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Light of the World, Remnant 300

To my beloved Heavenly Dream Graduates

You are the light of the world, and God has chosen you to be the light to your homeland. Believe and declare this. The reason for your boldness in any circumstance is because of your identity as this “light.”

God desires to reveal His will in the world through you. To fulfill this role, you must continuously be in the Word and engrave it into your heart. Just as light disappears when the power is cut off, we must be sustained by the Word in order to live.

Even Abraham, the father of faith, left his homeland, relatives, and father's house to obey God's calling. He believed in God's promise to grant him descendants as many as the stars in the sky, and God looked in favor of his faith. Jacob, too, received the blessing of the firstborn, went to his uncle's house, and suffered for a long time, but eventually, after wrestling with God, reached a turning point in life as his name was changed to Israel.

I also had a time when I wrestled with God. I fasted, went to prayer retreats, and cried out in prayer when my struggles couldn't be overcome. When I desperately clung to God, He met me. You, too, should lift up your own pain-filled roots and darkness to God. If you believe in His promises and hold onto Him, even if you fall many times, He will surely raise you up again.

God can bring change in both North and South Korea through you. Just as He began His plan of salvation through one man, Abraham, He can change history through one person—you. South Korea is going through a very difficult time. There may come a day when the church is persecuted and we can no longer worship freely in this wicked world. But God is still the Master of history. Don't settle for a comfortable life—pray for this era and the nation you live in.

Even in the midst of judgment, God continues His work of salvation through the remnant. And He is still searching for those who will walk with Him. I pray that our graduates will be raised as the “remnant of faith,” chosen to reveal God's power. You, who were like dry bones, have come to life by the breath of the Holy Spirit. But don't stop there. It is through your prayers that both North and South Korea will come alive. Never forget that you are the light of the world. I bless you in the name of the Lord to be a part of the gracious history God will accomplish.

하늘 꿈 공고등학교장 임향자

Heavenly Dream School Principal Hyang Ja Im

• Established in 2003, South Korea's first Alternative School for NK Heritage students. Accredited by Ministry of Education (Secondary Education). 9 house-dorms around Seoul and Gyeonggidistrict (사단법인 좋은씨앗 Good Seeds NPO)

• <AWARDS> Presidential Award (2022), Minister of Reunification Award (2001, 2021, 2023, 2024), Korean Methodist Mission Award (2002), Gyeonggi District Exemplary Research & Minister Award (2019), High Touch High Tech Champion Researcher (2022), Presidential Commendation (2022), Commendation from the Minister of Unification (2023), Commendation from the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Education (2024)

• <EXTERNAL EVALUATION> Ministry of Reunification Joint Research of “North Korean Heritage Youths’ Alternative School Operations Manual (2012), Ministry of Reunification Audit of North Korean Defector Support Organizations Financial Evaluation – Highest Scores (2012), Ministry of Education-Selected Reunification Preparation School (2016), Gyeonggi District Department of Education-Selected Research School (2017–2018), Ministry of Education Organized Exemplary School of North Korean defectors Awards 1st Place – Minister of Education Award (2023)

• <HDS MISSION STATEMENT> Heavenly Dream School educates North Korean heritage students through holistic Christian education, aiming to nurture workers for a democratic reunification and the restoration of the North Korean church.

• <CORE VALUES> Integrity, Frontier Spirit, Incarnation, Hope in Christ, and Next Generation

