

## Passing of Our Beloved Young Brother, Paxton Jessop

Michael Balcomb December 25, 2013

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our beloved young brother, Paxton Jessop, the precious and blessed son of Victor and Tracy Jessop, passed away on Thursday, December 19 in California after a long and spirited battle with a rare form of cancer. He was born on May 19, 2001 (twelve years old) and lived as a shining light in bringing much joy to all he met. Despite his physical suffering, to the very end he continued to love and cherish his family and his friends, and finally ascended to take his rightful and eternal place together with True Father. Paxton's Seonghwa service is tomorrow, December 26, 2013.

In his final years on earth, True Father often spoke about the significance of the transition to eternal life:

"Though you may think that we are now enjoying our lives fully in this big, wide world with a higher standard of consciousness, there is yet one final stage of our lives, which is the way toward eternal life. This third stage occurs in the world of eternal life, the spirit world, which we enter upon ending our life on this earth. We were originally meant to enter the spirit world having first perfected our spirits during our life on earth. It is a world that cannot be imagined by people descended from the Fall. It is a world in which we transcend time and space. Just as the fetus in his or her mother's womb cannot imagine life on earth, we, as people living and breathing air in this earthly world, cannot easily understand the spirit world, where we will be reborn in our spiritual bodies, living and breathing true love."

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

Sincerely,

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Dr. Michael Balcomb President

## Victorious Life of Paxton Jessop -- Testimony by His Mother, Tracy

I guess you could say that Paxton was a feeling in my heart planted there by God before he was ever conceived. He was my shining light and he literally gave my life meaning. I had found my calling, motherhood. Paxton woke up happy everyday and always wore a smile on his face. We spent hours in nature and bonding as mother and son. In 2004, our family had the opportunity to move to Kona, Hawaii.

This was paradise and Paxton and I thrived in our new ocean environment. He loved all the sea creatures, swimming with turtles, catching geckos all day and eating his favorite fruits (sweet little bananas and rambatons) that we purchased daily at the local farmer's market. He also lit up every time his daddy (Victor) gave a Sunday sermon or taught God's word at a weekly Friday night dinner and talk. In this beautiful atmosphere, we bonded as a family of three. But we were on to the next adventure when Victor's work took us to the east coast and Raleigh, North Carolina became our home for the next three years.

We were able to purchase a home in Raleigh. Paxton loved this house and the forest behind it which held within it so many wonderful new creatures to explore. He participated in all the wildlife nature programs at our local park. When we found the North Carolina Tiger's Australian Rules Football Team and his daddy become an assistant coach, this became a source of pure joy for him and bonding with daddy. Paxton also started praying for a new baby brother or sister and we were blessed to welcome his little brother in 2008. We didn't want to leave our friends in North Carolina but Hawaii was calling us back.

Back in Hawaii, Paxton became the best big brother. Always considerate, kind, gentle and encouraging, the two boys bonded and we were a happy family. Then, our real challenge as a family began....Paxton at eight years old was diagnosed with a rare and serious cancer. For the next four years, Victor and I and all who know him were able to witness Paxton's true character emerge as he dealt with his ever aggressive condition with such grace, forbearance, and an indomitable will to live. In the midst of all this we were able, with his grandparents, to visit Australia in April 2010 and welcome his hew baby sister, Clarity, born in December of that same year. He embraced his new baby sister with such warmth that we knew his tender heart was all about love -- love of family, humanity and creation.

Paxton never wavered in his faith. He gave his life to God over and over, even saying that he hoped that if he had to leave earth it would somehow permit God to reduce human suffering and bring peace to earth. Although we miss his physical presence so deeply, we have already been reassured that he is flying like an eagle in spirit world. He is free of pain, his spirit body is whole and restored and he is happy and joyful. He would always say to me, "Mom, I've got to get going with my life. I have to start my mission now, the world can't wait." I now feel blessed that Victor and I and our children will have the privilege to work and live with a son shining down on us from Heaven. I don't know what new adventures await us, I only know that they will be filled with the intent of helping God bring lasting peace to the world, one person at a time.

## **Seunghwa Service**

A Seung Hwa Service will be held to celebrate Paxton's life at 1:30 PM on Thursday, December 26 at Lind Brothers Funeral Home, 4221 Manzanita Avenue, Sacramento, California. A burial service will be held at 1:30 PM on Friday, December 27 at the Lone Tree Cemetery in Hayward, California.