My Dear American Friends,

Do you remember a four day-old baby we found in the toilet of a railroad station the beginning of this year? Do you remember that he was dying by the cold and starvation. Here’s his photo today. See how lovely he is! His smile is beautiful and we are wishing MERRY CHRISTMAS with his smile. This is what you accomplished by your love and support and God will smile on you! How we need God’s smile in times like this.

CHRISTIAN GOSPEL WILL BRING PEACE

Every time Christmas comes around, I think of a true story I heard many years ago. I told this story to our children already. It’s a story of the first World War. As I remember, German and French soldiers were facing each other in opposite bunkers on Christmas Eve, ready to shoot to kill. Suddenly, someone started to sing, “Silent Night, Holy Night” and the song kept spreading until all the soldiers of both sides were singing with tears streaming down their cheeks. There’s no doubt that only Christian Gospel will bring peace, real Peace on this earth.

PEACE IS TO EAT TOGETHER

November 1 was the day for world peace….a day to think about Peace. About thirty years ago, when Korea was still far from peace, some fifty university presidents of the world met in Mexico and a Korean president proposed to make this day a day for world peace. It was sanctioned and declared by the UN. So, naturally, Korean people talk, discuss and argue about Peace on that day.

Our country is still far from Peace, so we long for peace, and people think and talk about peace on that day. They talk until the discussion is so heated that sometimes they end up fighting. Some of our children were talking about peace. The discussion went on for hours, until one girl stood up and said, “Peace is to eat together,” so they all marched to the dining hall.

I LIKE BANANA—like —PEOPLE

I think she was right. There’s no better peace than sitting and sharing food together. In fact, Jesus did it. He taught much while disciples were eating together at one table. So, we plan to have Communion on Christmas. Happy is a man who talks much at the dining table, so we try to talk as much as possible, eating Korean apples, pears, and what-not. Korean apples and pears are world-famous (we think). My favorite fruit is banana. I like Banana-like-People. They say communist in North Korea are like apples...red inside, but white outside. Apple-like-people always shine outside. Banana-like-people eventually take off outside—“Though our outward man perish yet the inward man is renewed day by day.” II Cor. 4:16
For our children’s DVBS they started to write the Bible by ballpoint pens. They heard about the North Korean Christians copying Bibles by hand, first, because they don’t have Bibles and, second, because they are not easily noticed by the police. One child said he got so more out of the bible when he wrote it. One Sunday School teacher started to write on edible paper to demonstrate, “How sweet are the Words to my taste.” Ps.119:103.

Some children used the project as an excuse to not complete their school homework, but it was probably more educational than the school homework.

I plan to send them to North Korea when we can, hoping that North Korean guards will not notice them. Another child suggested we send you a copy!

EMMANUEL - GOD WITH US!

Perhaps Christmas 2008 is one of the most difficult Christmases this world has ever known. And yet, let us not forget the angel’s answer to Joseph and Mary, Emmanuel - God With us!” Matt. 1:23. Many dreadful things happened to them, also, since they heard these words from the Angel, and yet, they kept on believing “God with us.” So, let us not forget “God with us!” in this season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU!

I SPOKE FOR TEN HOURS

In October I made a trip to the south western part of China. I talked and met with a group of (hidden) Christian workers and students. I was overwhelmed by their love and zeal to evangelize. Our meeting was arranged on their holiday in order to avoid the watchful eyes of the secret police. The room was full and overflowing and the sweat was overflowing, too. I spoke for ten hours and they wanted more. Their zeal for prayer was even more impressive. One of the faithful Christian worker’s eyes were red and blood-shot when I saw him the next morning. I said, “You must have eye-disease.” He answered, “I have been praying all night.”

THE BOY KNEW THE MEANING OF THE CROSS

Some of the favorite scriptures of our children has something to do with ‘suffering.’ Especially, the Cross of Jesus means so much more to our children because they personally know someone who died for them. One of our children was a defector from North Korea. He and his mother were escaping, and they came through many lines of death. One time, they were hiding under a heap of straw on a small truck as they were crossing the border. The boy was told not to make any sound no matter what happened and the boy promised he would keep silent. The border guard had a bayonet and stuck it through the straw to make sure that nothing was under. The bayonet almost hit the boy, but passed. When they finally crossed over the danger, the found the mother dead in a pool of blood and the boy crying, “I didn’t make any sound, I didn’t make any sound.” The boy certainly knew the meaning of the cross.
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Our children know the difference between Jesus Christ and dictators like Kim, Jung Il of North Korea. I heard a child comment, “Jesus Christ died for all the people and in countries like North Korea, all the people die for one man.” You have probably heard that the North Korean dictator is dying by sickness. He is trying hard to survive, but he will die sooner or later, no matter how hard he tries. He even has a company of young men who test the new medicine and vitamins by their own bodies, like guinea pigs, for the so-called great leader. It’s called, “Everlasting Life Research Center.” But we know he will die for sure. What will happen to Korea after his death? We never know. They predict they one of his illegitimate sons might take over, or one his generals, but it’s for sure that years of bloody power struggle will follow and maybe a war. It’s a predicted result of power struggles. But you and I know Who gives the everlasting life!!

GATHER THE LEFT-OVERS

Our children of Geon Home had a wonderful summer. Most of them attended a summer camp for their ages, and some older children attended a Marine Corps camp where they had to go through even some military drills.

Actually, we sent them there because the cost was reasonable, but our children said that they learned some very precious lessons of their lives. They feel that they grew up quite a bit and they act like it. They show up on time when they are called, they learned to clean up the tables after meals and we appreciate that! In fact, they even learned not the waste the left-overs. I preached on that part of the Bible where Jesus taught the disciples “to GATHER THE LEFT-OVERS after feeding more than five thousand” to the children many times in the past, but it seems that they finally learned the lesson in the Marine Camp. Praise His Name!

CHOOSUK DAY

We celebrated Choosuk Day, the Autumn Moon Festival, in October. They used to tell us that there is a giant rabbit on the moon. But I told my children that there is a Bible there, because I read some where that Apollo XI left a Bible there. They also told us that the moon is shining. We know that actually the moon is full of dust. It’s beautiful only when it reflects the Sun’s light. “You will be beautiful,” I told my children, when you see God’s Light.” On Choosuk Day we give plenty of the first harvested crops, fruits, and nuts to our children, so the children go nuts on that day!
“WHEN AMERICA COUGHS…”

It seems that the whole world is in turmoil. There is a saying “When America coughs, the whole world catches cold.” I hear coughing everywhere, from their own economical pits. Korea is no exception. Many people are committing suicide. Now is the time for all the world to repent and prepare for His Second Coming. I know your difficulties and thank you for your faithful supports in spite of your difficulties!

Yours Because of Calvary,

YOON KWON CHAE

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