

(1) Jim Harries - **Vulnerable Mission in Africa: Why Some of Today's Intercultural Missionaries Should Engage while Restricting Themselves to Local Languages and Resources**

Jim Harries emphasized the local languages and resources. He said that local language can connect people. When you talk to the people in their local language, they will feel that you are responsible. It is not easy to learn the local language and resources but they are very helpful and work well in the place. The local people can understand what you mean very deeply. You may speak in the global language, English; however, they are not able to speak in English. They will be confused and misunderstand what you say. If you learn the local language and talk to them in local language, they will understand and accept what you say. Also, there will be a great connection between you and them. I have been on a mission in other countries and what we prepared was studying their local language. I have never heard about their language before, so it was not easy to study. However, my friends and I studied very hard with the missionary there and memorized their language and memorized praises in their local language. When we praised in their local languages, some were really impressed and some cried. It was hard but it was really worth it.

(2) Marcus Grohmann - **Does (multi)cultural relevance require compromising the gospel?**

There are Challenges for multicultural churches in South Africa

How language influences theological thought

1. Language always refers to an ontological context
2. In translation, meaning is not retained but constructed with respect to the target context
3. Language culture
4. Successful cross-cultural communication requires a shared understanding of reality or 'cultural conceptualizations'
5. Due to differing cultural conceptualizations, meaning can change through translation
6. Difference in worldviews/ontologies between the West and Sub-Saharan Africa.

-Languages other than English should be used in cross-cultural communication without fears of compromising the gospel.

English is a global language; however, there are a lot of people who cannot speak in English. There are a lot of people who use other languages like Spanish, Chinese, etc. It is not easy to learn other languages; however, when we speak their language or the local language, they can understand what you say more clearly and they can accept Jesus. If the Holy Spirit works, the language does not matter; however, it is true that it is helpful to tell them the gospel more clearly if we use their languages. We should study their language and their culture. If we are too

different, then they will feel uncomfortable and we may make a lot of mistakes against their culture.

(3) Daniel S. H. Ahn - **Communicating the Name of 'God' in the Chinese Scripture: The Jesuit Matteo Ricci's Translation of the Name of 'God' as Shangti in the True Meaning of the Lord of Heaven**

-The Western Roman Catholic missions along with colonial expansion.

-shangti : one supreme being

-Ricci's conclusion in the TMLH Confucian Monotheism

-Chinese Rites Controversy, 1633-1742

-God(theos) : Shangti vs Shen

-conclusion : Christianity vs Greek Philosophers : in : unknown God, Greek poem logical dialogue Professor Stanley asked a question about Hananim which means God in Korea. He explained the

history very clearly. He said in 19c, people used Yahweh and Elohim.

There are two words, 'Hananim' and 'Hananim'. Hananim means God and Hananim is a god in the sky. It is just one vowel difference; however, the meanings are different. In Protestantism, people use Hananim, God and non-Christians and People in Catholic use 'Hananim'.

We learned about Shangti and I have never heard about that term. However, it was quite impressive that the instructor analyzed the word very deeply. There are a lot of histories, behind backgrounds, etc. People just use what they usually use without thinking or deep analysis. With one word, we can learn the history, background and the real and deep meaning of a word.

Even though the instructor was not a Chinese, but a Korean, he could explain Chinese history and background of the word, Shangti.

(4) Rev. Alan Totire, PhD - **Speech acts: The relationship between semiosis and identity formation: an exploration into immigrant believers from Muslim backgrounds and the attainment of a positive Christian identity.**

He talked about his family and he tried to persuade his family. He explained the jargons.

He said that we should make a community again in church.

People do not know their social identity. We should help them realize their social identity. They do not know well and they do not know how to find it.

In Muslim community, people experience the Holy Spirit before hearing about Jesus Christ.

People think that people should explain about Jesus Christ to the non-Christians very clearly; however, we cannot change them. The Holy Spirit in us changes them. So, people in Muslim community could experience God through the Holy Spirit even before hearing about Jesus Christ.

In conversion story, people repented and asked God for forgiving them.

People try to change people and try to convey gospel to people. When we try to do these with our own strength and ability, then, we will think that we did them and made them. We should trust the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, God saved the people in Muslim as well. God waits until everyone believes in God, accept Him as Lord and praise Him.

Also, we should help other people find their social identity.

(5) Jerry M. Ireland, PhD - **Proclaiming Mercy and Practicing Salvation: St. Basil's Practical Theology of Evangelism and Social Action**

-A unique contribution

-Basil visited foreigners.

-helping the poor : Basil tried to help people in need and the poor.

-Preach and social status : He had preaches.

-Working for Africa, saving people : He worked for Africa and tried to save people. I could think about Jesus in this context.

