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by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

In 1990, our church held many important events on six continents around the world, but I want to focus on the three most important dispensational events.

First, True Parents' 70th Birthday was held on both national and world levels. This is because Father entered the national-level of leadership through his worldwide indemnity conditions. On this foundation Father could approach the Korean people to proclaim the position of True Parents. This went beyond the national level of Korea. True Parents are now at the worldwide level.

The second event was the Moscow Rally. True Father, as the leading anti-communist in the world, entered Moscow, the Mecca of communism, meeting with Gorbachev and many important communist leaders, giving them parental love and guidance.

In the beginning, before God's original true love ideal was established, Satan installed his own ideal. Because of this, Satan has always established his regime before God's regime. Communism is the culmination of satanic ideology where Satan invested his entire strategy and wisdom. Just three years after communism began, True Father was born.

The Soviet communist regime deeply desired the Korean peninsula in order to access an ice-free harbor; but their intention had not been realized. On the day of Korean independence in 1945, America and the Soviet Union divided the Korean peninsula without involving a single Korean in their planning process. Every problem after World War II stemmed from this division of the Korean peninsula. The Soviet Union selected Kim Il-sung to lead the North Korean regime, and then in 1948 supplied armaments to his troops during the Korean War. The Korean peninsula was devastated and millions of Korean lives were sacrificed. Kim Il-sung's defeat didn't daunt the Soviet Union's desire for this peninsula. The internal, spiritual reason for this was the dispensation of Eden. Satan's purpose through this was to destroy the foundation of the third true Adam and establish his own third Adam. The Soviet Union doesn't really know how deeply they violated True Father.

True Parents' arrival in Moscow could happen not only through external conditions, but through world level indemnity conditions. Father confidently went there not as Abel in front of Cain, but rather as the parent. Although Father met with

many persons in the Soviet Union, he never asked anything of them. He spoke about "your children's survival, your nation's survival." Through the Moscow event, Father made a condition which completely overcomes the Cain world on the earth. In front of True Parents, there are no more Cains.

The third main event was the second Assembly of the World's Religions last August. From the beginning of our movement, Father has laid conditions for the Abel world through interdenominational and interreligious activities. This work culminated in last year's Assembly. The proclamation of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and the quality and scope of the participants made it an historical event.

After the Assembly, Father invited the Grand Mufti of Syria to send 40 of his disciples to a 40-day leadership conference in New York. He joyfully answered, "Yes!" I was so amazed at his response—we have never had this kind of experience. The 40 disciples who came, were all leaders with very important positions in their communities. In the past, Father has commented several times about his concerns for the religious community, especially Muslims. Suddenly they are becoming so close to Father. The religious world is changing toward Father at an unprecedented pace.

With these two events, Father achieved victorious foundations in both the Cain and Abel worlds in 1990. We are beginning 1991 on this victorious foundation. What is the next goal? God wants to establish His true love ideal in a central Adam nation; that is why Father is urgently emphasizing the unification of North and South Korea. Please do not think of this as the unification of the Korean peninsula—it is the Adam nation. While the Adam nation is divided, the third Adam's ideal can never settle down.

The minimum level in Father's mind lately is the national level. Adam's true love ideal has to be fulfilled through the cooperation of Eve. You might think it's not so difficult—simply Father and Mother establish God's ideal. However, for the world level true love ideal to be established, the Adam nation needs an Eve nation. Recently, Father has emphasized that we cannot divide the Koreans and Japanese. The original nature of true love is equality, inheritance, and mutual involvement. God's dispensational ideal needs an Adam nation and an Eve nation completely united in oneness.

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Father offers sanctified food from the True Parents' Birthday offering table to Shin Young Nim after Pledge Service on February 20, 1991. (Photo: Ken Owens /New Future Photo)

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GOD'S DAY 1991

MIDNIGHT SPEECH

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
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The second part of Father's midnight address will appear in the next Today's World issue. The editors would like to express our appreciation to Mr. Sung Oh for the translation.

The New Year's Motto is "Unification of My Country" again. As I said last year, we will have the same motto for three years.

It has been 45 years since I began my public ministry in 1945. I am now facing my 71st birthday. Where will the providence be by my 80th birthday in the year 2000? By then, all people should inherit the concept of one world nation. There have been so many nations and ideologies pursuing various complex directions but now they must unite in one direction. Just as we recite "My Pledge", we should be restoring one nation in the name of God—one sovereignty, one people and one land.

The earth is simply the stage on which we practice for our eternal heavenly life. The best preparation for living in the heavenly world is through creating the heavenly nation on earth. Originally people should have been unified on earth and then gone to spirit world. But due to evil's dominance of the earth, various blocks emerged. In the spirit world, people continue to live within boundaries. The Unification Church has been fighting to pass over these boundaries and form one nation.

INDEMNITY FROM THE POSITION OF REBIRTH

Then what is the fall? It is the division of love. Therefore, restoration through indemnity should be centered on love. We should indemnify from the position of rebirth, centering on True Parents in the name of God. The heavenly blessed family plays the leading role in this indemnity, from which the new heavenly tribe, nation, state, and world are organized.

I have fought strenuously throughout my life, with Satan using every means to block the way. Blessed families are different from non-blessed families. You received the Blessing in the midst of Satan's environment. He fought to prevent it and you went through persecution, even leaving your families and nation. In the midst of these adverse circumstances, the Unification Church has expanded to the worldwide level centering on the blessed family.

