

Fall 2008



Goodbye and God Bless JUNYONG By David Hayward, Jr.

Junyong Choi, 23 years old, came to serve with us as a volunteer intern one year ago, while he took a break from his university studies in Korea. We had never met, but he had heard about our Joy Fellowship from his brother-on-law, Juhee (alias 'Joseph'). When he arrived, we were able to find him a place to live, which was also a place to serve.

The Joy Living Society was looking for an overnight "live-in care-giver" to help John and Junyong accepted that role. Junyong voluntarily cared for John with affection and gentleness and John became great friends with Junyong. This lasted for 10 ½ months, til John recently moved in with Judith and Rik.

Junyong also became part of our ministry team, helping with our Sunday worship as one of our musicians (though his instrument was drums, he played guitar and sang every Sunday morning). In addition, he helped with the Bible study on Tuesday evening and joined teams going out to visit group homes. He is an excellent photographer and left us a beautiful record of many of our activities together. He contributed to our newsletter and website and prepared compilations of pictures for special events. He also was an enthusiastic and able helper at our camps and days trips and even helped prepare a Korean meal for us at tent camp.

Junyong was a great asset to our ministry this year. He has been cheerful, dependable, willing to try new things, warm-hearted and kind, friendly to all, quick to invite his friends to join us for worship or service, a great ambassador for Korea and a good witness of the love of God. Most important, he became a much-loved friend for many of our people, through the loving, positive, supportive kindness he showed them.

We are thankful for this young man and expect to hear great things as we follow his life-journey. We remember you, Junyong, with thanks and love.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR 2008



November 29th 10:00-2:00

Trinity Baptist Church

Stocking stuffers, Bake Sale, Christmas Tea, White Elephant Sale, Christmas Caroling, Crafts

The World Market will have offerings from Africa (Uganda and Kenya) and Guatemala, as well as Egypt, China, Nicaragua and hopefully some other countries.

Christ in Christmas themed stocking stuffers at bargain prices, at a table of "Stuff Your Own Birthday Party For Jesus Goodie Bag"



Carol Hansen has asked people to keep an eye out for suitable crafts as they travel. She would like anyone that travels to consider bringing back some items for the World Market at our Christmas Craft Fair. They should reflect traditional crafts or objects typical of that country and should not look souvenirish, preferably not to have anything written on them, like cities or countries. Items could include handmade jewelry, pottery, woven items, nativity sets, crosses, dolls, etc. It would be awesome if they could be bought from and made by people with disabilities or to support ministries in other countries. They should be less than 10 dollars, preferably less than 5 dollars and be able to be sold for at least twice the purchase price. They could contact Carol for more information and if reimbursement is required. (It would also be lovely if they had imagery of Christ's birth (rather than Santa, etc) as we are looking for more of those kinds of crafts now).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept.13 – Walk the Wall at Stanley Park to raise funds for ICC

Sept.16 – Bible Studies start at Trinity and Grace Community

Oct.4 – Prayer meeting at Rick's place 11:30

Oct.24-26 – Camp Squamish – NO CHURCH IN VANCOUVER

Nov.1 – Prayer meeting at Rick's place 11:30

Nov.29th – Craft Fair at Trinity

Nov.30th – Priscilla's last Sunday with Joy Fellowship. Advent begins.

Dec.21 – Christmas service



Hailey Forsyth

We are grateful to have you on our mailing list (and for your prayers and financial support and encouragement) and glad you enjoy reading the newsletters.

Have you ever stopped to think about what goes into the making of a newsletter? I know I never did.

As soon as the newsletter goes out, it is time to think about the next one. Right away, we start gathering information and thinking about what is taking place that will be of interest to readers. Over several months, bits and pieces are stored until it is time to put the newsletter together. We always want to know what is going on in other churches and what is happening outside of Joy Fellowship. Our column “News from Abroad” loves to hear from old—or new—friends. If any of our readers have an article, scripture or photos, we would love to receive them.

I write and edit; my husband James formats the articles. Friendly debate frequently takes place over what will go where and how best to arrange the articles.

Once the newsletter has a form, we take it off to Pastor Rick, who prints the pages to make up our 600 newsletters. Some “lucky” person then has the job of stapling the pages together and folding them into envelope size.

While this is going on, Jan Koster, who is a good friend of Joy Fellowship and well known to HandyDart passengers, is printing envelopes with addresses from all over the world.

