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In this sense, God changed the name of *Abram* to *Abraham* when he still had no children. When God sent His Son to save humans, God gave Him the name *Jesus*, meaning -- *He saves His people from their sins*.

When one claims that he partakes in the Berea movement and yet is reluctant to use the name *Berea*, it is probably due to the anticipating persecution and to avoid it. Although the level of persecution varies depending on the areas and situations, it is inevitable to endure persecution when his ministry is out there

openly under the name of *Berea*. Nevertheless, churches using the name *Berea* have a stronger sense of mission, and there are many examples of church revival.

Increasing the number of churches suffering under the name of Berea accelerates the success of the Berea movement. It takes toil of the first person to lay down a new path, but as more people use the path it finally becomes a road.

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Semuon is the founding pastor of Sungrak Church. He was confident that Sungrak Church would be the mother of all the churches that long to return to God's word. Sungrak Church was planted as a church that takes after the Bible. By God's blessing, Sungrak Church has been full of the truth and power, has grown so rapidly that even the world has noticed, and has brought forth so many spiritual leaders.

In addition to knowing the Picture of God's Will, we must understand what the life and ministry of the Gospel mediator Semuon was like in the past decades, how Sungrak Church which he has established and nurtured has grown, and how it actually has carried out the mission of Gospel mediation. These

understandings are vital to ensure the identity of the Berea movement.

“Think of those who have come to you with the word of God and have led you, pay attention to the end of their deeds and imitate their faith” (Hebrews 13: 7).

By all means, the enemies will hinder Bereans of the world from taking after Semuon and Sungrak Church. However, Semuon and Sungrak Church are the stump of the Berea Movement.



Letter from Bulgaria_Issue 4

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Dear Sungrak Bereans!

Me and my wife as well as other Bereans here in Burgas are completely sure that we cannot find a Bible based teaching like Berea anywhere else in the world. This is a perfectly God-centered teaching of Gospel that indeed enables us to prepare for our Lord's second coming!! In other words, this teaching is "Life-saving Word!"

We are fully convinced about this! You are very blessed and it is a great honor for us to be part of the Berea Movement!

Though you are now passing through some spiritual turbulence, believe me, God will make the true Sungrak people and Bereans the forerunners of His work, and Yahushua Hamashiach will grant your church the power to overcome any further turbulence and ready for His kingdom. May God richly heal, recover and bless all of you as never before. Let all be qualified as the bride to the Bridegroom!



He evangelizes and baptizes just as God has commanded us.

From Bereans in Bulgaria

Letter from China_Issue 4

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I am a pastor of New Testament Berea Church in China. Our church was founded three years ago. I accepted the Lord in 2008 and started my faith life thankfully in at Berea Church, and my faith matured as I listen to sermons from you, Pastor Ki-Dong Kim. Especially after studying Berea Academy, I realized just how important the words taught in Berea are. Through the study, everyone I studied with were set free from blind obedience, ignorance, religion, idolatry, mysticism, and the captivity of the law. Pastor, you have suffered severe persecution from other denominations, worse yet, by some of your own church members as you are carrying out the mission of Berea Movement. But God loves you. People in the world are being blessed through you.

Though I have never met you, I know you so well through your sermons, books and letters. To me, you are the greatest pastor I have ever met. I am the most blessed person to have experienced this strong, honest, and sincere paternal love as well as the humble, obedient, and tender maternal love from you. I love you and admire you Pastor Kim.

I am proud that you are my shepherd. To buy land for church building, you toiled by visiting the loan officer of the bank twenty-one times until your eyebrows turned all white; for 10 souls to come to your newly planted church, you endeavored in prayer constantly day and night; to heal the sick, you suck the puss out of a leper's foot; you put pebbles in your mouth to be Semuon -- *though I see I do not speak*. How I desire to be just like you!

I learned gratitude, faithfulness and perseverance from you. Pastor, how I long to meet you! How I long to tell you that we are a Berean Church too, that we are Bereans too and that we are your fruit. It is my sincere desire to make you happy, comfort you, and show our gratitude for your teachings.



In light of what is happening in our mother church, we can see how much the devil hates and is jealous of you Pastor Kim. I want to protect you, and at times I'm so concerned about you but I know you are strong, bold, steadfast, and unswerving like the Pine-Bamboo-Rock.

During all this, I stand beside you and support you. I want to be with my mother church during the times of sufferings or joy. I want to share the persecution for Berea Movement. I am a Berean! I am a Berean, sharing the same responsibility and calling with you!

How can I ever repay you for your teachings and caring? I will work more earnestly for the ministry by making more disciples and bearing more fruit. Ever since we first planted our church, we pray for you pastor, your wife, and your son Pastor Sung-Hyun Kim at every dawn prayer meeting. We are also

constantly praying for the current situation of our mother church.

Pastor Kim, thank you for the calligraphy you have written for our church -- *The Blood of Life, the Blessing in All*. Thank you for your blessing. We have it framed and hung in our church. Just as you have written, I will rely on the blood of Jesus, I will not forget the grace of the Lord, and I will serve Him in gratefulness until the end. Since God is my Father, I will think of the work of the Father, and I will fulfill His work through our church. I will never be ungrateful. I will never grieve you.

Happy birthday Pastor Kim. We pray for health and peace for you and your wife.

Minister Chang, New Testament Berea Church

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