Then where are the families and members of the Unification Church going? The nation in which we live is not the original nation. Therefore we are pursuing the heavenly nation where God can govern a people united in one direction.

Originally Adam and Eve were born as God's first son and daughter and received God's love. But they fell in their adolescence, and left the sovereignty of God's love. Satanic love, which has nothing to do with God's heart, has forced mankind to walk an opposing road where all his original aspects of heart were restricted.

Instead of being united into one eternally, Adam and Eve

separated both in mind and body. After the fall, Adam and Eve started life, not as God's beloved son and daughter, but as Satan's prey, who exploited them with love contrary to God's heart. Our ancestors started mankind's miserable history weeping and expelled by God, as written in the Bible. From that time on, Adam and Eve led sinful lives, contrary to God's heart. Because of this beginning, mankind lived in hell and went to hell throughout history.

RESTORATION THROUGH MAN'S SURRENDER

To save mankind, God passed through an agonizing indemnity period. God had the ability to destroy Satan and take back his children—raising them as children of love into a family, tribe, nation, and world of love. But God didn't do it that way. Through the love relationship Adam and Eve had made with Satan, they willingly surrendered their right of ownership and inheritance, so that man became Satan's property. So even though Adam and Eve fell and left God's mind, they could not be restored by force.

There is a biblical parable of the true olive tree and the wild olive tree. Before they bear fruit, they look the same. But in the autumn, the wild olive tree bears wild fruit, which nobody wants. To restore the wild olive tree, the true olive tree must be sent on earth. Therefore God has worked through religion to restore the right of ownership to His side. The true worldwide religion must include the theory of the Second Coming of the Messiah. So God established Christianity as the central religion and grafted other religions onto it.

Just after World War II, the world became unified centered on Christianity. God wanted to make a unified, heavenly tribe by sending the true olive tree and grafting mankind onto it. If established Christianity had united with the true olive tree, the world might have been restored within seven years, becoming a world dominated directly by God.

But America, the prepared Christian nation, didn't understand God's Providence. Established Christian churches expected the Lord would come on the clouds, not as a man. In the Old Testament Era, Israel awaited the Messiah for 4,000 years; but when he came, they didn't recognize him. As a result of their disbelief, they lost their nation and wandered miserably for 2,000 years—shedding blood and tears wherever they went. The Jewish people finally established a nation in 1948, as did Korea. The Israeli people, as well as the Korean people, forged a nation not by their own efforts, but with the help of the second Israel, America.

Through welcoming the Unification Church, America could have been restored in seven years; but all of God's foundation collapsed as a result of the objections of the

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established Christian churches, causing mankind back to Satan's side. Therefore the Unification Church's mission was to absorb these newly-lost families, tribes, nations and world. Not only was God's 4,000-year victorious foundation lost, but God didn't have 4,000, or even 400 years, to recover it. If the coming Messiah, True Parents, didn't create a movement to recover this foundation within 40 years, it would be forever claimed by Satan. Knowing God's Will, Father struggled desperately throughout his life.

Until now, established Christianity has vehemently opposed the Unification Church not by their own conscious will, but because they were under Satan's dominion. In the history of the fulfillment of God's Will, heaven's side must win by taking a beating. The bad side declines only after the good side has gone the way of blood, sweat and tears. That is why the sons and daughters of our persecutors are now becoming our members.

A FOUNDATION WON THROUGH SACRIFICE

Jesus said, "The one who loves his parents, children, husband or wife more than me is not worthy to be my disciple." Moreover, he asked his disciples to take up their own cross and follow him. But even if one wins a family level victory, it is not the end. The larger enemy—the tribe—awaits. If one wins on the tribal level, there is still more on the larger level: the nation awaits. Therefore, Christian churches shed much blood to build today's worldwide foundation.

Christianity made all of these pioneering efforts in order to meet the Lord, the coming True Parents. One cannot enter the heavenly nation bearing the false blood lineage of Satan, but must pass through the door of the Messiah and receive the seed of the True Parents.

One cannot pass through the door of True Parents with one's fortune from the earthly world, nor with one's son or daughter, nor as husband and wife together. We must accept that nothing we have is ours but God's. If we say, "I love God more than anything else," we can receive things as God's.

Our aim in life is contaminated by false love; in order to transfer our direction to the heavenly side, the heart of true love should surpass false love. Rebirth means that anyone born of false parents is born again through True Parents. To inherit God's love, God's life, and God's lineage, we should have nothing to do with Satan's love, Satan's life, or Satan's lineage. These should not be even in our consciousness. When we take God's side, the whole world becomes our enemy, even our own family and nation.

Christianity could not establish a tribe, because Jesus couldn't form a tribe centered on the family of Zechariah and Joseph. John the Baptist, Jesus, Mary and Elizabeth, were from the same blood lineage. Therefore, John the Baptist should have been one with Jesus.

We say heaven and earth, not earth and heaven, and Father and Mother, not the other way around. False parents reversed the true dominion. Due to the fall, there must be a

crossover point where God's side increases and Satan's side declines. The crossover point is zero.

Today's world seeks to be united centered on economic or military power; but the direction of history can become one only through true love. Evil love is centered on the self, whereas heavenly love is centered on the whole. The way of death is the way of bodily pleasure, and the way of life is the way of spirit. They differ by 180 degrees. Therefore, the one who dares to die shall live, the one who wants to live shall die. When we make an 180 degree turn, the last one becomes the first. Let us say a father is walking and the son is following, but when they turn 180 degrees, the father follows the son. When the world turns around, the people at the back will be at the front. Children who followed their parents in the wrong direction will now lead their parents in the true direction. This is a cataclysmic change.