Once the newsletter and envelopes are ready, I take them over to Lezlee Bachand. Lezlee has the task of putting the newsletter into the envelopes. This is a job she loves to do and does very quickly. While Lezlee is stuffing envelopes, my daughter Janice and my granddaughter Hailey are busy labeling the smaller return donation envelopes that go in with the newsletter.



Merrill Stocks



Janice Bavis

When the stuffed envelopes come back, Janice, myself, my sister Patricia and friend Doreen sit down with a cup of coffee and have an assembly line going. This is always a social time, with laughs and fun. One will add the donation envelope, one will seal, one will check addresses and sort into piles according to country, state or province, then add an appropriate stamp.

Can you even begin to imagine where our newsletter go? Internationally, we mail out to Taiwan, India, Peru, Brazil, England, Ireland, Guernsey, Switzerland, Japan, China, Korea, New Zealand, Australia, even Macedonia (which I didn't know still existed). In the United States, we mail to Texas, New Hampshire, Kentucky, Kansas, Indiana, Florida, California, Washington and Virginia. In Canada, we go from Newfoundland and PEI, to each province over to Vancouver Island. Up north as far as Whitehorse, as far south as Whiterock. No doubt there are places I have neglected, but you get the idea that our newsletter is widely distributed.

Finally, the majority of the newsletter are put into various mail boxes, while about 100 are hand delivered. Merrill Stocks and Sarah Brown are great at distributing the newsletter at Joy Fellowship, while Dave and Priscilla hand them out at the Richmond service.

The best part of all of this—everyone does his or her part with a joyful and willing heart.

Please enjoy your newsletter.



Sarah Brown



**Lezlee
Bachand**

You may find that reading the newsletter ‘on-line’ would be just as nice, if not nicer. We are starting to post the newsletters on our website – www.joyfellowship.bc.ca – and some advantages are that you can see the pictures in colour, you can print it off the web, and it will save both time and postage!. If you would enjoy reading the newsletter that way, please let us know and we will discontinue sending you the postage version. We are happy to continue to mail it to you too, but if you are on-line and would like to take that option, please let us know by emailing dhayward@joyfellowship.bc.ca. We will notify you each time a newsletter is posted.”



God go with you Joey & Honey by David Hayward Jr.

“Joey and Honey Jin did an internship with Joy Fellowship from mid-April to mid-July 2008. They had completed a program at Gateway Missionary Training Institute in Langley, and decided to do their practicum with us, feeling that they were being called to serve in a school for folks with disabilities in Morocco.

They too came to us partly through Joey’s connection with our friend Juhee Lee(alias Joseph). They have two lovely little children, Yewoo (a son, about 4) and Sunwoo, (a daughter, about 1), and very quickly became a very blessed and precious part of our family. They took part in most of our activities, sometimes individually, and sometimes as a family. The children attracted a lot of love and affection from our ladies especially and Honey graciously shared Sunwoo so many of us could hold and love her. They showed their training in Special Education, and did a great job in leading a Bible Study, and in serving with our worship team, and visiting group homes. Their example of trusting God in difficulties and serving with gladness and grace taught us a lot.

We love them and know that God has a wonderful plan to use them to bless children with disabilities. They have recently returned to Korea for 40 days to raise funds and prayer support from churches there, and to share with their parents, none of whom know Jesus, the reason for the hope they have.

They will soon return to do some Bible School training before preparing to go to Africa. God bless and keep you dear Joey and Honey. We look forward to seeing them at our upcoming October Camp in Squamish.

Joy Living Society Update by David Hayward Jr

“There have been a number of huge changes in our Joy Living Society in recent months. Jackie's death has left a huge hole in our lives, and in the Joy House 2 - we are praying about how to use that space and who might be a good room-mate for Rebekah. Communitas Supportive Care Services (formerly the MCC SCS) has taken over the administration of the houses, and many practical aspects of supervision, so our role is more of loving friendship and support and guidance. John R. has moved out of Joy House 1, and that house (where we lived for 13 years) has finally closed, but John is living with a former caregiver and her husband, and seems to be doing well. We have welcomed Carol Hansen to our JLS Board where she will be our pharmaceutical adviser. Thanks for your continuing prayers.”



CAMP ALEXANDRA by David Hayward Jr.

God gave us many wonderful blessings at our recent Camp Alexandra, including our wonderful kitchen crew, Pat and Merv Jones, Joan Romaniuk Pat’s sister from Kelowna, and Allen and Kevin Peckrul, and many great helpers, including Doreen Hampton, a wonderful 79 year-old helper from Chilliwack, but perhaps the most amazing was Fleasha Vaughn.

