

Casting a Missions Vision

All Nations SaRang Church

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From its genesis in October 2009, the new Korean church struggled to establish its pastoral leadership and, most importantly, its missions vision. All Nations SaRang Church (ANSC), this young congregation in Centreville, was desperate for a spiritual visionary to lead the flock. As Solomon wisely stated in Proverbs 29:18, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (KJV). Meanwhile, Dr. Seong Soo Kim had just retired from Peninsula Korean Baptist Church in Newport News and had moved to Centreville in August 2009. Little did he know what God had planned. A new church in that very city needed someone like him. In February 2010, Pastor Kim accepted God's call to serve as the interim pastor at ANSC. In just 14 months, this seasoned pastor led the congregation to embrace a clear missions vision.

When he was a young church planter, Pastor Kim saw firsthand how the Lord used Cooperative Program (CP) funding as an integral part to birth and sustain two new churches in particular. He worked with the North Carolina Baptist State Convention to start a Korean church that reached nearly half of the Korean population in the city. Through the California Baptist State Convention, he also helped plant an American Indian church that still exists 20 years later. Because of CP gifts, both of these ministries have been able to reach many with the Good News of Jesus Christ.

During his time at ANSC, Pastor Kim faithfully preached the Word and educated the congregation on the benefits



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of cooperating with other Southern Baptists in missions giving through CP. In these times of economic downturn and while the church is purchasing its first worship facility, Pastor Kim led All Nations SaRang to sacrificially multiply its monthly CP giving through the SBC of Virginia. Through their faithfulness to missions, the Lord has opened the windows of heaven and poured out many blessings on this congregation:

Growing. The church is growing in faith and is united behind a common vision. Pastor Kim explains, "During the past one plus year, the members are more conscious and convinced about their identity in Christ [and] their mission in this area and are spiritually upgraded."

Community Cell Groups. The church has begun five community cell groups. They have seen more than 20 new believers born into the family of God in the past year because of their missions vision to reach their neighbors, friends, and coworkers.

Facility Purchase. The church has been able to purchase a facility for worship and discipleship with a desire to see a God-sized vision fulfilled. Pastor Kim explains, "As we purchase our own building, we pray that the Lord opens a door for us to reach out to the area ethnic groups (Cambodians, Afghans, Thais, Asian Indians, Vietnamese, and Arabs, etc.) in Northern Virginia. We vision that every Sunday morning many ethnic groups have either worship service or Bible study in their own language while all their children have Bible studies in English; then [they] assemble for a worship service in English, thus realizing the Revelation 7 church—'people from every nation, all tribes, people, and tongues, standing before the throne.'"

ANSC welcomed its new pastor, Rev. Young Lim, on June 5. Dr. Seong Soo Kim's prayer is that this young body of believers will continue to grow in the grace of giving to CP so that all nations will have the opportunity to hear the message of the Gospel.

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