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**IIT UBF Inaugural Sunday  
Worship Service 01/07/2007**

*John 15:12 "My command is this: Love each  
other as I have loved you."*

**THANKS BE TO GOD !**

## **PART II. 2008 KEY VERSES**

IIT CHAPTER KEY VERSE  
**LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

John 15:1-17

Key Verse 15:12

*“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.”*

Can you believe that one year has already passed by? It seems like last month that we began having worship service here at IIT. Yet at the same time, we have done so much and have come a long way. It is time to reflect on the past year and remember what God has done and to have vision for the new year. For this, I have chosen this passage because it is so rich with meaning. This section called the upper room dialogues began in chapter 13 with Jesus washing his disciples' feet as he expressed his love for them as well as showing them how to love one another. It was here that they shared their last meal as a group together. Afterward Jesus would be arrested and show them the full extent of his love giving his life on the cross. Through our chapter today, Jesus teaches us to love God and love one another. As we begin a new year I believe that once again it is imperative for us to love God and love one another.

**I. Jesus is the vine and we are the branches (1-8)**

Look at verse 1. “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener.” Vine imagery was common in the ancient world. Israel was often depicted as a vine. God said to Jeremiah, “I had planted you like a choice vine of sound and reliable stock. How then did you turn against me into a corrupt, wild vine?” (Jer 2:21) Although Israel was considered a wild vine, Jesus is the true vine. John says of Jesus, “Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men.” (Jn 1:3,4) This is why Jesus is the true vine. When we read the Bible, we find that Jesus often used parables to help his disciples, and us, to understand the word of God. Here Jesus uses the vine and branch relationship to describe the relationship between God and us. Jesus compares himself to the vine, God to the gardener, and us to the branches.

Look at verse 2, “He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.” Vineyard owners have to watch their vines closely to ensure their productivity. Each spring the vines are pruned and the ground around them is kept free of weeds. The owners have one goal in mind, to bear as much fruit as possible. Likewise, as the gardener, God took great care to prepare the best environment for his vines to grow and bear fruit. In the beginning God said, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it.” (Ge 1:28a) God's blessing for all of us is to be fruitful. God, our heavenly gardener, in order to help us bear as much fruit as possible cuts off all the branches in our life that bear no fruit and he prunes the good ones so they will be even more fruitful.

To cut may mean repentance, where God cuts away sin in our life. God told Abraham to send his son Ishmael away because it was through his son Isaac that God would fulfill his promise. (Ge 21:12) This was extremely painful to Abraham because Ishmael was his first born son. However, Ishmael was the result of Abraham's human efforts to build a family and was not God's plan for him. God cut away something that was precious to Abraham so that He could begin to make Abraham more fruitful as the father of many nations. Pruning, on the other hand, does not cut off branches completely but only removes some pieces so that others may become

more fruitful. For example one apple tree may have 20 apples on a single branch, if left alone all those apples would remain small and inedible. But if you prune away 15 of the small apples (75%) the remaining 5 can grow big and delicious. Cutting and pruning can be difficult because they often involve giving up things we enjoy. Money, power, ambition or, even easy going mentality may be some examples. These things by themselves are not necessarily bad. But when they interfere with our ability to live fruitfully, God prunes them away. Gardeners spend many hours pruning their plants so that they might become more beautiful and fruitful. It is amazing that our God, the gardener, cares for each of us individually in that same way.

Look at verses 4-5. “Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” Here is the critical point of Jesus’ parable. This is the challenge Jesus has for all of us, to remain. In verses 1-10 Jesus mentions the word “remain” 11 times. Why do you think he uses this word so often? As the branch remains in the vine, Jesus desires this kind of relationship with his disciples and with all who believe in Him. He desires this kind of relationship with us. Jesus knows us so well. He also knows that our nature is not to remain. If left to our natural desire we would ignore our relationship with Jesus. Jesus wants his disciples to remain in him because he wants them to bear fruit. No branch can bear fruit by itself. A branch by itself is like a fish out of water, like cut flowers in a vase. It needs the vine or it will die.

These days many godless people think that they are their own men. They speak as if they are their own gods and they don’t need the vine. They have no idea that the vine and branch relationship is a matter of life and death. Look at verse 6. It says, “If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned.” God’s judgment for unfruitful people is real and frightening. Unfruitful branches are fit only to be used as firewood and burned. When we bear much fruit we glorify God and we show that we are Jesus’ disciples. Verse 8 says, “This is to my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” This is the result of our Christian life: that God is glorified and people know we are disciples of Jesus. When the disciples of Jesus love non-believers and one another, and do this without expecting anything in return, people notice and will turn to Jesus. Throughout this past year Jesus has been our vine and he has helped us in so many ways. He was with us as we battled the bitter cold in the ice box, I mean the God box. He sustained us in the summer heat. He helped us every week to serve the worship service through setting up and cleaning the chapel. He helped the bible club members to have group bible study and to have daily bread each week. Jesus helped us to have Christmas worship service prayer meetings by ourselves and even to remain between semesters when not many students are around. And through all of this he helped us to remain in his word and He even grew our number from 24 in January of last year to 35 last week. If we have learned anything through this past year, we’ve learned that it is true; when we remain in Jesus we can bear much fruit.

## **II. Love one another (9-15)**

Now let’s turn our focus to the topic of love. The Beatles said, “All you need is love, love, love is all you need,” and Elvis sang “I can’t help falling in love with you.” Love has, and always will be, a part of our lives. Everyone, young & old, rich & poor knows something about love but who knows more about it than God? Let’s see what He has to say about it, let’s read

verses 9&10. “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love.” Jesus tells us just as God loved him, he loves us. In fact God is love. He expresses it through His word. The word love is mentioned in at least 632 verses in the Bible and is the main theme of many of the books. If we want to remain in God’s love, the key is to obey him. But unfortunately, obedience doesn’t always come naturally. Often a child’s first word they learn is, “No.” Even Jesus had to learn to obey. Heb 5:8-9 says, “Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him...” Even though obedience isn’t easy, it’s necessary. In fact, it’s through obedience that we show God that we love him. So many times people say, “I love you,” with their mouth but it is only lip service. It’s our actions that back up those words and prove that we mean them. But there are some who may say that obedience is outdated and burdensome. To this Jesus says, in verse 11, “I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.” When we love God, and obey him we are not burdened, instead we are filled with joy, joy that comes directly from the one who made us. He knows what makes us joyful and even goes as far as saying that when we obey Him, our joy will be complete. Who here has experienced complete joy? It sounds pretty good. Through verses 9 to 11 we find that love, joy and obedience are linked together. Love is the source of obedience and joy.

So what does Jesus want us to obey? Let’s read verse 12“My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.” So here is the new command: “Love each other.” You think it sounds easy but it’s not. You would think that the disciples who lived with Jesus and learned from him should be able to love one another. But even they have a difficult time and seemed to always be in competition with one another. And as we have seen throughout history, sinful human beings cannot love each other by their own strength or human ability. When we look at our world today, it seems that true love is lacking. On the radio and TV all we ever hear about is crime, wars and bad news. Even the celebrities make and break relationships with the blowing of the wind. I just read an article on the top 15 celebrity break ups of 2007. Even though the world longs for love, no one seems to know the meaning of it.

Jesus give a description of what love is. He told us in verse 13, let’s read it together, “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.” And when Jesus spoke these words, they were not lip service, for he backed up his words by his actions. For, “this is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us.” (1 Jn 3:16) Jesus demonstrated his love for us by giving his life on the cross for us. But some may say, “If this is the meaning of love, then how can anyone do it?” It is only possible when we remain in Jesus. When we depend on Jesus, we can love others as ourselves. As I said earlier, one thing we must learn is that love is not an internal feeling that we have, but love is an outward action, doing something for another person. We must demonstrate our love as Jesus did through our actions. They say that actions speak louder than words, and I believe that is true.

I believe that through this past year we have seen many examples of people in our small fellowship displaying acts of love for God and one another. When our coworkers serve lunch each week, sometimes it is like giving their life to prepare, but they do it because they love God and they love us. When Tim brought Ison to his house for Thanksgiving or Snow invited her friends to worship service is loving one another. When many stepped up to serve music each

week, or when so many help set up and clean after the worship service even with out being asked is like loving one another. When our brother Mike Staats left his family, friends and a good job to go to Germany as a missionary this displayed his love for God and one another. There are so many examples I can't possibly mention them all, for we live in time and space. Finally, 1 Cor 13:4-7 gives us a good example of how to love one another it says, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." May God bless us to grow together and continue to love one another to love like this.

### **III. Bear fruit that will last (16-17)**

When we first thought about having an independent worship service here, I wondered how we can do it. We were so inexperienced and unqualified but the answer is in verse 16. It says, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." We may have thought that we chose to come to IIT, or that we chose God. Peter may have thought that he chose IIT over another university but according to verse 16, God chose us. This was no accident. He hand picked us specifically and put us here for his good purpose.

So what is the purpose in choosing us? It is for us to remain in him and bear fruit that will last. God wants to make our lives fruitful. What is fruit that will last? Fruit in the world will eventually disappear but the fruit of the spirit will last. According to Galatians 5:22-23, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Although these fruits are good and we should display them in our life everyday, I believe that Jesus had a much bigger plan. Loving one another is the fruit Jesus speaks of and one way to make it last is to share it with others. What Jesus is talking about here is to share the love we have for one another with the whole world beginning right here on campus. Matthew 28:19-20 says, "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Jesus wants us love God, love one another and share that love with those around us.

When we have a clear sense of God's love for us and we remain in Jesus, he fills our hearts with his joy and love and enables us to be a blessing in the world. God sent us to IIT so that our ministry will have a lasting impact on the lives of young students. So that their hearts may be changed and have eternal life. But in order to do this, it all begins with loving one another. Let's read verse 12. "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you." May God help us to put into love into action and love each other as Jesus loved us.

## SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

*"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

2007 was a tiring year for me because there were many ups and downs in my life. Throughout the year, I was going back and forth between God and the world. I struggled to let go the things in the world and trust only in the Lord. Many times I failed again and again, and my sins led me to despair. As I kept thinking over the past

few weeks, I realized the root of my internal struggle is that I did not place God at the center of my heart. My heart was not ready to be dedicated to God as a holy and pure sacrifice. I made room for selfishness, jealousy, lust and pride but I did not have room for my Lord. Because of all my sin problems, I was not able to fully enjoy the joy, love and peace that God wants to give me.

Since the beginning of fall semester, I started doing a lot of things in IIT ministry that I had never done before. First, I took over the presiding from Michael Mark. It was a hard decision for me because I always thought public speaking is never my thing and also I can never be as good as Michael Mark. But thanks God, after praying I decided that I must take up this responsibility because I remember what God said in 2 Corinthians 12:9a, "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I realize after all I am nothing but a servant of God in the worship service, it's a privilege to participate in God's ministry here at IIT. Second, we had our very first Bible Club Music Concert and I was asked by Shp. Bob to give a short message in the middle of concert. It was another big challenge for me because not only I had to share a few words from my heart but also my classmates and good friends were sitting down there listening to me. Through this concert, I learnt how to trust in God and give Him all the glory He deserves. Third, Tim, Jayoung and I started to have daily bread every morning at 8 o'clock so that we can get enough spiritual food to live for the day. In the beginning, we seemed to enjoy the daily bread and we had good times sharing with each other but as we were approaching the end of semester, the spirit went down and I felt like daily bread was a burden to me instead of a joyful moment. I then realize without the spirit of God it's so hard for us to do the work of God.

