

Billy Graham Center for Evangelism's Ethnic Ministries and Ethnic America Network (EAN)

Annual Report: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Staff

On August 25, 2014, Sheri Leasure resigned from the Billy Graham Center for Evangelism (BGCE) Ethnic Ministry Office Coordinator position due to budget cuts at BGCE. Since then, Jean Kliebhan worked five hours a week for the department.

Major EAN Activities

On Sept. 22-24, 2014, EAN had its annual leadership gathering in Atlanta. Thirty-four EAN representatives and three guests were present at the retreat.

On Sept. 25-27, EAN joined as an official event partner in the North American Mission Leaders (Missio Nexus) Conference in Atlanta, in which 985 mission leaders across North America participated. EAN was in charge of Ethnic & Diaspora Track, and offered seven seminars at the Missio Nexus Conference. I co-presented a seminar entitled "Engaging Diaspora Peoples in North America."

On Dec. 6-9, 2014, and March 7-10, 2015, I traveled to Salt Lake City, Utah, to have promotion and planning meetings with regional leaders for a 1-day Ethnic Ministries Summit there, on May 23, 2015.

On April 16-18, 2015, the 13th annual Ethnic Ministries Summit took place in Atlanta, attended by nearly 400 participants from across the USA and Canada. I spoke as a plenary speaker and the Academic Track presenter. Its theme was "Compelled to Love All Nations."

On May 23, 2015, the 1-day Ethnic Ministries Summit took place in Salt Lake City, attended by nearly 200 participants. Its theme was "Discovering God's Hidden Treasures."

Regional, National, Global & Diaspora Missions

On July 14-17, 2014, I was a guest speaker at the annual North Korea Freedom Rally in Washington, D.C. I also did an opening prayer for the service in the West Lawn of the U.S. Capitol, in which a dozen U.S. Senators and Congressmen attended.

On Nov. 3-4, I participated in a symposium on race and gender, hosted by the Institute of the Study of Asian American Christianity, in Los Angeles.

On March 24-27, 2015, I attended the Global Diaspora Forum, a Lausanne Movement-affiliated gathering, in Manila, as a presenter and a small group facilitator. About 310 global diaspora thinkers, educators, and practitioners from Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, North America, and South America were present.

On April 27-29, during the Mission America Coalition (U.S. Lausanne)'s national annual summit in Houston, I participated as National Coordinator for the Ethnic/Diaspora/International Students Ministries Sphere.

On June 29 – July 3, 2015, during the 30th KOSTA Conference, held at Wheaton College, I served as translator for Wheaton President Dr. Philip Ryken for his welcome message, while teaching a global diaspora-related seminar twice that week.

Publications on Global Diasporas & Mission

Over the past three years, I functioned as lead co-editor (with Amos Yong of Fuller Seminary) of a mission book entitled *Global Diasporas and Mission* (Oxford, UK: Regnum, hardcover). The 21-author book was published in Sept. 2014 as Volume 23 of the 35-volume Edinburgh Centenary Series, on mission. Its paperback version for the North American market was published by Wipf & Stock (Eugene, OR) in Oct. 2014. I wrote one chapter on the Korean diaspora churches in the USA and *Epilogue*, and co-wrote *Introduction* and another chapter on diaspora ministries in S. Korea.

I have submitted two chapters as co-author for a global diaspora missiology compendium, which is scheduled to get published by the Global Diaspora Network in 2016.

Also, I have been invited to function as one of the three co-editors for *Korean Christian Diaspora & Missional Implications*. If all goes well, this multi-author volume is scheduled to get published in 2016. I will be co-writing a couple of chapters for this mission volume.

The Wheaton Team's South Korea Trip

On Jan. 16-26, 2015, I accompanied Wheaton College President Philip Ryken, and three others from Wheaton, on their 10-day official visit to South Korea. I served as Pres. Ryken's culture consultant, translator/interpreter, and liaison in S. Korea. Before and during the trip, I was instrumental in facilitating the signing of a Letter of Intent (to explore mutual cooperation in the future) between Wheaton College and Baekseok University, and also between Wheaton and Handong Global University, both well-known Christian institutions in S. Korea.

The Number of Christians Trained in Evangelism/Mission

During this 12-month period, the number of Christians that I trained and taught at conferences and churches in the area of evangelism/mission would be around 1,200.

Major 2014-2015 Goals Planned for the Fiscal Year

- Coordinate with EAN and EAN Foundation to maximize support to BGCE Ethnic Ministries and to convene the two summits in Atlanta & Salt Lake City (DONE).
- Write two chapters for *Global Diasporas & Mission*, of which Chandler is general editor (DONE).
- Increase support-raising efforts through SEED Int'l and JEMS (still on-going; three new supporting churches in the fiscal year).

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