The Dream Painters

Heavenly Dream artists paint a Gospel Unification

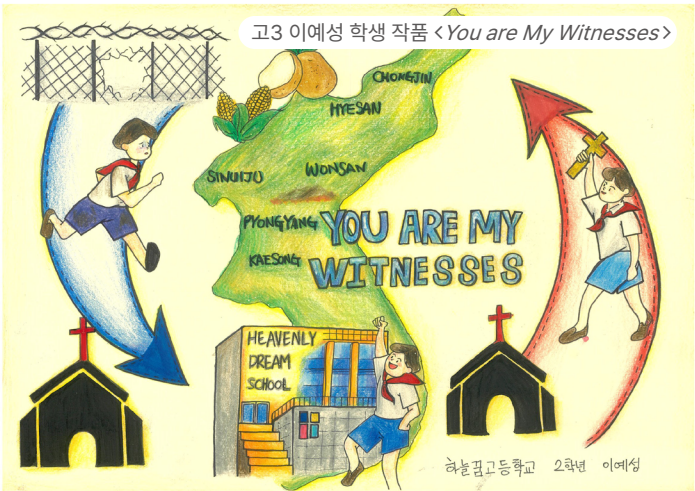
There are students who discover their talents at an early age and move toward their dreams. Seeing those who grow by immersing themselves in what they love, rather than facing the heavy burden of choosing a career path, is both admirable and, in some ways, enviable. At Heavenly Dream School, there are students dreaming of becoming webtoon artists or designers and dedicate themselves daily to drawing. Each has their own unique style and subjects they want to express, but this special talent is already being used beautifully for the Kingdom of God.



Alumni Eokchul Kang's <SCENERY ON A BIKE>

“I remember feeling happy when people praised a drawing I did of my sibling and me riding a bicycle to school in North Korea. When I draw scenes from my hometown, I try to capture them as they were, so I recall childhood memories I had forgotten. *I miss my friends and relatives in those moments.*”

Yesung defected from North Korea at a young age and has very few memories of the North, but she deeply understands his parents' longing for their families they left behind. Having faced the pain caused by division, Yesung is a precious student who earnestly prays for unification, and her artwork captures her heart.



“*You are my witnesses,*” declares the Lord, “*and my servant whom I have chosen*”

Isaiah 43:10

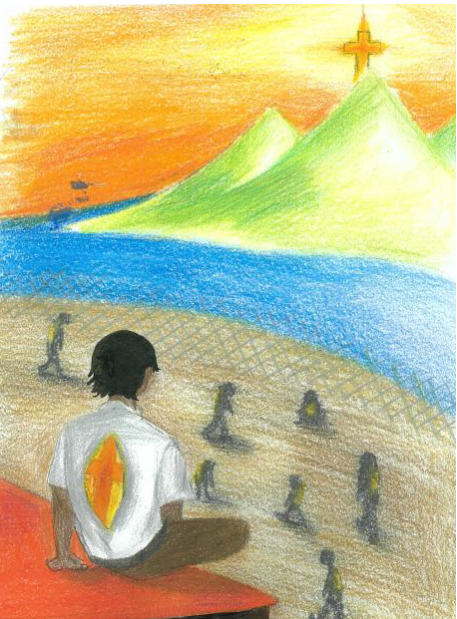
“I drew a picture of a student who defected from North Korea, being transformed by hearing the gospel at Heavenly Dream School, and then running back to their homeland with it. Even though we can’t go there now, *I believe it’s our role* to hold on to the hope of unification and prepare for that day.”



<Heavenly Dream School>

<You are the Light>

<South and North in One>



A 7th grader Jinwoo was a small boy, but he has now grown tall and is about to graduate as a high school senior. For the past six years, a pen has always been in his hand, and his dream of becoming a webtoon artist has never changed, not even once. And this year, for the first time, Jinwoo drew a drawing inspired by his mother's hometown—North Korea.



*Come, breath,
from the four winds and breathe into
these slain, that they may live.*

Ezekiel 37:9

“I drew a picture of many people sharing love to save a single soul in North Korea. If the prayers and praises being lifted up for that land never cease, just as I was transformed, *I believe miracles will happen where North Korean friends will also come to life out of darkness and into the light.*”

Senior Jinwoo Shin's <THE BREATH>



Every time I see the drawings by the older students, I'm amazed. I want to be able to draw that well too. But at the same time, it also hurts because it reminds me of the reality in North Korea. My dream is to become a webtoon artist, *and I want to draw scenes of going to church with my friends in North Korea after unification.*

— Future Artist Sophomore Hamin Cho



Graduate Gayoung Oh's <LAND OF TEARS>

The artists of Heavenly Dream School envision a gospel-centered unification and pray for the land of North Korea and the families left behind. God will surely use their dreams and talents as instruments to fulfill His plans. Please join us in prayer that every scene these students have drawn will be fulfilled in God's perfect timing.

