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A NEW WAY OF GIVING to SEAN International

From our International Director, Terry Barratt



Dear Friends of SEAN,

First and foremost, on behalf of my mother Peggy and the whole Barratt family, we wish to thank all of you who sent kind letters of condolence and encouragement relating to my father's death.

By the grace of God, his funeral was a great moment of Christian celebration and joy in the certain knowledge that, as the Salvation Army would put it, my father had been promoted to higher service.

The hundreds of e-mails and letters that have flooded in from so many countries are a wonderful testimony of the world-wide Christian family and in particular the SEAN fraternity within it.

There have been many kind words said in tribute to my father's personality, life and ministry. I would just like to highlight one that reflects the true spirit of SEAN and the purpose of Dad's life:



Archdeacon Tony Barratt

"Tony's consuming passion was for the gospel, and with it a belief that God was able to raise any man or woman into effective service for Jesus, no matter

how poor or humble or under-privileged his or her circumstance, or how demanding the daily tasks. Hence the vision and birth of SEAN in Argentina".

Dad has gone to be with his Lord: we remain to continue this vision. Our hope and prayer is that as we do so within the context of the SEAN ministry, we remain faithful to that passion and belief.

May the Lord bless you all richly,

In His love and service,

Terrick and Frances Barratt

CUBA



Extracts from a recent letter to Terry Barratt:-

"You were gracious in giving us permission to print SEAN 'Life of Christ' Course books in Cuba so I wanted to update you on what we are doing.

In our small circle of 25 house churches we have now trained 18 regional tutors. In order to stimulate them to thorough preparation and to continue in the task we held a couple of regional workshops last March. Here's a photo taken at that event.



We have a Cuban house church pastor who guides and supervises the SEAN studies and keeps track of the tutors and their needs. We print 200 copies at a time because that is exactly the number that one master stencil will produce on the printing machine we use in the pentecostal church.

Our goal is to have 80 students by the end of the year. As a motivation to ministry the students cannot go on to the fourth book unless they are leading their own house cell group. Each student contributes 20 pesos toward the cost of the material which is about 80 cents so that does not cover the cost but gives a sense of ownership.

As we get comfortable with the system we will be sharing the material with other groups in Cuba.

We hear constant reaffirmation of the value of the material. One veteran house church pastor had to take over a study group from his tutor and said he was amazed at how much he had forgotten of Scripture and how much the course helped him to organize and remember the material."

"We are excited because it is a great way to train Bible teachers since the tutor model is so unthreatening and we are discovering some very good teachers emerging by giving them their first opportunity as SEAN tutors.



MONGOLIA— from a report by Graham Aylett

Mongolia is a large, landlocked country, three times the size of France. To the north is the Russian Federation, and to the south, China.

In 1990, following the breakdown of the Soviet Union, Mongolia emerged from decades of isolation, and the Christian Church began to grow from almost nothing to around 50,000 believers today.

TEE (Theological Education by Extension) began here in 1995. New Zealander, Hugh Kemp, hired two translators and some office space with funding from World Vision, and so was born what is now the

Mongolian School for Theological Education by Extension (MSTEE).

The SEAN Course, ***Abundant Life***, first came off the press in 1996, and since that time, over 2500 people have completed this course.

From 2000 to 2004 over ten courses were translated, field tested, and made available to the churches: the ***Life of Christ*** series, ***Paul's Life & Letters***, and specialized courses like ***How to Preach*** and ***Feed my Lambs***.

Using these courses as a foundation, a four-year ***Certificate in Christian Ministry*** programme was launched in September 2004.

This was supplemented with Practical Workbooks and other ministry assignments.

On 21 February 2009, we held the first ***Certificate in Christian Ministry*** graduation ceremony, with graduates from three churches in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, qualifying for Christian leadership.



Graduates with Staff. Graham Aylett second row far right

One graduate, the Pastor of the older people's congregation at 'Everlasting Dawn' church, said: *'as we train disciples and teach these lessons the effect of the Lord's love and blessing, of his powerful word, are plain to see on our students' faces.'*

Another graduate, a 29-year woman, a member of the 'House of Prayer' church, said: *'During the time that I have been involved with this programme, I've understood the meaning of not only talking about Jesus, but living a life obediently following his word. To start with it was really hard to put God's word into practice in my life. When I was young I used to speak haltingly, however now I rejoice that God has given me the ability to speak, and not only that, the ability to teach others. The Certificate level programme has prepared my heart for mission, has encouraged me, and is a wonderful training.'*

In October 2009, an evaluation team from the **Asia Theological Association (ATA)** spent three days at the MSTEE office with a view to accreditation of the ***Certificate in Christian Ministry*** programme.



Dr. Narendra John of the Asia Theological Association, with Church Leaders.

