



WEEKLY COLUMN in TORONTO
CANADA

Melvin University with Me



Characteristics of Short term project (3)

When I arrived in Korea, my face turned completely black, and people were disappointed that I could hardly do it because I had just started construction. But since it started, what should I do? But two or three weeks later, people began to inquire. They were curious about how much they needed. People began to feel urgency (sense of urgency). I knew well that people wouldn't move without this.

So, after two months from April to May, the construction proceeded with a lot of fundraising, so I came back to Kenya to finish it. However, due to COVID-19, he gave up his visa for only a month and reported that the school would open at the end of July when he returned home in July.

However, until returning home, only 80% of the construction had been completed. However, the Ministry of Education said that we should complete the construction by July and open the school in August, otherwise it will be January 2022 the following year. Therefore, when returning to Korea, the conclusion that it should not be more urgent, that is, it remained firm. Of course, there were also opinions that the school should be opened slowly. But I didn't hear such stories. Because I had already learned that when I made a plan, the timetable was clear, so that the date should be clear when it ends and when it arrives at the destination.

So, the date of the Inauguration ceremony was decided to be July 31, and on July 26, I decided to fly with two other pastors and was going to Incheon International Airport. One person took a bus from Iksan, and the other person came to the airport by car from Yongin. The departure flight to Nairobi is close to midnight. I promised to meet at Incheon International Airport at 8 p.m.

But I was taking the Olympic Boulevard near Yeongdeungpo by bus, and I got

a call from Ogilla, Kenya.

The contents, that is, due government inspectors came out from the Ministry of Education, and the opening ceremony at the end of July was not allowed.

I was really at a loss. All three got visas, completed the COVID-19 test. We bought a plane ticket and We are going to the airport, but the opening ceremony will not be held in a few days. So I called the two pastors right away, and the person coming from Iksan came up by bus and said, "What can we do? "Let's go to Kenya and find out more," he said. However, the pastor coming from Yongin said that he had not left home yet, and said, "Why do you work like this?" He even said, "Do we need to go when we can't even start school?"

But what can we do? We bought all the plane tickets. In the end, we started fighting... Anyway, we arrived in Kenya. As soon as we arrived, there were so many complaints. Not only me but also Ogillah was scolded a lot. Anyway, we slept first, woke up tomorrow, and said let's talk more, and that's how the arrival date ended like that.

The next morning, we gathered together and discussed, and opinions were gathered to ask "how much more do you need and give some time to the Ministry of Education." So, the money needed began to be called here and there in Korea, and the Ministry of Education gave us two more weeks, so we got permission to supplement and open the school on August 14, diligently finishing the rest of the construction, and the first class began the week after.

As you can see,

Anyway, Kenya's Melvin University was built in 15 months, and after the simultaneous opening ceremony with approval, classes are currently going well. It was possible to be completed in such a short period of time by mobilizing God's special grace and wisdom given to man, and summarizing some strategies:

First, the firm goal was clear. There was no shaking about it. Second, the result, that is, the energy from the end, was concentrated there. I didn't waste too much energy in the beginning stage.

Another is paradoxical, but at the same time, it was clearly aware of the difficult reality, and at the same time, it continued. Sometimes it's fast like a rabbit, sometimes it's slow like a turtle, but it keeps going. Sometimes like a 100-meter sprint, other times like a marathon.

Finally, it was motivation, which was transferred to external request and internal impulse, sponsored by more than 20 churches and individuals.

In this way, it was also an opportunity to learn how short-term projects were completed.