Through a Small Opening

Reverend Eunhee Kim (Director of Student Life and Character)

Hello, my name is Pastor Eunhee Kim, and I serve at Heavenly Dream School. These days, the students simply call me “teach.” Spending long hours together at school and in the dorm seems to have brought us closer.

I still remember the first day I met the students of Heavenly Dream. It was back in 2006, just before graduating from seminary, when I was going through missions training. Every time I passed by a run-down missionary center in Garak, Songpa, I would see unfamiliar-looking children. They were small in stature but had piercing eyes—later I learned they were North Korean defector students. Back then, they were just passing faces, but in 2010, by God’s guidance, my ministry at Heavenly Dream School began.

My life and ministry themes have always been discipleship and missional living. When I first started, I was full of spiritual ambition: “I’ll raise them well, help them change, raise up workers of the gospel...” I knew it wouldn’t be easy, but I soon realized that sharing the gospel rarely goes according to one’s expectations.

I teach a one-hour Bible class each week for all grade levels. One day, I was sharing the message of heaven, and I said, “If you believe in Jesus, there’s heaven beyond death.” Immediately, a male student harshly interrupted, “Don’t talk about death so lightly!” For this student, who had barely escaped death, death wasn’t a hope—it was something terrifying. In the early days of ministry, I often felt angry at this kind of defiance. It took a long time to begin truly understanding them. We made mistakes, went through trial and error, but I never stopped. Bit by bit, I continued to sow seeds of faith.

At the **dorm**, I devoted myself to share the gospel through daily life. As one household, the dorm community holds weekly family worship. I still remember the students singing praises in their uniquely bold and booming North Korean voices, casting off their worries as they worshiped. One day, we were having a lively conversation in the dorm when a student suddenly called out, “Teach! Teach!” Without warning, the student pulled me into their room and handed me a phone, asking me to share the gospel with their aunt. She had been trying to evangelize to their aunt, who lives in China, and called me in when they felt stuck. In truth, when speaking with someone in China, we are careful not to use overtly Christian language—it’s a basic rule. But I proclaimed the Word of God in faith, and her aunt quietly listened to it all. After the short call ended, I looked at the student and felt a deep gratitude—grateful to see faith taking root in their heart.

I also recall going to “**Dawn Prayer for Unification**” with a student who had just escaped North Korea and arrived in South Korea. For this student, everything—church, God, Christianity—was entirely new. Yet during the entire prayer meeting, she wept uncontrollably. After the service, I gently asked what had moved her to tears. She replied, “I was so thankful to see so many South Koreans praying even at dawn for unification and for the people of North Korea.” From that day on, this student became a beloved child of God, preparing for gospel-centered reunification through prayer.



India Missions with my Beloved Disciple



Discipleship Completion Ceremony



Heavenly Dream Domestic Missions Team

With the dorm students, another family



There is always a spiritual battle in every moment of sharing the gospel. When I see students putting up walls in front of God's Word, there are times when I wonder, "Is it not working?" and feel like giving up. But then, the students leave a small opening for the Word to enter. Even if they show the slightest change in their willingness to listen, I feel an indescribable joy. Though the progress may be slow, I know the seeds I have sown will surely grow, and that is why I cannot stop sharing the gospel.