Fall Semester 2007 was the toughest semester I had so far in IIT. In that semester, I took 7 courses which made up to 21 credit hours. I had no other choice because I want to graduate in May 2008. In the beginning of the semester, fear governed my heart and I was just so afraid that I wasn't ready to handle this. Back then, I was thinking if I would have to include the time I spent in daily bread, several one to one bible studies, group bible study, Friday meeting and worship service, I would be taking more than 30 credit hours. Now, I just realize that that time I was just trying to find excuses not to participate whole-heartedly in the ministry. Through bible studies with Dan and prayer with Missionary Deborah Yang, I decided I should not quit any of



Ison Hong

the activities we had in our ministry. I repented for my selfish desire and unbelief. By faith in God, I made up my mind that I wanted to give the entire semester into God's hand. Indeed, God's blessing was beyond my expectation, the grades I got in that semester turned out to be the highest grade I got so far in IIT. It's just amazing to think about the grace that God pours on me. This led me to pick Matthew 6:33 to be my key verse for 2008. The verse says, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Year 2008 will be an extremely important year for my entire life because in this year I will be graduating from college and going into the job market. For sure this year will be a new starting point for me. However, I am still uncertain about my direction for the future after my graduation. Should I be getting a job here in Chicago? Or should I go back home to find a job? While I am still figuring out my direction for the future, I pray that I can hold on to the promise of God that is to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness. God promises me that if I put Him first in everything, all the other things like career, studies, friendship, family matters and etc. will be taken care of. In order to seek first God's kingdom, I would have to give up everything that I used to place at the center of my heart. My prayer to God is that I can turn my eyes from this world to God alone.

**One Word: Seek ye first the Kingdom of God**

## KEY VERSE TESTIMONY 2008

Jeremiah 29:11

*"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and future."*

I hold to this promise to guide my year. God wants to do something new in my life now. The plan of God for me is good and not evil, to give a future and a hope, regardless of what has happened in the past. No matter what, his plan for me always be for my good!. He can take whatever happened in the past and turn it into triumph! I just need to let go of the past, seek God's plan for my life and develop that vision of victory for my life. I have to give thanks already to God for putting that vision of victory in my heart. Also I ask him to

Also, I would like to add this promise also to guide in this present year: "*Because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me,*" (1 Corinthians 16:9) I believe this year is going to be a year filled with faith and expectancy. God is going to open doors for me. God is giving me opportunities to move forward in my life. He wants me grow and reach my full potential. With God's help I can overcome any opposition comes in my way. May God help me to walk in love, obedience, and forgiveness, keep me praying, reading the bible, going to the church, speaking words of hope and victory over my life and walk through the door the Lord has opened to you! God will be my vindicator. God will move in my behalf every single time.



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help me to put him first in all I do. God is going to bless me this year so I can be a blessing to others.

## REMAIN IN JESUS AND LEARN FAITH THAT PRAYS

John 15:7

*"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you."*

### Part 1: 2007 Thanksgiving topics

We began our new IIT worship services right at the start of the new year, exactly one year ago, though it seems like only yesterday. Last year, as we began planning for branching out from the main center, I remember many many worries were on my mind. How could we serve a worship service



Grace Jang

all on our own, and with the messengers Sh. Bob, Sam and Mike Staats all working full-time? I had no idea what we were getting ourselves into, and it made me scared to even think about it. But somehow, we began our worship services, and God blessed it abundantly from the beginning all the way through to the end of the year. Surely Sh. Bob had the heaviest burden to write messages almost every week on top of his full-time work, but I thank God who blessed him to faithfully serve the word of God each week. Sh. Sam also had a good chance to struggle deeply with the word of God when he gave message first once every 2 months and then once a month, and in coworking with the messenger team every week. Initially, I struggled a little bit with this because it meant I could not count on him to help with the kids during those times, especially after he had been gone all day already, but God helped me and is still helping me to struggle to give my husband to God's work first and learn a sacrificial spirit to serve my children and husband. When I look back, I can only be thankful to God who is growing Sam to think more deeply about God's word and as the spiritual leader for our household through this message training. I also thank God for using Sh. Sam and this sinner to serve the music ministry and have the privilege to cowork with our student leaders each week. Despite our weaknesses and near-forgetfulness, God somehow provided a special song and praise music each week for the worship service, even at the last minute. I thank God for our student leaders who were always willing and enthusiastic to serve God in making an environment of praise for the worship service.

God also began sending many truthseekers who came solely on their own initiative, including Xiaotang who began Bible study with me. Although some came and went, I believe God used us as his instrument to serve students with His word, whether for the short- or long-term. I was happy that we could be very visible on campus as a place where anyone who was looking for a place of worship was welcome. God also sent out one missionary from among us in M. Mike Staats to Heidelberg, Germany. Mike coworked faithfully with the messenger team for 8 months and then went out in obedience to God's personal calling. I pray God may make him a great blessing to German students and the coworkers in Heidelberg chapter.

Personally, I really thank God for being with this sinner this year. Last year I chose as my key verse Jn 14:15, "*If you love me, you will obey what I command.*" I chose this verse because

as we began a new ministry, I felt it was most important to grow my personal faith and love relationship with God as the basis for obedience to his commands as I served the ministry. I wanted to serve God and obey him purely out of love for him, not out of a sense of duty or obligation or before the eyes of people, as I had a habit of doing as a second gen. However, I repent that I did not succeed in loving God fully with all my heart and strength, but often forgot about God in the midst of running around doing many things. Still, I believe that God grew my heart more in sincere love for IIT students and all my Bible students. I had the privilege to study relatively faithfully this year with the most lovely and precious girl students Jayoung and Ruth, and with Heather for most of the year until she went to Hong Kong. I believe that God himself will complete the work he has begun in them, and pray I may not try to help them by my own strength or ideas but by learning to pray for them more and depend on God.

I also am so thankful to God for watching over Andy and Lydia this past year. He blessed Andrew to really enjoy preschool and learn well, and Lydia even began preschool at the park district two days a week without so much as a whimper when I left, though I had worried for months before whether she would have separation anxiety. They have grown to be good friends to each other and love each other, and are learning about God and what God wants for them. I also thank God for taking care of my sisters, using Esther, Sarah, and Maria as blessings for his ministries in Macomb, St. Paul, and Shippensburg, watching over Miriam as she studied Pharmacy, granting Jacob a job, and taking care of my mother in Korea. I thank God for taking care of M. Lydia, restoring her from stomach cancer and surgery and giving her good health and spirit, and granting us the wonderful blessing to visit her and HK UBF this past summer.

## **Part 2: Direction for 2008**

As I thought about last year, I realized that though I tried to serve others out of true love and not obligation, still I was lacking in faith to know how to really serve and how to really help others in Jesus' way so they could grow in faith. Often, I felt so weak and helpless when I thought about many problems and worries on my mind, regarding my children, Bible students, ministry, family members, and everything you could think of, even things in the future like beginning to work as a high school teacher next semester and how to balance that with everything else I'm already doing. But I was moved by Jn 15:7, which says, "*If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you.*" When I read this I realized my problem – I forgot the first part of my key verse last year, which said, "If you love me." I realized that first and foremost, I need to love God and remain in Him, and let his words remain in me. Without remaining in Jesus, I often feel helpless to solve my problems because I see the problems in light of myself and my situation, as well as others and their situations. When I remain in Jesus, I can see problems in light of faith in Jesus and trust God to do his work. Moreover, Jesus promises explicitly, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you." I pray I may hold onto this key verse in 2008 and learn faith that prays, believing it will be given. I trust that God is the One who works, not me, that He is working for good and will complete his work in each person. I only need to grab hold of his promise in faith and trust him in prayer. I pray that I may remain in Jesus through personal time with Him, focusing on Him, and that Jesus' words may remain in me through daily Bible reading, and finally, that through this I may learn faith that prays.

**One Word: Remain in Jesus and learn faith that prays.**

## BELIEVE AND SEE THE GLOY OF GOD

John 11:40

*"Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'"*

### I. Reviewing year 2007

Last year this time, IIT ministry finally held our first worship service. I was very excited for the new beginning and the changes it will bring to my life and to IIT. Everyone at IIT was so welcoming and had shepherd heart for the students. I also moved into the dorms for the first time and during school, I worked part time as an intern at an architecture firm. Going to work and trying to keep up with homework and projects was not easy. I felt like I had no life. At this time, I also began to question a lot about what it means to live as a Christian and about living by faith. I thought I was living the ideal Christian life, staying away from parties and guys, keeping up with attending meetings and services, but for some reason, I didn't feel like I was really living my life. Rather, those who enjoyed themselves with parties and boyfriends seemed like they were at least happy, not so serious and grumpy like me. At this time, I chose Psalm 1:1 as my key verse, which says, "*Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.*" I held onto the word, "Blessed" and struggled to believe that happy person is one who believe in God, and not listen to the counsel of the evil men. But I still questioned whether I was living my life to the fullest. Toward the end of the semester, I lost interest in my projects, and began to watch Korean dramas all night. I started to worry because I was losing control.

Long semester ended and since my brother was going to Korea, I decided to follow him. Having no responsibility whatsoever, I could freely rest and also think about how my life has been last few years. During the summer conference, God revealed to me how little I am compared to what I thought myself to be. I secretly thought I was a woman of faith, righteous in God's eyes because I dedicated my life to him for three years of my college life, never skipping meetings and serving God actively both at Wright and IIT. But there, I realized how impure my thoughts are, how selfish and proud I am, and how I had no faith at all. I cried a lot out of shame and hurt pride. Through writing life testimony, I also realized I was wounded from feeling unloved by people in my childhood. I chose to develop a low self-esteem and lived to please people and earn people's love. Even when I was serving God, I tried to please people, and took upon myself many responsibilities beyond my level of faith. Four years of architecture, along with family circumstances already made me exhausted but adding God's work to it made me a very tired and self-righteous person. I received 1Peter 2:2, "*Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk,*" and made the decision to grow in personal faith through eating the word of God, rather than trying to do many things. The shepherds in Korea sent me back to America as a 2nd gen missionary.



Mary Shim

Even though I received new direction, I still felt tired and really didn't want to start school. But when I prayed and went for it, God blessed my semester. He gave me a friendly and fun roommate and even though I just wanted to give up, every time, he gave me strength to go on. Looking back I don't know how this semester went but it went well and I even got good grades. God also used our Group Bible Studies to bring several students who began studying 1:1, which does not happen that easily. Last year was one tough year for me but I thank God for the time to review my life and find direction for the future.

## **II. Year 2008**

For year 2008, my key verse is from John 11:40, which says, "*Then Jesus said, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'*" When Jesus told Martha to move the stone from the entrance of Lazarus' tomb, Martha responded negatively that Lazarus has been dead for three days and there will be a bad odor. But Jesus tells Martha to believe and he raises dead Lazarus to life. This year, I will be graduating from college and I have certain fears and anxieties about entering into the society. Even before that, I know that finishing this last semester will be a challenge of its own. I also question whether I will find a good job and whether I will be able to function well in society. I have been living pretty much protected life in UBF and I know there will be conflicts and changes. I am also not the most outgoing and outspoken person and I know this side of me will be challenged a lot as I enter into the society. I know that like Martha, there will be obviously hopeless situations, like raising a man who has been dead for three days. I pray that through this key verse, I may learn to have faith in God even during hard and challenging circumstances and see the glory of God. I pray that my faith can grow through the many changes that will take place in my life this new year. May God also show me how I can be used for his work continuously.

**One Word: Believe and see the glory of God**

## MEDITATE ON THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 1:2

*“But his delight is in the law of the Lord  
and on his law he meditates day and  
night.”*

### 2007 In Review

My key verse for 2007 was Acts 6:2 “*So the twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, ‘It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables.’*” Since I had just gone back to work full time as an inner-city high school math teacher the previous fall of 06, I was overwhelmed with work and family life. I did not want my one to one ministry to be neglected, which was my natural tendency. I knew with our new ministry, I could not neglect God’s word. Also, I should give shepherd Bob plenty of time each week to work on the message. This verse helped me stay focused on the task.

In January of 07 we began our independent worship service at IIT. IIT’s independent worship service was established by God’s great grace because God wants all people to be saved. And truly having worship service on campus has allowed many more people to come than we were ever able to bring up to the center. Although Shep. Bob and I, many times felt inadequate, Shep. Bob was confident that God himself would do His own work. And truly God has done his own work. Amen! God himself brought so many new students every week. We had a hard time keeping up with all of them. I especially want to thank God for providing the IIT chapel for us to worship in.

