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Passing of Our Beloved Brother, Edward Gerena

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our precious brother, Edward Gerena, passed away on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. He faithfully and gallantly served God and True Parents for many years, with a steadfast passion to bring others into God's Kingdom.

Let us support Edward's family during this important time and pray for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following is a biography from Edward's wife, Lucimar, and Dr. Ann I.

Sincerely,

Rev. Joshua Cotter
Executive Vice President
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Victorious Life of Edward Gerena

Edward Gerena was born on September 13, 1959 and grew up in Harlem with his four brothers and two sisters. He passed to his eternal life on June 6th at 7:15 AM.

In 1984, Eddie joined our church in East Harlem doing home church work under the name of a community organization called UFABA after meeting his spiritual parent, Ralph Oberhuber. Edward continued doing home church in Harlem until he joined Rev. Esteban Galvan to pioneer work in the Bronx Center. While in the Bronx, he witnessed, fundraised and did home church and worked with ministers.

In 1989, Edward was Blessed to his wife, Lucimar Ferreira in Korea. After the blessing, the Gerenas returned home to Harlem. They have two sons, Kwonsook, 17 and Jonathan, 16.

In Harlem, Eddie founded the organization "Hearts to Feel, Hands to Serve" which was a food distribution program that he did with his brother, David. Edward also worked with True Family Values, witnessing, home church and took care of his mother and grandmother. In 1992, even though he was on dialysis, Eddie caught a trophy tuna!

In 2008, the Gerenas moved to Bridgeport and joined the community there.

Eddie was a witnessing warrior. His primary concern was to witness about our True Parents to everyone he met. Even after surviving a debilitating operation at the end of 2008, Eddie continued to witness to all of his nurses, doctors and medical caregivers.

He was a tremendously faithful Brother for close to 30 years. His conditions never stopped him from witnessing from his wheel chair, either inviting people to Sunday Service, attending Providential Events or passing out Father's Autobiography. Eddie was a good and faithful son of Heaven and Our True Parents. As we all know, Brother Eddie is also strong and very stubborn. He is loved very much by Heavenly Father and True Parents, that is what kept him alive and moving forward.

The Sunghwa Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 9, 2012 with the Wonjeong Ceremony immediately following. Flowers may be sent to the Larson Funeral Home at 2496 North Avenue, Bridgeport, CT 06604. Those wishing to do so, may send a donation to Lucimar Gerena at 3400 Main St., Bridgeport, CT 06606.