



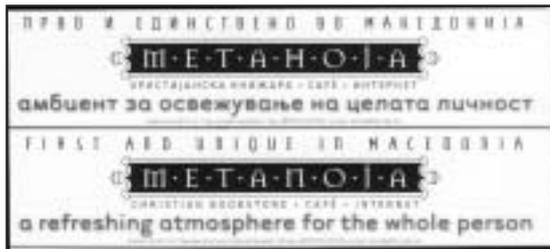
Students converse at the Metanoja bookstore in Skopje, Macedonia.

fair every day," says Milkova. "Many more people visited our bookstore after they heard about us at the fair.

The Metanoja bookstore, in the heart of Skopje, offers books in Macedonian, Croatian,

### Looking ahead

Ethnic tensions and armed conflict continue in Kosovo, the Kosovo-Macedonian border, and northwestern Macedonia. Metanoja's success at this difficult time cannot be taken for granted.



A bumper sticker in two languages promotes the bookstore.

Serbian, and English, as well as Christian gifts and music.

"Our staff is always ready," says Milkova. "We play Christian music all the time and it is quite unusual for Macedonians." She is happy to report Christians feel free to invite non-Christian friends for coffee and an informal chat at the bookstore. It is truly a place of spiritual refreshment.

"The economic chamber of the city of Skopje even recognized the store for having the best atmosphere in the city," adds Milkova.

"We know that God is always with us and that everything is in his hands," says Milkova. "Please pray for the situation in Macedonia, that God will protect people from senseless bloodshed and that Christians will set a good example."

"There is an imminent need for us to define our need for our neighbor is and what it means to love one's enemies," says Milkova. "With its multi-faceted ministry, Metanoja wants to help Christians and non-Christians meet the challenge of these trying times." ❖

# Steady Increase

*Ja Sup Ku, chief executive editor, describes how Korea Scripture Union, is fulfilling its mission.*

In partnership with the church, Korea Scripture Union (KSU) aims to make God's Good News known to people of all ages and to encourage them to encounter God daily through Bible reading and prayer. KSU was founded in 1973 and now has 19 full-time and 10 part-time employees, including six editors.

### Magazine Publishing

KSU publishes *Maeill Seongkyoun*, a bi-monthly magazine for daily meditation through the Bible. Some 110,000 copies are printed. It publishes separate versions for adults, youth, and children.

Circulation of the Bible reading notes for adults is almost 80,000 per issue. The notes for youth are also successful with more than 20,000 copies distributed per issue.

### Book publishing

In addition to its Bible reading notes, KSU publishes Bible commentaries and reference works, Christian living books, family-oriented titles, resources for youth, and other materials. Recent publications included a

six-volume series of expository sermons on the gospel of John, and an in-depth study of the book of Revelation.

In 1996, the organization published only 12 titles. Its book offerings doubled two years later, and doubled again in 2000, with the publication of 51 print titles and one title on a CD-Rom.

Working with such publishers as InterVarsity Press, Zondervan, Pater-noster Press, IVP U.K., and the Banner of Truth Trust, KSU has developed an active list of over 100 titles. Successful titles average about five or six reprints.

### Distribution

KSU has 11 branches in ten cities of Korea. These branches introduce *Maeill Seongkyoun* to the churches teaching Christians how to interpret and apply the Bible. KSU also trains Bible teachers. KSU's books are advertised in *Maeill Seongkyoun* and are sold in over 350 bookstores throughout Korea. ❖