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Narrative Report on 2010 TOPIK's Activities

**"Receive the Holy Spirit.
If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven.
But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."
(John 20:22-23)**

Dear Anglican sisters and brothers:

Spring is just around corner. After all lives overcame the abnormal cold last winter, they are waiting spring which gives them new life. The Christians in Korea hope the iced Korean peninsula to be melted down by God's love as spring bring warm air. I am very happy to send some news to the sisters and brothers in the Anglican Communion who are waiting for this hope and praying for the Korean church.

The democracy movements in the Arab world are approaching to us as the new hope. We are praying for those who lost their lives and were wounded during the Democracy Movement. We are praying God's Grace upon them. We want to see that the wind of democracy from the Middle East will touch North Korea. Sometimes, we are tempted to use political and military power which will conquer North Korea. However, we are all aware that the peace way which God guides us is not relying upon this secular power.

TOPIK can't deny "the Sun Shine Policy,' which was adopted by the previous administrations made an important contribution to improving peace in the Korean peninsula. As you well know, the thing that takes off a traveler' heavy coat is not a strong wind but warm love like the Sun. We still firmly believe that God's love is the one that takes off the coat. TOPIK continues to do the humanitarian sharing movements as God guides us to do. However, it is very regrettable that we sent coal briquettes, shipped rice for emergency and helped the vocational school at Nasun city just once due to the drifting relationship between two Koreas. Nevertheless, TOPIK has tried to make an every effort to send God's love to the North Korean brothers and sisters. TOPIK would like to express its deep gratitude to the partners and Anglicans around the world, who have been with this course.

For the humanitarian aids program, many sisters and brothers from Anglican churches around the world have helped TOPIK directly and indirectly. In particular, the valuable funds are



from ERD (\$60,000), ABM (\$10,000), and NSKK (\$6,400). Without these generous supports, TOPIK can't continue its humanitarian activities.



Last November, TOPIK hosted the small meeting commemorating its 3rd anniversary with the domestic and international partners. Especially, we appreciate their participation from ERD, TEC, USPG, ABM, NSKK and Hong Kong. In this meeting, we witnessed that the harder and more complex reality is ahead of us. However, the participants agreed to work harder to achieve peace around the Korean peninsula.

After reviewing last year's activities and advice from the partners, TOPIK made some plans for the year 2011.

First, TOPIK is going to strengthen humanitarian aids programs to maintain the continuous relationship with North Korean counterparts. As the relationship goes well, they ask more various helps. In addition to coal briquette subsidy, the orphanage project is being asked. For helping the vocational school at Nasun city, they are asking more help so TOPIK plans to send necessary materials more often than last year.



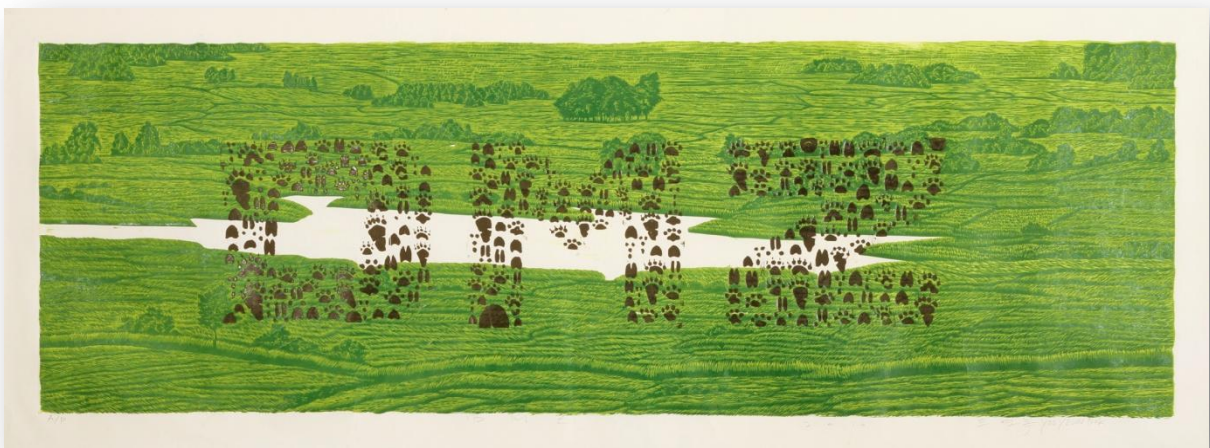
Second, the recent harsh political and military relationship between North and South is discouraging non-political activities from the civilian side. It is very difficult for civilian agencies to visit North Korea and meet their partners by land because of lack of support from the South Korean government. So TOPIK is meeting North Koreans and maintaining the relationship by way of China. We are learning the importance of the third party's role as the confrontation between North and South goes sour. Therefore, TOPIK will try to gain a strategic foothold near the border line between China and North Korea to secure TOPIK's activities.

Third, TOPIK is trying to achieve financial autonomy. We have no choice but to admit that TOPIK is in the state that its humanitarian activities can't be done without support and help from its neighbor churches. At the moment, TOPIK is in the middle of making a corporate body which will be recognized and registered by the South Korean government. We expect that the corporate body of TOPIK will help to set up the human and material network which will facilitate our mission.

Fourth, currently the political and military situation in the Korean peninsula is changing acutely and urgently. One feasible concern is where Korea will go if the unification comes without preparation. Many experts are analyzing that there could be extreme conflicts or

confusions. In the second half, TOPIK will more focus on activities to prepare for this hypothetical situation. For example, we will strengthen peace education for people inside and outside church, and help and work with North Korean people who moved into South from North.

Lastly, TOPIK is actively preparing for Okinawa peace conference from Oct.25 to 31, 2011 with NSKK. This conference is the second peace conference followed by the first one held in Seoul, 2007. The conference, which will be initiated by working level staff, is being designed to seek feasible alternatives for the peace in North East Asia. I politely ask your prayer, concern and participation. Your opinions and any suggestions on this meeting will be more than welcomed.



How does the peace of the Lord become realized? We believe that the real peace can be achieved through forgiveness, full understanding, and reconciliation. Even though the TOPIK activities so far are not fully satisfactory and fledged, we are sincerely praying that TOPIK can make a great contribution to make moving history which will forgive and reconcile each other who used to fight and confront.

We are having the Lent already. As our faith is growing through remembering Lord's sacrifice for us and experiencing the blessing of the Easter, we will follow Lord's sacrifices and self denial in the hope of experiencing another resurrection, the unification of the Korean peninsula. We pray for God's Grace upon the brothers and sisters who are in the solidarity with TOPIK during the Lent.

In peace,

TOPIK

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