

## Jericho Ministries—Summer 2004

Dear Ones,

“Many are the plans in a man’s heart, but it is the Lord’s purpose that prevails.”

Blessings to you in the Name of Jesus. I am writing this morning from chilly Wisconsin where Hae Young and I have been since the 9th of August....our purpose for coming was two-fold: to share the glory of what God has been doing in and through Jericho Ministries and to attend a conference which drew together the founders and leaders of ministries to prostitutes throughout the world. At the conference which was held in Greenlake, Wisconsin, it was very exciting to see that we are actually a part of a movement. Around the same time that God established Jericho ministries, He raised up other ministries with the same purpose around the world. The first night I was overjoyed to meet a woman from Holland who had experienced the same leading of God that we had, but in Thailand. We rejoiced as we shared our common experience of God leading us to reach out to the lost and lonely women of our respective cities. God used that conference to reconfirm the deep burden and longing to see prostitutes set free that He put in our hearts over seven years ago.

The conference was a great blessing but God had other things on His agenda for us that we knew nothing about beforehand. When we arrived at my sister Marty’s home after the conference, we went with her to the airport to pick up her foreign exchange student who just happened to be from South Korea (where Hae Young hails from). Hae Young was able to help make Yu Seon, a beautiful fifteen year old sophomore, feel right at home. As we shopped for Korean food supplies at a local oriental market, the Lord encouraged Hae Young to share the Gospel with Yu Seon and this precious young woman decided to give her life to Christ. She asked if she could be baptized and also if we could all study the Bible together.



Betsy, Yu, and Hae

We were all just overjoyed to see how clearly God had orchestrated this whole thing. What a joy to share the word of God together daily in three languages!

This week I went to share in a small Episcopal Church in Wisconsin and had the most amazing thing happen. Only about ten folks showed up for the midweek service and I remember thinking, “Lord, are you sure this is where I’m supposed to be?” My dear friend Vicky whom I’ve known since High School was with me and after I shared about Jericho, an older man



Hae Young and Yu Seon in the kitchen at Marty Hake’s House

approached us and said, “There’s something different about you two.....something shines out of your faces. Can you buy it somewhere?” We laughed as I explained that it was a free gift. I was going to explain further when we were called to the parish hall to share a meal together. The small group that gathered was extremely inquisitive about Jericho and asked very pertinent questions. The same man with whom we had spoken earlier in the night then asked, “How on earth did you get started with such a ministry? What was the first step?”



Betsy and Hae chat with Nancy and Peggy after speaking at “Episcopal Day at Great America”

It began to dawn on me that here was a very thirsty soul who needed to know how to take the first step towards knowing God personally so I asked him if he had ever accepted Christ into his life. He answered in the negative explaining that this was his first night to even visit that church. He agreed that he would like to take that first step with us so we all joined hands as this sweet soul asked Christ into his life. He hugged me afterwards and said, “Thanks for the best gift ever”. Suddenly I remembered that at the last church I had shared at, a man had handed me a worn pocket New Testament in English and I had slipped it into my purse. It had seemed a strange gift at the time but now I knew exactly why he had given it to me. It was for this dear man who had just given his heart to Jesus.

So it is with much joy in the Lord that I share with you the beginnings of furlough 2004. Thank you for your prayers and I especially covet them as Elvia and I begin a long road trip on Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to visit supporters in the Eastern States. If you would like to hear more about Jericho up close, please contact me at [Jericho@cablecolor.hn](mailto:Jericho@cablecolor.hn).

I am especially looking forward to the arrival of the entire staff of Jericho, two of the rescued women, and my three Honduran children on the 7<sup>th</sup> of October. We will travel together to Greencastle, Indiana to receive an award from DePauw University and then we will return the next evening to Chicago for a special dinner for Jericho supporters. I am so excited that many of you will be able to meet the women you have prayed for face to face and hear directly from them how God has changed their lives. Be on the lookout for a special invitation that will be coming your way.

May the Lord of heaven and earth bless you richly with His goodness and mercy.

In His love,

*Betsy*