-Commitment for community was challenging : It is not easy at all to commit for community.

-Solitude doesn't cure anything. People want to live their lives quietly and peacefully. These days, when some people try to do something, some of people support them and cheer them; however, some are against them and blame them. They do something good or nice, people blame those. So, people tend to live their lives quietly or keep their solitude. If they keep their solitude, it does not cure anything. When they are hurt, they should ask for help and when they do something for God's glory, they should break their solitude and live activity for God's glory.

Basil visited foreigners. If he stayed where he was, it would be really comfortable. It would be really easy; however, he visited foreigners and moved around. He did that for other people to help and God's glory.

(6) Josh Meares - **Communicating for the Frontiers: How Communication and Marketing Impact Christian Non profits Working in Restricted-Access Countries**

-Uses of social media (Gunitsky 2015)

1. Reframe narrative
2. Conduct surveillance
3. Mobilize and coordinate supporters

Ai

1. Identify humans : In China, people put numbers on others' faces. So, they could identify the people with numbers.
2. Map human connections : We are connected on Facebook and other social media.
3. Extrapolate human beliefs and activities

AI + globalization + social media = Bentham's panopticon

The Christian NGO : mission-minded workers, raising funds,

Most of people use social media. I do not want to say that social media is bad. It is neutral thing. It changes how we use it. Some people use social media for fun or to brag what they have.

However, if we, Christians, use social media wisely, we can expand the Kingdom of God. Most of people are connected on social media and Facebook. If we use AI, globalization and social media wisely, we can convey the gospel to the world. A lot of non-Christians live their lives without knowing Jesus Christ. Most of us have the Internet and computer and we should do something with our tools for other people. It will change people around us and change the world. In NGO, they do a lot of good things for God's glory.

(7) Michael D. Crane - **The Herald of Good News in Isaiah: Missiological Implications**

Heralding good news in Isaiah.

40:9 Zion/Jerusalem are the heralds of good news to surrounding cities

41:27 Jerusalem is given a herald of good news

-52:7 Good news to Jerusalem and then to the nations

1. Declaring the word of God
2. Singing in joyous response
3. Living as God's redeemed people

60:6 the nations become heralds

From city to cities to the world

-Jerusalem : drawing worshippers from the world

-Missional movement to and from Jerusalem

-Flow from one city to the ends of the earth (via other cities)

Six insights for the church

1. God speaks (40:1) and declares his salvation
2. The role of heralding the good news is intended to be transferable
3. God's people are called to declare good news internally and externally
4. The imagery of the herald bringing the gospel entails geographical movement
5. The good news goes first to a major urban center and from there the good news goes to the surrounding cities and towns. It happened in the urban center; however, people tried to convey the good news here and there. So people in the world could hear the gospel.
6. The good news in Isaiah is tied to the saving work of the servant

(8) Shinmyoung Kim - **Intercultural Communication for Forming Relational Self by Transforming Embodied Feeling of Cultural Cold War in Intercultural Spiritual Formation of Korean Evangelicals**

-Cultural cold war : a Cold War strategy that provided propaganda, such as newsreels, posters, arts,.

- Embodied feeling : ‘intuitive feeling of culture’ is associated with ‘feeling of appropriateness’ as a particular cultural norm.
- Nationalism in cultural cold war media
- Dokdo Island : This is an island in South Korea, and Japan asserts that it is their territory. Korea and Japan have been arguing this for a long time. Korean people get upset about this because there are Korean police men in Dokdo Island. They are not soldiers but police men. That means, it is Korean territory. Japanese people keep trying to change the name of Dokdo island to dakeshima on other maps and they hire professors in Harvard and others to tell people that Dokdo is Japanese territory. Koreans live in Dokdo island and Koreans do not understand why Japanese people do these things.
- Korean fishery
- Han Kyung-chik : advisor of US military government
- Principles of intercultural communication :
Empathy :
Dignity : respect bearers of God’s image
Evangelism in Korea : conservative evangelism. Hatred on immigrant and minority Muslim, terrorist...
North Korea: The instructor does not have enough resource, so he does not know well.
They went through the cold war and refugee.

(9) Peter Musembi Ndaita - ***Taiyai Ngai: Challenges and Opportunities for the Gospel in Contemporary Kiikamba Christian Music.***

I could not understand his accent that well, so I could not write enough note. I will try my best to make the note 200 words.

1905 : 26th Roosevelt visited Africa.

Salvage (structure)

-Christian music : We should worship every day. People think they worship only on Sunday. However, we should keep ourselves holy and we should worship every day and every moment. If we worship only in church and live the rest of our lives different from when we are at church, God would not be happy about our lives.

-Song, dance combo : Everyone loves music and a lot of people sing praises and they worship with dance. We should think about the combo too. With both factors, it may double Grace and people can meet God deeply.

