

What have you felt has been the main thing or main things that God has revealed to you during your time in Korea?

There are too many things that God has been revealing to me while I was in Korea this summer. But the main thing that God has been revealing to me is the importance of total surrender to God.

After graduating from college and start working as a teacher for five years, I lost the intimate relationship I had with Christ. I did my minimal of trying to spend time with God. I was too caught up with my life and wasn't concerning on what God wants me to do. I was more and more focused on what my needs were instead of seeking for God's kingdom. My quiet time with God became ritual and wasn't going anywhere. Many times, I would even skip quiet times for months. Even when I felt desperate need of God's presence, I would substitute for comfort from other people. I lost my passion and love for God as I used to have. I did not know how to surrender to God, probably didn't even feel the need to surrender to God daily as I was living my life.

Coming to Korea, John-Michael really did emphasize on quiet times and I knew the importance of quiet time although I was struggling to do it before I came to Korea. Helen and I decided that we should do quiet time on the same passage. We decided on Romans. We did it separately then came together to share. Thank God for Helen. If it wasn't for Helen, then who knows how consistent I would've been with my quiet time, that's why we need accountabilities!

During my quiet times, God was revealing many things to me. He was re-teaching me how to meditate on His word, reminding me of His promises for His people and myself. He showed me His heart for His people and for Myeongjin children. He even took me back to my life in the states and led to repentance. Slowly, one by one, God was teaching me how to surrender myself to Him again. Everything I thought was important in my current life was not so much of a big deal anymore. As I was surrendering daily to Him, He brought back my passion and my longing from years ago. Those empty promises that I made to Him years ago, God have not forgotten them. He assured me that they weren't empty promises....I just forgot to surrender myself to Him that those promises were covered with my selfish desires. God was just waiting for me to have total surrender to Him once again.

Please share or list some of the joys of your time here.

Total reliance on God

Just being away from my comfort bubble of America had helped me to rely on God alone. It was scary and frightening at first, but it became my ultimate joy to know that God was always there for me when I had nobody else. I loved the fact that God drew near to me as I drew near to Him.

Quality Time with Myeongjin Children

I cannot place any monetary value on this. This was my joy over the summer. Whenever I spend time with them, I would literally forget about everything else. Whenever they come to our room, we would just talk or do some silly things until 2 or 3 in the morning.

Beautiful Sisters in Christ

Helen Jeon and I did everything (even with things that you can't even imagine) together. At one point, I even knew what she was thinking just by looking at her facial expression. We were so glad that we had each other and we could only understand each other. God taught and encouraged me through her. It's kind of funny because the first QT we did together was on Romans Chapter 1 where it says in verse 12, "that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith"- I can say that I have been encouraged by her faith throughout the summer.

Helen Kim and I became really good friends. Although we only had three weeks together, we were able to share our struggles and our blessings with one another. It was not John Lee who had placed us together but it was certainly God who had a plan for our friendship.

Please share or list some of the difficulties of your time here.

Other than rejections and frustration from the children, everything else was bearable.

How do you feel Jerusalem Ministry could better equip or prepare future summer volunteers?

Although I didn't really have to deal with it myself since I did have an income throughout the summer, but if I think of college volunteers who are without any incoming money, it would be very helpful if there was a guideline of how to raise financial support and giving them some kind of average cost for the whole summer so that they can plan accordingly.

Just in case of medical emergencies, giving the volunteers a guideline to follow. Of course, we hope for safety, but just going to Emergency Room with Helen was a horrifying experience for me(I'm sure it was for Helen as well), but if we knew what was expected in the EM or even for just a regular doctor's visit's cost would've been very help to know for the future Summer volunteers. (This might not be necessary to others, but some reason, Myeongjin crew just went through many medical issues-including buying Lice Shampoo...heehee)

Please share any extra comments, advice, or reflections you have for the ministry.

Thanks for all your hard work for the Lord and giving me to the opportunity to serve!