MY DEAR AMERICAN FRIENDS,

THE TWINS OF GEON HOME START SCHOOL!

I think that there are two important missions in His Church. One is to speak and spread God's Love to the world, and another is to act God's Love in the world. I thank God every day that God gave me these two missions, and particularly the second mission. When I see these children, I cannot help but to love them. The two twins started the school (Pre-school as you may call it) this year, and I hug them when they go to school and hug them when they come back. I have to give them candies too when they come back from school, but I got lots of them, thanks to you.

Babies have what I call 'BABY POWER'....kind of Power that attract you...kind of power that make you want to do something for them...kind of power that glue a family together. I know a couple who were about to divorce. They had a baby, but unfortunately, the baby died by an illness, which made the situation worse. They started to divide their belongings, until they came to a baby's clothes...and they couldn't divide it anymore. Tear started to drop on the baby's clothes...and eventually, the tear welded the couple together again. Baby may not have strength, but they have power that can glue people together...even after death.

Come to think of it, we older people have power too...power to give advise...power to pray for. To me, my age gives me power to preach. Sometimes I preach as if I have dementia...sometimes I shout Gospel among crowd as if I am crazy...and often they forgive me because of my age. But really, that's my power...that's, in a way, old

PRISON MINISTRY

I have been asked by a newspaper why I started an orphanage and my answer was Mt. 25: 32-46. Because there were "...the hungry, the thirsty...the naked, the sick...and were in prison...." That was all, that is all and that will be all. We do prison ministry also, but of course we do not take care of prisoners. We just preach at prisons sometimes. However, we also have children whose fathers or mothers are in prison and they do get lonely, as lonely as prison cells. I can never take place of their fathers and mothers, but our Heavenly Father certainly can fill their empty heart. So, we are doing our best "to die and let Christ live within us", and then within our children's heart, so that our children will meet their real Father, especially during this Graduation season. One of our children asked me why I am called 'Brother Chae'. And I answered, 'Because we have the same heavenly Father!



Excited and in uniform for the first day of school!

age power...

But there is nothing like the Power of Love. The Power of God's Love! Sometimes I ask my children "Do you love me?" and they come hugging. And that MAKES MY DAY. That's all we need, isn't it! As long as He loves me and as long as I love Him, everything else will be OK and that's how I begin my days.

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HUGGING MOM

It is also graduation season, and I am running everyday attending our children's graduation ceremonies with flowers. They usually cry thinking of the many difficult days until they were able to graduate. I am proud of all the children I raised in our Home, but the ones I appreciate the most are not really the famous ones, neither scholars nor doctors, but actually social workers like our orphanage house-mothers... I know one the children call 'Hugging Mom.' She hugs every child she sees whether she knows them or not. She even heals the sick children by hugging. I bet she is the most famous person in her area of work.

Actually, when she came to us as an abandoned baby many many years ago, she was almost dead, abandoned on our porch (only with her name on a paper) on a cold winter day. Her body was dead cold and she neither smiled nor cried and she refused to drink or eat anything. I kept hugging her, kept on hugging for two days and nights. After two days and nights, she started to eat, and gave us the most beautiful smile I ever saw. She finally knew that somebody loved her. And now, she is the famous 'hugging mom.'

Actually, I feel that the children's smiles and especially their cries are expressions of their faith in us. They wouldn't cry unless they know that someone will come to help.

Crying to God is also the expression of our faith. We cry through prayers, because we are desperate, but also believe that God listens to our prayers. I remember when I faced strong walls (dead ends) during my ministry.... when I was not going anywhere, and people refused to respond, I went to the mountains, usually fasting prayer gardens, to cry to God. I cried to God fasting for days. And when I came down and preached, somehow people started to cry. So, go ahead, CRY TO GOD!



Our graduating class of 2014!

SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT

June is the month when the Korean War started, June 25, 1950 to be exact was the day when North Korean Army suddenly invaded South Korea. And within a few days, occupied our city, SEOUL, KOREA, and everything changed. First thing that I learned was the differences between the Countries which believe in God and the countries which don't. The country which doesn't believe in God also do not believe in the dignity of human being. They can kill people without any thought of guilt. You shall never know how many people, I saw killed right in front of my eyes. Thank God that we believe in God. We believe in God who loves these children. And that was the reason why we started this Children's Home.

Frankly, I deliberately talk about War to my children when this season comes. I feel that young people of today need to be reminded of the terror and of the tears of war. And have them seek harder for peace. Like Peter said, "seek peace and pursue it" 1Peter 3: 11. Seek harder for peace before the world goes to pieces! Peace comes not by changing the maps, but by changing men

and that's what you and I are trying to do in this part of the world. One of our mottos, which I printed on my recent CD is "OUR LIVES FOR ASIA, ASIA FOR THE WORLD AND THE WORLD FOR CHRIST." If you want to see that CD, just let me know.



War-torn Korea: South and North



CHILDREN'S WELFARE COMPREHENSIVE TOWN

God must have seen something good in our work...and God must have opened the eyes of some of our Social-service-government-officials. And the officials must have seen something good about our work. They suggested to make our Children's Home, a Children's Welfare-Comprehensive town with Children's Library, Counseling Center, Therapeutic Center and After School Study Center etc., And best of all, they offered to finance it.(provided that we raise one tenth of the total cost). That is, the government will help us to build it and I do not want to refuse it. So the project will start soon...in fact, it has already started. And I am sending a picture of our new sign board with a recent me.

Another project, we started is to renew, refresh our Missions organization. I can not deny that I am getting old, and so are some of our workers. So our board is getting younger. Some of my students and even our grown up children are taking over some of our work. I already mentioned about my son, John Chae. We ordained him to the ministry and now he is ready and willing to speak and

work for us. So if you need a missionary speaker or a camp missionary or anything, please contact my son. His contact information is printed on the back of this newsletter.



Our new Sign Board!

WASHING FEET

One of our Christian University students came to me, many years ago, and asked me to conduct his funeral. I answered "You are not dead. It's more likely that you have to conduct my funeral." He said, "I want to make sure that 'I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live...." That young man is now a missionary in Africa, and the other day, he sent me this picture of 'washing feet' in Kenya.



Washing feet in Kenya

ALL I AM DOING IS WATERING THEM

They say that today's younger generation are bad.... I say today's older generation are bad, by not being good examples to the younger generation. If adults want the children to study more, the adults must study first...particularly in the religious matters...if we want our children to pray, the adults must pray more. (You know how difficult it is for young children to close their eyes! One of our children said 'all kinds of monsters appear' as soon as he closes his eyes. Meeting God as we close our eyes take some training to do).

In fact, I found that there is something good in every child...something that God created. All I am doing is just watering them, so that their good things will grow more and faster.

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