At that time, I began Bible study with Sarah Leingang, a 4th year architect student. Sarah was fished by Mary Shim and studied with Mary along with Itzi. She had been part of Wright College ministry. Since we established a new combined worship service she needed to study with someone at IIT. We began Genesis Bible study. Progress was slow because Sarah was very busy. God enabled Sarah to come to our Easter Conference despite her busy schedule and even as a group Bible study leader.

God was also working in Tim Bill as we studied John’s Gospel. The Holy Spirit really worked in his heart he began to write testimony more often and struggle in God’s word and applying God’s word to his life. God opened his heart to come to Easter Conference, though Tim is a very serious aerospace engineering major.

Shortly after our Easter Conference Shep. Bob had a very serious scare. He was complaining of heart pain and many symptoms of a heart attack. I got a phone call while I was at work that he was in the emergency room in Evanston. We found out he had high blood pressure. He began taking high blood pressure medication. I realized he was under a lot of stress from his new boss at work. Also preparing the Sunday Message was very time consuming. Personally, I had not been a suitable helper in supporting him, but put more demands on him. Through this I realized Shep. Bob is a very precious man of God and I should not take him for granted. I began



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to see that I needed to pray for him more and nurture him because he really does so much, rarely slowing down.

When the semester ended both Sarah and Tim went home. Tim said he would try to attend our Summer Conference in Wisconsin. We began preparing for this conference. We went with Lincoln Park fellowship as well as Paul Teodori's (downtown campuses) and Arthur Miranda (UIC) fellowships to a camp site four hours north of Chicago. We all took turns meeting at each other's campuses for prayer meetings and group Bible study. We even hosted a joint worship service on a very hot Sunday before our Conference. Pastor Mark V. really took stewardship of the conference and lead the group Bible study preparations. Tim Bill took a six hour drive from Minnesota to come to our conference by himself. At the conference, we found he was having one to one Bible study with a couple of his friends back home. This was the work of God and we were very encouraged. The title of our conference was "God's great hope for everyone". We studied several passages where God did not see wretched sinners in their present state, but he saw them with the hope of God. The conference was really great and I believe student friendly because we stayed in tents and roughed it out. Also we enjoyed camp fires and swimming in the lake.

After the conference I got a huge surprise when I found out I was pregnant. This was God's one sided grace and blessing on our family, which I am unworthy to receive. We pray that God may use this child for God's great gospel work.

A few weeks later I traveled to Omaha, Nebraska and was able to visit the house church of Dr. Harvey and Samantha Siy. They graciously hosted me and my children as they took us around the city and the campus of UNO. I got to meet one of Samantha's one to one sheep. It was so refreshing to see the Siy's family's willingness to serve God.

While I had been gone, Missionary Giddeon Kwon had just come from Korea to attend graduate school at IIT. He stayed in our house for a couple of weeks till he found an apartment near campus. A couple of weeks later Michael Staats prepared to leave for Germany as a student missionary. We thank God that he could live sacrificially like a kernel of wheat for the Glory of God to serve German students the Gospel.

With the fall semester came something new for us, a fall out-reach concert. The one to one vocal team from the Chicago Center participated as well as the Lincoln Park band and the IIT vocal team. The students really enjoyed hosting the concert. I believe it helped student on campus recognize us as the singing church on campus.

As the semester continued Sarah became very busy in her school work and it was difficult to meet for one to one. Her plan was to leave campus as soon as the semester ended to go back home to Washington State. As she told me her plan during Bible study one day, I was convicted to challenge her to stay in Chicago even an extra few days to attend our Christmas worship service. Not in legalistic way because she must, but to do something really sacrificial for baby Jesus, like the woman who spared no expense and poured perfume on Jesus feet. It meant she would miss at least a day of work back home at an architect firm. It means disappointing her parents and changing her ticket. By God's grace she made a decision to stay for the worship service and worship baby Jesus. May God guide her and work in her mightily in the spring of 08 her last semester at IIT.

At the end of the semester, Tim Bill told me he was not coming back to IIT the next spring, but had to take care of some family problems back home. He assured me he would be back next fall. Shep. Bob and I were concerned, especially since it seemed a very sudden

decision. But we pray that God might be with Tim to study God's word and continue to grow in it in 2008. May God return him to IIT in the fall of 08?

### **Direction for 2008**

My 2008 key verse is Psalm 1:2 "*But his delight is in the law of the Lord and on his law he meditates day and night.*" With my humanly busy schedule I did not meditate much on the word of God in 07. I really need to be rooted and strengthened in God's word and not live superficially as a Christian. Soon I will then have a 4th child to keep me busy. May God help me to keep up with Daily Bread and testimony writing in 2008. May God help me to meditate on his word daily, so that I can be a source of blessing to our family and fellowship, yielding good fruit in 08.

### **One Word: Meditate on the word of God**

## GOD HAS APPOINTED ME AS A ROYAL PRIEST

Mark 1:35

*“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”*

Matthews 28:19,20

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

### I. Review of 2007.

My 2007 Key Verse was the same Mark 1:35. When I looked back the year 2007, I found myself unfaithful to this key verse. Maybe I participated in early morning prayers ¼ or 1/3 of 365 days at best during 2007. When I began new days with a failure in early morning prayers, my days were not in order, not pleasing to God and my days were not successful at work either. The list of my sins and shortcomings could be too much to write them down. I sincerely ask God's grace of forgiveness



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through the precious blood of Jesus. The major and critical failures will be included in my 2008 prayer topics. Reviewing my 2007, I want to thank God for his mighty and merciful works despite my countless sins and unfaithfulness.

1. **Thank God for his faithful Servants**, Dr. John Jun, Mother Barry, Grace A. Lee, Sunji Jun, Samuel H. and Okhee Lee, other faithful continental/national/local directors throughout the world, fellow elders and other precious coworkers of Chicago and IIT ministry! Thank God for enabling Dr. John Jun to inherit and succeed the legacy of Dr. Samuel Lee and Mother Barry. May God bless your servant's humble serving leadership greatly and double your own ministry under his leadership by 2010!
2. **Thank God for his faithful Messengers**, Pastor Ron Ward (and Bob Henkins and Sam Jang at IIT) to serve Mark's gospel messages with great power and spirit!
3. **Thank God for the faithful Women of God**. I deeply thank God for Mother Barry's godly influence as a mother of prayer and great Bible teacher! Thank God for Ms. Grace A. Lee's unceasing prayer and stewardship for God's ministry, especially through her email writings to the coworkers around the world! May God give her good health! Thank God for helping Ms. Sunji Jun to adjust well to new missionary life and to co-work with Dr. John Jun.
4. **Thank God for blessing our UBF** to be accepted as a member of ECFA, and to many other evangelical Christian organizations and to host the Professional Self Supporting Conference at Guatemala (KIMNET).

**5. Thank God for blessing campus by campus ministry**, establishing many new fellowship leaders! May God bless each of campus coordinators and new fellowship leaders and raise up many committed disciples of Jesus from each campus.

**6. Thank God for blessing IIT ministry** as a new **independent chapter** and with **many new shepherds and new sheep**. Thank God for sending Msn Mike Staas to Heidelberg Germany as a American missionary! Thank God for establishing Sh. Bob as the Director/shepherd and Bible messenger along with Sh. Sam Jang in the midst of his demanding full time job. Thank God for raising many new coworkers, Sh. Sam and Grace Jang, Mike Mark, Dan Bockenfeld, Christian, Ison, Mary and Tim as coworkers who take great responsibility and faithful stewardship! Thank God for sending many new IIT student sheep to our Sunday Worship Service and IIT Bible Club and to one to one Bible studies! God has increased our SWS attendants to over 30 in average (about 20% increase). Thank God for other faithful servants, such as Shs. Julia, Msn Deborah Kim, Deborah Yang, Gideon Kwon, Sarah, Ruth, Jayoung, Rocio, Ping, Snow and Peter. Thank God for blessing me and Msn Deborah to serve IIT ministry as humble prayer servants and Bible teachers! May God continue to bless our IIT new ministry abundantly through faithful fishing, one to one and discipleship ministry in 2008!

**7. Thank God for sending two new precious IIT student sheep to me** for 1:1 Bible study. **Andrew** is very faithful student from Uganda. **Jessie** is a classmate of Sh. Mary Shim. He came to our Christmas WS and he wants to begin 1:1 and to attend our SWS since he will move into IIT dormitory in January. Having two new sheep is a great blessing from God to this undeserving sinner.

**8. Thank God for Marriage between Msn Daniel and Grace Park.** God blessed Grace Yang Park to establish God's house church with Msn Daniel Park from Anam UBF on Nov 24th. He is a very pure hearted and scholastic new missionary. Thank God for blessing Grace with several faithful sheep, Amy, Adrian, Oscar, Dianna and Hannah. Thank God for blessing this new house church to stay at and serve UIC Bible House as a disciple making house church!

**9. Thank God for blessing my family members.** Thank God for **Msn Deborah's life of prayer** and her shepherding of Mary Shim, Dr. Rita, Sandi and now several new truth seeking IIT students! Thank God for blessing **Msn David Won and Dr. Sarah Won** as shepherd family for Loyola/Harper College ministry and New Young Missionaries. May God raise up 12 disciples of Jesus. Thank God for growing Sh. Philip, Richie, Brandon, Sarah Ward, David Lee, Francis Choi and Abraham Kim. Thank God for blessing their three children, David, Peter and Paul to grow in CBF and as all straight "A" students. Thank God for leading **Dr. Joseph and Faith Kim** to Harvard University for a prestigious post doctoral position after finishing Post Doc at Yale. Thank God for allowing our first grand daughter Anna after his brother Joseph Jr. in this family this year! May God bless Dr. Joseph Kim to continue to learn Jesus' humility ( Ph 2:5) and serve God's flock there! Thank God for blessing **Daniel Jr.** to graduate UIC with a highest honor in 3 years and with a guaranty to enter its medical school. Thank God for using him to serve Ugandan orphans who lost their parents by AIDS. May God help him to grow in deep and personal love relationship with Jesus!

**10. I thank God for letting me keep my job.** I deeply thank God that he had great mercy on me to be transferred to a new position with same rank and pay despite my poor performance at work in 2007.

## **II. Key Verse for 2008.**

Thank and praise God that he has led me to offer my early morning prayers during 2007. Even though my attendance record is very poor with only 25% or 33%, yet it is the best one of my entire life. But comparing with faithful servants of God, such as Dr. John Jun, Mother Barry and Msn Grace A Lee, still I am a CBF Christian. Of course comparing with Jesus, I am a spiritual infant. In order to learn from Jesus and to be empowered by his Holy Spirit, I want to hold Mark 1:35 as my first key verse again. *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.”* Jesus should have gone to bed very late every night, helping the crowd of troubled and demanding people who were like sheep without a shepherd. Many nights he used to pray at night after his disciples had gone to sleep. Yet next morning, Jesus got up very early, so early that it was still dark. Since we changed one hour back from Summer time in America, Chicago's 5:30 AM is pretty dark. So it became more difficult for me to get up 5:30 AM. But Jesus not only got up while it was still dark, but also left house and went off to a solitary place and prayed. I know it will be not easy for me, a late bird. But I sincerely pray that Jesus may have mercy on me and enable me to get up early and go to the center so that I can hear the inspiring Daily Bread messages from American shepherds. May Jesus, the Mighty God, enable me to pray earnestly for God's work of IIT and Chicago UBF, and UBF around the world!

