

Free Indeed

by Pastor Dihan

As we celebrate Easter, I think of what Jesus says in John 8:36: *“If the Son sets you free, you are free indeed.”*

“INDEED.”

Jesus throws that word in there to make sure we realize this is not a promise to a partial or temporary freedom. What Jesus offers us is complete, and decisive liberation.

We remember that on Easter morning, Jesus got up, folded his grave clothes and walked out of the empty tomb. With the resurrection, Jesus made it possible for us to follow in his steps and leave behind the chains of sin and death.

The Son has set us free INDEED, but many of us do not live like it. Perhaps we know we’re free theologically, and that’s as far as it goes. It just stays in our heads. Some of us might be convinced it’s a freedom that is deferred, something for heaven, something to store away like an insurance plan we keep in our drawers. Perhaps we just ignore our freedom, never allowing it to be a part of our spiritual vocabulary, and never bothering to explore it or experience it.

Either way, we often live defeated, powerless and captive lives. And the tragedy of course is that we are actually free—FREE INDEED, Jesus said---and yet, we somehow find ourselves choosing to live in continued imprisonment.

This reminds me of a story I read in the March, 2011 issue of *The New York Times*. It featured a story about a 51-year-old ex-convict named Robert Salzman.

Abused as a child, and having spent much of his adolescence in juvenile incarceration, Robert was on a straight

trajectory to the state penitentiary. He would spend the next 30 years in and out of prison (mainly in) for crimes including drug-trafficking, robbery and assault. Robert, understandably, became very accustomed to the confines and rules of penitentiary life.

So when he was released from prison in 2001, Robert found it severely disorienting. The world suddenly became much larger than his cell and he struggled to make sense of it. Robert couldn’t hold down a job and pay rent and eventually did stints in homeless shelters.

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But in June of 2010, Robert’s life took an incredibly fortunate turn. He happened to be in the same subway car as Rashaad Ernesto Green, the writer and director of “Gun Hill Road,” who was searching for someone to play Sugar, a tough former convict. He approached Robert, who, with his facial tattoos, recalled the tough, hulking look of [Mike Tyson](#), and asked him to audition. To everyone’s surprise, the director gave a key role to Robert.

While filming on location in a Long Island prison, Robert happened to fall asleep on a cot in a prison cell. When he awoke, he became confused and began to weep, thinking that somehow he was incarcerated again. Slowly, it dawned on him that he could simply stand and walk out, which he did with great relief. Robert, who in January

2011 received a standing ovation at the Sundance Film Festival for his portrayal of “Sugar”, confesses to this day that it still amazes him that he is actually free.


My prayer for our church is for more of us to wake up like Robert, and come to the overwhelming realization that we are actually free—right now!

Our freedom is NOT to be deferred until death. It is not something that can be merely theologized. It is far too precious to be assumed or neglected.

Our freedom is as tangible as Robert walking out of the prison cell. And it’s infinitely more profound. Robert merely walked away from a state penitentiary, whereas Jesus, 2000 years ago, walked out of hell itself. And the beauty of it all is that the very Spirit which empowered Jesus’ steps out of the tomb is in us now, enabling us to claim victory and freedom every day of our lives.

Friends, we are **“free indeed.”** We have the power to rise up, and walk out on sin. He wants us to experience, today, a life that is free from addiction, from strongholds and demonic oppression. The resurrection life begins the moment we are saved, and it is a life defined by freedom: **“Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom”** (2 Cor 3:17).

Do you believe that? Where the Spirit of the Lord is—there **IS** freedom. It’s a declarative fact. It’s not something to wonder about, or debate. It simply is. Either the Spirit is in you, setting you free—or he is not. But there is no room for a defeated, captive life in Jesus.

May this be an Easter where you experience true freedom. Any part of your life that is still in chains, hold it out before the Holy Spirit and allow his Sword to cut you free. 

