

## Los Angeles Family Church: New Year Message from Senior Pastor Kevin Thompson

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Happy new year, 2023, the year of the black rabbit! At the new year celebration in Korea, True Mother was extremely upbeat and positive about 2023. Even though 2022 was filled with challenges she chose not to dwell on those challenges. I suggest that we do the same and march forward with hope and expectation.

I want to thank all of those who were able to participate in the Christmas Family Reunion on December 11th. Dr. Yong was very excited (not least of all because he won a raffle prize). I hope we can make an annual tradition of having a Christmas family reunion.

Of course, there are challenges in life always. Many people have serious health problems and we want to keep them in our prayers. Our beloved pastor Masaru 'Mark' Tengan has his own health challenges to face and we want to surround him and his family with prayer and live at this time.

Many have been through COVID, flu, and severe colds. We pray for each person to have as much good health as possible so that we can fulfill our dreams and our responsibilities

In 2023, we can look forward to May 5th and the grand opening of the Cheon Won Gung in Korea. True Mother is so excited about this offering which she calls the culmination of True Parents' work on earth. Please pray for True Mother's health and vitality to remain strong. Our worldwide movement is being asked to rise up and give a giant effort to support this final push.

We pray for our Japanese brothers and sisters who have suffered through a horrendous year. As we all know our Japanese church has been the provider of manpower and economic foundation for our worldwide movement. Now they are going through major challenges and America is helping in their efforts to combat the communist forces trying to use our church as a pawn in their evil plans. Recently The Washington Times has been able to take famous religious and political leaders to Japan to confront the media with the intention of standing for truth against the lies being perpetuated.

On an individual level, let's claim our victories for 2022 and proclaim our goals and intentions for 2023. When we are bold and have bold goals we can get God's attention and help. True Mother has said many times that we can only be victorious with God's help, we cannot do it by human efforts alone.

God Bless you and your family,

Kevin and Masako Thompson