HEAVEN'S NARROW GATE

The only way to Heaven is through true love, not through external qualifications, however great. Those who love money, knowledge, or their own body cannot enter. Someone may say, "I have been president of my nation for three consecutive years, so I can go to Heaven." This is nonsense. Only true love can pass through the door of True Parents. Only when we love Heaven more than our own life, can we place our feet in the heavenly nation. Do you know how hard it is to enter heaven? The pastors, deacons and lay people of established churches say, "We are going to heaven by faith," but Jesus said the way to Heaven is through a narrow gate.

After joining the Unification Church, we must become a seed again, implant the seed in True Parents, and be reborn. In the Unification Church we experience the true love of parents, brothers and sisters, so we can forget the false love we experienced previously.

The root of mankind is God, not True Parents. The way back to God is the course of restoration history. After the fall, Adam and Eve were degraded below all things. In the Old Testament Era, sacrifices were offered for the purpose of establishing the children's position. In the New Testament Era, Jesus (in the son's position) and many martyrs shed their blood to pave the way for the parent's position. On these two foundations, True Parents could fulfill the parents' position.

If we intend to unify the world, we must get certificates of unification in the heavenly world from God, the King of Heaven. Otherwise, we can't unify the world on earth. Do you know what I mean? When I once said, "Buddha, Jesus, Confucius, and Mohammed are my disciples," many religious leaders wanted to kill me. But had they been to spirit world? The one who communicates with spirit world knows the truth. The Unification Church will unify all religions and these leaders will surrender not by force, but naturally. Many of these leaders now feel that life is impossible without Rev. Moon.

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American Blessed Couples' Conference

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

WORLD MISSION CENTER

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S P E E C H

This is the second part of Father's speech. The first part was published in the February 1991 Today's World issue.

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You should be informed of how the providence is progressing. Neither you nor even elder members know Father or the providence very well. This is because I myself have been accomplishing many important results behind the scenes, without your knowledge.

There are so many complex interminglings in the world today that only I know how and in what direction history is running. In reality, nobody truly believes that the evil world will end and a good history will begin. Even many ministers say, "That's too idealistic." But I want you to know that God is absolutely determined that in fact evil will end and the good history will begin! Today both the right wing and the left wing, including communism, are finished. Providentially, by God's declaring headwing through Reverend Moon, the Unification movement alone is able to embrace both sides.

Our enemies are finally changing. Even up until 1987 Gorbachev and his KGB, in cooperation with Kim Il Sung of North Korea, had planned to physically eliminate Reverend Moon and destroy his movement. However, since that time, Gorbachev has realized that is not the way he should treat Reverend Moon.

Do you remember that in 1988, Kim Il Sung secretly dispatched 25 of the Japanese Red Army to the United States to eliminate Rev. Moon and his movement? However, the CIA and the FBI found evidence of this and began to protect me because they thought if something happened to me it would affect the entire United States. Another amazing thing to remember is that when I was indicted, the people in the Justice Department were smiling from ear to ear, for they felt I would not return to America. But, on the contrary, I came back the very next day because I only cared about God's mission. If I had not come back at that time, many great things would not have happened. You can see that I am not living just for my own safety. If you want to accomplish some great mission from God, you have to risk your life.

A UNIVERSAL EXODUS FROM EVIL

I decided to invite Soviet college students to America to learn about the headwing ideology. Already four groups of 250 students have come, but each time, the United States State Department tried to block their entry. It was incredibly difficult to get visas for them. However, with the fourth group everything changed. As the result of a shower of protests from congressmen, senators, governors, police chiefs, and all kinds of people, the State Department finally issued the visas—just in time for the students to make their scheduled flight. After that the State Department changed their policy and told the

American Embassy in the Soviet Union, "Just stamp their visas. Don't even bother to ask us about it again!" Such is the incredible way that history is progressing.

The atmosphere has completely changed. The dramatic and exciting things happening today don't just result from 40 or 70 years of Father's work. God Himself has been working through almost 250 million years of human history, and great indemnity has been paid for everything to come together at this momentous time of the end of the evil history and the beginning of the good history. I always want you to consider deeply what God has done, but especially today I want you to think how God made this brand new Christian nation and let it prosper for 200 years. Now America is weakening and needs a lot of help. Also communism appeared 73 years ago promising to be the salvation of humanity, but after killing more than 170 million people, finally at this time they have raised the white flag of surrender.

This then is a most special moment for America, the Soviet Union, and for Father. I was born in 1920 and, starting with nothing, I laid the foundation step by step in Korea and Japan and then came to America in 1971. Now in 1990 I am in a position to deal with these two crumbling worlds. Look at the timing—it is so precise. Only Almighty God and His providential Will could have made these things possible. Amazingly He is shaping the entire environment so that there is no other choice except to go the way of the Unification Church and True Parents. Just as Moses began the Exodus at the age of 80, as I begin my eighth decade, we are truly leading a universal exodus away from sin, from crime, and from all immorality.

WINNING THE FOUNDATION

Just in 1990, how much change has come in the providence and the world situation! If in the next 10 years, this kind of change is repeated every year, can you imagine how much change will come?! Who is going to work for this change and be a champion? (We are!) Through a 70-year period, the mission of the True Parents has been fulfilled to perfection. During this next 10 years you can win that foundation.

