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A Returning Missionary looks at the Korean Anglican Church

Some members of the congregation at DongRae Church, Busan who attended a special service to mark the 50th anniversary of the Austrailian Board of Mission's partnership with the Church in Korea

For six weeks I had the wonderful privilege of visiting all three Dioceses in South Korea when I was on Sabbatical in May and June of this year. Having served as one of the Bishop of Busan's Commissaries for six years, now under two Bishops, I longed to be able to go to Korea and see and experience for myself what the Korean Anglican Church was like at first hand. When my wife and I went as missionaries to Korea from 1975 to 1989 we served with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship alongside the Presbyterian churches so, by God's grace, I feel at ease in the Korean language and ways of living. Over those six weeks I visited more than forty different Anglican communities - churches, Houses of Sharing, retreat centres, Sungkonghoe University, Diocesan offices – and attended the special service in Busan celebrating 50 years of cooperation with the Australian Anglican Church as well an Ordination in Seoul Cathedral. The Bishops and Diocesan Secretaries, in particular, (who organized my interesting and representative itinerary) have shown the most loving hospitality through their priests, deacons, staff workers and people at every moment in my long stay. I have enjoyed my Sabbatical tremendously and met so many remarkable and devoted servants of God.