

# Spotlight

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## Missionaries in South Korea



How many of you know that our church supports missionaries in Seoul, Korea? Our church, along with others, has supported Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee for several years. Kurt worshipped with us two years ago and shared his experiences in the field. We receive a newsletter from them quarterly, and the Community Concerns and Missions Committee wanted to share a few highlights.

Kurt and Hyeyoung have been mission co-workers, and they have now been offered positions in the new Global Ecumenical Partnerships ministry area as international ecumenical liaisons. Kurt has concluded his assignment with the National Council of Churches in Korea and is moving into the PC(USA) Korea mission office. He will focus on liaising with partners in Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Japan and North Korea.

Hyeyoung will continue as site coordinator for the Young Adult Volunteer (YAV) Programs Korea site. Many members will recall when we collected "comfort food" from home for the YAV volunteers at Christmas time. She will also be liaising with two Presbyterian partner churches in South Korea.

Please continue to lift Kurt and Hyeyoung up in prayer as they continue to do the Lord's work in Korea.



### Kurt Esslinger and Hyeyoung Lee

*Serving Christ together in South Korea*

Kurt and Hyeyoung will mentor Presbyterian Young Adult Volunteers (YAVs) who spend one year living and serving in Korea. Their goal is to help the YAVs have a clear sense of their call to promote social justice, reconciliation, and evangelism as people of faith. As they guide young adults to reflect on their experience, Kurt and Hyeyoung will seek to prepare them to return to the United States to lead the church in working for God's shalom throughout the global community. They will also work to enhance the fruitful relationship between the ministry of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and Korean church communities. Kurt and Hyeyoung say their call to this work stems in part from their relationship with each other, which they believe reflects the value of working together across different cultures.

#### Personal Information

##### Birthdays

Kurt – March 31  
Hyeyoung  
September 7  
Sahn – March 7

##### Anniversary

September 12

##### Accounts

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*"And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" Micah 6:8*

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