If the 12 different tribes of Israel had accepted Jesus and spread his message all over the world, they could have begun the Kingdom of God on earth at that time. They failed, but we will finally accomplish that goal today, centering on True Parents. The blessed couples, as tribal messiahs, will make up the 12 tribes and spread this message over the entire world. Upon that foundation, we will finally establish the Kingdom of God on earth!

From 1990 on, instead of trying to bury us, the world will try to lift up the Unification Church and the name of Sun Myung Moon. Do you think it is really happening? (Yes!) The

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Unification Church is now in the elder son's position, and all the other people are in the younger brother's position. No one will oppose the elder brother; they all will say, "Yes, we have to listen to Rev. Moon. He is right." When you really preach about Father, they will listen and agree, as the Soviet lawmakers did.

TRUTH GIVES US COURAGE TO TEACH

The spirit world has been in the Cain or elder son's position, and earth has been in Abel's position. The spirits have been exploiting their earthly brothers for their own selfish benefit. But this year in Korea on Children's Day True Parents declared, "No more. You must be restored now to God and True Parents' side, and go help the people." If you know this down to your bones, not just consciously, you can feel that spirit world is indeed now completely at your command. When you push forward with guts you can reach people at every level, from the president to a laborer, and all obstacles will crumble.

Truth will give you guts. What kind of truth? Know that you have True Parents and that you are the restored elder son. You are the tribal messiah and your mission is also to restore kingship. These positions were never fulfilled in the Garden of Eden, and after the fall, Satan claimed them. But today you have the True Parents, the elder son is restored, and you can go way beyond what Satan can even imagine. Satan will be completely overwhelmed.

Can you confidently say you are the elder son of God's kingdom? Has the restoration of the elder sonship, which has been God's headache and an enormous problem for so many thousands of years, finally indeed been resolved by the True Parents? Even if you have been feeling wishy-washy and confused or suffering with a Cain-Abel problem, listen to me now and declare, "Today I have guts because I have the True Parents and centering upon them, I have become the true elder son." Every one of you will not only be forgiven but also you will be given the right to become elder sons and daughters as you raise your hands and pledge, "Father, yes!"

There is almost no one who has not spoken badly about the Unification Church and Rev. Moon. When you tell the truth and they discover that Rev. Moon is right, they will feel ashamed. Since their consciences will hurt them, they will quickly change and say, "Can I help you? How can I cooperate with you?"

At this time, you don't have to worry about the nation. The national policy of every country, free or communist, has to follow the heading way and Godism. There is no other choice. If Adam and Eve had become perfect, there would be no such thing as national barriers. Adam and Eve would have had complete dominion over the entire world and spirit world would have automatically guided everyone to follow them.

What we need today are blessed couples who will be true parents. You must turn around worldly families and help them become God-centered. You can strongly chastize them,

"Why do you get up so late? Why do you go to bed so early?" Even if you act like a big boss and people say, "Don't go to the Unification Church!" at the same time, they are uncontrollably coming toward us because the inner mind of man knows the standard he should have.

If you are just like Rev. Moon and you even look, act, and speak like him—then with guts, you have the elder son's rights centering upon True Parents, and you can speak with authority. Do not act like beggars. You are commanders-in-chief, not beggars. Don't beg. Have the pride of the elder son of the True Parents and tell others, "Do you want to go to heaven? Come with me."

You don't have to explain to your cousins, your nephews, your little brothers and sisters. Just pull on their necktie: "Come. Come, listen to your elder brother." You will look so serious, confident, and gutsy that they will follow you. Therefore, increasing the membership is no problem. Starting from you, it will just multiply because we have a weapon that can make even the most intellectual person surrender: the weapon of truth. No one can challenge that!

When I was in Korea, I initiated one gigantic crusade, a preparatory campaign for the reunification of North and South Korea. The rallies are going on all over South Korea. They are talking about family restoration. That is the basic job Korean members are doing, and that is what you have to do. I also asked the Japanese to form 4,000 little groups to go out and restore their families.

OUR MESSIANIC RESPONSIBILITY

Eve's country has to feed the world from her bosom. A lot of good mother's milk is coming out for the children of the world. Will America fall behind Japan? All five billion people in the world today are the children of the archangel. America, as the archangel nation, should go out and restore those people, including the Soviet Union. Then you must go on to Asia, and gradually you restore the entire world. Asia is the home of all humankind because the Adam and the Eve, the father and mother, nations are there.

In the Garden of Eden before the Fall were Adam, Eve, and three archangels. Now it is harvest time on the worldwide scale: Korea is the Adam nation, Japan is Eve, and the three archangels are the United States, the Soviet Union, and Red China. Economically, America will continue declining, and Japan will continue buying. But to continue enjoying prosperity, Japan must realize that Eve's money is to be used for the sake of Adam. Japanese wealth has to be contributed for the unification of Korea, Asia, and the world.

The Japanese people today don't know what to do with all their money. They are looking for their true husband. Some politicians have gone to North Korea, trying to give money to Kim Il Sung, but he is the false Adam. The True Parents are in South Korea!

The most important message I want to give you today at this very significant conference is that centering upon the

To win Satan's world, you must determine to practice such loyalty to God and True Parents that you surpass Satan's level of tenacity. Then, our age-old dream will become a reality, and God's heart will finally be liberated.

True Parents, you are in the elder son's position and you have to love your spouse and your children not just for the sake of your own family. Your tradition is to sacrificially go out and restore other families and your relatives. Blessed couples, your mission is to practice heavenly tradition in your own home and expand it to your own relatives and neighbors.

