitation, many came forward to dedicate themselves and to make decisions.

When I think of this meeting, I can only say it was God's great blessing given to us in His wonderful grace. It was also His answer to our persistent prayer, which we lifted up to Him for the last two years.

I would like to express my gratitude to Eddie Lyons, the BBFI president, along with other officers and also Randy Harp, executive editor of *Baptist Bible Tribune*. I sincerely respect and appreciate Jon Konnerup, the BBFI mission director, and all those co-laboring in the Mission Office for their passion and dedication to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

God has wonderfully blessed all the sacrificial giving and service of the pastors, deacons, and the people of Bible Baptist Churches in Korea and gave us a great and successful Global Meeting. This Global Meeting is now over, but for us, this is the new beginning for world missions. The BBFI Global Meeting 2016 truly was an amazing opportunity for us to be "a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall" (Genesis 49:22) ... "and that God wouldst bless us indeed, and enlarge our coast" (1 Chronicles 4:10). I give all the glory and thanks to God alone.

- Daniel Wooseang Kim, D.D., Hum.D.

Senior Pastor, BulKwangDong Bible Baptist Church
Chairman, Board of Directors-Korea Baptist Bible Fellowship J. P.

As I sat in the inspiring meeting in Korea, my mind went back to the early days of our BBF and I recalled the mission classes at Baptist Bible College. Fred Donnelson would sometimes sing “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” in the Chinese language, then take us on an imaginary journey into Chinese villages. We received inspirational instructions and a philosophy of missions that is still working today.

I remembered how anxious my wife and I were to rush to the field. When we arrived with our five children, we were met by Kim Dae Hyun, the first interpreter who had served with Ike Foster (who was in the States at that time). It was during that first year we were able to lead Daniel Woo Seang Kim to the Lord.

The words of Fred Donnelson rang in my ears — win souls, baptize, train, and trust them. He emphasized a lasting work must have trained national leadership. God chose Daniel Kim, a natural born leader, to walk beside me. Under his leadership, we trained other leaders who participated in the recent meetings in Seoul.

God then gave us more outstanding American missionaries and their wives and children; to name a few, Onsy Whicker, George Patrick, Frank Shivers, Worth Worley, and F. C. Lassiter. These mature men of

dedication and direction held the same philosophy and determined to follow our mission policies and reach a country with the Gospel. It was apparent to all that Daniel Kim was God’s appointed leader for the country, so we missionaries were willing to let God’s work be done in God’s way. Under the ministry of our American missionaries, many other leaders were raised up and took their places working together for the cause of Christ. No one man could take the credit for the movement that took place. It was not easy, but when we realized we were a Fellowship, not a denomination, we were able to allow for diversity, thus the mighty movement we witnessed in Seoul.

God continued to send dynamic, younger men from the States who willingly came alongside national leaders and fulfilled their role in the Fellowship.

Korea was among the first of our foreign countries to send missionaries to other countries. They also developed a tent-making ministry enabling trained professionals to support themselves as they evangelized countries where missionaries are not allowed. Even today Dr. and Mrs. Kim’s son, Sung Oon Kim, serves as a tent maker while conducting a successful business. My thoughts were: we have been a part of an unstoppable movement of God that showcased the vision of our



forefathers — Fred Donnelson, G. B. Vick, Noel Smith, W. E. Dowell, Eli Harju and others. What they envisioned has worked in many countries as was evidenced by the dedicated servants in Seoul. I watched as they accepted the challenge to continue with the methods and philosophy that have worked wherever they have been followed. I heard them say, “We know it has worked, now we are going back to our country to duplicate what we have seen.”

I would urge our BBFI pastors to focus on building a mission movement as a Fellowship, allowing for diversity yet concentrating on the job at hand — world missions. I would urge our colleges to use Godly dedicated men to teach, inspire, and motivate men who want to claim a country or a world for Christ.

