

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM GRAND MASTER SHIN

A THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

The past year brought many troubles and financial hardships for everyone around the world. In contrast, the new year comes to us with great hopes and new dreams. We must expect better days in this year of changes, and our commitment must reflect the exciting times we live in. Our new year resolutions must be stronger than ever. They must begin and grow within us. The changes expected in the world must start in our heart. As the age of arrogance and ego has past, we can humble ourselves and live in love and in peace.

This is a unique moment for spiritual growth and a time for knowledge to mature.

Tae Kwon Do is a way to a greater future for us personally and for the world. We must not only practice physical self defense. We should challenge ourselves everyday and train hard to acquire a greater level of wisdom and spiritual understanding. We have to seek changes in our heart, in our thoughts and in our actions. If we do not change, we do not grow. We must see positive differences in our thinking and in our habits. Those changes are the manifestation of our spiritual growth. As we wear a different belt, we must be a different person. When we rise in rank, we must rise in understanding. We must see more. Only then do we truly earn our rank. Through the practice of Tae Kwon Do, we can identify the things which we are missing in our heart and the problems that we must overcome. Martial Arts help us develop self confidence, discipline and so much more. So, this new year may God help us be diligent, not just present, as we practice Tae Kwon Do.

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. “

Psalm 23:44

Happy New Year to all of you!

Happy Birthday to:

Aaron Moredock	Jan. 1	Veronica White	Jan. 16
Sage Vincioni	Jan. 5	Adam James	Jan. 16
Aaron Ashworth	Jan. 9	Johnny Estes	Jan. 17
Dudley Harmer	Jan. 9	Deann Austin	Jan. 18
Joseph Terry	Jan. 13	Ryan Leigh	Jan. 24
Jennifer Bisio	Jan. 14	Jenna Perkerson	Jan. 29
Kellie Perkerson	Jan. 16	Cat Gambill	Jan. 30

**Would you like to help support
a seminary student?**

Supporting the Akil seminary school in Mexico is one of the goals of the World Christian Tae Kwon Do Mission. Mission director, Pastor Park, says that \$90 per month is what is needed to sponsor a divinity student. This helps with tuition, housing, and food for a student. If you, or a small group, would like to show your support for a student, please let Master Shin know. Donations can be marked specifically for that purpose. These dedicated young men and women will be taking the story of redemption through Jesus Christ to many people in their country. Let us know if you want to get involved.

Fund Raising for the World Christian Tae Kwon Do Mission

We would like to try out some fund raising ideas for the mission. If you have an idea that would help us all join forces and support the mission center, please let Michelle Gipson know.

PARENTS' NIGHT OUT

On February 11, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., Grandmaster Shin's black belts will have a special night for the children, at Shin's Martial Arts. The children will be supervised and they will have a great time playing organized and creative games with our black belts and with their peers. This will be a FREE night. We will serve plenty of food and drinks, and we will play until we drop! This will also give a chance for the parents to enjoy a quiet evening. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Senior belt classes:

*January 7 and
January 20.*

**NEXT TESTING
SATURDAY, February 25th**

The next testing will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 25th. Be sure to turn in your testing form before that day. Parents, please remember to complete the questionnaire on the back of the children's blue testing form. This is a very helpful tool that helps you let your child know what he or she is doing well, and which areas there is need for improvement. Over the many years we have used this form, many parents have testified that their children have made great gains in all the aspects covered by the questionnaire.

MISSION MOMENT from THE WORLD CHRISTIAN TAE KWON DO MISSION

The World Christian Tae Kwon Do Mission was established, a few years ago, to carry the word of God and the message of life in Jesus Christ to those who are in need. The world is changing and this message is so important. Let your faith grow by giving it to others.

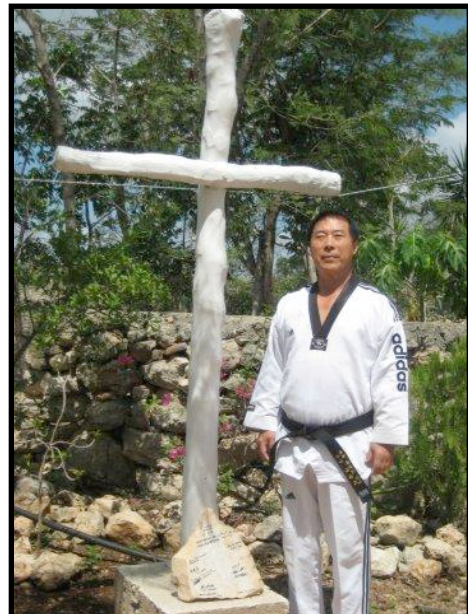
Think of ways in which you may want to join in this mission. Please, come join us for a spiritual meeting. We will have discussions, songs, readings, prayers, and fellowship.

The next meeting will be held on Saturday, January 8, at 8:00-9:00 AM, at the school. Anyone wanting to come is welcome!

Next June, from the 9th to the 16th, 11 people from Shin's Martial Arts, from Texas, and from Mexico will be going on our yearly mission trip to the Yucatan Peninsula. They will be using Tae Kwon Do as a tool to take the message of Jesus Christ to others. Please, think of joining them.

Be sure to visit us to see all the latest updates!
www.WorldChristianTaeKwonDoMission.com

If you have any questions, please, contact Michelle Gipson at 615-522-8907.



In his letter to the Colossians, Paul gives thanks that "... All over the world the gospel is bearing fruit and growing..."

– Colossians 1:6

**STUDENT OF THE MONTH
FLORENCE VINCIONI – 3RD DAN**

The definition of hard work, determination and dedication is Florence Vincioni. This very small lady has a very “super sized” character of doing everything she does with every breath of energy and power that she has. The flood of May 2010 was not an obstacle either. She moved the foundation! (literally!) And when the wood, bricks, and debris tried to knock her down with injury - SHE KNOCKED IT BACK! Florence has been an example of Tae Kwon Do in everything she does. Her passion shows in her actions. Florence dedicates so much of her time in helping with the expansion of Tae Kwon Do through demonstrations and teachings with Grand Master Shin throughout the Nashville area. She is an exceptional example of the way of the Tae Kwon Do Spirit. Florence is also very active in the World Christian Tae Kwon Do Mission. She will be going on the mission trip in June.

We are so thankful to have Florence and her two children, Elle and Sage, in our family.

We all love you!