This is your messianic responsibility, the tribal messiah's

your eternal life will be determined by the quality and quantity of your efforts to establish heavenly tradition on the earth.

Centering upon the True Parents, you have the power to explode a spiritual megaton atomic bomb. Christianity began when 120 of Jesus' remnant disciples got together and prayed. An incredible spirit came down and with that power those 120 disciples went out to the world and created Christianity. Today, you are like those 120 disciples and you must each gather your own 120 families. Your power is True Parents' power.

As a tribal messiah, eventually you will have the right to match and give the Blessing because you are the ancestors. You are to be a replica of the True Parents, an extension of the True Family.

Do this work in your immediate surroundings. Deal with your family, relatives, and neighbors. When you do this most important job successfully, you don't have to worry about the nation or the world. This is True Parents' triumph—national and world restoration will happen automatically, just like the unification of Korea, as a result of our work—but only after you lay your own foundation.

My goal is that Kim Il Sung comes to a natural surrender, voluntarily—not by force, not by the bullet, the atomic bomb, or by war. Do you think that all the congressmen who attended the American Leadership Conference came at gunpoint? Is our mission to wield a pistol, saying, "If you don't come to our show we'll kill you"? No. They came because they wanted to learn about Godism and headwing. By the same token, Kim Il Sung will naturally surrender as a result of the providential atmosphere and circumstances being created in the world at this time.

Your duty is to lay the tribal foundation, moving toward the restoration of kingship. In your own small tribe or kingdom, you are like the king and queen. Father is the universal king. I have been receiving all the persecution on your behalf. You don't have to go out and receive persecution anymore. With a gutsy declaration, you are going to win. Amen? (Amen!)

I want you to know that Satan is always, always there. He has not completely disappeared. Satan has been as tenacious as a bulldog, who bites on and never lets go. Satan aggressively asserts himself everywhere that he possibly can. To win Satan's world, you must determine to practice such loyalty to God and True Parents that you surpass Satan's level of tenacity. Then, our age-old dream will become a reality, and God's heart will finally be liberated.

BRINGING CAIN HOME

Wives, at bed-time do you say to your husband, "Why don't you act like so-and-so? Why don't you go to college? Why don't you get more money for us? Someone else bought a



duty. So far you've been serving and giving unconditionally and paying indemnity, but no more. Now I have paid all the indemnity so that you can harvest, you can gather and elevate others to create a heavenly tribe and nation.

HONOR THE TRUE FAMILY TRADITION

In one word, the tradition of the family is true parentship. You yourself will be imitating the True Parents. True Parents have been giving their entire lives to create this foundation. You also must give your entire life to create the foundation upon which your own relatives, your neighbors, and your tribe can all be restored. You must invest and invest. God invested everything, 1000 percent, not reserving one drop of blood, sweat, or energy. Similarly, you are to invest husband power, wife power, children power, family power, and everything you have to set up and expand the tradition of the true heavenly family. Your true assets are not how much money you have in the bank. Your assets accumulate as you really give of yourself to accomplish these goals. The quality of

The world is recognizing True Parents and uniting around me. Your job is to help all your relatives to become true families and to make your mind subject over your body.

house. Why don't you buy us a house?" Do you think those are the words of restored Eve or of fallen Eve? (Fallen Eve.) You should be upholding God's and True Father's principles!

If I had listened to every word that Mother said, do you think I would have accomplished all that I have today? Adam lost that subjective power of dominion. So don't be dumb husbands! Block out that kind of bed-time talk! This is very, very important. Have heavenly talk, even at bedtime, encouraging each other: "How can we serve True Parents better? How can we proclaim True Parents' truth better?" If your wife keeps giving you fallen Eve's talk, then you say at the bedroom door, "No entry. The husband is absent. I have gone out to do more work for heaven." Those who won't violate Father's principle, raise your hands up high! Thank you!

At the time of the Israelites' exodus, God was concerned about both the Israelite people and the Egyptians. You have to widen your horizons. Established Christianity is our elder brother. We have to bring them home. Reach out wherever you have influence, whether that is to your relatives, government, churches, your neighbors, or your home church area. That is the way you can get results.

Because of the fall, the mind and body have been separated, with the body governing the mind. But the mind has to govern the body. I created the Unification movement such that the mind-like dimension—witnessing and teaching—should govern the body-like organizations, our members' businesses and other external missions. United and working together, the body should follow and serve the mind.

The mind side has been severely persecuted, but because the external side is strong, it can rebuild the church immediately. An absolute minus can create an absolute plus. Since many governments now support our external projects, the church will never be broken. It will always be strong. Therefore, now I want to build up the mind side to take the subject position. Members working in businesses must do so for the sake of the mind side, which is more important.

One of our most important accomplishments in 1990 was the creation of harmony between the religious world (mind) and the political world (body). The Interreligious Federation for World Peace represents the mind side, and the International Federation for World Peace represents the body side. The two work together, like mind and body. When the mind's side is strong, i.e., when the elder son's position is sufficiently fulfilled, the body side, or younger son's position, will be drawn to unite automatically.

LIVE UP TO GOD'S EXPECTATION

I want you to understand that a new breed by the thousands and millions are coming. They will be so quick to realize my goal and will work to claim their own territory. If you don't accomplish your responsibility, they will take over your territory. The Bible says that the first shall be last and the last shall be first.

