

10 March 2010 An Unusual Day for the Edlins

- ● ● **6.00 am.** Dawn. An unusual sight greets us. Temperatures are below zero and no public transport is running. A few minutes earlier the students in the dormitories had been woken up to be told that the normally compulsory morning prayer meeting would not be held.



*Above: the view from our lounge. The sea is out there somewhere.
Left: The view from our kitchen looking up to the university.*

- ● ● **8.30 am.** Classes are cancelled for the day. A good chance to prepare for classes or is there something else to do?

- ● ● **9.00 am.** Student volunteers clearing the roads in the university. Improvisation when there are no snow ploughs and no snow shovels.



The "shovels" are made from old bits of plywood – Korean ingenuity!





10.00 am. Snowball fights with some international students for many of whom it was the first time that they had seen snow. President Sun Soo Kim unexpectedly visits the impromptu event.



11.00 am. About 200 international students on their way to an outing hurriedly organised for them by President Kim.



Along the way: the army are out clearing the streets and a local boy on a makeshift sled!

- ● ● **12.00 pm.** International students enjoy ice-skating many for the first time. President Kim had called an ex-student and arranged for the local rink to be opened at no expense to the students.



- ● ● **1.00 pm.** Lunch provided for everyone. Ramyeon, or instant noodles are a favourite standby here in Korea.



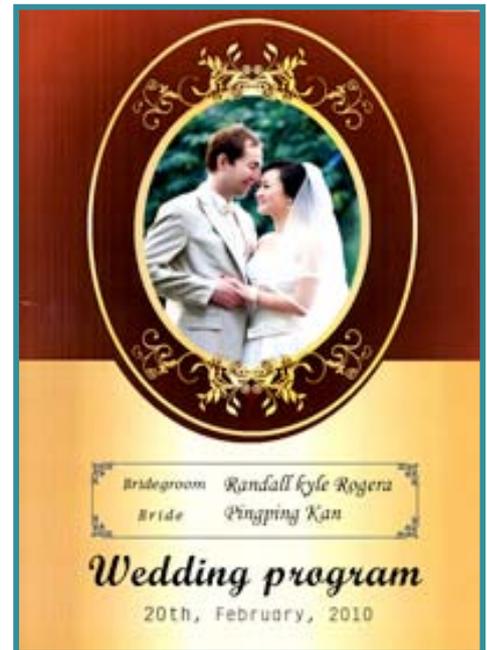
- ● ● **2.00 pm.** The snow is clearing, taxis and buses have started running so the foreign professors catch a taxi back up the hill. Kosin is perched on the side of a mountain on the tree line in the photo. Walking down the hill was fine but uphill...



- ● ● **6.00 pm.** As we prepare this newsletter the temperature has already dropped below zero. While a lot of the snow has melted the roads were still wet when the sun went down. Will the roads be sheets of ice tomorrow? We wait to see.

Other Happenings

In February, the first of the international students graduated from Kosin University. Pray for these students most of whom have returned to their home countries including Philippines, China, Cambodia and Indonesia. Pray that they may become Christian leaders, being salt and light in the new era of their lives.



During the semester break four of the international students got married. Richard was asked to give the bride away at the Korean celebration for one of the students, Pingping. Pingping had been married in China a few weeks earlier. Pray for these students as they begin their married lives especially as the busyness of the semester begins.

Prayer Matters



- The 20-episode education series presented by Richard, which was filmed in November, has been approved by education authorities in Korea as an endorsed professional development activity. It's now available online on a Korean teacher professional development education website. Praise the Lord, and pray for a positive impact on education in Korea.
- Please pray for Richard and Annette as they prepare for a visit to rural Philippines next month to talk to Christians about worldview and education. Access to some areas will be by several hour horseback rides!
- Please pray for an emerging project that Edserv is developing in cooperation with Kosin University, to provide online courses on Christian worldview and Christian education. The proposal is to provide these programs in English, Korean and Chinese!
- Please pray for the viability of the proposed Christian teacher support trip to India in July (see last *Edservings*). This is a strategic ministry for Indian Christian educators in Tamil Nadu province, but at present there are insufficient participants from the Christian teaching community in Australia to allow it to go ahead. Please **urgently** contact Annette (aedlin@edservinternational.org) if you want more information or are willing to support someone else to travel and help Indian Christian educators.