

All about the Little Angels School that Father founded in Korea

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True Parents on a visit to the Little Angels School

Everyone who attends or teaches at the Little Angels School in Korea understands that Father founded it. Col. Pak's brother, Mr. No Hee Pak, is the acting president; Mrs. Won Pak Choi, Father's close assistant, is the principal. Most of the administration are members of the church but most of the teachers, except for myself and four others, are not members. Blessed children comprise a very small percentage of the student body. The majority of the students come from the surrounding areas and belong to the middle or upper class families who can afford the tuition. Selection is very competitive.



The school building was designed by Dr. [Duk Moon] Aum, who is a very early Korean member and now a prominent architect in Korea who has designed many beautiful buildings, including the King Sejong Cultural Center.

The Little Angels School offers academic studies as well as the arts to children from kindergarten through high school. It is known as a school for the arts which has only one competitor in the country. The facilities are more than adequate; in fact, they are wonderful. One floor of the school is filled with practice rooms for piano, violin, etc. The pianos are Steinways and the rooms are well sound-proofed. There is an entire building devoted to art. The walls are lined with paintings, drawings and etchings created by the students. The practice room for the ballet department is very large and well-equipped with barres and mirrors. The floor

was especially designed to minimize any injuries to performers.

The Ballet Department is composed of five teachers: Adrienne (Dellas) Thornton, who has been there for six years, Katherine Best, Frances Drayton, myself, and one Korean teacher, Mrs. Choi. The ballet department is completely separate from the Korean Folk Dance Department and the Little Angels Troupe, also projects of the Little Angels School. Some of our most talented students have been sent abroad to study. This includes Col. Pak's daughter, Hoon Sook Pak. Mrs. Thornton entered her in a Swiss contest, and she came in fifth place. This was really an accomplishment because it was the first time that a Korean has entered an international dance contest.



The Little Angels School

Just recently a theater was built adjacent to the school, having a large stage and a special fountain with colored lights. The theater was opened in conjunction with the Tenth Conference on the Unity of the Sciences in November; over 700 academicians attended its gala premiere.

As teachers, we are unable to openly witness to our students in the school. But the students know that we are members and at times are curious about our religious convictions and our personal lives. As a result a group of students has been coming to church with us on Sunday~. It is our hope that a ballet company will emerge from the Little Angels School with our church membership strongly represented.

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