In the United States, many capitalists say "Well, we are

okay," and never concern themselves with the needy people. If America can neither reach nor understand most of the other 180 poorer nations of the world, it will decline. Unificationists alone can go to every level in every nation, down to the very bottom and up to the very top.

"Workers of the world, unite!" was the slogan of the Soviet Union, so they also can relate to the poor people and the laborers. The Soviet Union will say, "Well, we are going to beat the United States. We are going to work harder. Once our system has changed, we will do better than they do." Once they know Father's truth, they will say to Bo Hi Pak, "Oh, you are one of the closest disciples of Rev. Moon? Hmm. I'm going to beat your standard and take over your position!" I don't want you to be kicked out and lose your own territory. That is why I want you to quickly reach out to every level.

I have laid a new foundation for God's Kingdom to be established, and this time the world is recognizing True Parents and uniting around me. This is the final opportunity. Your job is to help all your relatives to become true families and to make your mind subject over your body.

Now the world is becoming more and more united. Look at Europe, the Soviet Union, Latin America, North and South Korea, East and West Germany. Through the Assembly of the World's Religions everything on the mind side can be linked and united. So now the churches can unite and the world can unite. The problem is you. Only you can unite your mind and body so that together they live up to God's expectation. Then the mission shall be accomplished.

Your body, or individualistic nature, is worrying, "Gee, we've been married over 10 years and still don't have a house or even an apartment. My children can't go to school..." I had the same problems, but did I give up the Unification Church mission because of that? Absolutely not! Don't let Satan conquer your body or even come near. Your mind must conquer your body.

ACCEPT THIS TREASURE WITH PRIDE

You must be proud that you are of the True Parents' lineage. Now there are so many stepparents, so many fatherless children. We have to call down mercy upon those people and restore them.

A great and wonderful life is ahead of us. You will be invited out every night. That day is not too far away. If you are living according to True Parents' tradition, your Cain or second-son position people will want to follow you. When you give them the truth, those people will call you "Mom and Dad." Then you will say, "Oh, I am like Father. They call me Dad." You may even forget True Parents at that point! As long as you yourself are truly in the True Parents' position, it's okay. But would you really forget Father? (No!)

Many times in the past when a mission was given, you thought wearily, "Oh, another mobilization. Is there no end to this work? Oh, God forgive me, I can't do it anymore." This time will you do that? From 1991 on, you are going to be

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so excited that you cannot stand still and just want to joyfully volunteer. If I ask you to go one mile, you will go three miles, five miles, ten miles. "Father, leave it to me. I'm going out to have great fun bringing victory to Father and Mother in the image of True Parents."

You can feel tremendous pride because you are here listening directly to the True Family. How many people in the world can do that? This is the real thing. How can you not fulfill? All you have to do is accept this treasure and obey and follow True Parents. You can freely invest all your love and your life simply because it is more than worth it. Even if you commit everything you have, you still haven't paid enough.

the Principle, you will have so many spiritual children that you can't escape becoming a leader. The last time I was in Korea, people suddenly realized that those who really become experts in the Principle become leaders. They are the true patriots in every country. Only Rev. Moon's people know how to love their village, county, district, state, and country. You only have to let the people know that you are the real leaders who truly love America. Teach and speak the Principle every day; when you open your mouth, let nothing else come out except the Principle.

When you are in spirit world, where everyone will go one day, what will be your assets? Your money? Your knowledge? Your diploma? Your power and popularity in the political

world? There is no such thing as political power there. Honor? Are you trying to get honor for yourself in the name of God? You will wind up in hell. Your only asset is how much you loved your fellow man—how much, even while being persecuted, you unselfishly gave of yourself to bring people back to God. Your spiritual children are your most precious assets.

Once you have and give love, everything in the creation shall be related to you. If you do not have love, all the trees and flowers will turn away and have nothing to do

with you. Creation only relates to love. Only by loving God, True Parents, and your fellow man and by giving yourself sacrificially for the sake of others, can you be successful in winning the glorious life to come. Since that is how God lives, you thus become exactly like God and make yourself absolutely in His image and likeness.

There are 12 pearly gates and you must bring at least 10 spiritual children through each gate. At the time of Jesus, there was no family. Now we have True Parents, so the family is the unit. This is the restoration of the elder sonship.

Shall we begin again with a new determination? So far, we have had a pyramid type of organization, which has a lot of disadvantages. From now on, I would like to change it so that each individual is responsible. This is like the harvest time, a time of maturing. □

When we all are in the spirit world one day, I would like to see your faces. To whoever has participated in my direction today, I will say, "I know you. You are my son, my daughter." But to those who have not cooperated, I will say, "When did I see you? Go." Even if you are a blessed couple, it doesn't matter. The definition of a blessed couple is one who obeys the True Parents and becomes their champion. If you continually invest 100 percent to witness and gain spiritual children, you will not regret it.

TRUE PATRIOTS IN EVERY NATION

Mr. Kamiyama read the Principle so many times that he memorized each page. That is the way you should be. Then can you not preach? The future senators and congressmen will be those who teach and understand the Principle. If you teach



WORLD PIONEERING CONDITION

In September 1990 Father announced the beginning of a 12-year world pioneering condition for American members. In this issue, we are continuing to publish several testimonies from Americans returning from their 40-day participation in the International Exchange Program.

