

# 2018 KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**SHOAIB EBADI**

Shoaib is the Executive Director of Square One (S1) World Media.

Shoaib was born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan. He became a follower of Jesus Christ in 1999 in Pakistan where he was living as a refugee, before immigrating to Canada in 2000. Shoaib comes to Square One with a rich educational background, years of experience in producing Christ-centred media content, and is fluent in three languages: English, Russian and Persian/Dari.

With a graduate degree in Law, Shoaib first worked for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in Uzbekistan. Upon arriving in Canada, he joined the staff at Concordia Hospital as an accountant before moving into ministry in 2006 when he was instrumental in establishing the CHAI Immigrant Centre. In 2009, Shoaib became involved in media ministry for Afghanistan, taking on the position of Global Worker with Pamir Productions, a division of OM (Operation Mobilisation).

*The following Q and A gives us a glimpse into Shoaib's life and ministry:*

**What was it that drew you to become a Christian in Pakistan? Who? And why?**

I was living in Pakistan as a refugee. I became a Christian in 1999 through reading the Bible. A couple from North Carolina started a Bible Study with me. The Bible answered my questions about beginning of life, and how to be saved from sin: that this is only possible through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. My first reason was to learn English by reading the Bible. But God had different plans and He changed my life through reading the Bible.

**Tell us something about your experience with UNHCR in Uzbekistan.**

One thing I saw was how much people suffer when they escape the hardships in their countries. Also, how much they wanted to tell their stories; they wanted to have their stories told so that the world would know and do something about it. The same applies now for Syrian refugees.

**What do you like about media ministry?**

Media ministry is a powerful tool to communicate the gospel and the love of God to unreached people, especially to places like Islamic countries where the local laws do not allow Christianity. Also, media is important for discipleship. "Not only throwing the seeds, but also discipling those who become followers of Jesus."

**What do you like about Square One?**

The Square One team is a very dynamic and unique team with different gifts in media ministry who have a heart to reach out to children, youth and young adults. The facility has a very high potential to serve in the media ministry in Winnipeg, across Canada and around the world. S1 is a well-established ministry – it has a history of almost 70 years of sharing the gospel in six different languages: Spanish, English, Russian, Arabic, Low German and Ukrainian. These 6 languages cover more than 1 billion people in the world – all of them need to hear the gospel. We cannot cover all the people of these languages; we can only do our best to communicate the gospel through our programs. Some of the programs are: *Micah's Super Vlog* an English animated show for children aged 6 - 10; *A Russian* puppet television program for children; *Beautiful Unique Girl* is an English television show as well as YouTube webisodes designed for young women 12 - 19; *Ekj Ran* is a Low German YouTube show that reaches out to young adults 15 - 24; and *Ukrainian* programs for teens and young adults are also featured on YouTube.

Shoaib lives in Winnipeg along with his wife, Mariam, and three teenage children.



**PAUL  
ESTABROOKS**

Paul is a veteran foreign missionary with a deep concern for Christians in restricted countries. He has completed thirty-eight years of ministry to Persecuted Christians with Open Doors International.

Paul is also a story-teller who loves to share the joys and triumphs—as well as the challenges—of members of the part of the Body we call the Persecuted Church.

Over the past thirty-eight years Paul has distributed Bibles, brought encouragement, training and other assistance to Christians living in areas where they are persecuted or are restricted in living out their faith...encouraging them to reach out to others around them.

Paul joined Open Doors-Asia in 1979 as Research Manager for the Asia region. Prior to joining Open Doors, he served with the Far East Broadcasting Company (FEBC) in Manila, Philippines as head of Overseas Radio Programming. There he studied the Tagalog language and he and his wife adopted a Filipino baby girl – Melinda (host of the women's web video program "See, Hear, Love" from 100 Huntley Street).

It was during those years of considerable travel throughout Asia for FEBC that Paul developed an awareness and concern for Christians in spiritually needy countries like China, Russia, Vietnam, Cambodia, India and Burma.