Every year at the start of the semester, we hold a "Leadership Camp" for the students. Since the faith camp touches the spiritual lives of the students, I always feel a heavy burden as the one in charge. However, when these students, who are still learning Korean, are able to freely praise and worship God, I think about how delighted God must be in seeing them. At the same time, countless souls in North Korea come to mind. I pray that the day will come quickly when the light of the gospel will shine into their dark lives. And so, even today, I continue to stay by the side of the students entrusted to me, moving forward.



“The gospel is lived out each day at Heavenly Dream School. The students shine brightly in the Lord. On the day of gospel-centered unification, *I long to hear the joyful laughter of these beautiful students overflowing like flowers blooming across the land of North Korea.*”



Incarnation, "Living out the love of Christ"



Family Dorm, I-HOUSE

Faith camps, one-on-one discipleship, worship—the gospel is sown into every scene at Heavenly Dream School. Each student's journey of faith begins at a different time, but many graduates confess that it was when they felt the love of their teachers that they began to want to know God. Dormitory teachers, in particular, share God's love through their everyday lives. Heavenly Dream School operates nine home-style dormitories, each with one teacher living together with 4 to 6 students.

The nine teachers serving in these dormitories have willingly laid down a life of comfort to care for the souls entrusted to them. Among them is a teacher from Georgia, USA, who answered the call to this mission. Holly first came to Heavenly Dream School in 2023 as a member of a U.S. volunteer team. During her visit, she experienced life in the dormitory alongside the students. Deeply moved by the lives of North Korean defector students, Holly returned this year as one of Heavenly Dream School's new dormitory teachers.



2025 HDS Writing Contest



Holly's English Class for Strengthening Staff Competence



Beloved I-HOUSE Family



2025 HDS Field Trip



2023 EUC Staff Participation



2024 EUC Staff Participation

Holly lives in the I-HOUSE (International House), which is specially managed and operated. At first, the students felt some pressure about living with a foreign teacher, but they've now grown quite accustomed to communicating in a mix of Korean, English, and Chinese. In fact, many of their peers envy them for the natural opportunity to learn English in everyday life. More than anything, they are realizing—often for the first time—that there are people, both in Korea and around the world, who truly value and love them as North Korean defectors.

Holly's ministry extends far beyond the dormitory. She also serves as a native English teacher at Heavenly Dream School, teaching both current students and alumni. Additionally, she offers English classes outside regular working hours to help strengthen the language skills of the faculty. With prior experience teaching students in the U.S., she brings high-quality instructions that greatly benefits the entire Heavenly Dream community. We pray that God's abundant blessings would overflow in Holly's life as she walks this path of ministry, and that through her footsteps—now spreading across the globe—many more will be moved to pray for the people of North Korea and for gospel-centered unification.

"I-House is a slightly special dormitory. Here, Korean, English, and Chinese flow naturally—it feels like a small world of its own. At first, everything felt unfamiliar and awkward. We couldn't communicate well, and our cultures were different, so we looked at each other with caution.

But as we spent time praying, eating, and even cleaning together, *our hearts gradually opened*. In the evenings, we read the Bible in our own languages and share conversations. Because we're different, we're even more special—and we can connect on a deeper level. *Inside this small dorm, a learning greater than academics is taking place.*"

—Holly

The Sense of Life

Graduate Chungsong Shim
18th Graduating Class of Heavenly Dream School
Senior in Soongsil University Computer Science Major

What was your life like ten years ago?

Those days are marked by memories of survival and hardship. I was firstborn in an ordinary family in a small farming village in Ryanggang Province. Before I even learned how to read, I was pulling weeds in the fields and raising livestock. We moved to the city to escape poverty, but no matter how hard we worked, our lives never improved. We often had to rely on half-frozen potatoes roasted over fire just to get by, and eventually, we had no choice but to return to the countryside. In a hopeless situation, my father fled North Korea first for the sake of his two sons’ future. Three years later, my mother attempted to follow him but was caught by the State Security and spent three years in prison. Barely into my teenage years, the weight of becoming the head of the household fell heavily. Later, when it came time to enlist in the military, I was denied the opportunity because of my father’s defection. Survival became a daily battle. Longing for a life with dignity, I made the decision to cross the Amnok River with my mother.