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A Letter from the Editors:

Our freedom from sin and death, Pastor Dihan reminds us, begins with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This gospel truth is evident from every one of the testimonies in this Easter edition of *Threshold* - of Debbie, Emma & Tim as they reflect on the 18-inches sermon series, of the many ministries and their fruits, and of the various missions efforts at Open Door. We hope this edition gives all of us a good glimpse of how God is actively working in the lives of our brothers and sisters. And we pray that each one of us will find the risen Son of God setting us free and making us anew on this joyous Easter Sunday.

-God Bless, Jackie Kwon, Tina Ro, Kathy Kwak, Debbie Jenkins & Gene Lee

“Grass is greener on *this* side.” - Adam So “Come who are weary and burdened.”
 - John Yim “God had better plans for me.” - Jack Quarles “The word ‘go’ changed
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Don't Forget

By Debbie Jenkins

The recent 18-inches series reminded me of God's work in my life last year. Through the series, I am re-convinced that this life is not a burden to be stoically borne and that God is truly a loving Father.

In 2009, I lost both my younger brother and mother, leaving me with no blood family. I felt like an orphan, even though I had the support of a loving husband. The words, "depression, fog, hopeless, fearful, and angry" best described me. I wondered why God had allowed my family to die, and why He thought it was OK to leave me shell-shocked in the aftermath.

I did not believe that God would do anything about this paralyzing grief. I thought that Christianity meant that I go to heaven when I die and, until then, I must bear this sometimes-awful and mostly-duty-bound life. I'd bought into a lie!

Carrying grief and misconceptions of God, I enrolled in DDTS (Daniel Discipleship Training School) in 2010. During those 12 weeks, I experienced much inner healing and gained a clearer picture of God. Surprisingly, God healed my heart and my idea of Him at the same time. The two seemed to work hand-in-hand. Flash forward one year, and I was reliving some of those moments.

For instance, the "Broken Past" message reminded me of a deep


healing I received last year. During the session, I recalled my parents fighting when I was young. I stood at the front door, watching my mother drive away, fearful and upset. My father angrily slammed the door, not realizing that I was there. My toe got caught and I felt intense physical pain. This pain mirrored the emotional feeling of rejection and abandonment. As the Holy Spirit led me through identifying the injustice, forgiving my parents, and receiving His healing, I felt a knot unravel inside of my heart. During the message, I remembered this healing from last year and was able to relive the joy of that moment.

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I was reminded, too, of certain lies that demanded a high level of performance was required of me in order for me to be accepted. I remember my father chastising me for letting my eyes wander during choir at a Sunday service. His frown conveyed his embarrassment and disappointment. I felt the blood rush to my face as feelings of guilt and shame flooded through me; I had dishonored my family name and 3,000 years worth of ancestors were also frowning at me. I felt my failure even more acutely because my father was usually cheerful and gracious to me.

Last year, the Lord brought this memory back to me and showed Himself standing next to me during the episode. He put his arm around my shoulder and, as He did so, my ears could no longer hear my earthly father's words. As that happened, I felt the sting of shame dissipate. I internalized a great truth that day: *My Heavenly Father NEVER looks at me with that frown on His face.* The finished work of Jesus on the cross allows for my Heavenly Father and me to relate without condemnation. Until that day, I saw my Heavenly Father as a bigger version of fallible earthly authority figures. But in that moment, my Heavenly Father suddenly became *different* from them. He became better, the way a father *should* be. The "Breaking Lies" message took me back to that moment of freedom and reminded me that freedom requires continued listening to my Father's voice.

God's love poured on me during the outreach week after the DDTS. During that period, Each teammate wrote encouraging words for the others. The words given to me included, "cheerful," "happiness," and "joyfulness." It hit me: God had been healing my heart! He had restored joy and hope. The grief was still there. But it no longer defined me.

God is not messing around. He's not using my life as some kind of stress-ball or convoluted experiment. He really loves me. Through the 18-Inches series, He reminds me of the good work that He has done, and to not forget His faithfulness to me. I pray I will not forget. 