My second key verse is Matthews 28:19,20. In order to take away all our sins once and for all, Jesus was crucified on the cross. Then God raised him from the dead and made him our King of kings and Lord of lords. After 40 days of shepherding his disciples after his resurrection, Jesus was about to ascend into heaven in great glory and honor. This Risen Jesus had all authority and power of heaven and earth. This Jesus commanded all the disciples including some weak and doubting ones. He said, *“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations...and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”* This command is known as the Great Commission. This command can be his last and most important command for all the Christians throughout the generations. Last year Dr. John Jun gave us a clear prayer topic for ‘discipleship’ ministry. Many coworkers, such as Dr. Peter Chang of Bonn, Stephen Kim of Moscow, and Dr. Peter Kim of Kiev, Msn Jimmy Lee of India faithfully carried out their discipleship ministry. In this way, God has blessed our UBF ministry as an example in today's Christian world. It was proved by other prominent servants of God at KIMNET meeting. But I repent that I was one of the poorest servants in terms of one to one and discipleship ministry in 2007. Therefore, I want to remember my second key verse daily so that I may put my first priority to one to one Bible study and discipleship ministry in 2008. With sincere repentance and contrite heart, I want to serve Sh. Fernando Rayas and John Collier with the words of God faithfully so that both of them obey Jesus' command and feed God's flock. Also I earnestly pray to God that he may enable me to serve two new precious IIT student sheep, Andrew and Jessie with faithful Bible study! May the words of God move their hearts to obey Jesus' teaching and grow as Jesus' disciples to feed his sheep in 2008! My another practical prayer topic is that I may work hard and smart before God and render glory to him at my work through good performance in 2008!

Prayer Topics:

In order to live as a Royal Priest:

Pray for participating in Early Morning Prayers faithfully (more than 200 days)

Pray for Craving the Words of God (read the OT once and NT three times)

Pray for Feeding 5 Sheep with faithful 1:1 Bible Study (especially IIT Students)

Pray for Purdue IBC (3,000 attendants with 3,000 Prayer ministry)

Pray for Dr. John Jun, Samuel H. Lee, Pastor Ron Ward and Sh. Bob Henkins

**One Word: “God has appointed me as a Royal Priest” (1 Peter 2:9)**

## LORD! STRENGTHEN ME TO FULFILL THE MISSION AS A ROYAL PRIEST!

1 Peter 2:9.

*"You are a chosen people, a royal priest hood and a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praise of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

### 1. Review of 2007

Before IIT ministry began to have independent worship service, my heart was trembling before God, with much prayers along with our IIT coworkers. On Jan 7th 2007, God enabled us to have first worship service at IIT. During last one year, God established Sh. Bob Henkins as a wonderful Bible messenger, along with Shepherds Sam Jang and Mike Staas. God provided us with all our needs, especially the place of worship, the spacious chapel with enough chairs, desk, piano and hymn books. Thank God for his great work and abundant blessings upon IIT independent ministry. God has blessed Shepherd Bob's sense of responsibility and shepherd heart and diligent work for IIT ministry. Each of our coworkers made every effort to make the holy vessel to serve IIT ministry. God raised Shepherd Sam as a powerful messenger once a month and he made whole hearted devotion as a music servant along with IIT vocal team and Mary the pianist. God sent Mike Staats to Germany as a missionary.

Mary, Ison, Sarah and Ruth. God sent us new students, Peter and Andrew through the IIT Bible Club. God blessed our eating fellowship every Sunday after worship service. Our women coworkers and Shepherd Mike Mark have served Sunday lunch sacrificially in turn as our prayer offering for IIT ministry. God blessed our Friday leaders meeting through our shepherds sincere Bible testimonies.

God blessed our Easter Conference with Wright college coworkers and our Summer Camping Conference with Lincoln Park and Loop coworkers. Thank God for our 2007 Christmas Worship Service with 2 weeks prayer dedication. 3 days a week we had prayer meetings at IIT and all our shepherds participated as messengers. Thank God for using M. Daniel



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God blessed our one to one ministry so much that our growing shepherds became one to one Bible teachers. They are Shepherds Dan, Mike Mark, Christian, Ison and Mary. God helped Ison to commit himself to IIT UBF and IIT Bible Club as one to one Bible teacher and the presider. He used to attend a Chinese church. God blessed our IIT Bible Club through our faithful IIT student shepherds,

Yang to serve each messenger with the words of God for prayer meetings. God sent 44 attendants to the Christmas Service from IIT.

My key verse of 2007 was 1 Peter 2:9. *"You are a chosen people, a royal priest hood and a holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may declare the praise of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."* God has given me this key verse since 2000 in order to mold me into a chosen people and a royal priest and a holy nation. Every year I tried to take a different key verse, but God has given me this same key verse again and again. Through this key verse, God is working mightily in me, and changing me and molding me to have a clear identity in God's salvation history as a Chosen people, a Royal Priest, a Holy nation. Whenever we pray, we end it with the prayer, "May God make North America a kingdom of priests and a holy nation!" God is answering our prayers, beginning with one person like me. Praise God for his faithfulness for one person like me. God gives me mother's heart and love for IIT coworkers and students, sense of responsibility and stewardship to pray for them and to love them as the servants of God and as my children. And God gave me another sub key verse Mark 1:35. *"Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place where he prayed."* God enabled me to learn Jesus' prayer life early in the morning at Chicago Center, break time, and lunch time at our hospital chapel. Recently I have not been faithful to early morning prayers. Through Mark 10:45, *"Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, to give his life as ransom for many,"* I tried to learn Jesus' serving life. Jesus came into the world to serve all kinds of ugly, smelly sinners like me until he gave his life to serve sinners. When I serve seemingly never-changing sheep like Jose, I feel like wasting time and energy. So I asked to myself, "Until when do I have to serve him?" Then Jesus answered me, "Until you give your life to serve him." God is working in me to learn Jesus' servantship. In order to study and teach the words of God, I took another sub key verse Psalm 1:2 "But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." I did not make much effort to obey this verse. Right after coming back from my trip to Israel, I read all 4 gospels and the book of Acts within 1 week with full of imagination and visualization of Jesus' ministry. After that, I read Genesis and Exodus, I started strong but finished weak. I couldn't finish reading the whole Bible one time in 2008. Only by God's grace, God led me to serve Shs. Mary Shim, Dr. Rita, Sandy, Jose, Dr. Jane, and Jintana with words of God. By M. Deborah Y. Kim's faith and generosity, Mary Shim began to study Bible with me since Sept. God's hand has been with Mary and opened her spiritual eyes and gave her deep spiritual rest through her trip to Korea. And God also began to restore her to have personal relationship with him, with deep peace. God gave her one new one to one sheep Amy since Oct. and restored her joy of shepherding. God also helped her to complete the Marriage Bible study with Ms. Little Sarah Kim in several weeks. May God grow her in the love of God by having quiet time with God through daily prayer and daily bread and reading the Bible!

Thank God for abundant blessing upon Grace Yang and Daniel Park to establish God's house church on Nov. 24th 2007. It was God's one sided grace and sovereignty. God may bless this house church as a source of blessing, disciple maker for American campus ministry, beginning with UIC. May God raise his own sheep, Amy, Diana, Hanna, Adrian and Oscar into the disciples of Jesus through Grace's prayer and Bible study! May God grant more new sheep in 2008! May God bless Daniel and Grace Park's decision of faith to offer their honey moon life to God to live at UIC Bible house as steward, prayer servant and disciple maker!

By his grace, God gave me the privilege to visit Israel, the place where Jesus was born, raised his disciples and died on the cross. This trip helped me to understand Jesus better with imagination and visualization. Since this trip, God gave me greater desire to learn Jesus' life as my role model, especially his prayer life, his serving life, his shepherd life and his suffering.

By God's grace I attended South American Summer Bible Conference in August. Through this conference, God gave me world mission vision and showed me his mighty work to change many young people who had suffered from immoral life. God grew them as shepherds and sent them out to other countries as missionaries. The season of Jesus has come to South America! God gave me a chance to see his beautiful ministry through other churches through KIMNET Conference at Guatemala and to learn the necessity of networking for world mission.

### **Key Verse of 2008**

1 Peter 2:9 "*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*" Through this key verse God is working mightily in me to have clear identity as a royal priest. Jesus is the King and Priest. I have to learn from Jesus and imitate his life style. I have to learn the manner of royal family since I am a Prince of God. What is the mission of God as a Priest? The Priest must teach the word of God faithfully, bringing the sin offering and thanks offering to God as a represent of people. God appointed me as a priest. I have to study and teach the words of God diligently and I must offer intercessory prayers to God every morning for the people of America, our campus students, national directors and my children. By faith, I have to bring Jesus the Lamb of God to God as my sin offering to make reconciliation with God for my sin and for sin of people, my children, students and coworkers. May God grow me as his useful servant and as a prayer mother, one to one Bible teacher and a disciple maker! In order to learn Jesus' prayer life, his serving life, and his shepherd life, I want to take several more sub key verses. Mark 1:35. "Very early in the morning, Jesus got up and left the house, went off to a solitary place where he prayed."

Lord! Help me and wake me up at 4 AM to read the Bible for 2 hours and pray for 2 hours. By my will power, I can not do anything, even waking up early in the morning. Mark 10:45 "*For Even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as ransom for many.*" With this verse, I want to learn Jesus' servantship to serve IIT coworkers and students. May God help our women coworkers to make the holy vessel as prayer mothers and as the backbone of IIT ministry to make prayerful environment. Psalm 1:2 "*But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.*" Lord! Help me to read whole Bible two times and 2 hours every day and to write sincere Bible testimonies weekly and to teach the word of God to Mary, Dr. Rita, Sandy, Jose, Jintana and Wang faithfully. May God bless me with these key verses in 2008 and help me to make every effort to obey these key verses every day!

**One Word: "Lord! Strengthen me to fulfill the mission as a Royal Priest!"**

## LOVE WITH MY LIFE

John 15:13

*"Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."*

Most gracious, heavenly Father, thank you for your grace and blessing to a sinner such as myself this past year. Your mercy and blessing to me surpasses all understanding. I am forever in your debt for your saving grace and continued interest in my life. Lord, now I pray that you might help me to remember what you have done for the ministry at IIT and for myself, and also to see your guidance into the New Year. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Whoo! What a year! 2007 went by faster than I could ever believe. The year began with the ministry at IIT holding its first on campus worship service on January 7 in IIT's chapel. That worship service saw 21 people from the IIT ministry attend, which in itself was a bump from the 16 at the last Chicago worship service we attended. By the fall semester, we peaked at 37 attendants. It is truly amazing to see new people coming to our worship service on a nearly weekly basis. Even in the last worship service of 2007, there was one new student who came to the worship service. I did not doubt that it was God's will to have worship service on campus, but I did underestimate that so many would be interested in attending.

Because of this new dynamic, many people had to step up to serve the ministry in new ways. There are students who prepare special music each week, led by S Sam. Sam and Bob prepare each week for the message. There is a regular rotation to supply food for the lunch after worship service. People have stepped up to set up the chapel each week for worship service. There are student presiders for Friday and Sunday. I thank God for everyone's contribution during this past year. Without his mercy, none of this would have been possible.

Even though the independent IIT ministry began in January 2007, we sent out our first missionary at the end of August. Ms. Michael Staats left Chicago to become a missionary in Heidelberg, Germany, where he is studying the German language and culture in preparation to attend grad school. There was a big send off before he left with much prayer and blessing. In 2006, God showed me how weak I am through continued failure of the PhD qualifying exam and failed marriage attempt. It was because of this that the Lord led me to 2 Co 12:9a, "*But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.'*" I desired to learn to trust in the Lord for all things and to hand over everything to him. All I need is the grace of Jesus. Unfortunately, some time in the latter part of the year I forgot the verse. I had the gist of it, but its words were really lost. In February, I had the opportunity to take the qualifying exam a third time and I prepared for it harder than I had ever done before in physical studying and prayer. Pretty much everything had to be cut out of my life to prepare. I was a bit of a ghost. But again I failed and I was forced to a last resort...to take the oral exam. Once again, I studied by butt off and redoubled my prayer. And in April, literally just before Easter, I stood before four



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professors ready to answer questions, but I struggled to answer some fairly easy questions. On April 5, I knew that I would have to leave the university and find a job.