Music is great media to convey gospel. There are a lot of ways to convey gospel. Some people teach, some people become pastors and some people use their own talents. People can praise, dance, compose, write lyrics and play musical instrument. It will be really helpful for people who do not know God. They have no chance to meet God because they do not go to church. They listen to gospel and can have a chance to feel God’s love. When they listen to God, Holy Spirit will touch their heart and they will have a faith.

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Ways to Convey the Gospel to Non-Christians in Other Nations Effectively

Recently, we had spent such a special Easter day. Due to Covid-19, some people had a Easter Sunday online.¹ We celebrated Eater day and we may learn about what Jesus did after His resurrection. He was ascended to Heaven. Before He went to the Heaven, He said something to His disciples. That is called 'The Great Commission'. "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19) This is what He said before He was ascended, so we can see that it is very important. There are a lot of racial discrimination and violent criminals these days; however, when we take a look at the Bible, what people do on other nations violent and how people treat other nations unfairly are not what Jesus wants at all. Gospel is not only for Christians and Eater day is not a day that only Christians celebrate. What Jesus wants is to make disciples and to baptize them in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. I would like to talk about the three things to convey the gospel to non-Christians in other nations effectively based on the conference 2021.

First, we should learn local language. When we go to other countries for a mission, we usually use the global language, English. We may think everyone would understand English very well; however, there are many countries that do not teach their nations English. In addition, even nations who learn English as a mandatory course in their schools, have hard time in speaking and understanding English. As Jim Harries said in the conference, people understand and reply better when people use their local language. When I went to Bangladesh

¹ WSB-TV, List: Where to watch Easter Sunday and Passover services online, April 1, 2021.
<https://www.wsbtv.com/entertainment/things-2-do/watch-easter-sunday-service-online/C5RYOMQZ3ZAPTF7NWNNAVKQ4PZE/>

for a mission, I tried hard to learn the basic conversation, Bible verses and praise lyrics in their language. When we sang praises in their local language, they cried and accepted Jesus Christ.

Secondly, we should use social media for a mission. According to Josh Meares' lecture on the conference, he showed how powerful the social media was and what we can do with social media for a mission. Most of people use social media and we can use this for a mission very effectively. Some people use social media for their advantage. They use it to show off what they possess or for making money or just for fun. However, Christians can use social media for a mission. It is a time to think about this deeply, because it is harder to go to abroad countries these days due to covid-19. We should not give up on going to abroad countries for a mission. We can convey the good news to people if they have the Internet. We can give them chances to meet God in person even though they and we are in different places. In their house or space, they can see what we write on their computer. We can write about Jesus' love or good writings about God. Also, we can draw pictures of Bible stories and post them on our social media.

There are a lot of ways; however, people just focus on their showing off. People just focus on what they can achieve and they can possess. When we throw away our needs and greed, we can fill ourselves with thoughts about the kingdom of God. We can think about many ways to convey the gospel to people in other countries through the Internet. People usually think that going on a mission is going to abroad countries. However, we can be missionaries in where we are. If we use the Internet wisely, we can convey the gospel to people to close countries and even far countries.

Thirdly, we can use music for the gospel. Most of people love music. I have never seen someone who does not like music. The genres that they love may be different; however, most of them love music. If someone makes good songs and melody with Christian lyrics, it can be a

way to convey the gospel to people. Non-Christians do not want to go to church or read the Bible. When they listen to a good song, they may listen to the song again and again. They do not understand the lyrics; however, if they really like it, they would find the lyrics and try to know the meaning of the lyrics. After they find the meanings, they may believe in God and have a good faith in God.

Also, if some musicians compose music with a lot of prayer, the music itself, even though there are no lyrics, people can meet God through the melody, musical instrument or the song. People can have a chance to feel God's love through the music. As Peter Musembi Ndatant said on the conference lecture, we can sing, compose, dance and do things through music.

I mentioned this already on the Perspectives on Mission assignment. I recorded a praise song in this year. A composer composed the melody, a doctor/a poem wrote lyrics, a photographer took a picture of me for the album cover, a studio worker recorded the music, an arranger arranged the song and a guitarist played the guitar. I spent most of the money because I tried to release an album many times, but every time I could not do it because there was a problem in an agency. We did this only for God's glory. We do not do it for showing off or making money or being famous. I will release this next week and I do not know what would happen yet; however, the one fact is that people who have worked for this album so far felt God's love.

I thought about three ways to convey the gospel to other countries effectively: learning the local language, using social media and playing Christian music. I can combine these three altogether. I can keep making music and post them on social media. I recorded the music in Korean version and English version; however, I can keep recording it in other languages and local languages in other countries. It would not be easy but I want to try my best for God's glory.