

Dear Family and Friends,



“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests.” (Angels, Luke 2:14)

“Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people in Israel.” (Simeon’s Nunc Dimittis, Luke 2:29-32)

We wish your Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We hope each one of you come true wishes you have made this year. As we begin our story with Simeon’s expression on Jesus’ birth, we want you know that the eyes of your family have seen the salvation of God through the advent of the Savior of the world—a light for revelation to the Gentiles and to the elect, you and us!

*Here is how we came up with such sense of contentment. The best year we prayed for and dreamed of shattered with an unexpected accident with father **DaeHwa**. In front of Theodore, he fell unfortunately on the wicked ice in March, broke right tibia and fibula, and had us figure out all the situations. He at the beginning of Lent had to take 60 days of sick leave. We remember the day. **Theodore** gently questioned to two paramedics why the ambulance wasn’t speeding up with siren. **YoungHoon** at Spiringhill Lake Elementary School was called right away. **Marti English** was called to take care of Theodore. **Alden English** came to our place and scattered sands. **Gideon** and **Jeremy** on their way home joined the preventive work. Then **Marti** had food arrangement with several women of faith: **Laurie, Mary-West, and Susan**.*

*Next day **Ira** organized a group of men - **Dennis, Joe, Mel, and Sam** (w. Maralyn!), who began to rescue us from the incident. **Ira** said “You have given us a lot. Now it is time for you to receive.” The group help dad and Theodore with transportation. **Uncle SeongHwa** came from South Korea. While staying several days he arranged a new bedroom in the living room, so that dad can stay there after a major surgery with 11 pins on a foot long titanium plate on his right leg. **Aunt KwHwa** shipped food and other things by airmails from time to time. **Grandparents** kept us in prayers. **Church members and friends of Savage-Lanham** prayed for quick recovery with many cards. Some even visited us. Living with **the handicapped dad** helped us learn a lot.*

***Dad** returned to his ministry on Mother’s Day, the 60th day of sick leave. He continues to commute to 2 campuses of Savage-Lanham Charge. **Dad** also helps Magruder IMD (Instrumental Music Department) as a co-president of IMD Boosters. **Mom** teaches tirelessly at Springhill Lake. **Mom and dad** finally became US Citizen, away later than us, born here. **Gideon** had the busiest year as Senior at Magruder HS. Right now, he is waiting for admission to colleges he applied for early decision and early actions. He is also in preparation of his regular applications for several other schools. **Jeremy** had a successful settlement with PEAC program at Magruder. Both have been actively involved in the instrumental music program. **Theodore** published several books this year with dad’s old typewriter. Everyone in the family has his or her own routine that should be kept carefully. **Mom** set a family calendar. **Dad** put a mailbox for us.*

***Our family** had the 3rd consecutive year of a cross-country automobile trip in July-August. Our goal was to explore Silicone Valley and surrounding culture and churches that inspire those who work in the technopolitan area. The itinerary included with Junction City, MO, Lake Tahoe and Reno, NV, Sacramento, San Francisco Bay Area, UC Berkeley, Stanford University, Salinas, Yosemite NP, Sequoia NP, Death Valley NP, CA, Las Vegas, NV, Gallup, Petrified NP, AZ, Navaho Nation, NM, and Nashville, TN. The trip helped **Gideon and Jeremy** to prepare their future with a specific interest area, exploring the invisibles from the visible, i.e. engineering from science; science from mathematical truth; mathematical truth from literacy; literacy from imagination—something spiritual. How surrounding culture and churches have shaped people in the towns and cities we visited was an eye-opening experience.*



May the Son - Wonderful Counselor, Almighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6), the greatest gift from God - be with you.

*Gideon Thory, Jeremy Solo, & Theodore Atticus
Core members of the household of The Rev. & Mrs. DaeHwa Park*