In that respect, all I know is that the Lord provided a job for me. I did nothing to get the job I now have, but it was solely the grace and work of God that has allowed me to work for seven months now. Without exaggerating, I can say that there has not been a day that has gone by without it being revealed to me more and more how great a blessing this has been. I didn't do anything to receive this blessing. In fact, I have probably made more than a hundred mistakes along the way, wrong paths and selfish decisions. Yet, the Lord provides more than I could ever fathom. I want to go on and on about this but I probably bore most people and there are more pressing things.

Certain aspects of my faith have grown this past year. My desire to serve God led me to want to do anything and everything for the Lord, but this year, through qualifying exam preparation and the guidance of Ms. Deborah Kim, I learned that there is more to faith than showing zeal. I should be very zealous toward God, but that zeal should be directed towards the mission God gave me. While studying, I could not participate in many ministry functions. My focus had to be on studying and one-to-one Bible study with students. All other things had to be put by the wayside. It was very hard for me to do this. There are things that I wanted to do, but I was unable to do. Nevertheless, I now see that I cannot do everything. I am only one part in the body of Christ and it was proud of me to think that I could do everything and besides if I did everything, how could anyone else grow?

Then there were the things I would prefer not to talk about, but not talking doesn't help anything. This year, I finally saw that the mask of timidity was gone and what my timidity covered up was impatience, anger, arrogance, selfishness, pain and more. On more than one occasion I let my impatience lead me to become irritated at indecisiveness, lack of good planning, or some random thing. Unfortunately, S. Bob was a recipient of some my irrational behavior. I am an emotional man and my timidity hid this from my sight because I saw no actions to back it up. There has always been a disconnect between other people and myself.

This stuff is what is in the chasm and some have asked me why I am like that. I started thinking about who I am, how I grew up and who my parents are. The superficial answer is that I am my parents' son. I learned from them and act in many ways like them. But that doesn't really answer the question. The real answer is love, or rather my lack of love. 1 Corinthians 13:2 says, "*If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.*" My faith has grown tremendously from nothing five years ago. Yet, this faith is meaningless without love. It is by love that we have salvation; it is by love that we have life. Yet, my actions have shown me clearly that I don't have love.

I care very deeply for other people, probably so much that it is etched upon my face. But caring is not loving. Caring does not require action only thought. Love is an action; it is more than just thinking. It is here I fail. I can't even think of ways to act upon these caring thoughts. I know that I must love and I have wanted love to be a central theme in my life, but I don't know where to begin. That's why 1 Co 13:2 is not my key verse this year. Instead, John 15:13 is my key verse. It says, "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.*" It is the example of love that Jesus gave to us by laying down his life for us on the cross. This verse has been in and out of my head since the beginning of December and the more I think about it, the more it makes sense for all the reasons I just talked about. Please, pray for me to have Jesus' love for others this year.

Lord Father, I thank you for your great blessing this past year and for showing me the darkness that has always resided in me. I repent for the rage, arrogance, and selfishness that I have shown. Lord, I pray that love may drive them out. By my own strength I cannot love. But fill me with your love so that I might lay down my life for others beginning with those around me now, if it is your will. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

**One word: Love with my life.**

## CLEAR LAND FOR YOURSELVES

Joshua 17:15

*"If you are so numerous," Joshua answered, "and if the hill country of Ephraim is too small for you, go up into the forest and clear land for yourselves there in the land of the Perizzites and Rephaites."*

### 2007

On January 7, IIT chapter had our first worship service. We changed from IIT fellowship to IIT chapter. Shep. Bob was appointed as a chapter director and Shep. Sam as a vice director. Shep. Mike Staats

joined a message team as a training to go out as a missionary to Germany. He left in late August to serve Heidelberg ministry. I thank God for Shep. Bob's faithfulness. He worked full-time, prepared Bible study and wrote messages for three Sundays a month. May God bless Shep. Bob to sharpen his spiritual eyes for God's word and to train and challenge young shepherds in 2008. IIT students from Wright ministry joined us; Shep. Mike Staats, Sarah L, Mary and Ruth Shim. Everyone took a role for the service. They are Shep. Dan the usher, Shep. Mike Mark the presider, Shep. Sam the music servant, Mary the piano player, four women coworkers, Shep. Julia, Grace Jang, Deborah Yang and Deborah Kim, the food servants. EiSeung, Sarah and Christian were faithful as whatever-servants serving for music and prayer. We have survived the first year as a pioneering chapter. I pray that God may bless us in 2008 in number and quality as disciples. Personally I struggled to find my place in the new chapter. After much struggle I could thank God that I was in the place where I could not find my place. It was evidence that God blessed us so much to increase both physically and spiritually. This helped me to shape the view of myself for the future. I thank God for being with my children, Miriam and Barnabas. They have been attending IIT worship service from the start, and they are growing as future coworkers. I learned of so many prayer topics as I surveyed prayer topics coming from Ms. Charles Kim. I learned that I should be a faithful prayer servant.

### 2008

My prayer and request to God in 2008 are: one, Shep. Dan and Michael may establish a house church. Two, Shep. Mary may know the deep and wide love of God for her personally. Three, Xiao may return to God. Four, our Friday leaders meeting may help young shepherds to grow as spiritual leaders, and they may receive a Bible study training through deep testimony writing. Five, God may grant us a proper bible house.

My personal prayer topics for 2008 are: One, I pray to have diligent and deep Bible study. Last summer, I began Romans group Bible study. Shep. Dan and EiSeung were the only ones who came. I learned about myself when I saw other people's reaction to my invitation to Romans study. Some people signed up for Romans study, but when they found out that I was leading the study, they did not come. I learned that I need to grow as a Bible teacher. So my prayer for 2008 is that I may study the Bible deeply like a scholar and be a diligent Bible teacher.



Deborah Kim

Two, help Lanae to find God's leading for her life before she leaves Chicago in May, and help Ping to grow as a Bible teacher for one person. Three, be the best Bible teacher for my two children.

My new key verse is the same as 2007. Joshua 17:15 has been my key verse for the past 4 years. This is the fifth year. I must live with a pioneering spirit to the end. May God train me to build up spiritual muscles and proper spiritual equipments to "clear land."

**One word: Clear land for yourselves**

## **LOVE GOD WITH ALL MY HEART, WITH ALL MY SOUL, AND WITH ALL MY STRENGTH**

Deuteronomy 6:5

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength"*

### **1) 2007 year in review**

Last year was a very meaningful year. I started last year by preparing admission for 10 schools that I had applied to. By preparing it, I was filled with fear because even preparing admission was very hard for me. I wondered that really can I get manage to both America new life and missionary life. For me all things are new

challenges, school studies, English, missionary life, are all new circumstances. Furthermore, because I was not young I worried about failure. If I was young, it is allowed for me to fail, but because I was not young I thought I should not fail. Besides 2 months ago I had to have a surgery on a disk in my back. My body condition was not good. When I worried about such this things, I was filled with fear. So the beginning of last year my key verse was Mark 9:23 "*If you can? said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes."*" Through this word, I wanted to learn the method to challenge my faith and I wanted to experience new and practical faith in America. God blessed my faith and God gave me admissions to 5 schools and I chose to go to IIT, because I heard that Chicago ministry is a good model of UBF and there are many great shepherds there. Besides, IIT is a famous school for architecture and I liked that they trained students not conceptually but practically in order to prepared students for work after graduation. When I came to Chicago, every co-worker welcomed me with gladness and helped me with devotion. Shep. Bob provided his home and food to me for free. So I could prepare many things comfortably. Especially at that time, shep. Ison took time visiting my place everyday and helped me to buy things with pleasure. I was so thankful for that. Because of this, I could prepare many things in a short time.

Before beginning the semester, I heard the sorrowful news of my father's death and I had to return to Korea to attend my father's funeral. Although I was sorrowful, I had to challenge the new semester by faith. Whenever I have difficulty because of my lack of English, hard school life and back pain, I prayed that God would give me faith to overcome all these things. Still whenever I knew that I did my homework wrong because I could not understand what the professor said, it was so hard for me. I was even afraid of going to store to buy something because of my fear of English. So I had to rely on the word of God and I had to pray that I might live not by my ability but by faith in God because everything is possible for one who believes. Even though I wanted to challenge by faith, it was hard for me to submit my homework, often barely on time. By God's grace, though I was dragged by force through the semester, when I finished I got good grades. I was so thankful to God for my good grades that I wanted to serve lunch after Sunday worship service.



Gideon Kwon

When I think of last semester, I did not serve God with all my heart. When this semester began I just thought about studying hard for my courses and focused on improving my English because I was so poor as well as all things were new to me. As a result, I did not give my heart and my strength to God's work. All I did was to attend the Friday testimony meeting and Sunday worship service. And I almost didn't attend morning daily bread meeting on the pretext of tiredness cause of my working hard for my courses. My prayer topic was just for me and kind of selfish, not for God. So sometimes, I felt that I was not like a missionary but just an international student and this distressed me.

### **2008 Key Verse**

This week we had a missionary conference at the main center and I heard of message on Deuteronomy 6:5. Actually this verse is my missionary key verse. But when I listened to the powerful message by Joshua Hong I realized that I did not try to love God with all my heart, with all my soul or with all my strength last semester. If I wanted to love God with all my heart, soul and strength, I would have tried to attend morning daily bread meeting even if I was so tired and I would have tried to meet sheep even if I was busy. And I would have used more time to meet Jesus personally during Bible study. So I take Deuteronomy 6:5 as my key verse for 2008 again because I hope that I may spend this year by struggling to love God with all my heart and with all my soul and with all my strength. I want to struggle this year to love God whole heartily. I pray that I may serve God's work even if I have no time by making time and overcoming my laziness. I pray that I may meet many students and study the Bible with them and invite them to Purdue summer conference. I pray that this year I may love sheep by loving God. So pray that I may love God more than any other thing this year.

**One word “Love God with all my heart, with all my soul, and with all my strength”**

## LOVE EACH OTHER JUST AS I LOVED YOU

John15:12

*"My command to you is this: love each other just as I loved you"*

### Part 1: The Vine and Branch Relationship

I learnt how God is the vine and we are the branches. He is in the process of pruning and cutting of branches that do not bear fruit. However, this pruning can be difficult because we get used to certain ways of living. What we ought to understand is that Jesus loves us so much and he wants us to bear fruit. In John 15:4, he says, "Remain in me and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me." This calls us to a whole new level of



Peter Musiga

commitment. To do things even This involves sacrifice. And God promises us in John15:7, "If you remain in me and my words remain in you ask whatever you wish and it will be given you."

### Part2- Love one another

Even though the world longs for love few know the meaning of love. Who knows more about love than God? John 15:15 says, "If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my father's commands and remain in his love." This means that when we depend on Jesus, we can love others like ourselves. Love is not a feeling but an outward action. Actions speak louder than words. My prayer is that we shall have an action packed year for Jesus' sake and to the glory of our father in heaven.

### Part3-Bear fruit that will last

*"You did not choose me but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit; fruit that will last. Then the father will give you whatever you ask in my name"* John15:16. Since Sunday my head keeps going back to the bananas that were rotting at Bob's dinner table. Being a Christian, I am convinced that I have been able to produce fruit of the spirit over the years. Is this fruit still fresh? Or is it something God looks at and wants to throw away. That is why the word "remain" has been ringing in my mind all week. It is the "refrigerator" for the fruits that we have produced and the many more we are going to produce this year. What a joy it will be when we come to the end of this year and find ourselves with fresh fruit, new fruit and still producing more fruit.

I hope we will all grow to love one another in 2007. Jesus gave us the perfect example by washing his disciples' feet before delivering this message and was now getting ready to lay down his life on the cross for all mankind. Jesus always backed up his words with action. *"My command to you is this: love each other just as I loved you"* John15:12

## 2008 KEY VERSE TESTIMONY

Matthew 11:28

*"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."*

### Part 1: Stand firm in 2007.

Use one word to describe my life in 2007 is: busy; Use two words is: very busy. Life keeps me on the fly all day. But it is necessary for me to take a time to review my life in 2007. And maybe it is weird, but I am really enjoy the time that I can sit before my lap-top and re-visit what I did in the past year.

