



## Passing of our Beloved Brother, Raymond Mas

Ki Hoon Kim and Michael Balcomb  
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Our dear brother, Raymond Mas, of the New Hope Family Church in Maryland, ascended to the Spirit World early Saturday morning, February 11, 2017, after a long illness. Ray has met our True Parents 46 years ago. Since joining the Unification Movement, he has served in various missions throughout the world, most notably as National Messiah to Turkey with his wife Irma. He will be missed by his loving family and many friends.

Ray is survived by his wife Irma, three children, Victar, Alexandra, and Jacob, and his sister Carol.

Let us join together in support of Ray's family during this important time, and pray for his victorious transition to a glorious new life in the spiritual world.

Following is Ray's Seonghwa information from his family and a short bio and testimony.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ki Hoon Kim  
Continental Director

Dr. Michael Balcomb  
President

### **The Victorious Life of Raymond Mas** **March 10, 1952 - February 11, 2017**



Ray joined the Unification Movement in 1971 in Washington, D.C., and was called to mission in Bolivia, as the country's first American missionary, and served throughout Central Africa, and Uruguay. Ray and Irma are a 2075 Blessed Couple and National Messiahs to Turkey, where they lived and championed True Parents for many years. Ray was devoted to the cause of religious freedom, working for the International Coalition for Religious Freedom, Middle East Peace Initiative, and the Ambassadors for Peace initiative. He was also an avid reader and a great lover of music and singing.

Ray is survived by his wife, Irma, and three children Victar, Alexandra, Jacob, and sister Carol.

From Marilyn and Umberto Angelucci and The Middle East Region Family:

“He was a man of dedication and honor. A man that lived for his ideals and was not afraid to sacrifice for what he believed. He lived in Turkey because that is where God

wanted him to be and he loved the people with all his heart. Together with his wife and children they sacrificed their homeland and worked for peace in an unfamiliar land. But, they made this unfamiliar place their home.

Until just recently Ray was contacting me whenever there was a tragedy or celebration in Turkey because his heart was still there. Many people remember him fondly in Turkey and ask us about him constantly. He touched many lives and educated many people to uplift their lives and bring them closer to God. He dedicated himself to that place because that is the place that God had given to his family. I am sure that from the Spiritual World he will still be working for Turkey.”