Fleasha is from San Bernardino California, and didn’t know any of us when she saw our website and almost immediately knew God was calling her to come up and visit us. She called, I suggested Camp Alex, and she agreed that would be good.

In spite of many obstacles, she felt sure this was what she was being told to do, so she came up on the train, and spent a week with Dave and Ruby, including 4 days at camp. She herself has a disability, and she was so powerfully impacted by the love and joy she encountered, but she also served with a whole heart, and was a joyful example of complete dedication to the Lord.

She was a huge blessing to all of us, and we look forward to her return for Missionsfest, if an operation she faces in October permits.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.



Steven and Meagan getting ready to board the bus to Camp Alexandra



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Pennies for Heaven

Monies collected will go to support Joey and Honey Jin (See the article on page 3)

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News from Away

An update from New Zealand Joy Ministries:

We had a very successful mid winter Dinner last Saturday as a fund raiser for next year. Our winter is upon us now so it was very appropriate. The team are working hard at getting the money for the fares so continue to pray for them. Joy Ministries continues to do well in nz and we pray for you at each meeting Love and God Bless Jan, Kevin and the team

The Jazen Family, is back in Bazil. Katie had her operation at Children's Hospital in Vancouver and is adjusting to life in Brazil.

From John and Betty Forrester:

Warm greeting from the Fair Isle of Prince Edward Island. It has been a great place to land as we return to Canada and get re-oriented for another chapter in our life. We have enjoyed speaking in churches on PEI and in Nova Scotia. The churches are so different and each visit is a cross-cultural experience for us. We have been asked to visit and preach at a church in the Toronto area in September and are both excited about that.

From Michael Martin in Edmonton

I have started a new job assignment at the beginning of July. I took an offer for a one-year assignment with Revenue Canada as an Appeals Officer. I am happy to be doing this and feel rejuvenated.

Jack McNichols has called David from Sweden where he is still in the tree-trimming business.

Thank you to all who are continuing to collect cans and bottles to support our children in India. We are hoping to be able to support a child with a disability in China this year. The record for a single load of cans and bottles last year was over \$200.

Its been great to open envelopes from our supporters with Canadian Tire money tucked inside them. Last year we received well over \$200 in Canadian Tire money. We will use this to help with extra camp expenses, so thank you and keep it coming. :)

In Memoriam

Our sweet, gentle, soft-spoken, floating dancer, **Donna Evans** slipped into heaven on July 24th. No more pain. No more sorrow. No more handicaps there! She's with Jesus now, praise the Lord.

Robert (Bob) Buckley also passed away in July. Bob was not a member of Joy Fellowship but was well-known and liked by many of our members who knew Bob from Oakridge School and Saturday morning bowling.

Christine Maguire died in August. Let's pray for her caregivers and room-mates (Carol Lavoretta, Christine Wilson...)

Our love and prayers go out to the families of Donna, Bob and Christine.

Two Remembrances of **Jackie Rogers**

Jackie was a very special friend to me. Jackie really loved my cat, and the kittens on Mother's Day 2005. Jackie also had a great time at my birthday party. Jackie had so many friends at Joy Fellowship church. from Cinzia

"I remember Jackie coming to talk to me about our teacher, Mrs. Batch at Oakridge School, who Jackie really loved. She loved to help Mrs. Batch look after the little children. Jackie came to me and asked, "Jean, do you remember Sports Day at Oakridge School?" I said "Yes, we had lots of fun."

I am going to miss Jackie dearly. She was my school chum. She always had a bright cheerful smile. From your friend Jean (Wheeler) Morrow.

News from Away (continued)

From Edmund and Lillian in China:

We have received our permanent resident cards and Edmund has his "Foreign Expert status." We are doing well and very busy as we are teaching this month. We're both working full time, with a bit of overtime thrown in as well. Things will calm down once September arrives. Edmund has started using his "Sound of Music" DVD to teach his students some of the songs. We were fortunate to get soccer tickets to the Olympic Canadian women team versus China match. The game was great even though Canada didn't win. The temperature was 33.7C and 54% humidity. We will be thinking of you at Camp Alex and will miss everyone.

Peter Koteles has returned from Sothern Sudan where he was with the GAIN team to visit 23 water well sites, conduct trauma stamina counseling training seminars and be involved in distributing food from one of the recently arrived GAIN containers.