

## Happy Thanksgiving!

## Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb November 27, 2014

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, Mrs. Tamme Kim, Fumiko and I would like to take this moment to wish you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving 2014. Thank you for all you've done for the sake of America and God's Providence.

The year of 2014 is almost over, and we have so many things for which to be grateful. True Mother visited the USA many times, including the memorable "Aloha Reunion Workshop" for our High School youth in Kona, Hawaii; and she'll soon be back for the "Cranes Club" conference and Christmas Party in Las Vegas—I hope to see you there. More and more of our young generation are hearing the voice of God as He calls them to leadership. God is indeed good.

Throughout the year, we have worked hard to keep True Father's bright memory in our hearts. From June through August we visited and prayed at all 55 of the Holy Grounds that Father established back in 1965; and in September we held a beautiful memorial service in New York on the Second Anniversary of his passing. Every week, our churches and communities are sharing good news and testimonies of growth, healing and hope.

Of course, we all have our struggles and darker days as well. That's normal, I think. When I find myself drifting, I try to turn to the Word, so that I can understand God's perspective rather than my own. In recent weeks, I've been greatly inspired by the new books of Heavenly Scripture that True Mother prepared with so much love and investment. I finished my first cover-to-cover reading *Cheon Seong Gyeong* last week, and now I am working on the *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, the Peace Messages. As I read, I take photos with my iPhone of passages that intrigue me, so that I can come back to them later. Even though I have 32G storage, I'm running out of space!

Today, being Thanksgiving, you might have an opportunity yourself to spend a quiet half hour reading. If so, let me recommend to you the speech "God's Plan Centered on the United States" from December 18, 1975, delivered in the Senate Caucus Room at the United States Capitol in Washington DC. You can find this in your copy of *Pyeong Hwa Gyeong*, on page 1302. In that speech, Father reminds us, in words as appropriate today as they were almost 40 years ago, of God's expectation for us, and for this great country:

"The fact that America has been blessed and continued to thrive can be attributed to the amazing Will of God. The American people must now awaken and know the meaning of God's Blessings... the United States has to be awakened, and its citizens need to come together and once again embrace the goal of unity, centered on God. A spiritual reform movement must arise, leading the United States toward the world of the providence at a higher level, and bringing together all religions."

On this Thanksgiving Day, let us recommit ourselves once again to this holy and noble cause!

Sincerely,

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