The Vitality of God's Providence

Veliko Turnovo, BULGARIA

by Dr. Hugh Spurgin

As I flew to Bulgaria in October 1990, I wondered what I could do there in a substantial way. Bulgaria was still a communist government and her people were on the verge of starvation. But to my surprise, God had prepared an incredibly influential and sincere contact whose name was casually given to me by a relative of an American church member. As it turns out, he was the editor-in-chief of Bulgarian national television, and became my good friend, a student of Reverend Moon, and a wonderful John-the-Baptist for our movement in Bulgaria. It was in this latter role that the doors in Bulgaria were opened for our church all the way to Parliament and the President's Office. Through this friend, I was able to meet members of Parliament, heads of political parties, mayors, congressmen, professors, university deans, bishops, and television personalities.

When I received Bulgaria as my 40-day pioneering assignment, I hopped on a plane knowing almost nothing about this country. But I had an amazing experience with this mission. Bulgaria is a good example of what is happening in the communist world. Amazing spiritual experiences—miracles—happened to me. Because I couldn't plan anything, I had to rely on God and the spirit world to lead me.

God's guidance

It would be impossible for me to approach a political or religious leader



Dr. Spurgin gives an interview for Bulgaria National Television.

there and just testify about the Unification Church without a John-the-Baptist figure. My contact there was able to go with me to meet high-level leaders. He would testify: "These are the finest people I've ever met; we need to learn about Rev. Moon and the Unification Movement." Only through God's guidance, was I able to find such a wonderful person. It is not a matter of needing many people—one person can do amazing things. Through him, I was able to give a fifteen minute television interview for Bulgarian national television about our church and Father's life. I showed several beautiful pictures of True Parents—the first time that Father and Mother were introduced publicly on television in that country. I also spoke in detail about the Divine Principle on several university campuses to hundreds of students at a time.

Bulgarian university students are searching for God. They want to

know about the Bible and religion because they have not been able to listen to such topics for the past 45 years.

At one university I spoke several times to many people. The students were on strike to bring down the communist Prime Minister. Since there were no classes, the only lectures on the campus were my Divine Principle lectures. I was fortunate to have the name of a professor who, in a matter of days, set up a whole lecture series for me. The first day I was to speak, it wasn't clear whether we could enter the buildings as we didn't know if the students would bar the doors and block the hallways. As a precaution, my professor contact set up two places to have the lectures—one in the main university building and one off-campus.

A thirst for God

However, we could enter the university that day. When we arrived, there were only 5 or 6 students in the auditorium, so I thought that we were not going to have a big audience. I turned around and, suddenly, over 200 people came rushing into the room. They had been at the off-campus location. They had decided my lectures on religious history were not official, therefore they could attend. Over 250 students came to the



A lecture given to high school students and faculty in Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria receives an enthusiastic response.



The chief of staff of the President of Bulgaria and Dr. Spurgin meet together.

first one; later, we had several other lectures with over 100 students each time.

Students there are desperate to learn about God and Christianity because they have never had the chance to partake of spiritual food. I donated many books to their library. It is amazing to meet students who will spend hours listening to lectures about God. Afterwards several of these students would follow me to the faculty lounge, like a hen's brood, and sit for hours asking questions about our movement, God, and the Bible. Some were in favor of the Orthodox Church, others, the Evangelical churches, and others were unchurched.

We have an amazing situation now. America and the free world have an abundance of material developments while people in these communist societies have almost nothing. Marx was supposed to be a political economist but he was the worst economist in history. Bulgarians know that because they experience it: there is no food in the shops, no electricity, no oil, no shoes. Although there is an economic disaster in these countries, they have an incredible thirst for spiritual food because they haven't experienced freedom for several generations.

It is often easier to teach about God in the schools of former communist countries than it is in American schools. I was able to talk freely to many teachers and students in both high schools and universities. But it is difficult to do so in America because of certain secular tendencies against religion and prayer in the schools.

Recently, Father asked American members where the greatest spiritual reformation was going to come—in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe, or Amer-

ica? The reason he was asking that question is that it is very possible many more people are going to respond to Father, become active members, and go to the Blessing from the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe than from America, if we are not careful. Many youth in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe are now joining our church. Even though our members wanted them to study for their university exams, the students said "No." They were afraid of the return of a dictatorship that would expel our members—so they want to learn as

much as possible before something happens. They are so serious to learn the Principle that they don't want to stop, even if they fail to pass their exams.

Americans must testify

The communist world is now open to True Parents. It doesn't matter how long we've been a member of the church. If we cannot fulfill our basic mission of testifying to True Parents, someone new may emerge who will surpass us. Father doesn't want that to happen, because we are the ones who have gone the course with Father over these many years.

It is true that Father is more focused on Korea and the communist world now, but that does not mean he has abandoned America. He has invested too much here. Now is the time to produce fruits. Father has recently said that we are in the elder son position. His victory is being given to us, and we are to give it to the world, as his representatives. We have so many blessings, having listened to his sermons directly and experienced the love of our True Parents. Therefore, our primary responsibility is to testify to True Parents. Before we hold any other position, we are children of God and True Parents. That is our fundamental value. All the other people in the world have just second-hand knowledge, but we have our direct experience. In the past, it has been difficult to witness because of persecution. The situation has now changed,

as a result of the victory of our True Parents. That is why we are now being mobilized to witness, teach the Principle, and give life to others. This is what it means to be true elder sons.

So do not be afraid or worried. Just go out. That is not only Father's heart and love for the world, but also for us. Father wants all of us working in America to be at the forefront of his international movement. If America serves the world, the world will gain; but, America will also gain. So let's go out and help others. Teaching the Principle gives us life. When we have a new spiritual child we feel fulfilled and happy.

