



# CEF ASIA PACIFIC FAMILY NEWS

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*An interview:*

## Rev David Ra is the New Regional Leader



*Rev David Ra*

**Q: Can you tell about yourself?**

A: I was born in Korea on November 13, 1965. My Korean name is Wonjune Ra. My surname Ra has a southern Chinese origin. Actually I noticed there are many Ras in Hong Kong. I guess my old, old ancestors moved from China to Korea.

I was not a Christian until the age of 19. My big question when I was 11 years old was "Why are people born and then die?". Nobody answered that (serious) question. At 13 years old, I started to attend church but accepted Jesus as my personal Savior six years later. (No one in church told me the Gospel).

**Q: How did you get to know CEF?**

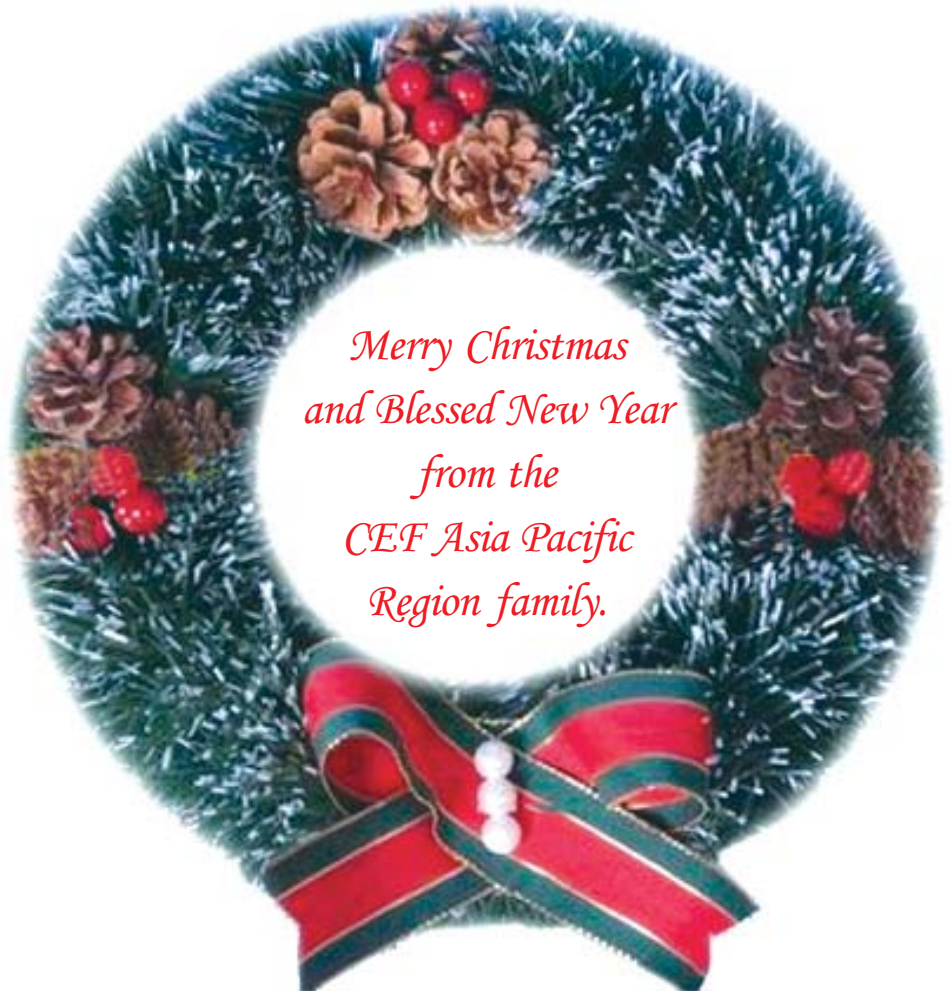
A: God first called my wife Lara into this children's ministry. That time she was single and was working as a flight attendant with Cathay Pacific Airways, living in Hong Kong. She was influenced by a Korean missionary who was sent to Hong Kong by CEF Korea. She found her life's calling to CEF ministry and started her Good News Club®. She came to be known as "crazy girl" among her colleagues because she gave up all long-flights (which is lucrative) in order to lead her GNC. I believe God loved her enthusiasm.

Whenever she would meet me on her flights to Korea, she urged me to change the course of my life and devote myself to God for children's work. At first, I did not like the suggestion because I studied English very hard and wanted to use it to fulfill my life's dream to interpret for the president. But God showed me that He was calling me to the ministry and I obeyed Him. Now, I'm more than satisfied interpreting His

Word to teachers and children. His ways are always higher than ours!

**Q: How did you decide to join the AP team?**

A: After I gave myself to God for children's work, Lara and I got married on Christmas day of 1993. I started seminary studies in 1995 and we both started working with CEF Korea. My wife worked full-time and I was part-  
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*Merry Christmas  
and Blessed New Year  
from the  
CEF Asia Pacific  
Region family.*

**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given ...  
and His Name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor,  
...The Prince of Peace."**

**May the peace that Jesus brings fill your heart with warmth and wonder  
this Christmas and everyday throughout the New Year.**

# Training in the Region

(in photo)



*Indonesia Preschool Course*



*Japan TCE 2*

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Meanwhile, there was a Teaching Children Effectively™ (TCE™) 2 course held at the National Headquarters in Japan. Ten students attended. Japanese staff helped me teach. Level two is so great as we recognize the importance of a child knowing how to apply God's Word in his life so he will grow to be more like Jesus.

Following the wonderful Asia Pacific Regional Conference in Korea last September was a Level two course in Singapore. There were eight faithful Instructors concerned about the children growing in grace and the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. It was a blessed time of learning for both students and Instructors. I write this report reminded of the needs of children around the Region, and joyful how God is raising up many teachers and Instructors.

- by Jan Johnson



*Singapore Preschool Course*



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