These are some of the thoughts of an old man who realized from the start it was God who gave us a treasure in earthen vessels then made us ambassadors for Christ. All glory, honor, and praise belongs to Him.

- Jack Baskin



Linda and I are so grateful to God for enabling us to attend the Global Meeting this month in Seoul. We were inspired, challenged, and encouraged about the work of the BBFI around the world. It made us so proud to be part of this great movement.

To hear about all the missionaries who have been sent out by various BBFI organizations in Korea, the Philippines, Mexico, Japan, and so many other countries was exciting. It was good to get the big picture of what God is doing.

We loved meeting new people and reconnecting with people we had not seen in many years.

- Randy and Linda Perkins

BBFI missionaries to Australia





It's always an emotional journey when a missionary kid goes back to the country of their youth, but this trip was different than all the others for me. There was no mom and dad to meet me there; no entourage to cheer and hold signs to welcome me. This time I was a civilian.

I've never been able to enjoy the land of my birth with friends from America before, so this was a special time for me. There were three major highlights of the trip.

1. Kim Dae Huyn arranged for me to preach at two churches on Sunday, Victory Baptist Church in the morning and at 2:30 the Hang Dang Dong Bible Baptist Church, the first BBF church in Korea. This is the church dad built by hand and it was an emotional time for me as I preached and shared the history of the church.
2. I was privileged to give the BBFI Faithfulness Award to Kim Dae Huyn for 60 years of faithful service for our Lord. Kim is Korea's first BBFI convert, first ordained preacher, and first national pastor. I don't remember a time in my life where "Uncle" Kim was not a part of it.

He's always been there and been faithful.

3. I had the opportunity to lead two tours of Americans to see where the BBF started.

Right after the Korean War ended, W.E. Dowell sent Ike Foster, who was then a missionary in Japan, a check for \$300 and asked him to go to Korea to survey the possibilities for missionaries. Ike made the trip over and was devastated when he saw the ravages of war and the precious suffering people. God spoke to his heart and he understood the call to return to Korea to ease the suffering of the Korean people and win them to the Lord. Within a year of the end of the war, Ike returned to Korea.

He started an English class and taught the Bible to the Koreans that attended. Kim Dae Hyun became the first convert of the BBF. The Lord called him to preach, becoming the first ordained pastor of the BBF. He was the right arm of Ike Foster as they prepared a plan to reach Korea for Christ.

Ike purchased a small one-acre parcel, which contained a cemetery from the Lee Dynasty. Together with Kim Dae Hyun and the 8th Army, they built coffins and moved

the bodies. Ike and Kim disassembled army barracks and used these materials to build a Kansas farmhouse on the property where the first services were started with a handful of Koreans, American GIs, and neighborhood children. Soon after, a Sunday school building was built as well as another building housing the sanctuary and kindergarten.

Space doesn't allow to write about the witch women Ike confronted and defeated, or a village of 950 mad Koreans who swore they would kill him, only to have Ike show up to save the life of two newly converted children and win the town to Christ.

After 62 years as a missionary, 56 years in Korea, Ike passed away. The Korean people took the old Kansas farmhouse and turned it into a museum for Ike and Jane. They also remodeled the house and there trained young men and women to carry out the Gospel of Christ. I can't think of a better way to honor mom and dad than to take the house of the Kansas farm boy and use it for the cause of Christ.

- Paul Foster
BBFI pastor

As I flew home from the BBFI Global Meeting, I thought about the impact the meeting had on me. Three words came to mind as I reflected on the conversations I had with our missionaries.

The first word was *encouragement*. Our missionaries were encouraged by the messages, testimonies, and just being around fellow missionaries and pastors.

Then there was *networking*. I listened as missionaries doing similar work met for the first time and excitedly shared ideas, plans,

and dreams. New friendships were made and new partnerships were created.

Finally there was *information*. It was great to hear what God is doing around the world through the Baptist Bible Fellowship. God is moving in a great way and we are a part of what God is doing!

