Awana Column

Heavenly Feast

A few days ago, I went to my son's kindergarten in order to attend the special event celebrating its 10th anniversary. Usually this would be my wife's job but she asked me to attend instead. There were several displays in the corners; drawing display, picture display, cake decoration, making soap, taking pictures etc. If the participants completed all of them with their child, the child would earn a bag as a present. I did complete all of the events with my son.

My son was running to the office with the completion document which would earn him a bag. As he left with his bag, he suddenly stopped in front of a picture and compared that picture with his bag. A little later he turned to me with a smile.

A lot of small pictures are printed on the bag, coming from the children's pictures. He seemed to wonder whether his picture was printed or not. Finally he found a part of his picture and smiled. At that time, two scenes come across my mind. Someday I'll smile when I go to heaven, I'll find my name in the book of life and I can find my friends names there too. This is our joy because our names are written in the book. And God smiles that He waits, finds and saves us from the evil one. That is the heart of God.

These days many Christians say that the Church is facing a crisis. Yes. A church has many people who exploit the church and their faith for their own success. Unfortunately, the number of men who are living their life for Christ are gradually on the decrease.

We are heading for a crisis. A basis of belief is ignored; the man who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. And also mission work is in trouble for several reasons. The significance of the existence of Church is not for personal power over others but mission and evangelism. Preaching is the Great Commandment. That is God's order and the way of life.

But now, it seems like that we have forgotten that God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

We Awana leaders have to re-realize that the blessing is in giving our own life to God and go to train and grow up our next generation. Let's pray and go together!

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"Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt." (Daniel 12:2)

"I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent." (Luke 15:7)