He was the project coordinator for the delivery of one million Chinese Bibles (232 tons) to Shantou, China in one night -- June 18, 1981 -- called *Project Pearl*. TIME magazine called it "*Risky Rendezvous in Swatow*," but Paul says, "for me it was the most exciting night of my life! The subsequent testimonies of Chinese people who received those Bibles suggest it was also the most significant activity of my life...as well as for the other nineteen men on the team." This project is the subject of one of his books and a DVD documentary. He also served Open Doors for three years as Southeast Asia Coordinator -- based in Singapore -- as well as the first full-time Director for Open Doors Canada for five years (1986-1991).

Paul is the author of five books and a number of booklets. One is a major training manual used around the world in 43 languages titled *STANDING STRONG THROUGH THE STORM (SSTS)*. His latest volumes are *ESCAPE FROM NORTH KOREA, NIGHT OF A MILLION MIRACLES: The Inside Story of Project Pearl* and *DAILY INSPIRATION FROM THE LION'S DEN: Devotionals to help you "Stand Strong Through the Storm."*

Paul has led mission trips to Asia for many years. In the summer of 2010 he led a team of sixteen on a prayer walk to northeast China and North Korea. As a representative of Open Doors, he has visited Christians in numerous restricted countries and has shared his experiences of meeting Persecuted Christians with audiences around the world.

Paul co-teaches "*Standing Strong Through the Storm*" (*SSTS*) seminars internationally as well as a seminary-level course titled "*Theology of Persecution and Discipleship*" (*TOPAD*). In North America, he also teaches a 1-day *SSTS* seminar which shares the biblical principles learned from the Persecuted Church.

Paul & co-author Jim Cunningham will be teaching (*SSTS*) at Great Commission Coaching.



**REV. HYEON  
SOO LIM**

Reverend Hyeon Soo Lim immigrated to Toronto, Canada from Seoul, South Korea in 1986 and went on to be the longest serving Senior Pastor at the Light Presbyterian Church, currently located in Mississauga, Ontario. Under his leadership, the small five-family church grew to become one of Canada’s largest Korean-Canadian congregations with approximately 3000 members. With his Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) background and training, the Light Presbyterian Church became a leader and model for Missions, in particular to the Unengaged, Unreached People Groups (UUPG’s), amongst the Korean Diaspora churches. Reverend Lim has led missions trips and movements in nations such as Afghanistan, Haiti, Israel, China, Brazil, Cuba, Kazakhstan, India, the Dominican Republic, South Africa, Mali, Mexico, Jordan, Pakistan, and North Korea to name a few. He has also been invited to speak on numerous occasions in Canada, the US and in South Korea, on the topic of missions, the Korean diaspora, and raising the next generation of leaders.

Recently, Reverend Lim was released after being detained in North Korea from February 2015 until August 2017. Prior to his detention, he spearheaded an 18-year humanitarian mission to North Korea. This mission included the following: Immediate

relief: such as coats, blankets, and food; Education: technology and language; Community building projects, e.g. orphanages, nursing homes, noodle factories, etc.; and Long-term sustainable projects, e.g. farming, fishing, infrastructure organization, etc.

Despite his detention, Reverend Lim harbors no resentment or bitterness and continues to ask the global Church to keep North Korea in their prayers. He was detained in isolation and sentenced to hard labour, being released on “sick bail” after 2 years, 6 months and 9 days. He hopes to share about his experience to encourage, challenge and inspire others to live with a bold missional heart.

Reverend Lim loves the Canadian outdoors and enjoys fishing, traveling and spending time with his wife and family.