On a pitch-black night, all my senses came alive the moment I stepped into the ice-cold water, my body trembling from the freezing temperature and fear. When we were halfway across the river, I looked back and could barely see the North side fading in the distance. I felt a deep sorrow as my past disappeared before my eyes, and the fear of death swept over me, but at the same time, an intense yearning for a new life surrounded me. I was allowed only a brief moment relief in knowing we had made it across the river alive.

Almost as if they had been waiting for us, the Chinese police seized us. They covered our heads with black cloths, and when an electric baton struck the back of my neck, I lost consciousness. I was locked inside a cold prison cell built specifically for North Korean defectors. “Why was I born in that cursed land of North Korea, living as if I’m not a human being...”



The odds of successfully escaping North Korea and making it all the way to South Korea aren’t quite like winning the lottery—but they are incredibly slim. Once I was captured and imprisoned in China, I had no choice but to wait for the inevitable: repatriation to North Korea.

One person in my cell took their own life. From far away, we would hear animal-like cries that echoed throughout the facility. Everyone who came in was sent back to North Korea within a week. There were no windows. I tried to track time by the faint movement of light, guessing the hours. One day. Two days. A week... No one came for me, and my anxiety grew worse with each passing day. The prison walls were carved with countless marks—traces of those who had passed through. One day, I noticed three crosses etched into the wall. A scene from a foreign drama I had secretly watched in North Korea suddenly came to mind. There, in that cold, lightless cell, I knelt before the crosses and said my first-ever prayer: **“If You save me from this pit of death, I will live my life for You as my Savior...”**

On the evening of the 89th day, thanks to my father’s desperate efforts and what I can only describe as divine intervention, my mother and I were released from prison. **“We’re taking you to the Republic of Korea.”** Those were the words of the South Korean diplomat—and I was too stunned to believe it. We arrived at Yanji Airport, and I still remember the wave of emotion that hit me as I boarded the plane to South Korea. It remains the happiest day of my life.

“While wandering in the world, I did not know the Lord...” That was the hymn we sang during a worship service at the NIS. As soon as I heard it, tears streamed down my face. I thought about all those years I had wandered in darkness in North Korea, not knowing Jesus, and the grace that had led me all the way here. That day, I accepted God as my Savior.

“
*While wandering in the world,
I did not know the Lord—*
”

Hana Center days after arriving to Korea



HDS School Days



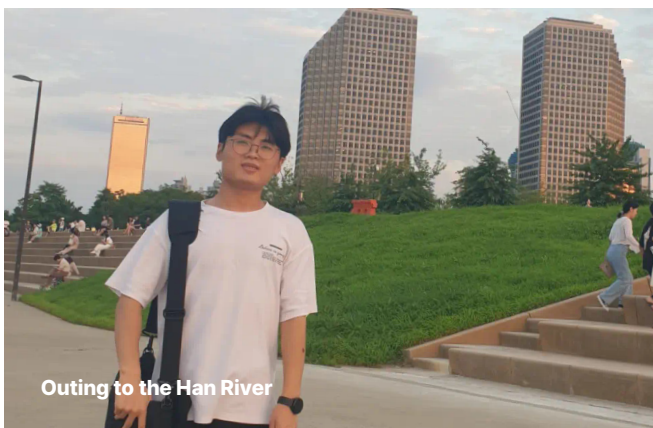
HDS Graduation Ceremony



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the word “dream” in my heart.
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I entered Heavenly Dream School with the desire to pour new wine into new wineskins. I came to continue the education I couldn't complete in North Korea, but everything felt unfamiliar, and I felt incredibly small. Still, I held on to the belief that God was with me, and with that faith, I faced my challenges and began to grow, little by little.