In 2007, Msn. Kim selected one key verse for me, which is 1st Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." I like this verse very much, because it fits my situation very well. When I am in trouble, I always get power from this verse and stand firm.

In Matthew 13, Jesus gives us the wonderful parable of the sower. In this parable, Jesus classify the soils into four kinds, each kind of soil defines one kind of people. I remember the second one very well: shallow soil. This kind people (e.g. me) would like to enjoy the light yoke by accepting Jesus. But when the initial passion wears off, or when another more promising experience comes along, they quit. In the past year, many people close to me turn around from Jesus because of all kinds of reasons: Dr. Huang and his wife quit the one to one bible study just before they came back to China. I really hope they can keep their faith in China, however, it is not easy; My first bible student, Dazhong, he received Jesus with joy. But later, he told me that he had not desire to keep one to one bible study with me and he felt so busy in dealing with course work and research work, which is true. However, it hurts me, because it is the first time for me to teach bible; My wife, Xiaojing, she tried to know and accept Jesus just for me ( in her words). However, she told me that she had difficult in accepting the messages. She wanted to have a break, a very long break. I prayed day by day to God that may God open her heart again and call her back. I even make a vow with God that if God helps my wife Xiao to come back, I will be God's servant and preach God's words to others especially people in China. Because I love Xiao very much: She is the most wonderful gift that God has given to me. She is the exact girl that I want to spend the rest of my life with.

Tests came to me one after another. Some times, I feel that my faith is shaken. But the key verse gives me the power of God: Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. I passed these hard times, however, I still want to pray that Lord please helps me stand firm and converts my heart to good soil heart.

### Part 2: Take Jesus' Yoke in 2008.

I chose Matthew 11:28 as my key verse in 2008: "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*" Jesus describes His gift to His followers as rest for your



Pinghai Yang

soul; this gift is simple but powerful. Jesus summarizes this wonderful call that "My yoke is easy and My burden is light". The yoke is light and the burden is easy because He bears it with us. I am really burdensome. I do need the light yoke of Jesus. I know that to become a disciple of Jesus is not easy. But comparing with the worldly burden, this Yoke is absolutely light. I have a very busy beginning for 2008: a research conference on Jan.6, a paper due on Jan. 23, another accepted paper must be submitted soon and a TA's position needs me to spend time to prepare. These days, I get used to go to bed very late in the night. However, the worldly burden is not the only burden and even not the most important one: my sins are. I prefer to live in self-sufficiency and solve those burdens by myself. But this attitude is not right, because none but God can save us from sins. Now it is the time for me to take Jesus' yoke. Only in this way, I can make my heart free from the burdens and get the real peace.

So I select my key verse for 2008 as Matthew 11:28 "*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*" I pray that I can follow Jesus' wonderful calling firmly. I pray that I can accept the challenging in obeying God words - the hard, narrow way of faith. I pray that I can be qualified to take my own cross, preach God's to others.

## COMMIT MY LIFE TO GOD

2007 Key Verse –Philippians 4:7

*“But the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”*

2008 Key Verse – Proverbs 16:3

*“Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.”*

So, this year didn't exactly turn out the way I planned it to, but I believe God blessed me a lot this year, more than I could have asked for, so I must give thanks to God for that. So much has changed, but I believe God heard my prayer for him to guard my heart and my mind in Christ. So, this year didn't exactly turn out the way I planned it to, but I believe God blessed me a lot this year, more than I could have asked for, so I must give thanks to God for that. So much has changed, but I believe God heard my prayer for him to guard my heart and my mind in Christ Jesus. The only thing I regret is not having sought the truth of God as fervently as I did the year before.

This year, I started going out a lot more and late too. I would go out until like 2:00 in the morning before coming home, hanging out with my friends and such. A new aspect to high school life was opened to me, but it served as a constant distraction to my pursuit of God and truth. But if there was one thing that God wanted me to see this year, it's that he transcends all my understanding because he still worked in me, despite all the desires in my heart I wanted besides God and this is my basis for choosing my new key verse for this year.

First, however, is how God worked in me through my last year's key verse. I really loved my key verse for 2007 because it was one that I really accepted and chose for myself, not to mention, I never forgot it because I wrote it everywhere. I know that Junior year was my hardest and without God's peace in my heart, I would have been overwhelmed by the amount of tests that I had to take near the end of the year. But, as an answer to prayer to remain ever vigilant and faithful seeking God's truth, God gave me 1 Samuel study on David and helped me to accept 1 Samuel 13:14, *“the LORD has sought out a man after his own heart and appointed him leader of his people.”* I did my best to seek God and reveal God's truth with my friends, inviting them to conference and such. So, based on this decision, God's word remained in my heart and God's peace as well, so that that which transcends all understanding guarded my heart and my mind to the end of my junior year and God more than blessed me abundantly, spiritually, academically, and otherwise.

Then, during my summer, I realized that even during all my progress during the school year, slowly, my heart was shifting from seeking God's truth wholeheartedly to seeking something else. Even at the beginning of the summer, God helped me remain a man after God's heart by appointing me as a leader and teacher for CBF kids during the Joshua Bible School. And he continued to bless me in my own pursuits by making me a program coordinator for the Summer Biotech Institute over the summer. However, as soon as I stopped focusing on God's word each day, the condition of my heart started to degenerate. I realized I was never fully



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committed to God, and without the people there to encourage me, I committed myself to other things. I had gotten so used to a strict discipline in my life that required me to continuously struggle to give God the most of my time while fulfilling everything else that was required of with efficiency and alacrity. But then, all of a sudden, my friends were not around because I had to work and they had to work and I felt really alone. With so much time on my hand, I started watching Korean movies like My Sassy Girl and A Millionaire's First Love, and that just made me feel even worse because I was wasting my life. Anyway, the summer was not a time of great spiritual growth for me and the peace in my heart was replaced by an empty, unfulfilled desire, devoid of hope or joy. I felt like I had no one to talk to, and I was afraid of coming back to God after the depravity of my heart had progressed so far. I became fatalistic in my thinking and had no desire to speak with God or any of my friends anymore.

At the beginning of senior year though, things started to turn back around, though Satan's grip is not so easily relinquished. I was glad I had an excuse to be with my friends again, even if it is at school because it encouraged me to live as a good example for them. and college stuff required me to become ever diligent and proactive in my work again. In the hopes that I would return to the state I was in during junior year, I became ever more ambitious and took up lots of extra responsibilities at school, concerning after school activities and competitions and the like. But being busy does not excuse me from struggling to remain pure and struggling with sin and Satan does not willingly extricate himself from our lives. There was always some girl that I always had a thing for, but I never did anything about it, because I knew in my heart that I belonged to God first, and God had always helped me to accept this firmly in my heart. Each time that someone asked me out, I always said no, nicely, but firmly and it was never a big deal because I stayed friends with them. But in the midst of everything and senior year and such, when someone else asked me just a couple weeks ago, I found myself entertaining the notion and it took me a week to respond, and in the end, I believe I found the right response, not that it was easy, but even in the midst of my struggle, I realize God was guarding my heart and my mind even to the very end of the year.

And so, looking back, I realized that whenever I lived with my time dedicated first to God, God blessed it way beyond the extent that I would have believed possible. But whenever, I lived for myself or for the ethereal pleasures of this world, I was filled with an unbearable longing that seemed to consume my soul slowly. I realized, though, how hard it is to live without God's word. Everything becomes so burdensome, like a weight on my heart. But when I am committed to God, everything is so light and free and everything falls in the right place because I believe then, my heart is in the right place. Combined with the fact that I'm going away for college no matter what since I only applied out of state, I all the more, need God's assurance and guidance. I don't know exactly what is going to happen this next year. I don't know where I'm going to college yet. I don't know what I'm going to do when I'm actually in college. So, for this reason, this year, I choose Proverbs 16:3, "*Commit to the Lord whatever you do, and your plans will succeed.*" I realized that by my own strength and will, I will inevitably succumb to my other desires. So through this verse, I would like to commit my purity, my struggles, ultimately, my life to God as my prayer that God will help me be successful. It's really the only time I've been successful. So, I pray that wherever God may lead me, I may use it to promote God's glory and reveal God's truth to those around me and I truly believe that then, my plans will not only succeed, but they will be blessed beyond my own comprehension. Then, I hope I may deepen my perception of God's work in my life.

**One Word: Commit my life to God.**

## DO MY BEST TO PRESENT MYSELF TO GOD

2 Tim 2:15

*"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth."*

Most gracious heavenly Father thank you for Jesus who gave his life for me. Thank you for your grace and mercy for me throughout last year. Please forgive all my sins and weaknesses. More than anything, I want to please you with my life and be a blessing to those around me. Lord please help me to follow you with all my heart in the new year. Help me to remember all that you have done and to have your vision for 2008.

### I. 2007 Year in Review

In many ways 2007 was a milestone year in the IIT ministry. Just as when IIT was pioneered and the ministry was started,

To prepare for the coming ministry P. Mark V invited me to give the message at Lincoln Park UBF. This was very gracious of him and he trained me to prepare the message by staying at the LP Bible house all night Saturday. I learned a lot from him and he is a gracious and good trainer. I also received training from P. Kevin A at the center to deliver a message before we were sent out. This is God's grace to me and I am deeply indebted to P. Ron and all of them for their support, help and prayer for me and God's work at IIT. Several friends from Wright college ministry joined us as God blessed us by sending Mike Staats, Mary & Ruth Shim, and Sarah Leingang to serve IIT with us. Throughout the ear, many people stepped up and took responsibility. Sam took head on the music part of the ministry and every week with out fail we had singspration and special music for the offering. M. Deborah K, Deborah Y, Grace, Mike and Julia rotated serving food each week. (Dan and Gideon each served once as well) M. Deborah K took the responsibility of choosing and preparing prayer servants. Ison took over reserving the rooms we needed and Dan was always early to get everything set up. Mike M was our first presider and Mike S, Sam and I rotated serving the messages each week. For the first time since I have attended UBF we could regularly have fellowship with all our fellowship members after the worship service and it has been so joyful. To get everything ready was so hectic, Grace became our treasurer and M. Daniel, M. Deborah K, Sam and I became our elders and prayed together. God has blessed us so much throughout the year and I learned so much through this.

After we were allowed to become independent, I think that in the beginning we became complacent. So God helped us to keep our focus and to pray. I had asked someone to reserve the chapel and he wanted to wait until we got the official go ahead from the university. I was a little frustrated, still I said ok. But the week before we were supposed to start the worship service,



Bob Henkins

this year began with us having our first ever worship service in the chapel on campus. This was so amazing and totally God's grace and doing, all we did was attend. Actually many people gave their heart to prepare for the worship service and it was really wonderful.

another group on campus grabbed the chapel right before we did and reserved it from 12 to 6 every Sunday for the whole semester. Dang, what were we going to do? This was our first challenge as a new ministry. I believe that God was telling us to depend on him and pray. So we all prayed. Then we made a decision to challenge them to move their time back. They agreed but only a half hour to 12:30. So we decided to move our worship service to 10am. God blessed us when we decided to pray and depend on him. Shortly thereafter the other group dropped their reservation on the chapel and we were free to worship God the whole day if we wanted. The funny thing is we ended up liking our worship service early at 10 AM, because it allowed M. Daniel to get back to the center and meet with Dr. John Jun and P. Ron, and frankly we liked finishing so early in the day! By having our worship service on campus we were at the mercy of the campus and had to depend on God. It was amazing. We had to pray for public safety to open the door and sometimes they were really late and we almost didn't make it. Also the building doesn't hold the heat well and a few times it was sooo cold that we all had to wear our coats the whole time. I was shivering so much I could barely deliver the message. In the summer the heat was sweltering and we almost had to have the worship service out side. But all in all we laughed about such things and I found that it is really good to depend on God. For one thing it is not boring at all.

