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To the Members of the Korean American Bar Association of Georgia (KABA-GA)

My name is Jea Huy Choi, and I am currently a minister of the PCA Southeast Presbytery. I currently serve as the director of Wheat Mission in Atlanta (Milal). Wheat Mission is a program where we serve people with disabilities and assist them to interact with other people through various activities.

Wheat Mission in Atlanta was founded in 2000 and has been serving people with disabilities ever since. Eighteen years later, many of our friends with disabilities have since become adults and graduated from high school or aged out of the public education system. For those that have no other place to go, Wheat Mission created a weekday program called Atlanta Mission Academy (AMA) where we provide music, art, and physical therapy. Wheat Mission is also planning to fund and manage a group home for the near future. The group home project aims to aid adults with disabilities to live independently apart from their parents.

Thank you for your interest and concern for people with disabilities. Please pray and support us that this ministry in the Atlanta area will continue.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at atlmilal@gmail.com or call me at (404) 644-3533.

Sincerely,

**Jea Huy Choi
Director of Wheat Mission of Atlanta**

The Purpose of Wheat Mission

The Founder of Milal, Atlanta Wheat Mission, Dr. Jae-Suh Lee is visually impaired. He personally experienced the pain and suffering of being a disabled person in Korea, facing discrimination and social shame. Because of what he endured, Dr. Lee desired to improve the welfare of all disabled people around the globe (Service), educate churches and societies about the disabled, and to help them empathize with the perspective of handicapped persons (Enlighten), and to spread and share the Gospel with them (Evangelism). Milal Wheat Mission was established in 1979 with these three goals in mind: Evangelism, Service and Enlightenment, for the benefit of the disabled.

Background of the Atlanta Wheat Mission

Atlanta Wheat Mission was established on January 1, 2000, as a branch of Milal's Mission in the United States, to accomplish these three goals.

The Three-fold Purpose of Milal

- 1) Evangelism
- 2) Service
- 3) Enlightenment

Method

More than anything else we attempt at Wheat Mission, or on this earth for that matter, is to **build personal relationships**. To succeed in building personal relationships is paramount, especially for the disabled who suffer deeply from isolation. The success of our three-fold purpose depends upon it.

Classroom of Love

Classroom of Love is a weekly Saturday Program designed specifically for handicapped children. The program includes praise & worship time, listening to sermons, bible movie time, one-on-one bible study, combined with games, arts & crafts. The afternoon program includes lunch provided for churches, and special activity classes including music therapy, computer instruction, cooking classes and games/sports. We also currently have a monthly chiropractic volunteer who ministers to staff and students after completing their special activities.

Sign Language Class

Sign Language classes are taught every Tuesday, divided into morning and evening sessions. Sign language is critical for the deaf or those who cannot speak clearly, so that they have a means to communicate with the world. The classes also teach sign worship, and are an opportunity to share prayer requests and have the students pray for one other.

Milal Beauty Salon

Getting a haircut may be an easy matter for the average person, but it can be very difficult or challenging for a disabled person and their family or caretakers. Milal Beauty Salon is dedicated solely for disabled children who need their hair cut or dressed. The beauty salon operates on the last Wednesday of every month at Milal Center.

Milal Dentistry

Volunteers provide semi-annual dental checks, and provide teeth cleaning for disabled children.

Disability Commemoration Day

In 1988, the Korean government designated April 20th as the "Day of the Disabled". The Korean Church adopted the Korean Church Conventions (KNCC) in 1933, and the Korean Church Code of Practice to Restore the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities at the 42nd General Assembly. Milal continues the campaign to defend the disabled. The U.S. recognizes December 3rd as the International Day of People with Disabilities. Disabled people are dignified in the image of God through the People with Disabilities Day and the Sunday Disability Campaign for Disabled Persons. We are enlightening those around us to prevent discrimination and alienation of the Disabled.

Field Trips

Each semester, all students and teachers of Milal's *Classroom of Love*, together with their family members, are invited to attend a Field Trip. Semester Field Trips are invaluable to teach socialization and provide students with life skill lessons in the real world. Additionally, Milal organizes other special field trips opportunities, arranging free and reduced-priced tickets for attendees through private arrangements. Milal strives to provide these opportunities on a monthly basis, to allow students to break out of their isolation and encourage their integration into American society.

Milal Camp of Love

Each year, the Camp attracts over 500 people, organizing group activities for students with disabilities and administering a variety of programs including praise, performance, swimming, skits, games, arts & crafts, swimming, and talent contests. A special keynote speaker is invited to provide spiritual fulfillment for families and volunteers.

Summer Vacation Bible Study (VBS)

Every year, two weeks of summer VBS is organized for the students by the Milal staff.

Milal Day Café

The Milal Day Café was established to provide an inviting space for our friends and neighbors in Christ to come together in fun fellowship, share hot beverages and refreshments, and build new relationships. Once a year, the Café raise offerings to cover the operating costs of Milal's mission.

Milal Fiesta

Once a Year we host a "Milal Fiesta" inviting all of our church community members, friends and families. This is a day of praise & worship, led by choreographed sign praise worship, and with guest speakers. The program provides a very special opportunity for disabled children and their parents to present specially rehearsed performances in sign and song.

Milal & World Magazine

Milal publishes a monthly magazine: *Milal & World*. Printed and published in 24 different countries worldwide, magazine subscriptions are free to anyone who requests one through notifying the Milal office. The publication shares the inspiring testimonials and stories of disability families, along with much needed news and educational information for the disabled, and family and friends dealing with disabled people. *Milal & World* is also made available by Audio-book, dedicated to visually disabled people.

Milal Group Home

In 2015, the Atlanta Milal Mission began the process of funding and building a group home for adults with disabilities.