

# Home

## Make Yourself a Home

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**“There is no place like home.”**

Hotels are great—the rooms are always clean, the bed is always made, you are just a phone call away from getting anything you need and want delivered to your door; and those magical down pillows never seem to fail to lay our tired bodies to full rest. But there is no place like home. However luxurious and glamorous those fancy hotels may offer, we always find ourselves longing to return home. It is not more organized or cleaner, and likely without any of the convenient amenities, but the comfort of home is often unmatched.



Entering the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Rooftop, many including myself are comfortable calling it our home. It isn't fancy or pristine, in fact, the imperfection of each member and the real stories of brokenness and pain might be enough to repel some churchgoers. The furniture is misarranged, clothes are laid on random spots, and of course the cobwebs in places which only you can spot out confirm that you are indeed home.

In the past 2 years, we have really focused on being the kind of church where people can and freely unpack their stories—stories of victory as well as defeat, healing and redemption as well as brokenness and pain too great to have ever disclosed in our entire lives. In doing so, plenty of people have made Rooftop their home. We have made *#intimatecommunity* our not-so-subtle dream and goal and have been doing all we can to have more find their home in us.

With a bit of faith and humility, we see that God is honoring our commitment to build Rooftop together. The most common thing we hear when people share of their decision to join/stay at Rooftop is, “people are genuine. I feel like I can be me here.” I can only pray that this will be true in the years to come as well.

Father, O how I long to hear the words, “there is no church like Rooftop” from the mouths everyone and anyone who may pass through the church however long it may be.

# Ministry Update

Here is a quick review of 2016.



3 babies dedicated in March



4.13~6.29 Nine new members completed the membership Class



3.27 Baptized (Grace, Andrea, Irene)



7.29~7.31 Summer Retreat @ The Oaks



Took over the lease of the building in October



10.22 Pumpkin Carving



10.30 Trunk-or-Treat

\*There are currently 58 adults and 17 children in our tribe journeying together. Uno Choi has joined the staff as an administrator and we're also looking for an associate pastor.

### Prayer Requests

- **Ownership**—We pray for increased commitment from old and new members as we believe the year 3 will be a year of significant growth
- **Supernatural**—We pray for healing over those that are sick both physically and mentally

- **Leadership**--We pray to solidify our core leadership while expanding the pastoral leadership
- **Location**--We pray to hear God as to where we should be by this coming July as the children need more space to worship.

## family life

Esther and I celebrated our 10<sup>th</sup> year wedding anniversary. Thanks to our family's help, we got to go away for a night even catching a fantastic show, Boys II Men. I also turned big 4-0 recently and had a birthday party for the first time since I was a kid.

Samuel moved to a school nearby our home and is doing very well in his 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. He also enjoyed his first full season of playing in AYSO (Youth soccer). He has a tremendous love for the game and we love that he enjoys the competitive nature of playing sports.

Abigail loves to learn. We always find her drawing, writing, and rehearsing songs and dance routines. She always knows how to make us laugh wherever we are.

Esther's father is currently battling a stage-4 liver cancer. He is currently receiving treatment in Daejeon, Korea. We hope to have both of her parents who have been missionaries in Russia move back to the states so more time can be spent with the family.