Each week was a struggle to prepare the Sunday message. First we had to decide what we should study and how do we prepare. We started with our key verse message based on John 15:1-17 with the key verse of 12. The title was "Love one another" as Jesus has loved us. Since we were two groups coming together, we needed to be one in heart, mind and spirit. Next we studied Philippians, Ephesians and Mark's gospel following several weeks behind the main center. Sam, Mike and I met on Tuesdays to study the Bible passage and then on Saturday to go over the message and give comments. This was really good and we co-worked well together. We are all young messengers and need a lot of time and hard work to improve, still God was with us and carried us through. I have so much more respect for messengers now after having lived through it for the past year.

We had to buy a sound system and hymn books (we are also very thankful for the womens prayer group who provided many hymn books) but God provided everything else, chairs, projector and screen, worship service place. IIT even cleaned the chapel, polished the floors, put up a new bright gold curtain, sent a coat rack in the winter and a big fan in the summer. Through this I learned that when we depend on God, he does provide.

God blessed our Easter conference with Wright College UBF at Dickson Valley retreat center in Newark IL with 28 attendants, nine of which had never attended a conference before. I really liked all the messages and was moved by all of them. It was like one big message cut into four parts. Personally this was a difficult conference for me. For some time my heart was heavily weighted down. I had difficulties at work and had been stressed from the rumors that I was going to lose my job. Then I my boss ripped me to shreds exposing all my weaknesses and blaming me for all of the problems at work. Some rightfully and some wrongfully. On the Monday after the conference, I found out at work that they did reorganize and our department was merged with another and my job was eliminated. But by God's grace, they opened another position at a lower level with the say pay. I had been demoted and given a week to respond if I wanted the new position or leave. This has never happened before in my professional life and I felt condemned and incompetent at work. In addition, about one week earlier, my wife and I had a big misunderstanding. This struck me so hard and the Saturday before the conference I was paralyzed and could not do a thing. Again I felt condemned and a failure as a husband. By now, I

was looking forward to the conference so much. When we got to the place I was so happy. The Friday program went well but I had asked S. Sam to practice his message one time before going to sleep, but he blew me off and left me waiting. When I realized that he had gone to bed I felt humiliated, angry and hurt. Because of this I was grumpy all morning. Then in the afternoon, I fell from the rope bridge into the cold stinky water. Again I felt humiliated. As all of this piled on, I felt completely condemned and a complete failure. My heart was so broken. I even messed up laying out the next day's morning program. I could barely look at anyone because of the pitiful state I was in. I could only cry out to God in prayer. Through the conference I was deeply reminded of what a great sinner I am. I could see that I had taken my sins lightly and thought of myself as a pretty good guy. But the reality is that I am a wretched sinner before God and all my works are like filthy rags to God. God should have wiped me from the face of the earth. But when I heard God's solution to my sin problem, that Jesus came to give his life for me, it sounded so sweet. "*The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.*" It is ONLY by God's grace that I am what I am. Jesus shed his precious blood for me. I am for ever in debt to God, my Creator.

The next thing we prepared for was our summer Bible conference. This year we had our summer conference with Lincoln Park UBF, Paul T, and Arthur M. fellowships. When the leaders met to discuss possible ideas we had several discussions. We agreed to the theme of "God's great hope for everyone" with a conference key verse of Isa 1:18 and the main message on Lk 5:27-32 Jesus' call to Levi. This year we tried something new, at least it was for us. We went with the idea of a camping retreat. When we suggested it to the students, at least from my fellowship (and I think others as well) there was an overwhelming desire to try it. One reason was that it was cheap (\$80 for 4 days, 3 nights) and a camping retreat sounded less threatening or structured than a conference. As we arrived at Spencer Lake, 4 hours away in Wisconsin, we put up tents, made signs and created our camp site. I was really encouraged by Tim, a sophomore, who drove by himself 6 hours from Min. to attend our summer retreat. Also through the conference, Mike S made a decision to go to Germany before the beginning of the next school year, amazing. Overall God sent 94 attendants to our summer Bible conference, 25 from IIT. On a personal level I really liked the conference because one, I could get away from the stress of my job which had been weighing heavily on me, and two, I could get away from all forms of technology and commune with God. One the funny thing was that even though I could not get cell phone coverage, I heard one person say, "I was freezing in my tent but at least I have internet access so I am happy." I received one word of God from the opening message from the first chapter of Isaiah in which I was rebuked and could see once again what a wretched sinner I really am. I am only here by God's grace.

One event really scared me last year. It was when I had what the hospital called a "cardiac event." After all the stress that I had from work, family issues, and serving the new ministry, I began to feel tightness in my chest, numbness in my left arm, dizziness, lightheadedness, pounding heart, sweating and an overwhelming feeling of impending doom. It was so bad that it woke me up in the middle of the night. I was terrified. I have never been that afraid before in my life. I thought that I was going to die. At that moment, the only thing that came into my mind was my children. Then I prayed so earnestly to God so that he would not let me die until my children came to know Jesus personally as their savior so that I would see them again in heaven. I didn't pray for Julia because I know that she already believes in Jesus and I would see her in heaven. That night death became very real to me. As I waited it out I kept

praying, eventually it passed. The next day I googled heart attack and read the symptoms. I had them all. When I told someone at work that I was going to the hospital she called 911 and before I knew it I was being rushed to the hospital. In the ambulance, they told me that they could see something going on but did not know what. I spent the day in the ER. Well, by the grace of God, after many tests, I found that I was ok and only had high blood pressure and have to lose a few pounds. Through this, I learned that I also need to take care of my health better in the new year.

At the end of summer Mike S prepared to go to Germany as a permanent missionary. We had a send off ceremony in the chapel, where Wright College coworkers joined us in the celebration. It was a wonderful scene where a young man made a decision to give his life for Jesus and according to the world mission command went to go and raise disciples. Paul G spoke and Mike shared a testimony and several people prayed for him. We could see that Mike's heart was moved and he said afterwards that he had a tough time leaving. (It was hard for us as well.) He had a comfortable life here in Chicago, with a good job, family, friends and a new growing ministry. Still he kept his decision and left all of that for uncertainty, unfamiliarity and insecurity for the sake of Jesus, wow, I am amazed at God's grace and power.

During the summer M. Gideon Kwon came to our fellowship from Korea. He came as a graduate student missionary. We had to help him do many things to get settled. It was very interesting having someone who I did not know living in our house. I didn't know what to expect. Could I trust him, will he rob us? I didn't know, but since he was a man of God, I trusted him, and thank God he was very nice. However, shortly after getting here, his father passed away and he had to go back to Korea. He rejoined us right before classes began. His family will join him in the beginning of the new year. In September, at the beginning of the new school year, Ison took over presiding duties from Mike M on Sunday and Tim began to preside on Friday. By now God had grown our Sunday attendance. Throughout the year we averaged 28, with a high of 44 including 68 new comers. God's work is amazing to me because I still remember when it was only M. Paul, Deborah Kim and I. I truly believe that God goes on ahead of us to accomplish his work.

One of the new comers to both the Bible club and to our worship service is Peter. He is a graduate student from Uganda that is so sincere, humble and joyful. He is really an encouragement to all of us. Another inspiring person is Snow, she has really grown spiritually and has been such a blessing. She has brought many of her friends to worship service introducing them to us for Bible study.

In September, we held the first ever concert on campus sponsored by the Bible club. We invited the Lincoln Park praise band, Chicago vocal team, and the IIT praise band to play. It was very nice. We had many new students come and visit us, much thanks to Christy Toh who was so bold going out and inviting everyone she could find in the student center. What I was most thankful about was when Ison got up on stage and gave a short message testifying about his faith in Jesus. This was a difficult thing for him to do but God helped him to grow through it to be a bold witness for Jesus. Through this last year, our family has been blessed so much by our wonderful heavenly Father. Our children are well behaved and loving. David won the science fair for his grade, the school, and the district. He got to go to the highest level that a sixth grader could go. I was so proud of him. Also Liz is so smart and growing well. She loves to read Nancy Drew books going through them like water. Suzi is getting so big and is fearless and full of energy. Surprisingly, we found out in the fall that Julia is expecting another boy in March. Wow our God is a merciful and gracious God. I am deeply in debt to him. We finished off last year preparing for the CWS. We decided to have prayer meetings on campus. This was a big

challenge to us and something we never could have done in the past. But God was with us and blessed us to have everyone share. Even though it was small I believe that God accepted it and he blessed us with 44 attendants at the Christmas worship service. All in all last year was pretty amazing and one for the history books. I really thank God for all he has done.

## **II. Direction for the New Year**

Last year I took John 15:5 as my key verse it says, "*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*" I really wanted to remain in Jesus and bear fruit for him. But when I look back throughout over the year I found that I did not remain completely in Jesus. There were many times that I only remained in Jesus outwardly, not in my heart. Many times I was grumpy because of all the things I had to do, so I did them but not very well. A few things that I didn't do well this year that I would like to improve on are; read my Bible regularly, pray intensely, and write my testimony consistently. Writing a message is different than writing a testimony in the sense that the testimony deals with God's word personally struggling to accept his word. On the other hand the message is on a higher more global level. I want to grow in faithfulness and give my heart to Jesus because several times I did not want to do everything I had to do.

So for this year I want to take 2 Tim 2:15 "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*" Through this verse I want to learn to how to present myself to God. God is always watching me, he sees all that I do but I don't present myself to him with a respectful attitude. I have often been too casual in coming to God. When people go out on a date, they make themselves presentable for the other person. They prepare before they go. In a sense, I want to do that to, to prepare my heart and make it presentable to God.

Also I must realize that I am approved by God. Many times I want to be approved by man before God. I know that all I need is to be approved by God but still I fall prey to the lie to be approved by men. I learned painfully, last year, that I can't please everyone all the time. I need only to be approved by God. I pray for God's help in this, especially as I lead the IIT Chapter, so that I may please God first. Another topic I prayed about was bearing the responsibility of message delivery. I must correctly handle God's word. I repent that I did not always give my heart to prepare the message, so I think many people may have groaned but since everyone has been gracious they would never say anything bad, so I was grateful. I pray to sincerely repent, repent with tears before God and be God's workman in throughout the new year!

### **One Word: Do my best to present myself to God**

#### **Prayer topics**

All of us may love God with all our heart

We may love one another as Jesus loved us

We may love students and raise disciples

Mike Staats in Germany to master the language and co-work with M. Caleb.

Our message preparation may be pleasing to God and a blessing to the attendants.

God may double our ministry and we may average 40 sws attendants.

Grow in quality as well as quantity.

## BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2

*“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.”*

### Part I: 2007 Year in Review

My key verse for last year was 1 John 4:12 – “*No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.*” I chose this key verse because in 2006 I became a

working machine and failed to love my friends and my family. I was ashamed because in Christmas of 2006 my family had shown more love to me than I had to them, and I was the one known as the “Christian.” When I almost ruined Christmas for my cousin I decided that the next year I would put my friends and family first ahead of work. I also liked the end of this verse, which states that if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us. I wanted God to live in me, and I wanted to experience his love being made complete through me. I was successful in living out this key verse throughout 2007, and truly served God, my family and my friends with no regrets.

In January of 2007 IIT became an independent worship service, and I was very excited because most of my bible students did not want to come to worship service on the north side because it was too far. Now they would have no excuse! Really though, the main reason I was excited was because we could be closer to the students. I enjoyed presiding for the first semester and serving the music ministry, and through that I was able to pick up a new skill – playing the drums. I was also able to get in the rotation for serving lunch because I had food expenses saved from working in Philadelphia that I did not use. It was really encouraging how everyone pitched in to help, and God blessed our worship service to grow.

It was very encouraging for me to watch my bible student Snow grow over the past year. She invited more of her colleagues than I can remember, and two of them have even begun to have Bible study of their own. The messages and the music were very encouraging to her, and she even brought a Bible back to her family, believing in its message and healing power. Though it may have seemed natural to her, I believe it takes a lot of courage and faith to do such a thing. I pray she may continue to find strength and encouragement in the Lord.