As a pastor, I am more committed to encourage my people to give as much as we can to further God's goal to reach the world.

- Lewis McClendon
BBFI vice president (missions)
BBFI pastor

The BBFI Meeting in South Korea was a huge blessing and wonderful experience. We experienced the amazing culture of Korea in the services with Dr. Daniel Kim and the international speakers. It was as if we were in a multicultural mission conference. The zeal of the speakers with their unique challenges and passions for reaching the world moved my heart. The unifying goal of reaching our lost world was echoed in every language represented.

- LaVoid Ford
BBFI pastor



Six hundred ladies from around the world gathered for the Ladies Meeting of the BBFI Global Meeting. Many voiced they were eagerly looking forward to the afternoon, which began with a fashion show of ladies from 20 different countries wearing their traditional native clothing. The women were spellbound as colorful and ornamental wear, which is traditionally worn during weddings or special occasions, were described. From flashing coins suspended from dresses in Laos, to the 150-year-old Romanian wardrobe inlaid with silver, to the *Chut Thai* worn by royal families during the Chakre Dynasty in Thailand, to Korea's vibrant *Hanbok*, all in attendance delighted in the beauty of unique cultures.

Next in the program was a panel of ladies who shared valuable tips from their many years of experience in the ministry. Missionaries

Luisa Dimakos (Greece), Ruth King (Japan), Tammy Salmon (Thailand), and Sung Soon Kang (pastor's wife of Jong Am Baptist Bible Church in Seoul), shared meaningful answers to stimulating questions such as "How do you cultivate a loving heart for God and people when you are hurting or feel betrayed?"

A devotional lesson was then given by Jenell Bender, missionary to Korea for 15 years. Jenell challenged the ladies to, instead of being a people-pleaser, be genuine and authentic in their relationships with God and others.

Tea and cookies topped it off as we shared sweet fellowship with beautiful ladies from the ends of the earth!

- Jill Wolf

BBFI Mission Office project manager

For months prior to this trip, I kept thinking about the stories my grandparents and family members used to tell me. To be honest, I wasn't sure what to expect when we arrived in Seoul. My grandfather, Alton Chiles, served in the Korean War during his time in the Army. When it was time for him to return to the United States, he said he'd "never come back to this country again." Little did my grandpa know, but God had big plans for him right there in Korea. In the 1960s, he returned to Korea as a BBFI missionary and planted Busan (Pusan) Baptist Bible College. For 10 years, my grandfather served the Lord in South Korea on the mission field.

During the BBFI Global Meeting, I met students, fellow pastors, and friends of my grandfather. From their stories, I was encouraged to know missionary Alton Chiles was loved by so many and his love for the Lord was clearly understood. It was heart-warming

to see lives that had been positively impacted by my grandfather's faithfulness in serving the Lord. And I now have a better understanding of how the same people impacted my grandfather's ministry.

While exploring South Korea, my eyes were opened and my heart became heavy. In my short time there, I experienced what God is doing in a country so hungry for the Gospel. One day before flying back to the states, we got to visit areas overlooking North Korea. While on the Odu Mountain, you could see South Korean mountains to the left and North



Korean mountains to the right. To me, life and death instantly ran across my mind. The view south had gorgeous trees and was pleasing to the eyes, while the view to the north looked bare and uninviting. After learning the differences in their ways of life and how many from North Korea struggle for daily survival, the urgency to share the good news of Jesus Christ had never been stronger. It reminded me to never take the life God has given me for granted and to live every day honoring Him.

Perhaps one day, Lord willing, Korea won't have to be lined with fences and barbed wire. Pray the country would be unified again, for families to be reunited, and, most importantly, pray for those who do not know Christ to be given the opportunity to recognize hope on a whole new level.

