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Melvin University
and Me

PACE International Fellowship

The PACE International Fellowship has become an important opportunity to socialize with students who came to Korea from abroad. It was started by Dr. Kaping and I.

I was asked to give Melvin's PACE Seminar for a month at a small mission church in downtown, Seoul. (Now, the church is responsible for missionary work for students from all over the world who have come to study at Korea Universities.) There, I was introduced to Dr. Kaping from Nagaland, India. Kaping received his degree from Pune University in India and was born in Nagaland Manipur. He also studied in many countries. When I trained PACE 12 Modules at the church, he loved this ministry. So, I naturally came to attend a meeting of many Nagaland international students in Ansan together. Eventually, meeting foreign students in Korea required a more systematic approach, so I came up with PIF (PACE International Followership). No need for the office, so I held regular meetings every week around the church that Dr. Kaping attended, and constructed the system by making weekly papers.

I met many other Asian students through the meeting. In particular, there were many students from Myanmar, so I went to Myanmar to give church seminars and seminary lectures. On the other hand, I think it is a great achievement to organize and develop English materials so that they can use them. Since I worked for international students from abroad, the more English resources I developed, the better. Even now, after many years, the materials made at the time are still being used well in the English-speaking world, especially in the seminary of Nagaland and Melvin University of Kenya.

While continuing to serve in the PACE International Fellowship, I met Pastor Aloto, who came to Korea from Nagaland, India. I was meeting a lot of Nagaland students in the Ansan area, and there was a new international student from Nagaland, so Dr. Kaping asked me to go and meet him. From that home, I met Aloto, a student from Nagaland, his wife, and daughter. So Aloto entered our ministry and began to work together. Aloto received a scholarship from school in Korea, but he had to survive in Korea, so he eventually became a pastor for English worship at a church in Nonhyeon-dong, and after completing the English service, we continued to study [English PACE Training Module] with several other people.

After completing his degree two years later, Aloto returned to his home country, Nagaland, and finally prepared for the PACE Seminary, which opened in July 2015. This is how the seminary was established in Nagaland. I naturally suggested that he set up the school because he told me, "What to do when I return to my home country.?" After discussing this matter with Dr. Kaping for a few weeks, and three of us agreed to establish the seminary, concluding that this PACE ministry was absolutely necessary for their country.

But the problem was that Aloto didn't have the land to build a school on, so we decided to rent it out for the school. There was an empty two-story building, it cost \$350 a month. So we, from Korea, sent a year. Starting with nothing, the first freshmen were three, two girls and one boy. At that time, I went there and taught three students for just three months after the opening ceremony, and it was July-October 2015, several years ago already.

Anyway, we bought the land a year later for \$60,000 and now the school is progressing well without such burden, so we rushed to buy the land at that time because we concluded it was a waste to throw away hundreds of dollars a month. Anyway, I met Dr. Kaping and started a PACE International Fellowship for foreign students in Korea, and I met Aloto and am grateful that the PACE Seminary was permanently established in Nagaland.