My precious high school boys are growing up as well. Last year I made it a priority to meet with them but the most surprising thing of all was that they were willing to meet with me. They are high school seniors with lots of time and infinite possibilities, they could be having lots of fun or relaxing on Saturday mornings but they choose to come to devotionals and hang out with this old guy. It has truly been a pleasure being able to watch each of these boys grow up. Jimmy comes almost regularly to our service, and though he is young he is mature enough to make friends with new adults. I am always touched when I see him taking care of the young children at our worship service and showing them who’s the boss when it comes to chess.



Michael Mark

At the same time, I placed more emphasis on my family as well. Almost every Saturday afternoon I would spend it with my little brother Joseph. He is growing up as a very good and smart boy. When my family would have parties and dinners I would try my best to go, and I saw them with renewed love. Last year I did not put much thought into Christmas gifts for my family, but this year I started early and redeemed myself from last year's lack of heart.

In 2006 I was a working machine, I prioritized work before my relationships and in the end they suffered, so in 2007 I decided to begin with a new heart, to put my relationships first and to love. I believed in God and in his love, that he loved me first. With this foundation, I loved others with the love of God and served them. By loving in this way, God was living in me and his love was made complete through the expressions and outpouring of my love for others. Nothing was done by my own power but everything was done by the power of God. I thank God for the privilege to be used in this way.

## **Part II: Vision for 2008**

Despite my sins I was able to be used as a blessing in 2007, however, my personal growth stagnated and I believe that I could have been so much more, so this year I chose Romans 12:2 as my key verse: *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will."* Like how a caterpillar turns into a butterfly I want to be transformed into something greater. I want to be renewed, and become a new creation.

My personal goals: becoming better at drums, excelling in athletics, and also my services – including serving IIT, HBF (High School Bible Fellowship) and bible students were all limited in different degrees because I was living a double life. Rather than spend my time in these various disciplines or dedicating some time to valuable prayer, I often found myself out drinking. I thought, if I could just recover by Friday I should be fine, but my schedule was such that even one night of drinking can throw off an entire week. After drinking too much, I would feel sick at work the next day, then too tired to work out at night and I'd spend a couple of days trying to catch up on lost sleep. Thus not only was I in bad health, but I could not pray or write testimonies and meditate on the word of God which gives life. This often made me unprepared or scrambling to prepare for Friday meetings and HBF devotionals.

Later in the year when I moved out to the hotel I began (actually, resumed) to view pornography. It was much easier to be tempted since I no longer lived with roommates. At first I didn't think much of this, but looking back I have lost many hours that could have otherwise been better spent. But I really didn't know the grip this sin had on me until one night I tried to resist, so I can dedicate myself to prayer. That night I really struggled to resist – my heart felt heavy, pounding and it felt like I was using all my strength to fight. That's when I saw the true depth of my sin, literally feeling like a death grip when I tried to run free. I was suffering because most of me did not want to give this up. I was holding on to something that was bad for me.

I managed to resist that one night, but two days later I fell into temptation again, and then I thought, ok, NOW God is going to kill me. This is when I truly felt the fear of God and I prayed for forgiveness though I felt I did not deserve it, and I went back to my Bible. That night I learned an important lesson – that God's love and forgiveness knows no limits, and that despite my sins God forgave me. I had two feelings that night – one of the fear of the demons in my

heart, and the fear that God had abandoned me, but when I accepted God's forgiveness I had an overwhelming sense of safety and security in the dark lonely hotel room.

To this day, these temptations still arise from time to time, but I understand now why I suffer from them. Oswald Chambers, in his daily devotional, My Utmost For His Highest, writes in the September 17<sup>th</sup> entry, "Many of us, however, suffer from temptations from which we have no business to suffer, simply because we have refused to let God lift us to a higher plane where we would face temptations of another order." Temptations will always be with us, so as long as we are here on earth. There is no escaping them. Jesus was also tempted by the devil, 3 times when he was here, but he was tempted by higher things – things such as using his powers or testing God. If I am to rise to a higher level, then I would have no business to suffer with lust, instead, my temptations should be those of a higher order. But just as Jesus overcame, I too, have hope to bear through these temptations. I know I am not alone, because even God has come down to suffer with me.

I want to rise to the next level in every aspect of my life: physically, mentally, emotionally, musically and most of all spiritually. I want to increase my capacity to serve God. I want to grow. I was held back because I conformed to the pattern of this world, giving in to its temptations over and over again. I need to be renewed constantly, and, if God is willing, give me the strength to pray more, to read more, to write more and to keep up the loving and the serving that I began last year. And I pray for the discipline to follow through: I have already started a training log which I will review every month. May the Lord transform me into an effective servant fit for his purposes.

I pray to return to Chicago in March 2008 and serve more IIT students with the gospel. If God is willing, I pray I can also help with the Sunday messages. I pray to take care of a new group of high school students as mine will graduate this summer, and I pray to be a good influence and an encouragement to both of my younger brothers, who I love deeply.

**One Word: Be transformed by the renewing of your mind.**

## PART III: EASTER CONFERENCE



### 2007 Easter Bible Conference Report IN HIM IS LIFE

Key Verse John 1:14

*"The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

Thank God who gave us the precious privilege to think about the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. God blessed our conference with 28 attendants, nine of which had never attended a conference before. This year we went with Wright College for our Easter conference and met at Dickson Valley retreat center in Newark IL. The title of our conference was "In Him Is Life." The conference was based upon four messages, two from Romans and two from John.

Friday night began with ice breakers and singspration. We had a message from Carlos Ballianas based on Rom 3:23 entitled "For All have sinned." Through his message we could see how God created us in his image for His glory. But because of sin, we all fall short. After the message we broke into our group Bible study groups and studied the main lecture passage on John 1:1-18. This helped us to see God's plan and have hope in this dark world.

On Saturday morning the men and women divided up and had personal devotions. The main message Saturday morning was delivered by Alex Herrera with the title "The Word became flesh." Through his message we could see the solution to our sin problem. God sent Jesus to be with us. Jesus came to serve by healing the sick and eventually giving his life. We could see the glory of God who

became a man and gave his life for the sin of the world. We met right after the morning message and wrote our testimonies. Then after lunch we met in our groups and shared testimonies and prepared for the group skits. This was the first conference that I could remember where everyone in my group shared a testimony. After dinner we met for the Saturday evening program. The evening message was delivered by Sam Jang based on John 10:10 with the title "Life to the full." Through his message we could see that Jesus came so that we may have life to the full. Through his resurrection, we can be free from all the burdens of this world and have eternal life through a personal relationship with God. After the message we had two video presentations one by Wright and the by IIT on the history of the ministries. After the videos we had testimonies by Tim Bill, John Collier, Jane Shin, Angelia Cosio, Mike Staats and Victor Austria. Through these testimonies we could see God working. Tim and Jane were new comers sharing for the first time. Mike S. made a decision to go to Heidelberg Germany as permanent missionary this summer in August. God was working among the students. After the testimonies we all performed the skits from the group Bible studies trying to display "what it means to have life in Christ" All the skits were funny and had meaning.

On Sunday morning, we again had personal devotion and after breakfast we met for group Bible study based on Romans 13:8-14. Michael Mark delivered the message with the title "Clothe yourself with the Lord Jesus Christ." Through his message we could see what we should do after we meet Jesus personally on the cross. We must love one another though being clothed in Jesus.

Thank God who blessed the conference with nine new comers to the conference among them were: Tim, Hong, Jane, Tae and Rocio. They are all students and really enjoyed the word of God. I was especially happy about 2 of them. I was thankful to see God's work in Tim. It was the first time for him to come to the conference and even share his testimony. When I asked him if he would like to share he said, "Yes" right away. He seemed to really enjoy the conference. Also I was so thankful to see God's work in Rocio. She started studying the Bible in the beginning of the year. She has grown and really loves the word of God. I pray that God may bless all our young students and grow them in His image as shepherds and Bible teachers. May God bless IIT to love Jesus with all our heart for he loved us and gave his life for us.

## **PART IV: SUMMER CONFERENCE**

## **PART V: WORLD MISSION**

## PART VI: FALL CONCERT



### IIT Praise Band

1. I Will Lift My Eyes - Bebo Norman
2. Who Am I - Casting Crowns
3. The Mission - Newsboys

Ison's Message / life testimony

### Lincoln Park Praise Band

1. Tip of My Heart - Bebo Norman
2. This is Your Life - Switchfoot
3. With or Without You - U2
4. Here Comes the Sun - The Beatles
5. Dare You to Move - Switchfoot

### Chicago Vocal Team

1. From the Inside Out - Hillsong
2. My Desire - Jeremy Camp
3. Call on Jesus - Nicole C. Mullens
4. Lifesong - Casting Crowns
5. Joy - Newsboys

### All Together

1. He Reigns - Newsboys



## **PART VII: SWS ATTENDANCE REPORT**

## **PART VIII: 2007 NEWCOMER LIST**

- 01/28/07 – Amber Heinz (Architecture) Deborah K  
02/04/07 – Yang (Computer Science) Ison H  
02/25/07 – Snow Zhou (Teacher) Mike M, Jan Shin (MD) Deborah Y  
03/04/07 – Janet (Vandercook) Sarah L  
03/11/07 – Dr. Dejiu Shen (Visiting Professor) Cathy Hwang  
03/18/07 – Lillian Park (Architecture) Ruth Shim  
04/01/07 – Maria (High School) Sandi Estrada  
04/08/07 – First time Easter conference Attendees: Jane Shin (Deborah Y), Tae Kim (Ison H), Tim Bill (Julia H), Rocio Diaz (Bob H), Jayoung Kim (Grace J), Snow Zhou (Mike M), Xiao Yang (Deborah K), Dr. Rita Zafra (Deborah Y), Hong Kwon-Kim (Christian L)  
04/22/07 – David Diaz (Father) Rocio D  
04/29/07 – Lanae Knapp (ICO) Deborah K  
05/13/07 – Mr & Mrs Bill (Parents) Tim B, Mr & Mrs Henkins (Parents) Bob H  
05/20/07 – Hans Pietoyo (Mechanical) Ison H, Sooyoung (Ison H)  
06/24/07 – Jenny, Rod, Sarah (Vandercook) Holy Spirit, Joshua Lomahan (CBF) Julia H  
07/22/07 – Moses Timlin (HBF) Mike M, Paul (boyfriend) Liz Miller, Young (Computer) Ison H  
07/29/07 – Bethel (Journalism) Rocio D, Jimmy & Brian Mei, Paul Timlin (CBF/HBF) Mike M,  
08/05/07 – Gideon Kwon (Architecture), Joseph ( ) Deborah K  
08/26/07 – Dazhung Wu (PhD Student) Pinghai Y  
09/02/07 – Jeff Chiles (Electrical) Holy Spirit, Minah Park (Arch) & Minjeong (Chem) Sebin L  
09/09/07 – Aubrey (Architectural Eng) Amber H, Hyunji Im (Arch) Minah P, Yomola (Bible Club)  
09/16/07 – Daniella (Gramer School) Elizabeth Henkins  
09/23/07 – Laurie (Vandercook) Janet, Peter Mugisa (Grad School) Ison H  
10/21/07 – Andrew (Civil) Peter M, Bryce, Han, Pam( )Holy Spirit, Qui (Mechanical Eng)Snow, Wang ( Science Ed) Snow Z  
10/28/07 – Alice (Teacher) Snow Z, Jesse (Biochemical Eng) Mary S  
11/11/07 – Esther (Marketing) IIT Bible Club Website, Tauni (Yomola)  
11/18/07 – Leo & Link & Xiaotang Li (Business) IIT UBF Website  
12/02/07 – Fan Ying (Business) IIT UBF Website  
12/23/07 – Golad (Finance) Peter M, Hock-Pheng Hong, Mee-Choo Hong, Sze-ern Hong, Sing-min Hong (family) Ison H  
12/30/07 – Vince Chan (Mechanical) IIT Bible Club Website

