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*Angels we have heard on high sweetly singing over the plains,
and the mountains in reply echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in Excelsis Deo!*

Friends,
We would like you to celebrate with us the birth of Jesus Christ, as all earth is waiting. The Lord blessed us this year of 2009 with lots of fun and great joy even in the midst of economic downturn. Here are some highlights.



Theodore Atticus, two years young today, has brought all kinds of fun things while he has been exploring many curious things in his world. He opens closets, disassembles all the Lego pieces thoroughly built by other two brothers, spreads board game pieces, closes all open doors, turns off all electronic devices, including an unattended laptop and desktop computers, and kitchen wares. Theodore particularly has greeted people with winks and twisted fingers. He has covered all he need with one or two syllable words or sounds. Often he has

used his fingers for directing and requesting what he wanted. Now, he hums songs and music he has listened over the year to respond to the world.

Jeremy Solo returned to Cashell Elementary School, the newly constructed for fun and joyous class room work. Math is the subject reflecting his excellence. As a lover of all the facts and historic and scientific stories, Jeremy worked hard to encounter all the fictional and imaginary stories. Music is other fun part he enjoys from perfect pitch, piano play, active in school choir, at the church bell choir and Singing Seraphim choir. Jeremy had several awards from his cub-scout activities throughout the year. Jeremy sang at Pageant of Peace at Ellipse and White Flint Shopping Mall.

Gideon Thory had a transition to Redland Middle School this year and is learning many differences between the elementary level of study and that of the secondary. Getting closer to the college – as the board of education of the county stimulates, and the family learns its significance, Gideon has been working hard to accomplish daily assignments. Recently he presented to the family a bumper sticker with a word of a student in honor role. Doing great at all school works, especially in Math and Science, Gideon plays trumpet and piano. He helped mom through his time share with Theodore, who might consider him as dad on account of 9-year age gap!

Throughout the year YoungHoon has a busier year than anyone else in the household. Helping children for school in every mornings and evenings, YoungHoon had done a series of different tasks, as a disciple student at the church, as an accompanist of Cherub Choir at the church, as a graduate student in The University of Maryland, and as a piano teacher for dozen of young pianists. During the year, YoungHoon has a little piano concert with her students. String, percussion and conducting class made her busy. Excitement and anticipation of a successful end of her graduate program allow sufficiently enough her to overcome all the obstacles for now. We the boys at home cheer her up all the time!

Celebrating the fifth year of his pastoral ministry at Oakdale Emory United Methodist Church, Olney, Maryland, DaeHwa has expanded his ministry through frequent trips over the year: a couple of weeks the ministry covenant relationship between South Conference of the Korean Methodist Church and the Baltimore-Washington Conference of the United Methodist Church, a week of time with more than two dozen of the members and family of United Methodist Congress of the Deaf while in their world conference in South Korea, a couple of weeks of the Volunteers in Mission in Uruguay, and a couple of leadership seminars during the month of August. Ministry for All is his best interest. DaeHwa is leading a ministry team, called Asian American Ministry, wishing for the Gospel of Christ be reached out to all our neighbors.

YoungHoon and DaeHwa had a difficult time with a miscarriage early this year, whose young life will be remembered as we buried at our favorite place as well as in our hearts.



Koko, a Yorkshire terrier, and Toby, a West Highland White terrier, sound happy for the coming of the human Savior of the World. A little school of Neon Tetra and a couple of Gold fish seem joyful in the water.

The family had an unforgettable summer retreat at Lake Placid, in New York. From time to time we visited the Gate of Heaven Cemetery where InHwa, our beloved brother and uncle, has 3rd Christmas while in his heavenly sleep.

Friends, we wish your merry Christmas and happy and hopeful New Year!