- Courtney Chiles

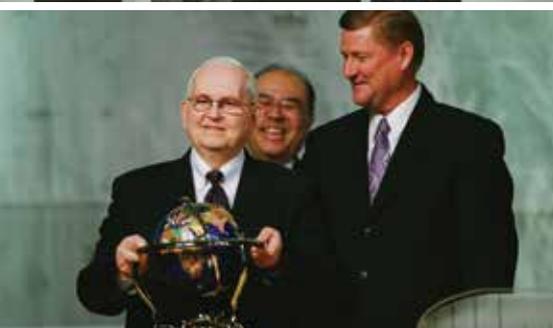
BBC student

The great thing about the Global Fellowship Meeting, it was a time of great fellowship. I was able to fellowship with pastors and missionaries from all over the world and had the opportunity to meet many wonderful, godly, and gracious Korean people. Ironically, some of the greatest fellowship I had was with other American pastors. We laughed knowing we had gone halfway around the world to have conversations we are too busy to have when we are at home entrenched in our own ministries.

The fellowship between the group from America and our hosts was also great to see. The American pastors, their spouses, and our students from BBC represented the BBFI very well — from engaging with foreign guests, to catching up with missionaries, to having fun with new friends. It was a great trip!

- Mark Milioni

Baptist Bible College president



The BBFI Global Meeting was a stimulating group of meetings within the meeting. I was blessed to minister in Korea during the 70s and 80s, and my return for this meeting brought a kaleidoscope of excitement. Each daily session was a clear display of God's work in multinational ministries.

As is true in many nations, Korean pastors now live in a first-world nation and lead powerful ministries, sending their own missionaries worldwide. Korea has taken her place as a world leader and Korean pastors are no exception. Missionary Lee in Indonesia, who was saved in the Cheonan church, and Pastor Pak, the second generation pastor leader of the Dorim Church in Incheon, are decisive, well-educated men spiritually capable of leading ministry on any level.

Role reversal took place at the meeting on a daily basis. My mind raced to think about a young Daniel Kim standing to translate for Jack Baskin, as I looked at missionary Mike Ivey standing to translate for Dr. Daniel Kim in a role reversal that was more than symbolic of the transition in national leadership. As fellow pastors and I reminisced about the ministry we had shared,

we admitted we were far more blessed than we realized in those days. In the 1970s Pastor Kim and I dug the footers for First Baptist Church by hand. During the BBFI Global Meeting the Korean pastors and churches provided vehicles, and food, and took incredible care of our group. It wasn't just that they had come of age, we talked of ministry on a level higher than we had ever achieved. We prayed, shared, and encouraged each other as colleagues.

We are watching God's hand move across Asia bringing this century's opportunity to impact the world to a new group of spiritual leaders. Japanese, Korean, and Philippine leaders joined South American pastors in looking for ways to minister to Syrians and the rapidly growing Islamic groups. When Korea was supplying the Middle East with a labor force in the early 1980s it opened the door for the Gospel to be carried into those nations. In the 1990s God used a labor force of Filipino people to share His message in the largest nation on earth. This global meeting challenged different national leaders to be the next great conduit of the Gospel.

- Doug Cox

*BBFI vice president (education)
BBFI pastor*



For Cathy and me, the opportunity to attend the BBFI Global Meeting was literally a dream come true! Being raised in a missions-hearted church under the ministry of Clifford Clark, I was exposed to the world outreach endeavors of the BBFI at an early age. Those founding missionaries would present their passionate burden for their fields and I would pray for them and envision visiting those far away places. It was an incredible experience to attend the Seoul meeting to witness and rejoice in our 65 years of fruitful ministry. The meeting was well planned and executed, with much attention given to detail. The preaching, music, cultural presentations, and international fellowship were exceptional.

- **David Klass**
BBFI pastor

My wife, Patsy, and I attended the Global Meeting in Seoul Korea and it was a great experience to hear and see the many reports of the work being done around the world.

While attending the meetings, the Spirit of God spoke to my heart the importance of the mission programs in our local churches. When joined in fellowship, as co-laborers in the harvest fields, we are a mighty force for the Lord. Truly the Baptist Bible Fellowship is a worldwide outreach!

