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### Seon Cho's essay on Golden Happiness

#### Of serving others

I had a foggiest idea about being happy by serving others. My next door neighbor serves as volunteer at public library. She is 98 years old; walks upright, dresses neatly, goes to beauty shop every Friday, and lives alone. Other couples are retired pastor and counsellor in mid seventy. They are active in helping others in counselling and facilitating community services. Those folks are examples of being happy by serving others.

My wife, once again coaxed me into serving others as volunteer at University of Nations at Kona, Hawaii. This place is known as headquarter of Youth with Mission. The University is founded on biblical principles to get know Jesus Christ and to be known Him throughout the world. It is professional and spiritual training institute.

Several thousand folks come from all over the world, trained and being sent out to various places as Christian missionary.

One night at bed time, my wife started talking about Christian Couples Seminar to be held at University of Nations, Kona, Hawaii. She resurrected joy and blessing we received attending that seminar as students about one year ago.

Honey, I signed you up as staff for Christian couples seminar  
what am I supposed to do?

You are the time keeper and welcoming staff

time keeper, I mumbled

for how long?

Only two weeks, School leader, Pastor Moses likes you.

Before dozing off, I was busy calculating expense involved with going to Kona, Hawaii, staying there for two weeks and serving as volunteers of supporting that seminar. It would cost at least \$5,000 dollars for air fare, accommodations and other expenses. My wife, softly padding my back, charmed me to go to Kona, Hawaii. Acquiescently I accepted.

When we arrived at Kona, it was hot and humid early July. Pastor Kim, Kona Korean church welcomed us at airport by placing Hawaiian Lei onto our necks, and brought us into tiny apartment at Hualalai Street, steep hill side behind the University of Nations. From the apartment to tent class room where we supposed to serve is about one mile. We walk at least 2 miles every day for doing our volunteer job.

About 22 couples, 44 students signed up for the class. Most of them are coming from South Korea. The attendees include couples of pastors, government executives, dentist, editor and business men. Youngest couples are late twenty and oldest are early seventy. Students are accommodated at guest rooms of Go center and being treated them as if they are kings and queens.

Volunteers, called as staff to the seminar are over 20. Staffs are deployed to serve the attendees. My wife put me there to learn and acquire joy of serving others. I was the oldest staff. Staffs, I called them free workers are from all over the world; two couples are Chinese pastors of Chinese underground churches, three professor's family from Korea, several couples who migrated to Kona, and various other professionals. One impressive volunteer is retired dentist from Los Angeles heading for Christian missionary to China.

The volunteers come to the seminar room at 7.30am, before class start. The meeting begins with pray, reading bible, review the daily activities as to who should do what. When they face an issue, school leader suggest that we all pray for the alternative. For example, when Kona was warned of Tropical storms, staffs were asked to pray for the alternative to their planned beach picnic.

My volunteer work starts from 7:00am to 7:00pm. I was assigned the easiest chores, carrying bags of attendees when they check in and ring the hand carrying bell for alerting attendees for beginning and resuming classes. My wife's job was hard and multi task chores involving decoration of class room, cooking, preparing snack, and cheering staffs. She was energetic and was thriving. I can see that she was totally happy being servant to the class attendees.

Two weeks of volunteer chores led me to gimps into happiness by serving others. My wife was conditioning me to see the world of joy by serving others. I am not good at serving others, but now I can see a new joy stemming from serving others.

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surrounding. The Leisure World is our nirvana. Having had experiences of serving others at the Kona, now I know, I can enrich my golden happiness by helping others at our community.

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.( Luke 10:2 )

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