It was here that I was finally able to embrace the word “dream” in my heart. Every moment I spend working toward becoming a software developer—doing what I love with computers—brings me great joy. Though I'm still a university student, I'm determined to grow, graduate, and become someone of value, so that I can be recognized in South Korean society and one day pass on this knowledge and skill to my homeland.



Outing to the Han River



Overseas Volunteering in Indonesia



First Trip Abroad, in New York



Outreach in Miyazaki, Japan:
Sharing Testimony at a Local Church

God chose and rescued me from crisis, and placed people of faith around me. In walking with Him, I have found my true identity. Sharing this love and grace with my homeland is both my calling and destiny. Because I know the pain the people of North Korea live with, I cannot remain silent. The desperate prayer I once cried out for myself in prison has now become a prayer for that land—North Korea.

Please pray with me that *countless souls may receive freedom and the gospel*, and that the day will soon come when *I can finally reunite with my dearly missed younger brother.*

I. SPIRITUAL The Foundation of HDS' education



2025 Graduates' Vision Camp



2025 Leadership Camp

II. ACADEMIC Training Leaders for Reunified Era



Lecture on South Korean's constitutionalism



Blessings Mentoring Ceremony



Addiction Prevention Education



Bullying Prevention Education

III. CHARACTER & HEALTH With a Healthy Body and a Positive Mind



Dental care (Luxe Dentist)



Environment Day, Community service around Bokjeong

IV. NORTH & SOUTH INTEGRATION Experiencing Unification Firsthand



Graduation trip with Seomun Church



2025 1st Exchange with Jungshin Girls' High School

EUC 25, "OUTSHINE"

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A city on a hill cannot be hidden.
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15TH English Unification Camp

OUTSHINE

2025.07.21—25

LOCATION: CENTER FOR UNIFIED FUTURE OF KOREA
SUBJECT: GRADE 6 - 12 (Max 100 Students)
FEE: 400,000KRW (Bank Acct. 931901-04-074807)
CONTACT: heaven@euc25.org
HOST: GOOD SEEDS
MANAGE INST: Heavenly Dream School
AFFILIATION: Good Shepherd Church, NK Missions, CityLight Seoul Church, Handong University

QR Code: EUC25 Student Registration

The Good Seed Foundation, a nonprofit organization supporting the healthy resettlement of North Korean defector youth, is hosting the English Unification Camp (EUC) for North and South Korean students. This historic camp first began in the summer of 2007 through the ministry of the Peace Plan Team from Saddleback Church (pastored by Rick Warren) in the United States. Each year, over 150 North and South Korean students and 150 native-speaking Christian staff and volunteers come together for the camp. This one-of-a-kind 5-day program offers students the rare opportunity to live and learn alongside native English-speaking Christians and North Korean youth. We hope that through this camp, participants will not only improve their English skills, but also deepen their understanding of God's heart and the reality of North Korea, preparing them to become leaders for the era of future unification.

| THEME EUC25, "OUTSHINE" (Matthew 5:14)
| DATES 2025.7.21 (Mon) - 7.25 (Fri) 5 days 4 nights
| LOCATION Location Center for Future Unified Korea (Yeoncheon, Gyeonggi)

English Website Launch

We launched an English website for English speakers. You can hear the latest news in English, and even make donations with foreign accounts.



heavenlydream.org



Donor List

You can access the donor list in the school's website under the "Announcements" page.

Pray for Us

1. We are partnering with domestic and overseas churches and organizations for the vision of a gospel unification. May the Lord guide these relationships in accordance to his will.
2. May the Lord guide the footsteps of the workers He has prepared for the English Unification Camp, so that the camp may be pleasing to Him.

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Become a Family of Our Students

1. HDS Friends (Volunteer Work)

Kitchen Work, 1:1 Tutoring, Administrative Work

(You may request a Certificate of Volunteer Hours through our website)

2. Donations

Monthly Donations (Education fee, Meals fee, scholarships),

Supplies Donations (Food Ingredients, clothes, books, daily supplies, electronics, etc), Special Day Donations

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