- **Jack Hackworth**
BBFI pastor

What a blessing to have been able to attend the Global Meeting. This was the country where I was stationed in 1978 while serving in the USAF, and where I heard the Gospel message and trusted Christ as my Savior. A big thank you to the Mission Office personnel for planning this trip, they did a great job making sure every detail was taken care of. The travel, accommodations, tours, and meeting structure was very well done!

The cultural presentation each night was a blessing, and the encouraging messages from the various speakers from around the world drove the message home to look up, out, in, and forward! The Korean people were very gracious hosts and it was a refreshing time together.

- **Richard Edwards**
BBFI pastor

Attending the Global Fellowship Meeting in Seoul was both enlightening and enjoyable. As with any BBFI meeting, the time spent with other pastors and missionaries was enjoyable. But, this meeting was special because we were able to meet national pastors from all over the world. Having lunch with Tanzanian pastors Abraham and Prosper (along with two missionaries) was a blessing. Also, being able to visit with missionaries who can't normally attend meetings was great.

Seeing the effectiveness of churches started by our missionaries as they have sent out missionaries from their churches in those countries truly demonstrated the vast ministry of the BBFI.

The music was also key to the meeting. Hearing songs we recognized, even though they were done in Korean, was heart-stirring. Singing congregational songs (some of us in English, some in Korean, and some in their other native tongues) was an experience that is likely to never be forgotten.

- **David Perdue**
BBFI pastor

The 2016 Global Meeting proved once again, missions is the crown jewel of our Fellowship. Over 60 years ago, BBFI missionaries began to arrive in war-ravaged Korea to share the Gospel and care for the Korean people. Now, a half century later, they have invited us back to say thank you for bringing the good news of salvation that is available in Jesus Christ.

The conference featured performances that showcased Korean culture. They included traditional music and dancers, a taekwondo drama of creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration, and a 100-voice children's choir. The Korean people have a rich cultural heritage and are wonderfully gifted. ...

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend this meeting. I was challenged, convicted, and encouraged to continue to preach, teach, and support the work of missions. I was reminded once again that the Great Commission is still in force and we need to continue to send out missionaries. It is our duty, our responsibility, and our privilege.

- **Greg Baxter**
BBFI pastor

We attended this great event knowing God is wanting to adjust our focus and perspective on His great harvest around the world. And He did! All the wonderful and heart-warming messages and testimonies combined to refresh and inspire us on "doing" the Great Commission in any part of the world. A greater understanding of the uniqueness of each culture and the strategies entailed therewith was another compartment in our hearts that was switched to a brighter mode because of these meetings. Then, of course, the great and unique Korean brethren hospitality. We can only say, "Wow!"

- **Paul Tabanao**
Filipino missionary to Cambodia

At the Global Meeting, the people of Korea had an opportunity to say thanks to pastors and churches in America who sent missionaries to tell them about Jesus. Daniel Kim said it well, "If Jack Baskin had not come, we may have never been saved." Other countries expressed the same gratitude. I felt totally humbled. I wasn't even alive when those missionaries first came, but they thanked me just the same.

Now, many of these Korean churches send their own missionaries to countries impossible for us to enter. If the BBFI has done anything right, it has been missions! That will long outlive us.

- **Greg Burdine**
BBFI pastor

What an amazing experience it was for my wife and me to attend the 2016 BBFI Global Meeting in Korea. The presentations, performances, and messages were moving and our hearts were stirred to hear people from many nations worshipping the Lord together.

It was a firsthand look at what God is doing around the world, with an opportunity to make new friends and meet missionaries and pastors who sacrifice to share the Gospel and to encourage them as partners in the faith.

Much appreciation to the BBFI Mission Office for bringing everyone together to celebrate our Lord Jesus Christ. We plan to attend future global meetings and I would highly encourage pastors and other church leaders to attend.

- **Al Elmore**
BBFI pastor