

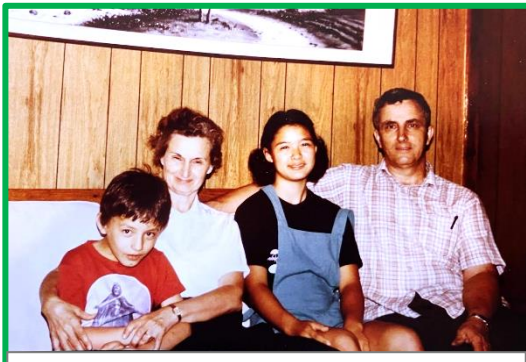
Mission Haven Update – December 2023

REMEMBRANCES: *Betty & Hugh Linton*

In 1953, after the Korean War, Betty & Hugh Linton, a young couple in their mid-20s, departed the U.S. for South Korea as missionaries of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

Hugh toured the remote islands and mountainous areas, planting more than 200 churches. While preaching the gospel via jeep on a bumpy country road, his black rubber shoes often wore out and had holes in them, so his nickname was 'black rubber shoes'.

In 1960, he and Betty came home on furlough and lived at Mission Haven for a year. At the time, they had 5 children; the older two had attended Korean schools. The teachers at Winona Park (near Mission Haven) thought they didn't know any math ... actually, they knew it, but only in Korean!!



*Betty & Hugh Linton with grandchildren
Shalee and Stone Linton, 1983*

After returning to South Korea, Hugh secured about 160 acres of land through reclamation projects and distributed them to the poor.

Meanwhile, in addition to raising six children, Betty was instrumental in creating a tuberculosis (TB) treatment program which served the war-torn Korean countryside. She directed the program from Soonchun, treating approximately two thousand outpatients and operating two TB rest-homes in conjunction with her clinic.

Together, the couple served for over 30 years to battle TB. After Hugh's sudden death in 1984, Betty remained in Korea, continuing her fight against TB until she retired in 1993/1994.

At her retirement, Betty moved to Black Mountain, North Carolina, but continued to visit Korea. In 1995, she and her children helped initiate a charitable mission program for the purpose of ministering to the people of North Korea (DPRK). Christian ministries, instituted by the Linton family for the DPRK, have continued, supported both by South Korean and American churches. Betty received local and national recognition for her medical ministries through the years, including a special award: the acclaimed Samsung Ho-Am prize.

Betty died September 7, 2023. Her wishes were to be buried in Korea next to her husband, so her body was flown *at Korean Air's expense* because of the family's long history in the country.



Merry Christmas! 메리 크리스마스!

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