Thank You God for Healing Me

By Emma Thompson

In 1998, my dad wrongly accused me for something. I couldn't forgive him -- how could a loving father do that to his daughter? At that time I was in my last semester of a diploma program and, as a result, my grades began to plummet. During that time, my then-fiancé proposed to me. I started praying and asking God if this was His choice for me.

My fiancé and I got married. Three days into our marriage, I realized I had married someone who loved alcohol. He had hidden this from me because he knew (and still knows) that because I was a Christian, there was no way I would have married an alcoholic. I was very disappointed and hurt. I felt cheated and deceived. When I first found out, I cried, "God, I can't live with someone who loves to consume alcohol. Please, I want to get out." Immediately, God's word came to me saying, "I hate divorce."

My husband was, and still is, happy to be married to me. He treated me well, but I was not happy. I could not receive his love.

When I joined my husband in the USA, I came to terms with his drinking and the fact that he stopped going to church. Then, bitterness started growing within me. When-

ever I saw him drinking or playing music that, as a Christian, I would not want in my home, I was stirred with feelings of anger, rage, self-hatred, and pain. At one point, I became bitter against God and started blaming Him for not letting me know what I was getting myself into. I knew that I had also wrongly accused God and also disobeyed Him... so much so that I couldn't hear His voice. I asked for His forgiveness. I knew right there that He had forgiven me, but I couldn't accept and receive the forgiveness.

I began asking myself why I didn't


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hear God speaking. It was because I was busy nurturing unforgiveness against my dad. Unforgiveness negatively affected my academic work, caused me not to hear God and thus move into disobedience, and landed me in bitterness. I managed to forgive my dad but still could not forgive my husband. The bitterness kept growing. Sometime in 2010, God helped me to receive His forgiveness and started healing me of the bitterness. It was difficult because I expected God to first change

my husband before He changed me. However, during this 18 Inch Journey, God led me to lay this stronghold on the altar. On the day that Pastor Dihan preached on 'Breaking Sinful Strongholds', I placed my trust in God that He would be able to completely deal with my situation. On the day that Pastor Daniel and Sophia shared their testimonies, I found myself weeping in my seat and telling God that if He healed Pastor Daniel and Sophia, then He can heal me, too.

And that was exactly what happened. I was completely healed. UNBELIEVABLE!!!

Sin cost me much more than I had intended to pay, and took to me a place where I never intended to go. But thank God he continues to knock on the door of our hearts, waiting for us to let Him in to heal us. When I gave in to God, He did His work in me, and now I am free. I am healed. My husband has not changed, but I now enjoy my marriage because I am now "in the right" with God. There is some peace hovering over my home that I don't understand, and I know it's God. It is so beautiful. Yes, indeed, all things work together for good to them that trust God.

Even if my situation does not change, "...yet will I rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior. The Sovereign Lord is my strength."(Habakkuk 3:18-19 )

A Big Victory on Superbowl Sunday

by Tim Ahn

I remember during the first part of this sermon series, Pastor Dihan shared with us his testimony of struggles and revelation. I know Satan knew that something serious was about to go down and worked as hard as he ever has to feed me his lies. Everyone around me seemed to be deeply pierced by the words Pastor Dihan shared, but I kept hearing the lies of Satan diluting

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his message. At the end of the sermon, people were asked to come up to receive prayer if we were ready to make the commitment of renewal. With a desperate heart, I approached the altar because, for quite some time, I had been struggling to find room for God in my life. But even as I prayed and cried out for God to speak to me, He was quiet. By the end of the sermon, I was extremely bitter and let down. I remember the feeling of dejection and loneliness that consumed me that entire day.


