My Dear American Friends,

To us, Christians, “life” and “death” doesn’t make much difference. On Easter Sunday, I told a story about a Korean immigrant to America who just opened a hamburger shop. He didn’t understand much English. One time, a burglar came and with a pistol in his hand, shouted, “I am a burglar.” But the Korean shop owner didn’t know what “burglar” meant. He thought that the burglar ordered a burger. So he asked, “What kind of burger?” The burglar finally gave up, saying, “How can I rob a person who doesn’t know what I said?” To Christians, who don’t care life or death, even Satan will give up!

In the course of traveling, they miss many things. Education is one and nutrition is another. They also pick up a couple of things, too...local language is one and FAITH IS ANOTHER. Once in a while they meet Christians and get help and learn about Christian faith. Many of our missionaries are spread all over China and wait for them. These missionaries never call themselves “minister ”or “missionary” They call themselves “teacher” or “businessmen,” but they are great workers. Once in a while, they are picked up by the police and imprisoned, but as soon as they are released, they are right back where they were and continue helping defectors.

Talking about missionaries, there are at least two more subjects Korean missionaries learn before they go to the fields. They are kind of subjects that Christian Colleges do not usually offer. One is TAEKWONDO and another is ACUPUNCTURE. Taekwondo is helpful not only to find a chance to teach, but also to support their lives. Acupuncture is very helpful in evangelism. When you see a man with long needles, you better believe in God!

Someone asked me how many miles North Korean defectors have to travel. Of course, North Korea is northern side of South Korea. Seoul is only 20 miles from the border so actually there is no mileage, but in between South and North Korea there is what’s called DMZ, 3 miles of mined off-limit area, so the defectors do not come that way. They have to travel North to the Chinese border. In the first place, in North Korea, private travelling is forbidden.

Even if you want to visit the next door neighbor village, you have to have a governmental permit. Travelling to the Chinese border itself is A Life-risking Adventure. And then, there is Yaru River, you have to cross it either by swimming or walking on frozen river, of course, risking their lives because they will be shot immediately whenever they are spotted by the border guard.

AND THEN CHINA IS BIG COUNTRY….and travelling from the border to South Korea would be like walking across the USA. There are busses, trains and even planes, but no matter where you go in China, Communists’ police and North Korean agents are searching for these defectors. So, they walk most of the way, without having money nor friends, nor passports, they have to either beg their way, or for some women, they have to find temporary husband. And that's how some of our children were born...born in the jungle of human beings, you might say.

Faith is Another

1. Many North Korean defectors that they may safely find “freedom”
2. Korean missionaries who are saving and helping these defectors.
I feel that perhaps the best thing that I can give to my children is SMILE. Actually, so many children in this world are starving for ‘smile.’ They had been scolded, ridiculed and kicked around so much that they had been starving for someone who smiles to them. And I introduced Jesus to them! Jesus smiles to them...just as He

smiled to the woman who suffered an issue of blood for twelve years...just as He smiled to a woman taken in adultery...just as he smiled to Zacchaeus on a tree...just as He smiled to me when I lost my father to the Communists as a teenager. Jesus smiles to any kind and all who needed that comforting and healing smile!

Talking about KOREAN EXPRESSION, we usually say, “small pepper is hotter.” Our smaller twins girls are really active. They may be smaller, but together, they have twenty fingers, four fists and two clever heads and they practically rule the babies’ room. At breakfast time, for instance, you better watch out. Korean morning greetings used to be “Did you eat?” instead of “Good morning.” This greeting came down from the war time, when food was scarce. But in our Home, with the twin babies, the old Korean traditional greetings may be appropriate even now.

A popular morning greeting used to be “Were you safe during the night?” I guess that came down from war time when something was liable to happen during the night. Korea has been having so many wars through history, it was really natural greeting. When we started the Children’s Home, the new children we received wouldn’t go to sleep unless they hold a spoon or a piece of bread. They wanted to make sure that they have something to eat the next morning when they wake up.
Hedgehogs Living Together

April is usually the wedding season—especially in the year of the dragon. Sometimes I hold two, three weddings a day. I usually say something nice for the new couples out of the Bible, but I also warn them that it may be somewhat like two HEDGEHOGS LIVING TOGETHER….too cold to live apart, and yet it may hurt each other. I guess, in our country, South and North Korea is somewhat like the wedding couple. We have been one country for thousands of years, so we naturally want unification, but having two completely different systems, that is, Democracy in South Korea and Communism in North, I am sure that it will be like two hedgehogs, if and when we live together. We only wish that God will take the needles away before we get united. And when God takes the needles away, it will also include missiles and nuclear weapons.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:
1. God will destroy all nuclear weapons in North Korea and on this earth.
2. God will give us peaceful unification soon.
3. Min Ho and other children of ours who just started School in April, that they may be able to catch up.

WISH TREE

A Christian newspaper wrote an article about us and our activities. They chose the title, “While searching for his father’s murdered body, he became a father to many orphans. Actually, there are spaces of a few years between the two occasions, but It’s true that the former incident became one of the motives of my being an orphanage director. The picture below was included in the article.

This is our children’s creation on our outside wall created on tiles with pen-handles, toothbrushes, and what not. Another picture showed a “WISH TREE” where our children write what they want to be when they grow up. I’m happy to report that many want to be missionaries. Also, I found a wish to be a good cook, and a house-mother. If I ever find a wish to be an Orphanage Director, I can retire before long.

I am beginning to have some physical problems, and I am reading the Wish Tree every day. I used to have a good set of tires, head lights and a workable engine. Now I am beginning to have problems especially in lights and carburetor...that is, my eyes and teeth are giving me troubles. And my meal times are not exactly joyful time. I am looking forward to live in the “house not made with hands, when our earthly house is dissolved.” (II Cor. 5:1)

JOHN CHAE

Bro. Chae’s son John, received his MBA from Pepperdine in December and is now planning to pursue a Doctorate at Western Seminary in Portland, OR. After hearing his father’s calling, John is now hearing a calling from God to join the work in Korea.

John lives in Los Angeles. Our last Trustees’ Meeting was held in L.A. and John handled all the local arrangements. He’s an excellent organizer, teacher, preacher, etc.

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