ATA team members were: Dr. Narendra John, Secretary, Accreditation and Educational Development of the ATA, from India; Dr. Pieter Thieron, Principal of the Christian Leadership Training Institute in Darkhan, Mongolia; J. Purevdorj, Principal of the Union Bible Theological College in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

The team met with: pastors of churches using the programme; tutors; students; graduates; and members of the MSTEE Board. They also inspected the School's records. They were very positive about the programme, and the potential for extension education to provide a solid foundation for ministry in church and society throughout Mongolia.

The result was that they recommended the programme for accreditation. Hallelujah!

Our prayer is that this accreditation will lead to many more churches benefitting from sustained study and application of God's Word, for in today's Mongolia, potential user churches want to know that any programme they might invest time in is recognized internationally.

Please join us in praying that many thousands of effective ministers will graduate from this programme in the future!

KOREA—TEE Korea's founder and president , Revd Dr Gil Kim, retires

In 1986 Gil Kim, then director of the CMA Korean District in the USA (*CMA = Christian Missionary Alliance*), initiated the first translations of SEAN Courses into Korean. In 1998, whilst still in the USA, he founded TEE Korea. He introduced TEE/SEAN into Korea in 2001, after retiring from CMA. Over many years he played a major role in TEE in Korea and the fruit of his ministry is there for all to see.

So, to honour his faithfulness in the service of Christ and his remarkable ministry, a special service was held in the chapel of TEE Korea's office on 5th November 2009. About 80 TEE practitioners joined in the celebration.

The guest speaker at the service was Chaplain Moon-Shik Choi. In his role as a Senior Army Chaplain, he has been initiating and encouraging a large and growing TEE/SEAN movement amongst military churches.



Revd Dr Gil Kim

On the same day as Dr. Kim's retirement service, TEE Korea also installed its new presidents. Elder Sung-Jin Moon, who has served as auditor of TEE Korea since 2006, was installed as president of TEE Korea in charge of administration and legal representative of TEE Korea. The Revd Stephen Cho, who has been serving as executive director of TEE Korea since 2006, was installed as a co-president of TEE Korea in charge of ministry.



TEE Korea Centre Leaders

See Centre of second row, left to right: Elder Moon; Gil Kim; and Stephen Cho.

Stephen worked with BEE Korea from 1997 as Facilitator and later, as Director while he was serving in the Onnuri church, Seoul. (*BEE = Biblical Education by Extension*)

In 2002, he initiated the TEE/SEAN movement in the Onnuri Church and also in military churches. During that period he used his past experience to refine and strengthen the TEE Teaching and Learning method.

He also promoted it by equipping Lay Leaders and appointing them as leaders of TEE seminars.

In his installation speech, Stephen Cho reported that, within TEE Korea's programme there are now:
1,000 active tutors, 350 active churches,
10,000 registered students and another 10,000 unregistered students.

He also expressed TEE Korea's prayer and vision to strengthen co-operation with fellow TEE organisations worldwide and Korean mission organisations to fulfil Jesus' Great Commission Mt 28:18-20.

He also asked:

“Please pray for healthy and meaningful ministry of TEE Korea for the expansion of His Kingdom”

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TONY BARRATT

Give thanks for SEAN's Founder, and for the thousands of believers world-wide who have grown in faith and into leadership through the courses his vision created.

TERRY AND PANCHA

Pray for our Director, Terry Barratt, and his wife, Pancha as they travel to South America soon. They plan to visit their beloved Pehuenche people in Southern Chile and SEAN Groups in Paraguay and Argentina.

KOREA

Give thanks for Gil Kim and for what has been achieved for the Kingdom through him and his co-workers. Look at the photo overleaf and pray for Stephen Cho, Elder Moon and the team who continue with the task.

MONGOLIA

Give thanks for the growth of God's church and for the remarkable progress made by the MSTE. Pray for the graduates (see photo) as they put into practice lessons learned in Christian leadership.

CUBA

Give thanks for their enthusiasm and the examples of the effectiveness of their SEAN training programme. Pray that their hopes and plans for expanding this ministry across the island may be fulfilled.

ASIA CONFERENCE

In partnership with an organisation called INCREASE, we are planning a Conference in Nepal in October. This will bring together TEE workers from across Asia. Many minister in very difficult situations and have never met with their fellow TEE workers. Please pray that funding to enable our hard-pressed brothers and sisters to attend, will be found.

FLORIDA—Tony Thompson writes.....

During a family trip to Florida last November, I was delighted to be able to visit a church there where SEAN Courses are being used effectively. The church is 'El Buen Pastor' in LeHigh Acres, Fort Myers and is led by Pastor Dax Urbina.

I gave an illustrated talk about SEAN's origins and spread around the world and enjoyed coffee, and cake afterwards. In the photo below, Pastor Dax is in the bright red top, his wife is on his right.



Note: 'El Buen Pastor' obtain course books from the Hudson Valley URBACAD Programme, New York. www.urbacad.org

A NEW WAY OF GIVING

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