The following week, I came to Sunday service without the expectation of meeting God there and with what I thought was an empty heart. It was Super Bowl Sunday so I thought the sanctuary would be empty. Then I remembered that Super Bowls haven't been relevant in the D.C. area for a long, long time. Pastor Dihan gave a sermon that once again struck a chord in the hearts of many. The message was about breaking sinful strongholds. We were all given a jar of Play-Doh at the beginning of service, and my first thought was, “I wonder how much all this Play-Doh cost?” My second thought was, “I hope this doesn't turn out to be a corny gimmick for people to pay attention.” At the end of the sermon, we were all asked to take the Play-Doh and form something that represented our sinful strongholds. “Yup, it's just a gimmick,” I thought. But then, I started to form things with it. I didn't have anything clear in mind, but the thought of having my sins tangibly in my hand changed my perspective. We were invited to the altar for the second week in a row - this time to lay down the strongholds represented by the Play-Doh. I was very uneasy about doing this because of what had happened just one week ago. But I realize now that my vulnerability was an entirely necessary ingredient to my spiritual renewal.

One of the passages referenced to in that week's sermon was Acts 19:18-19 – “Many of those who be-

lieved now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly.” This was what we were doing by coming up to the altar that morning. I also felt a strong conviction to do something more. I didn't know exactly what I would be led to do, but it didn't take long to find out. Later that eve-

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ning, I met with a big group of people to watch the Super Bowl. For a couple hours leading up to the game, something was tugging at my heart. Specifically, it was to confess something publicly as they had done in Ephesus. I didn't know if I would actually go through with it, so I told my fiancée about my conviction so I could hold myself accountable and not chicken out. It was still a struggle, and throughout the entire game, Satan was battling for my heart. It went all the way down to the wire. The game had ended and people would start leaving at any moment. But the Holy Spirit was victorious and I gathered everyone together and shared with them my burden.

God even showed me that He also spoke to others through me. Brothers and sisters, I encourage us all to receive the gift of what God is doing and make it spread! 

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Find out what all our ministries have been up to!

Better yet, sign up for one at <http://odpcec.org/serve/form.html>.

Hosting Ministry will become even more critical in ensuring that our family and guests encounter God in a worshipful environment as we move into our new home. Our ministry will become even more critical in ensuring that our family and guests encounter God in a worshipful environment.

Welcoming Committee has been busy joyously welcoming and trying to reflect Christ's love and acceptance to our guests and members each Sunday and are excitedly gearing up to move into our new home.

Praise Ministry is charging ahead with our teams, led by Tina Ro, Ed Yu, and Kur Sohn and have re-shuffled our lineups. The "Longest 18 inches" Sundays have been awesome for us and we anticipate God moving in a real and powerful way.

Multimedia/Web team meets regularly to review completed projects and plan. We are currently revamping the website, integrating new management software, and preparing for the new building. This quarter we updated the serving opportunities and news pages, and developed a new career opportunities, single's ministry, missions fundraising, men's ministry basketball pages, and have recorded many Sunday Service videos.

Men's Ministry will hold its annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament has a record with 66 men participating. Our small group also continues to meet every week. We are planning our summer fellowship activity as well as a panel discussion session featuring our EC pastors.

Women's Ministry is currently going through a study, To Live is Christ, the Life and Ministry of Apostle Paul, by Beth Moore. In the fall (Oct. 21 & 22) we will be having a women's retreat.

Small Groups have been going deeper each week with the purpose of learning to follow Jesus as individuals, a small community of believers, and a part of the church body. By tracking the sermon series, members have begun to really open up to each other - especially through the 18-Inch Journey Series - about the joys, struggles, comforts, and challenges of being a disciple.

Discipleship Ministry held classes on Bible reading, married life, personal revival, Christian disciplines and Muslim evangelism in the winter. We will likely offer the next set of classes in June.

Healing Grace, the healing prayer ministry, has been training other prayer ministers and meeting with a group of leaders as they work through a study series. We have been praying with people, both within and outside ODP, and recently spoke at a Virginia Tech meeting. The Lord has been expressing his love to the people in the prayer sessions with significant works of inner healing and freedom.

MFLM offered our first-ever Biblical Marriage & Parenting discipleship class, an in-depth biblical study in January and February. In March, at our first-ever Marriage Enrichment Getaway, 17 couples connected deeper with their spouses, fellowshiped with other couples and enriched their walks with the Lord.

