

Multi-Language Church Event

A VNR Presentation

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**(ANNOUNCER)** LAST SUNDAY A BUSY INTERSECTION PLAYED HOST TO THE INTERSECTION OF THREE LANGUAGES AND FIVE NATIONS. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SOUTHERN BOULEVARD AND FAIRMOUNT AVENUE HOUSES THREE CONGREGATIONS, EACH ONE USUALLY WORSHIPS IN ITS OWN LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, KOREAN, AND SPANISH. THEY MET FOR WORSHIP THIS PAST WEEK AS A SINGLE GROUP BLENDING ALL THREE LANGUAGES INTO ONE VOICE AT THE SAME TIME.

**(2<sup>ND</sup> FRAME):** ASIA WAS REPRESENTED BY IMMIGRANTS FROM KOREA, A NATION WHERE THE NUMBER OF ADHERENTS TO CHRISTIANITY HAS EXPLODED OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS. THESE KOREANS LIVE AND WORK IN THE U.S.

**(3<sup>RD</sup> FRAME):** SPANISH WAS WELL-REPRESENTED BY IMMIGRANTS FROM HONDURAS, COLUMBIA, AND CUBA; ENGLISH, BY THE AMERICANS. THE EXPERIENCE PROVIDED SOMETHING UNIQUE FOR EVERYONE.

**(SOUNDBITE 1):** I LEAD SINGING FOR THE SPANISH CONGREGATION BUT WHEN I HEARD THREE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES SINGING IT WAS A LITTLE CONFUSING AT FIRST.

**(SOUNDBITE 2):** I PROBABLY UNDERSTOOD ABOUT SIXTY PERCENT OF WHAT WAS SAID, BUT I UNDERSTOOD ONE-HUNDRED PERCENT OF THE SPIRIT OF IT.

**(ANNOUNCER):** THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE LANGUAGES AFTER WORSHIP. THE PARTICIPANTS SETTLED DOWN TO A MORE INTERNATIONAL KIND OF LANGUAGE: EATING TOGETHER. EVERYONE FELT ENRICHED BY KNOWING THAT ALL NATIONS CAN PEACABLY EXIST UNDER ONE ROOF. AS WE HEAD INTO THE SEASON OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN, THAT SPIRIT OF THE SEASON WAS ALIVE SEEMED WELL AT THIS ONE CORNER OF THE WORLD.

VIDEO	AUDIO
<p>Live shots of intersection of Southern Boulevard and Fairmount Ave.</p> <p>Scan to a picture of the church building.</p>	<p><b>(ANNOUNCER)</b> LAST SUNDAY A BUSY INTERSECTION PLAYED HOST TO THE INTERSECTION OF THREE LANGUAGES AND FIVE NATIONS. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IN CHATHAM, NEW JERSEY, LOCATED AT THE CORNER OF SOUTHERN BOULEVARD AND FAIRMOUNT AVENUE HOUSES THREE CONGREGATIONS, EACH ONE USUALLY WORSHIPS IN ITS OWN LANGUAGE: ENGLISH, KOREAN, AND SPANISH. THEY MET FOR WORSHIP THIS PAST WEEK AS A SINGLE GROUP BLENDING ALL THREE LANGUAGES INTO ONE VOICE AT THE SAME TIME.</p>
<p>Map of Asia narrows down to and focuses on South Korea.</p>	<p><b>(ANNOUNCER):</b> ASIA WAS REPRESENTED BY IMMIGRANTS FROM KOREA, A NATION WHERE THE NUMBER OF ADHERENTS TO CHRISTIANITY HAS EXPLODED OVER THE PAST FIFTY YEARS.</p>
<p>Map of Latin and South America. Line connects Honduras, Cuba, and Columbia with a line that intersects New Jersey.</p>	<p><b>(ANNOUNCER):</b> SPANISH WAS WELL-REPRESENTED BY IMMIGRANTS FROM HONDURAS, COLUMBIA, AND CUBA; ENGLISH, BY THE AMERICANS. THE EXPERIENCE PROVIDED SOMETHING UNIQUE FOR EVERYONE.</p>
<p>Christian Adila, Spanish song leader, is interviewed by reporter.</p>	<p><b>Sound bite:</b> <i>I lead singing for the Spanish congregation but when I heard three different languages singing it was a little confusing at first.</i></p>
<p>Wayne Felts, a leader of the English-speaking congregation, is interviewed.</p>	<p><b>Sound bite:</b> <i>I probably understood about sixty percent of what was said, but I understood one-hundred percent of the spirit of it.</i></p>
<p>Video of various scenes of the lunch in the church fellowship hall. Reporter speaks with the lunch going on behind her.</p>	<p><b>(ANNOUNCER):</b> THERE WAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE LANGUAGES AFTER WORSHIP. THE PARTICIPANTS SETTLED DOWN TO A MORE INTERNATIONAL KIND OF LANGUAGE: EATING TOGETHER. EVERYONE FELT ENRICHED BY KNOWING THAT ALL NATIONS CAN PEACABLY EXIST UNDER ONE ROOF. AS WE HEAD INTO THE SEASON OF PEACE AND GOOD WILL TOWARD ALL MEN, THAT SPIRIT OF THE SEASON SEEMED ALIVE AND WELL AT THIS ONE CORNER OF THE WORLD.</p>