

Fairhaven Internships Around the World

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1. *Where are you completing your internship?*

I am doing my internship in Incheon, South Korea. The name of the church is Incheon International Baptist Church, and Bro. Mike Genger is the pastor, and who I am working under directly.

2. *When complete, how long will your internship have been?*

My internship will last a total of two months. I arrived June 8th, and I leave August 8th.

3. *What are some of the main responsibilities you have been given as part of your internship?*

My responsibilities include putting church invitations on every apartment door in the Songdo district of Incheon. There are a total of 300,000 people in the district of Songdo alone and there are close to around 300 or 400 individual apartment buildings. Each apartment is anywhere from 10 to 40 floors high. So, in all, there are thousands of homes to be reached!! I do that every Tuesday and Thursday. Another responsibility of mine is to do four Adult Sunday School lessons. I started the week after I arrived and have two lessons left. I am also cleaning the church on the days that I am not out putting flyers on doors.

4. *Tell us about the people you are ministering to.*

The people we are ministering to here are very friendly. The culture here has a very community-oriented mindset. They will bend over backwards to do just about anything for you. The church here is a young one, but the core members truly love God and have a desire to see their church grow. The lost in the community have an overall respect for the church,

but as with any affluent society, money and possessions become a god. The people here are very well off financially, and there is a very low poverty rate. However, that does not mean there aren't still spiritual battles that must be fought on a regular basis. Overall, it is a very international and affluent people that this ministry has an impact on. Many of the Koreans are hungry to learn English so it is fairly easy to get around, although, many times it still is difficult to communicate.

5. *How has this opportunity helped to prepare you for your future ministry?*

One aspect of this internship that I have learned and, I believe, will have an impact on my future ministry, is that communication is key when dealing with church matters. Because there is a slight language barrier, it is essential that your message and ideas are communicated effectively and accurately. Not just with preaching and teaching, but also in meetings and any decision that the church makes. Also, I have learned that as a missionary, one should not try to change the culture of the people to an American culture. There are many cultural differences but that is okay. If it is not against the Bible, then it is not necessarily wrong just because America doesn't do it that way. Lastly, something that I believe will help me is to make sure to let the people that I am working with get involved in the church and help as much as they can. This is essential for their spiritual growth.