SALT welcomed our academic year students home with a retreat at Anna Prayer Mountain. Guest speaker Robin Cho spoke on spiritual transformation and many returned renewed and ready to take on the Spring semester. We've been growing as a community through small group discussions on the Longest 18 Inches series and fellowship gatherings.

Youth Group has had prayer as the primary focus these past 3 months. As we get ready for a busy summer of missions trips, retreats and graduating our seniors while welcoming our rising 7th graders, we want to be saturated in prayer and grow deeper with each other and with God.

Fruitful Vineyard Ministry's 2 year olds are now into a routine and actively engaging in praise time and Bible activities. The Pre-K have started a new curriculum that encourages active learning. Sadly, our Kindergarten classes will graduate earlier this year due to the move, but we know they will receive great spiritual education in Little Lights! We are gearing up to move into our home. Our new ministry year will begin in June.

Campus Opps will be taking care of our new building and its various needs, including the parking and kitchen ministries. Our responsibilities include maintaining the building, which includes the Astroturf, the gym, the various machinery to oversee building security, room usage and upkeep. The parking ministry has 15 volunteers to help coordinate parking changes and will need more as we move into the new building.

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Finance Ministry seeks to faithfully steward the resources God has entrusted to ODPC with excellence and integrity. We are getting ready for big changes as we take on more responsibility in our new home. The team is expanding, moving to a new financial system, improving reporting, and supporting implementation of Fellowship One, our new church software system.

Manna serves the needs of the poor in the community by providing food, clothing, diapers and other household goods on a monthly basis. In early April, we hosted an Easter Egg Hunt. In partnership with Reverend Soriano, we recently started a Spanish bible study class for the Manna families, as we strive to meet not only the physical needs but the spiritual needs of the community.

Care is a need-based ministry that continues to provide meals for those in need in our church congregation.

Hannah's Hope is a need-based ministry and provides a safe and confidential place where woman can journey together in their struggle with infertility.

Logos continues to publish the quarterly newsletter in an effort to make our big church feel small. We are currently working to create our first ODPC picture directory.

Klema had a family snow-tubing trip to Whitetail on March 5. Also, we just finished a 6-week baptism course for students who will be baptized on April 17th.

Missions Committee continues to meet monthly. Since Missions month in January, we have been training for short-term missions, and planning fundraising events, including the upcoming Missions Yard Sale. 



ODPC Singles: You are not alone!

By Elisa Lee

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, approximately 43% of Americans over the age of 18 are single. At ODPC, singles are almost half the EC congregation. What does this mean for the singles at ODPC? Sure, we have ministries MFLM for other life stages, but what about the life stage of singleness?


ODPC Singles Ministry kicked-off on December 11, 2010 with a Praise & Worship event. Pastor Dihan gave a powerful message, "7 Reasons to Treasure Singleness," which reminded us how precious this season in life is. Our lives are not on a detour or a diversion but, singleness is a part of a healthy life. Singleness is a treasure for God to use to prepare us for the next phase in our life. The night ended perfectly by playing minute to win it games where we got to see some hidden talents and great brain-flexing. That night, we premiered the coveted Championship Belt!

Following the kick-off event, the Singles Ministry hosted a Valentine's Day dinner to eat a traditional brown sauce

noodle dish (ja jang myun) together and had a great time of fellowship. It was a great opportunity for the brothers and sisters to meet some new faces and get to know each other in a smaller environment. The night ended at Pastor John and Leanne Cha's house, which was warmly decorated in a

Valentine's Day theme, by playing competitive board games and presenting the new champions with The Belt.

On March 5, 2011, the Singles Ministry hosted the second Praise & Worship Night. This time around, it was great to see familiar faces and have the ministry start to gel. Kaitlin Chon shared a powerful testimony about her journey as a single and how God used her in her family and serving the Church. Guest Pastor Robin Cho spoke that night on a message of gratitude and forgiveness. We were reminded that we needed to live our lives in true gratitude to recognize what God has done for us in order to live to the fullest. Afterwards, the group headed to the bowling lanes to compete once again for The Belt. Ironically, Team Hum-Bowled had the highest score, and their winning chant, "Hi-Yah!" hum-bowled us all.

