

Making Disciples in the Local Church

SaRang Community Church was planted and started by 9 members in 1978 with 3 ministry visions: laity training, youth evangelism, and communist nations evangelism. During last 30 years SaRang has practiced disciple making ministry philosophy, concentrating church's effort in valuing and raising each "one" soul, and as a result, SaRang grew to be a 60,000 membership congregation as of March of 2010. SaRang Community Church has positively been influencing Korean church as well as the world church both in congregation size and in member maturity, dynamically being used by God for various world mission effort.

Disciple making is the most effective ministry method personally demonstrated by Jesus Christ during His public ministry. And the last part of the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) which commands us to "teach until they obey", can be accomplished only through each missionary's sacrificial and incarnational devotion and exemplary character in life.

During past 10 years, SaRang Community Church's World Mission Department has been concentrating its foreign and domestic mission efforts with 3 visions: Globalization of Discipleship Training, Promotion of Professional Missions, and Practicing Holistic Mission.

As of March of 2010, SaRang is working with 117 church network in Korea and through 162 cross cultural missionary families (503 with children included) in 52 countries. Also, SaRang is heavily involved in mission work in military, work place, foreign workers, and national athlete training camp. Also SaRang's over 2,800 small groups (Upper Rooms) are lined up with each missionary for mission intercessory prayer effort. SaRang is helping members to participate in mission by completing 2 year long mission school program and in 10 mission communities organized by different profession fields. Through various programs, SaRang members can serve to expand God's kingdom as either "Going" or "Sending" missionaries.

Under the slogan of "Sowing Seeds of Discipleship Training, Blossoming in World Mission", SaRang has been establishing foreign and domestic mission networks. During past several years, 216 foreign spiritual leaders from 23 nations visited SaRang's Called to Awaken the Laity (CAL) seminar for benchmarking SaRang's discipleship training ministry. Evangelical Anglican church network in Asian Pacific region as well as international mission agencies, such as, SIM, WEC, Pioneers, ECMI sent their top leadership to attend CAL seminar, for more effective and diverse world mission ministry through discipleship training.

It is SaRang's sincere prayer that through this presentation, more local church leaders and mission agency leaders will rise to see and understand the effectiveness of SaRang's discipleship training ministry philosophy and its ultimate fruit, more dynamic and powerful lay-driven world mission.

Biography

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