



Book Review:

Ministering Hope for 50 years

by Dr. David Yonggi Cho

When David Yonggi Cho was seventeen years old he became very ill with tuberculosis which at the time was incurable. His Doctor told him he had 4 months to live. Although he was not a Christian, he called out to God in his desperation. He didn't think his prayers had been heard but one day a young girl visited him, told him about Jesus and gave him a Bible. At first he found it difficult to understand - but he came to see that Jesus had died for him. He then wanted to know more and more. He read about people being healed and gradually his own illness improved and he realised that Jesus had healed him too.

He resolved to tell others the 'good news' and has spent his life doing this ever since.

He believed God wanted him to start a church. He attended a Seminary where he met an older woman who he called 'Mother' and together they began a journey that would take them through many trials and difficulties. They had no money for even the basics of life and although he recovered from the tuberculosis his health was not good and he suffered a lot through the years.

The church that he started began with five people meeting in leaky tent. Now many years later, it has grown into the largest church in the world, with a congregation of 780,000 people.

Yonggi Cho has learnt that he must rely totally on the Holy Spirit, and put him first if his work is to succeed.

Read this remarkable account of the life of a remarkable man with his faith and trust in a remarkable God.

This book is available in the Surfside library.

Reviewed by Shirley Peart