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My Dear American Friends,

It may be THE OLDEST AND THE BEST CHOIR in the world. One project I had in mind as I became the President of the Senior Pastors' Association was to organize a SENIOR PREACHERS' CHOIR, so it started last month. Their average age is 80 and the oldest is 88 and they are good singers as most of them used to be Choir Directors in their churches. We decided to use up our talents for the Lord.



SENIORS' PREACHERS' CHOIR

I am afraid that I don't have much talent except preaching through wind and storm and this is that season, so I plan to organize a preaching team in the park. The church folks need Gospel preaching, but those people in the park need Gospel preaching more. In parks, we don't have very good audience. They may come and go and sometimes throw banters or even rocks. Or, sometimes you may have no audience and we keep preaching to wind and trees. I used to teach at our Bible College sermons which I called "EARTH-WORM SERMONS." They say that earth-worms can grow to be full new worms no matter which part is cut. It is a kind of sermon packed with the core of Christian Gospel in every word and sentence. So that no matter how much of the sermon they take home, it can still be stretched to full sermon. I may even name the preaching team Earth-worm Group.

# I AIM TO BAPTIZE MY CHILDREN NO MATTER HOW OLD I GET

After I baptized nine of our children on Easter, a few more wanted to be baptized, so our baptistry and my body have been in use for several weeks. I like to baptize my children.

It was a kind of bloody baptism. As our children were rather big, I tried to turn on more water, and somehow my feet slipped and I fell in the water, and my arm got caught by water tap or something. It tore my cloth and skin and water was bloody. The children said that they felt closer to the blood of Jesus which cleansed their sin.

I am usually called "father" by my children, but I always felt unworthy as a father, so I am happy when I connect them to our Heavenly Father. Faith on the Heavenly Father, I feel, IS THE BEST GIFT I can give to my children.

# TORTURED TO DEATH

A few years ago, after an evangelistic meeting in Africa, I baptized 11 people in a creek. Between third and fourth baptism, I felt something sting my leg. I found out that they were leeches. Truly it was bloody baptism.

I baptized a few North Koreans in China near the North Korean border. We baptized in a hotel bath tub hiding from the watchful eyes of the Chinese police and North Korean agents. The tub was not wide enough to immerse, but somehow we were able to crumple the bodies to baptize. No one was hurt at that time, but after they returned to North Korea, we heard that they were captured by the police and **tortured to death**.

Also, at the hotel, the North Koreans saw the toilet and said, "How fortunate you are, having a well in the house!" They thought it was a well house, and thought of many miles they had to walk to the Community well in North Korea. We were just glad that they did not drink from it nor offered to give us to drink.

# The Best Time of My Life



These days I am trying to spend

more time with our babies. Frankly, it has not been easy as a College Chancellor and professor, minister, and radio preacher, writer and publisher, but IT'S THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE. I am learning so much from them. I am learning not only the meaning of love, but also the meaning of life. These children came to us at the moment of their most critical times, the crisis of their lives.

And their reaction to the crisis, or rather their feeling, often more like the hatred of the world, shows in their every day lives. Some children tear flowers to shreds, or stuff toilets with rolls of toilet paper. I probably mentioned about a child who wets bed every morning. This is one way of showing off their frustrations. You might say that we have 83 times of an ordinary child's growth pain. And I love them, no matter how painful it is.

This month's letter may not make much sense, but it is true that I am learning much about life from them. I was watching the babies the other day and I thought that I heard one baby say, "abba." It's Biblical word for "Dad" and I wondered where they learned Greek.

# He is a Great Social Worker ...

I was talking with some of our social workers the other day. We were talking about the needs of arranging special relationship between our children and some adults who can pray for each other and to give advice when it is need. We were talking about one-to-one relationships.



One of our social workers suddenly mentioned "LIKE JESUS AR-RANGED ON THE CROSS, NEW MOTHER-AND-SON RELATION-SHIP BETWEEN MARY AND APOSTLE JOHN, in spite of His own

pain. ("Dear Woman, here is your son...and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." John 19:26.

I agreed that Jesus was doing great Social Work even on the Cross. Jesus was doing the greatest work of saving the world on the Cross, and yet even in the midst of the Pain of Love,, such as arranging mother-son relationship of those crying under the Cross, He did the smaller (forgive me the expression) work such as saving the soul of the thief crucified next to Jesus. HE IS A GREAT SAVIOR AS WELL AS A GREAT SOCIAL WORKER, according to the words of our workers.



Babies welcoming new members

# NOT ONLY THE TEACHER....

North Korea shot the missile against the hope of the world, right at the time when we were having Sunday morning worship service. They said that it's a satellite, but we know that it is not on orbit and dropped somewhere in the Pacific. We know one thing - t hat it cost them lives of millions of starving children (a paper said that it cost them one year's rice for the North Korean people). And North Korea generals said that they will keep shooting. We really do not know what will happen. But I know that this is the time to work even harder, as we might not have much time left. To the Korean workers, what impresses them the most about Jesus Christ, is the fact that He was NOT ONLY THE TEACHER, BUT ALSO THE DOER. Jesus practiced what He taught, as He answered to the apostles, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day" (John 9:4) A friend of mine, a great Christian worker who passed away recently, said, "I didn't **know** The DISTANCE BETWEEN MY HEAD AND MY HEART WAS THAT FAR." What he meant was that it took many years for him, from knowing the need to do something for others and wanting to do something for himself. Perhaps the further distance is from the heart to the feet...that is, from wanting to do something to really doing something for others.