Looking ahead, we'll be exploring questions like, "What is my identity in Christ as a single?" and "How am I uniquely equipped as a single to serve God and His people?" We'll also continue to praise and worship God and keep having fun as a community of singles! God has so much in store for us...stay tuned for our next event, and our next winners of The Belt! 

PARTICIPATE IN THIS YEAR'S MISSIONS SALE!

Dear ODPC Family,

I am convinced that God has uniquely gifted every member of ODPC to serve God's mission to the nations. I am thankful for the many already using their gifts, training and talents to serve this year, without whose faithful service of these precious men and women our missions program would not be where it is today. However, God is calling our church to do more work this upcoming year and so we need to lean on other members to do their part as well.

“God’s mission is for you, but it does not end with you.” God’s mission is for you, but it does not end with you; it is a message of salvation and forgiveness for all nations. “God so loved the world” does not only apply to our world of beautiful homes, shopping malls, and expressways, but to the whole world – all peoples, tribes, languages, and nations. Massive people groups of Central Asia and diverse tribes of Africa are part of the world God loved. People in the megacities of Asia and Latin America, enslaved women and children in India and people living in hopelessness and despair in North Korea are included. For every long term missionary out on the mission field, we need a whole army of Christians faithfully giving, praying, and advocating on their behalf back at home. With that said, it is imperative that everyone in our church see that they have a very important role in helping our church be faithful to our call for global missions.

I ask those of you reading this short reflection to prayerfully consider getting involved with our upcoming missions yard sale fundraiser on May 14. Our goal this year is to raise 16,000 dollars, but it will not be possible unless our own church members reserve at least 200 parking lots to sell their items. I'm sure that some of you may be hesitant to sign up because it might be difficult to come up with things to sell. But it's really not that difficult. All you need is a collection of things around the house that you no longer want, such as old clothes, outdated household items, toys that the kids have outgrown, tools and exercise equipment that you no longer use.

Church family, I humbly ask you to further God's kingdom and do all that you can to help make this year's fundraiser a successful one. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, please contact Suki Chang at sukwon@gmail.com.

For His Glory, 
Pastor Daniel

FAQs about the Missions Yard Sale



What is this yard sale for?

To raise funds for short-term missions trips, to reach out to the community and to fellowship!

Is there an entrance fee?

Only those selling need to purchase lot space.

Do I get to keep the proceeds from my sales?

Yes. We encourage you to donate a percentage of your proceeds to missions, but you are welcome to do with your proceeds as you wish.

Can I leave behind the things I don't sell?

Yes. We will have a truck available to pick all the remaining items to donate somewhere.

What can I sell?

Anything! Old clothes, books, furniture, baby stuff, kitchenware.

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How can I help?


- Register to sell your stuff either at the booth by check or online at www.sellorbuystuff.com.
- Volunteer to help on the day of
- Donate a service for the silent auction
- Donate your stuff to ODPC.
- Spread the word!
- Put up flyers at public establishments!

Can people who don't attend ODPC register to sell?
Absolutely!

What happens if it rains?
The rain date is the following Saturday, May 21, 2011 (same times).

What if I don't want a booth but have stuff I can get rid of?
Donate it to ODPC. Email sukwon@gmail.com to arrange a drop-off time.

What happens if it rains?
The rain date is the following Saturday, May 21, 2011 (same times).

Is it too late to register?!
No, do it today at www.sellorbuystuff.com! 

Getting to know Manna's newest partner, Reverend Soriano.




Reverend Soriano leads Good Ground Ministries and now partners with ODPC to provide spiritual care to Manna participants. Born in Peru, Soriano came to the US and studied business administration and religious studies. Later, he received a Masters in Ministry and a Doctor in Theology. He is now married to his second wife and has 5 boys: Carlos (16 yrs old), Kenny (13 yrs old), Diego (12 yrs old), Omar (6 yrs old) and Emmanuel (6 months old).

