*Congratulatory Address for*

*40th Anniversary of Washington UBF Campus Mission*

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**A TOWN ON A HILL**

**"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.”**

**(Mt 5:14)**

Thank God who started Washington UBF in 1975 by calling three nurse missionaries--Esther Lee, Grace Park and Rebekah Lim-- from Korea. In the following years, their husbands Mss. Jacob Lee, Elijah Park, and Luke Lim joined from Korea. It was a time of détente between the USA and Soviet Union. In July of 1975, a historical rendezvous of two countries’ spaceships—Apollo and Soyuz—occurred when three American astronauts and two Soviet cosmonauts conducted an experiment together in the space. At that time, there were rendezvous on earth at Washington DC between the three beautiful women of faith and their handsome and spirited husbands. In 1987, Mss. Moses and Sarah Chang joined from Pittsburgh. USA and USSR returned to cold war in 1980. But these four families stayed together for two to four decades. Overcoming all difficulties, they worked together to shine the light of the gospel to the campus students in Maryland.

God called many faithful leaders and devoted missionaries, beginning with Shep. David and M. Mary Brogi, to work with them. And God has raised a beautiful Christian community of missionaries, leaders, their children, and growing students that sent out missionaries and planted chapters. After 40 years, God blessed Washington UBF to be like a town on a hill with this specious town worship/fellowship hall. I thank and praise God, honor the life of faith and sacrifice of all of you, and congratulate on the 40th anniversary of the initiation of Washington UBF campus mission.

Jesus said, **"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden…. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”** (Mt 5:14, 16)God has blessed Washington UBF because members followed Jesus and obeyed His words by loving one another and sharing God’s love and truth with young college students. Jesus is the light of the world (Jn 8:12). May God bless Washington UBF community to continue to follow Jesus, have Christ’s love for one another and young people, and serve His Great Commission. Through Washington UBF, may God shine the light of Jesus to the heart of America, to all the campuses in the East Coast of America, and the world.