# WE PLANNED TO GO CRAZY AGAIN

May has many memorial days in our country-Children's Day, Parents' Day, Teacher's Day and others. Only the Children's day is holiday and we took our

children to an amusement park. The children are free on that day and there will be millions of children in the park, but our children are dying to go, so we go crazy trying to keep our 80 children together.

# KOREA CHRISTIAN GOSPEL MISSION 2008 REPORT—Submitted by YOON KWON CHAE

### 1. MINISTERIAL REPORT

2008 was another busy year. Two big meetings were held and I made two regular evangelistic trips to China and Japan. The International Symposium on the Restoration Movement was held with hundreds of Korean preachers and church leaders and with world leaders such as Bryce Jessup, President, William Jessup University, Rocklin, CA; Rick Stedman, Minister, Adventure Christian Church, Roseville, CA. Also, Korean Senior Ministers' Convention was held where Yoon Kwon Chae was elected as the President.

The number of students at **Seoul Christian University** is growing and also the number of children at **Geon Christian Children's Home** is growing (perhaps by the economical situation). Korea is also suffering from the world' financial crisis and the inflation is serious, but the exchange rate of the U.S. Dollar is rising, which is helping our work.

John Wooshik is graduating from Fuller Theological Seminary with Master of Divinity Degree.

Politically and militarily, the tension between South and North Korea is getting serious. Every week, North Korea is warning of the military confrontation and preparing for it. The tension is almost at the level of war-time, but the evangelical activities are as spirited as ever.

**GEON CHRISTIAN CHILDREN'S HOME** - The number of children increased and we are taking care of more babies than ever. Nine children graduated from High Schools and moved out. Five entered the colleges. Presently, as of March 15, 2009 we have 83 children. The girls with cancer has been healed and is going to school. We were able to complete the construction of one more floor on the library building and using it for various meetings, and we still hope to start a toy-library.

### **GANGSUH CHILDREN'S SOCIAL WELFARE CENTER**

Presently, the Center is operating a Children's Library, a Therapeutic Counseling Center and an After-School studying center, which is used no only by our children, but children of Gangsuh area which has a half-million people. Through this organization we served about 8,000 children last year.

**BIBLE COLLEGE WORK** - I am serving as Chancellor of Seoul Christian University and teaching Restoration Movement to the students, including foreign students from Vietnam, Mongolia, India, Philippine Islands and African countries. This year, we graduated 130 servants of the Lord. The University is also operating a Christian Automobile High School, and started the Restoration Movement Center and I was inaugurated as the first President. The University is planning to move and made a contract on some land not far from the present location.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL AND BRAILLE WORK** - We are teaching correspondence students from Koreans in China, Russia, and in prisons. Also supporting a Braille Library which helped 3,840 blind people last year.

**CHURCH WORK** am ministering to two churches and preaching at many other churches. We are helping many young churches as well as the missionaries. The Korean missionaries we support are working in the Philippines, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Mongolia, Tanzania, Ghana and China near the border of North Korea.

**PUBLICATION** - One book was published in addition to the printing of Bible correspondence lessons. A series of Christian poems have been published in the Gospel weekly Newspaper.

**RADIO WORK** - Regular messages have been sent to South and North Korea as well as a part of China and the USA through Christian broadcasting stations. Letters in response to the message have been increasing.

**THE WORK IN THE USA**—We are helping two young churches and two Bible college students as well as one Christian radio program.

### 2. THE PLANS FOR 2009 - With the Lord's help and your prayers and support:

- 1 My wife and I will continue taking care of Geon Children's Home.
- 2.We will operate the Children's Library, Counseling Rooms and study rooms free of charge.
- 3. I will keep on teaching at Seoul Christian University and serve as Chancellor.
- 4. Through Restoration Center, we plan to start a Christian magazine, publish a book, and hold Seminars.
- 5 I will keep on broadcasting Gospel messages to South Korea, North Korea, China & USA.
- 6. I plan to publish one more book in addition to printing of Bible lessons.
- 7. I will serve as Senior Minister to two churches, Also, serve as Co-president of the Korean Christian Leaders' Association and President of Senior (retired) ministers. 8. I am planning missionary trips to China, Japan and churches in USA.

# Weep for Your Children

We are pleading with our government to separate Father's Day and Mother's Day, as we want to see Fathers honoring Mothers, and Mothers giving flowers to Fathers, too.

Also, our Senior Ministers are drawing up a petition to make Grandparents' Day. Not that we want to be honored, but we hope today's young people will pay more attention to the teachings and warnings of the older generation. In fact, the topic of my sermons on Children's Day, as well as Korean War Memorial Day, is from Jesus' Words of 'WEEP FOR YOUR CHILDREN (Luke 23:28)

Yours Because of Calvary

# YOON KWON CHAE

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