How did you get involved with ODPC? I was driving on Centreville Road one day when I saw ODPC. I felt prompted by the Holy Spirit to meet with the pastors and to tell them that I felt led to plant a Hispanic ministry at the church. Little did I know that God was already working in the pastors, and soon I began to help with Manna. Then we started bible classes in Spanish. There are even some members from the Korean speaking congregation that attend our Spanish bible classes. God is good.

Tell us a little about your ministry. In addition to partnering with ODPC's Manna ministry, I am currently serving as a chaplain in Prince William County, and I also help other Hispanic ministries through Good Ground Ministries. Through Manna and our bible classes, we are able to provide for people's material and spiritual needs. Recently, we brought a Christian Hispanic band, and also showed a Christian movie. Through the movie, four people received Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. We strive through Manna to present the Lord's love so everyone can understand that God gave His Son so that we can have everlasting life.

What is your vision for Manna and how would you like to see God move in this ministry?

My vision for Manna is to share God's word with Manna families, lead them to regular worship and prayer times so that they would be encouraged to have a personal relationship with the Lord. When we care for their spiritual needs, we begin to see God working, and I want to help in any way possible to accomplish what God begins in their hearts. Our church people have many gifts and I would like for us to use those gifts in serving others. The word of God says "the harvest is plenty but the laborers are few." I would like for us to be the 'few' that God will use to make a difference as we become an open door to missions in our own neighborhoods. 

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Pray for ODPC Missionaries!

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Happy Easter! Believers, He is Risen, He is Risen Indeed!

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia!

Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!

A picture depiction of Jesus' Death and Resurrection, according to Nathaniel Berol, age 6.



"Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, 'Crucify, crucify him! A third time he said to them, 'Why what evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death'...But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that He should be crucified."



"And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him...And Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do. ...And the people stood by watching and the rulers scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save Himself.'"



"The man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down and wrapped it in a linen shroud and laid him in a tomb cut in stone where no one had ever yet been laid."



"And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb but when they went in they did not find the body of Jesus. While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. "



"And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, 'why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but He is risen.'"



Now it was Mary Magdalene and Joanna and Mary the mother of James and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen clothes by themselves, and he went home marveling at what had happened."

Excerpted from Luke 23-24

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Numbers at a Glance

Average ODPCC attendance:

January - 523
February - 500
March - 537

Offering Summary:

January—\$127,383
February—\$103,266
March—\$ 105,554

Worship Center Update:

3 Year Campaign Goal: \$ 2 million
Pledge Total to Date: \$1.5 million
Pledges Received as of 4/3: \$1,013,696

Calendar of Events

Every Tuesday 8 pm Prayer Meeting
Manna every third Sunday of each month

- 5/14 (Sat)** EC Missions Yard Sale Fundraiser
5/15 (Sun) 3:00 Infant Baptism Service
5/ 21 (Sat) - 7/20 (Sat) Discipleship Summer Session
5/21 (Sat) EC Membership Class
5/27 (Fri) 8:00 Church-wide Mission Sendoff Service
5/26 (Thurs) - 6/9 (Thurs) Kyrgyzstan Short-term Trip

Condolences

To Brian Mendoza,
on the passing of his mother.

To Young Hee Kang,
on the passing of her father.

To Michael Kim
on the passing of his father.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Lord builds the house...

Stage One:
Laying the groundwork



Stage Two:
The structure is up.



We're almost there!



Congratulations

Weddings

- To Joseph and Kendra Suh, married on March 19, 2011.

Births

- To Kur and Young Eun Sohn on the birth of their son, Brendan Dongwoo Sohn, February 1, 2011.
- To Yong and Soyong Han on the birth of their daughter, Sophia Abigail Han on February 27, 2011.
- To Thomas and Michelle Lee on the birth of their son, Roman Michael Lee on March 22, 2011.