임현수 목사님은 1986년에 대한민국 서울에서 캐나다 토론토로 이민을 왔습니다. 그리고, 현재 온타리오주 미기사가에 위치한 큰빛장로교회에서 가장 오랜동안 시무하셨습니다. 그는 다섯 가정이 전부인 작은 교회의 담임목사가 되어 3,000여명의 등록교인을 보유한 캐나다에서 한국인 - 캐네디언 대형 교회 가운데 하나로 성장하였습니다. 그가 한국에서 사역을 했던 ‘그리스도를 위한 캠퍼스 십자군 (Campus Crusade for Christ - CCC)’의 배경과 훈련과정은 큰빛장로교회의 사명을 위한 가이드와 모델이 되었습니다. 특별히, 세계로 흩어진 한인교회 사이에서 복음으로 서로 연결되지 않고, 복음이 전파되지 않은 미전도종족 (UUPG’s)을 위하여 좋은 모델이 되었습니다. 임목사님은 큰빛장로교회의 해외선교 운동에 모범이 되었습니다. 예를들면, 아프카니스탄, 하이티, 이스라엘, 중국, 브라질, 쿠바, 카자흐스탄, 인도, 도미니카 공화국, 남아프리카 공화국, 말리, 멕시코, 요르단, 파키스탄, 북한등의 해외선교를 하였습니다. 그는 선교를 주제로 하는 강의에 자주 초대되었으며, 이것은 캐나다과 미국, 그리고 한국에 흩어져 자라나는 다음세대를 위한 사역이었습니다. 현재, 임목사님은 2015년 2월부터 2017년 8월까지 억류되었던 북한에서 풀려났습니다. 그는 억류되기 전까지 18년동안 북한을 위한 인도적인 지원사업에 앞장 서 왔습니다. 이 지원사업은 다음과 같습니다. 첫째, 시급한 구호: 의투, 담요, 음식. 둘째, 교육 지원: 기술과 언어. 셋째, 공동체 살리기 프로젝트: 고아원, 양로원, 국수 공장등. 넷째, 장기적으로 지속 가능한 프로젝트: 농업, 어업, 사회 기반 시스템등.

임목사님은 자신의 억류되었던 경험에도 불구하고, 북한에 대하여 분노하거나 고통을 느끼지 아니하시고, 세계 교회를 향하여 북한을 위하여 지속적인 기도를 부탁하고 있습니다. 그는 고립된 상태로 구금되어 2년 6개월 9일만에 “병가”로 석방 되었습니다. 그는 다른 사람들에게 그의 강렬한 선교적 마음에서 우러나오는 경험과 격려와 도전들의 영감을 나누기를 소망하고 있습니다.

c임목사님은 캐나다의 야외 활동을 좋아하며 낚시, 여행, 그리고 아내와 가족과 함께 시간을 보내기를 좋아합니다.



**MARALEE  
DAWN**

Maralee Dawn is a multi-talented communicator, author, ventriloquist, producer and host of the television series *Passionate Women*. She also hosts the award-winning *Maralee Dawn & Friends* children’s series as seen on Daystar and the Miracle Channel globally. Her experience includes seven years pastoring and five years with Campus Crusade. Maralee is passionate about Missions and has encouraged youth/adults to join her in teaching and mentoring abroad, encouraging missionaries and inspiring others to invest in missions. Maralee brings a passion and integrity to Missions, supported by decades of crusades, church and television ministry. Since the early 80’s MD Ministries has been proactive in sharing the gospel and declaring God’s love on TV, internet, and social media. Maralee is focused on introducing this digital generation to a personal spiritual journey with Jesus.

What ever happened to Maralee Dawn? In recent years Maralee’s story has morphed into the *miraculous* as she has walked from the brink of hell to the throne. Maralee had 12 voices but until now, not one of her own. No longer keeping secrets Maralee

boldly shares the true story in her newfound freedom. Come expecting the presence of God to empower you and your guests that you too may seize your destiny and unlock your highest potential as you discover truth and embrace freedom.

**Maralee Dawn Ministries: “A Family Ministry That Knows No Age Limit”**

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