



## Paul Choi of Intercp Challenges Local Pastors and Mission Leaders



Paul Choi, Director of Intercorp Mission, is an end-times mission strategist. In his two-day seminar (Feb 9-10, 2009) for pastors and mission leaders he drew a picture of the end-time phenomenon by tracing through history and the current world situation. He stressed that every Christian must be aware of God's signs of the end-times, and must likewise realize the Satanic approach to churches through religion and ideology (including capitalism) as pitfalls. Radical mission, the alternative to meeting this affront, is a solution to saving the world. Back to Jerusalem is a movement to make the way for Christ's return.

During this seminar Pastor Nam Soo Kim pinpointed the common church mentality of a Cruise Ship, and proceeded to challenge attendees to embrace the need to change the church to the Aircraft Carrier mode in the battle field of the end-times. He also directed pastors and mission leaders to see that the education of children is the hope of churches in these modern days, and the future hope of the world.

## Dr. Bambang Visits Promise Church

Dr. Bambang Budijanto was appointed as chairman of the steering committee *for Raise Up a New Generation to Transform the World from the 4/14 Window* conference which will be held from September 6-8, 2009. He recently visited Promise Church to meet Rev. Nam Soo Kim and Dr. Eun Moo Lee to confirm his position as chairman of the steering committee, and to discuss the detailed preparations for this conference. He is based in Colorado Springs, Colorado, USA, where he serves as vice president of Compassion International/Asian Region. He will visit New York a few more times to join the GEN office in preparation for the upcoming September conference.



## Case Study in Brazil

### Run a School with Christian Worldview helped by Government



A Brazilian kindergarten that is government subsidized with operational costs totaling USD 7,000/month is run with a fully Christian curriculum. The following is a brief introduction to the amazing case study of Hermon Kindergarten, which is located in a rural area of Brazil, and is shared by Rev. Kim Sun Woong as followings.

In 1990, Brazil passed a law for the protection of children and teenagers, and in 1996 a new education law was established. According to Article 77(LDB 77), 25% of the whole budget of Brazil must be allocated to education, allowing for distribution of funds not only to public schools, but also to schools and facilities that are owned by local societies and NGOs. The school we started is called Hermon Kindergarten, with a current enrollment of 93 children, and it has been receiving government aid since 2003. The school is located in a rural area of Brazil, inclusive of three villages with a population of 7,500. This area is lagging behind in development. When we planted a church there in 2000, we started a small kindergarten in the church because at that time there wasn't any kindergarten in the area. Our education ministry grew, and as of now, we are receiving USD 5,500 of aid from the federal government.



It is a private Christian kindergarten, and we have total control of administration and managing teachers without any city intervention. As we built up a good image of ourselves doing school ministries, we were able to plan a community development project, and received another USD 1,500 aid from the city.

This aid is limited to school administration, and is used for 75% of teachers' salaries, office supplies,

food, and taxes. Costs of construction and equipment were covered by our fundraising pool. After the school building was completed and equipment was provided, the school has been operating with the city's financial aid alone. Thus, when the missionaries have to leave the area, the locals can take charge and continue to operate the school. The land was donated by a few local landlords who were convinced of our ministry. The approximated monetary value of this land is about US\$100,000. As far as we know, there are only a few missionaries who receive financial aid from the ministry field.

This is a rare case of receiving a government subsidy for running a private Christian school with a total sum of USD 7,000. Truly this is a special blessing. Many missionary works are suffering due to the recent economic recession, but this is a model case in overcoming the economic problem.

## **Focus on March Events**

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### **Steering Committee Meeting for Global City Initiative NYC Conference**

On March 26, 2009 the GCI/NYC Steering Committee will gather at the Redeemer's Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, New York, to continue discussion about the GCI New York Conference which will be held on September 9-11, 2009.

### **Atlanta KIMNET Conference**

Korea-Intermission Network will host the Pastors and Mission Leaders Conference in the Korean United Presbyterian Church in Atlanta, Georgia, March 23-26, 2009. The conference title is "Crises to Christ" and will focus on overcoming the current economic recession through spiritual enhancement, and will target the ongoing efforts of missionary work among the Korean churches.

### **New Generation Booklet Publication**

Dr. Luis Bush has been fully involved in publishing the upcoming September conference booklet to introduce the concept of the "4/14 window" with seven different challenges to raise up the 4/14 age groups. Those challenges are: Spiritual, Mental/Cognitive, Physical/Health, Relational, Economic, Social, and Ministerial. This booklet will be a valuable resource for all ministries targeting the 4/14 window.

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