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Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ!

Looking ahead to the end of the year: Since we sent our last prayer letter in September, we have felt that time is flying by so quickly. Bock Ki started this year with a fresh mind, as if he were a young man again. Now we have only one month left to go in 2017, as we catch up on what we were supposed to do this year. Looking back on the last few months, we are very grateful for many good works, such as the following:

Bock Ki Kim: 1) We had the 2nd MCSK assembly between September 15~17. People from 4 churches attended the Mennonite Church South Korea gathering for 2 and a half days. We saw many hopes in working together as the body of Christ through this assembly. There were 56 participants who sang, got to know about each other and their churches, learned from and encouraged each other,



The 2nd MCSK Annual Assembly. After the closing service.

commissioned church leaders for each congregation, and licensed two pastors for Peace and Joy church in Nonsan and God's Family church in Jeju, respectively. Peace and Joy church will host the next assembly in Nonsan with the theme of "community." 2) BK spent lots of time writing several papers: "The Birth of Mennonite Church and its Characteristics" for the quarterly magazine, the Village and Ministry, for its September 2017 issue, and "Anabaptist and Free Church Movement" for an academic conference for the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation on October

16, 2017. There were 6 presentations. Five of them were about the Anabaptist movement including the related Amish issue. We can see there will be more people who want to know about Jesus Christ through the Anabaptist perspective in the future. 3) KAC regularly hosts the Re:born meetings on the last Thursday of the month. We talked and learned about restorative justice, conflict transformation and other current issues. We are very thankful to see that KAC is able to plant seeds of peace through this peace programs for many years. It is also a great joy to see many positive signs for the need to bring peace to families, schools, churches, and communities.



Fellowship is the main focus for the KAF meeting

4) We had a Korea Anabaptist Fellowship meeting during November 10 and 11. KAF

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focuses more on individual fellowship among those who show an interest in connecting or being connected to each other. Next year, we will gather at Jeju island. 5) BK-SK participated in a closed fellowship meeting with Mennonite leaders to taste the flavour of what it means to be part of a Christian community. This group will try to explore the possibility of forming a Christian community in the future. It is a great blessing to open our lives to each other. 6) BK's heart is warmed by the Mennonite meeting in Seoul every Sunday. It is a small group, but all members enjoy it as they read, study, and share their lives through the gospel of John. They hope that it can serve as a seed bed for the formation of a worshipping community in the future.

Sook Kyoung Park: There has not been much change to the English study room in the last few months. The children enjoyed a special Halloween party last month, engaging in activities during the party, but not in trick-or-treating on the street, as this idea is still relatively new to Korean children. Sook hopes that through all of the program's activities, these children will be able to feel the loving and caring presence of God. Along with this English ministry, she joined in MSCK assembly, KAF meeting, and fellowship meetings. She also works for Jesus Heart Church as a Sunday school teacher and a woman leader.



Children enjoyed the Halloween Party in South Korea.

Peace in the Korean Peninsula. Since Trump's visit, there are some positive expectations for the relationship between North and South Korea, North Korea and USA, and other international relations. There still are many threats such as ICBM, violation of DMZ, and many different views on the relationship between two Koreas. In fact, we do not know the details yet, but Koreans strongly hope to bring peace to the Korean Peninsula. Hopefully God also works to bring this peace to us.

* Our Prayer Requests

- 1) Thanksgiving for the 2nd MSCK Annual Assembly, KAF semi-annual meeting, writings on Anabaptism
- 2) Pray for the Mennonite Meeting in Seoul, so that participants may develop a closer fellowship.
- 3) Pray for Bock Ki's ministries: writing, translating, presenting, and carrying out KAC work. Pray also for Sook Kyoung's English program as a tool for bringing God's peace to each child she meets daily.
- 4) BK-SK's 2nd term will be finished next year. Pray for their next step so they may discern it with wisdom.
- 5) Our daughter, Jinsol, is in the Ph.D program at the University of Waterloo, while Daniel studies at Columbia Bible College in BC. Pray for their health, time management, and wisdom.
- 6) Please pray for peace in the Korean Peninsula continually.

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