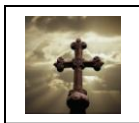


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A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING MESSAGE FROM GRAND MASTER SHIN

THANKSGIVING THOUGHTS & THANK YOU

First and foremost, I want to tell everyone at my school that I am truly thankful that you are in my life. You have filled up an emptiness in my life that nothing else could fill. My students and their families are like my own family. As we approach the holiday season of Thanksgiving, my mind journeys back to the day I first came to America. It was 35 years ago, on November 27, 1974, a cold, dreary, rainy day, when I walked down the steps from the airplane and wondered what the future would hold for me in this strange new world. I had only one piece of luggage and \$32.00 in my pocket. I was a young man with a big dream. Leaving my friends, parents, brothers, and sister in Korea was not easy. On the inside, I felt as if I had thrown them all away. To them, I was like a pioneer. They had a dream for me, too. Coming to America was like coming to the land of prosperity. It was commonly thought that this was the place where everyone could become wealthy and fill their lives with wonderful things. But, leaving them left a huge emptiness in my heart and my life. What was the reason I was here? Seeking the answer to this question, I eventually learned of God's purpose. When it began, I did not know where this journey would lead me and I could not have imagined the way that God would use my life for something greater than anything I could have planned. When I was young most of my hardships were for food and material things, especially after the Korean War, but in America I have seen an even greater hardship for love and spirit. Now that I have lived here for 35 years, I know that He sent me here to help the people of this country find greater life fulfillment of their spiritual hunger. Looking back over the years, I know that it was God's way, not mine. He has changed and molded my life in a way that fills my heart with gladness and joy and has given me the opportunity to help others who are in need. Being thankful for the blessings He has given me and trying to spread His message to others is the greatest fulfillment I can imagine. I want you to feel and understand this great message. You will find true love, joy, and happiness if you always thank God. He wants you to put aside blaming, anger, and doubt. If you don't thank Him daily for the blessings that He has given you, your life will be filled with problems. You will not find the peace that passes understanding and your heart will become bitter. I pray that I can be an instrument of God to help you come to this wonderful place of thankfulness. Even for small blessings, be thankful. Remember, He gave His only Son, Jesus Christ, because He loves you.

I want to say a heartfelt "Thank You" to all of you here and to God. Having the students that He has blessed me with is a long way from the day when I arrived here. It was not my plan, but His. More than ever, I realize that God has been my guide, even when I did not know it. He can be yours, too. Some day, I will go on my final journey, to my real home, without any immigrant luggage or money at all. I will carry only the love of my heavenly Father. My wish for you is that you will also "Thank Him" and know that He will work in your life in ways that you could never have planned for yourself. I want to say a special "Thanks" to my Black Belts, without whom my life's work would have never come to fruition. Thank you, students, parents, friends, and especially God. Please join me in this wonderful season of thanks and let's all be truly thankful. God Bless You.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

TAE KWON DO

PHILOSOPHY and PRINCIPLES

In the next newsletter, we will begin a series of articles by Grand Master Shin that will focus on Tae Kwon Do. He will give insightful details of the deeper meanings of Tae Kwon Do and how it relates to life.

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 it takes 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 of 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.

NEXT TESTING

SATURDAY, December 19th

NOTE THE CHANGE IN DATE



The next testing will be held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, December 19th. This will be our annual potluck Holiday Dinner at the school immediately following the testing. You will see a sign-up sheet in the near future for meats, sides, breads, drinks, and OF COURSE desserts. We love to have a multicultural buffet, so don't be afraid to bring an ethnic dish to share.

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. Testing fees are \$30 for under red belt, and \$35 for all red belt levels.



MISSION MOMENT from

THE WORLD CHRISTIAN TAE KWON DO MISSION

Carrying the word of God and the message of life in Jesus Christ to those who are in need is the goal of this mission. The world is changing and this message is so important. Let your faith grow by giving it to others.

During the month of October, the World Christian Tae Kwon Do Mission was established as a non-profit organization. Remember, any donations that you make will be tax-deductible. Think of ways that you might want to join in this mission of using Tae Kwon Do to take the Lord's message to others. We would love to hear your ideas! Also, if you have a spiritual witness story that you would like to share, send it to us and we will include it in the testimonies section of the mission Website. Be sure to visit us there to see all the latest updates!

www.WorldChristianTaeKwonDoMission.com

If you would like to join us as we share stories of faith and of understanding how God works in our lives, please come to the November 14 meeting. We will have discussion, song, prayer, and fellowship. The next meeting will be held on Saturday, December 12, at 9:00-10:00 AM at the school. Everyone who wants to come is welcome! We will be sharing the Lord's Word and talking about our future plans for the mission. We will have refreshments at the meeting. Please join us. If you have any questions please contact Susie Eng Tow @294-1663 or 673-6318. Note: If you plan to go on the mission trip next June, you will need a passport. Contact Karen Tidwell if you need any information about this.



In his letter to the Colossians, Paul gives thanks that "... All over the world the gospel is bearing fruit and growing...."
- Colossians 1:6

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH NORFORD & JOY BIERLY – 4TH DAN

Have you ever wondered about the husband and wife team that seems to be part of the foundation of Master Shin's school? For more years than we can count, Norford and Joy Bierly have shown humble and outstanding support for Grand Master Shin, for his students, and especially for the children of the school. There is no way that we can list all of the many ways over the years that they have helped out and been there for us all. From teaching the 5:00 class and the children's senior belt class, to coordinating many of the tournament activities, to fixing a leaky faucet or making the best burgers and dogs in Bellevue, Norford has shown his talents to be unlimited. Joy, his trustworthy partner in life, is as graceful and sweet a woman as you will ever find in this world. Her dedication to both him and the school has helped create a caring environment that can't be found anywhere else. Together, they make quite a team that gives us all an excellent model of what it takes to be a true Black Belt. Norford and Joy, you are very much loved and admired. We appreciate all that you do! **THANK YOU!**



Norford and Joy Bierly.....always there by Master Shin's side and showing a type of support that can't be matched.



Steady as a rock, Norford & Joy give it their all at the 5:00 class, making sure that the children get a great experience at Master Shin's school.