



 VALLEY VIEW

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English Leadership Ministry (ELM) exists to empower North Korean young adults to become leaders and witnesses of Christ in our local and global community through education. This is accomplished two ways: 1) Provide English education, mentorship, Bible studies and leadership training. 2) Practice grace through life together in a safe and harboring Christian community.

ELM started with 12 North Korean students in 2019. All have graduated universities and are working in their respective fields as banker, IT programmer, architect, nurses, engineer and two are in the US pursuing masters & PhD degrees on Fulbright scholarships. The first set of students have now become supporters, mentors and leaders within ELM. 16 more students have joined the ministry since 2020. There are now a total of 28 students with 5-10 more students expected within the next 18 months.

Recently, ELM took the 3rd annual Vision Trip to the US with four students. The team visited Dallas, Chicago, Urbana/Champaign, Minneapolis and Los Angeles. This allowed the students to vision-cast and network with various supporting churches, organizations, and individuals.

ELM is in the process of becoming a Korean nonprofit organization (currently a Christian NGO status) to further its reach and be able to work closer with government and private sectors.

SAM AND LILLY OSEE

Sam and Lilly Osee are native Dallasites who were members of Valley View Christian Church from 2010 to 2018 when they moved to South Korea to start serving North Koreans. They continue to advocate for North Koreans and help overcome generalizations of North Korean people.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Not all ELM students are believers. Pray that all students come to know and have a relationship with Jesus.

ELM is planning Vision Trips to the US in January/February 2025. Several fundraisers are planned for these annual trips (Walkathon, flea markets, NK food night, etc).

Pray for God to continue to bring along new students to serve, volunteers to teach English, and strategic partners to provide financial support and network.

As the 6th year of ELM begins, pray we will continue to follow God and be sensitive to Spirit in planning and gaining additional partnerships locally and in the US for growing costs for the ministry. In 2019, ELM began with one full time staff (Pastor Christine) and one part time staff (Pastor JB). We now have three full time staff: Pastor Christine (education, counseling), Pastor JB (administration, counseling) and Jinhi (marketing, fundraising, PR). Lilly and Sam are non-paid staff. As more students are inspired to pursue academic and professional careers in the US, Lilly and Sam are praying through transitioning back to the US to provide support from the US.

Pray for the Osee Family's health and their son Elisha's elementary education.