It was a most exciting time to be in Bulgaria: it was a time when the spiritual hunger of the people and the vitality of God's providence brought us together for forty days of exciting spiritual and intercultural exchange.

My friend comes home

My joy was complete when my special contact and six members of the Bulgarian Parliament recently came to Washington DC to a leadership conference. Hearing the Godism lectures at our conferences and meeting our members here in America was very exciting for my friends. Being able to meet personally



Dr. Spurgin's Bulgarian friend and his wife visit True Parents at East Garden in December 1990.

with Father at East Garden was the culmination of their trip. Isolated from the world for so long, they desperately wanted to come to America. But their greatest desire was to meet Father since

he has been the premier anti-communist in the world.

One of my friends wrote in his conference reflection that he had wanted desperately to have an opportunity to see Father in person. Afterwards, he was overjoyed and explained that he felt at home at East Garden—he felt such a warm environment with Father

and Mother.

It was so interesting to watch my friend and his wife when they visited East Garden. When Father began to speak, he left his chair and sat in front of Father on the floor and just listening to Father's talk. It was so exciting for him to meet a person who had such a clear vision of what the world should do.

Looking at my friend sitting at the feet of Father and listening so attentively to Father's speech, I knew he was more than a John-the Baptist—he was a fellow follower of our True Parents. □

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God's First Ambassador to Nis

Nis, YUGOSLAVIA

by Susan Puczylowski

For my forty day condition I traveled to the city of Nis, (pronounced Nish). I was the first Unification Church member to work there. With a population of 250,000, it's the second largest city in Serbia, which is largest of the five Republics making up the politically shaky nation of Yugoslavia.

Information about the city was difficult to obtain. Neither history nor travel books mentioned much about Nis. A few days before I left I found this quote in one travel book: "Nis is the last city anyone travelling to Yugoslavia should visit." It went on to explain that the city was dirty and overpriced. I found that short paragraph a very interesting introduction to the city which was to be my home for forty days and my "responsibility" for the next three years.

Serbia's heritage

Yugoslavia is truly the land that time forgot. Most of us have no idea where that country stands, either geographically, politically, or economically, a fact that generates awe and disappointment from Yugoslavs over the general ignorance of Americans. Those I met were dismayed at my lack of knowledge of Europe's history, particularly World Wars I and II which were such critical and desperate times for them.

In 1918 the Kingdom of the Croates, Serbs and Slovenes was officially renamed Yugoslavia by the King who many now accuse of having an impossible and unrealistic dream of unity. It is a union that has constantly been questioned,

burdened with the memories of centuries of mistrust, war and deceit between these different groups. Though they share the same Slavic background, the five independent republics of Yugoslavia and two autonomous areas of Serbia now embrace three different religions, speak three different languages, write in two different alphabets and have different attitudes about their Communist past. One realization about Yugoslavia that hit hard in seeing the frailty of the nation's status and the possibility of civil war was that her people are still thinking and living on a "tribal" rather than national level.

Most of us wrongly assume Yugoslavia to be the same as other East European nations emerging from behind the Iron Curtain. From 1945 to 1980 Yugoslavia was under the absolute rule of communist Josip Broz Tito. The economy, the church and other social structures still reflect the damage done under the Communist system. But, Tito broke with Stalin early in his dictatorship and created a policy of non-alliance.

In 1980 Yugoslavia was renamed a Socialist Federation, but Serbia's leaders are still basically those who supported Tito and have Communist roots. Privatization of the business sector is just beginning and though the grocery and department stores are full to bursting, the huge gap between the low pay and the high prices keep many items out of consumers hands.

My forty days in Nis coincided with the forty days leading up to December tenth, day of the first multiparty elec-

tions to be held in Serbia. Politics were definitely the hot topic of conversation. One of the first Serbski words I learned was stranke, which

means party (of the political type.) The majority were democratic and serious, but there was big variety: The Rock 'n Roll Party, the Green Party, The Gypsy Party, The Ranchers' and Farmers' Party, The Women's Party, ad infinitum.

Church history

There has been a missionary of the Unification Church present in Yugoslavia for ten years. A handful of members have joined in the country; all are from Croatia, the Catholic area of the nation. No Serbians have yet joined. Upon arriving



Students and teacher (second from left) meet together after a class at the Ekonomika Scola in Nis, Yugoslavia.

in the country I spent one day with the national leader, who informed me that even though our church was "legal," it seemed best to keep witnessing on a personal level.

A three hour train ride to Nis turned into a ten hour ordeal. "Welcome to Yugoslavia" was the only explanation I got for the delays and frequent stops in the middle of nowhere. Arriving in Nis late at night in the pouring rain, I had no choice but to pay forty dollars for a di-

lapidated hotel room.

Early the next morning I set out with a condition and a goal of finding a place to stay. I was quick to realize that almost no one around me spoke English. My imagination began to come up with paranoid ideas of the problems an American could cause soliciting help on the streets of a newly un-Communist country. Everyone started to look like a secret policeman to me, ready to kick me out.

With the help of a wonderful woman at a state owned tourist agency, I made my way to Niska Banje, a small tourist area about six miles outside of Nis. There I met a kind and helpful woman, named Zorica, who spoke no English. After an hour's worth of struggle with a pocket dictionary and much gesturing, we communicated the facts that though she had a room available it was too expensive for me, so until Monday morning when things were open and I could pursue my search, she asked, "Why don't you stay at my home?" That was the kind of hospitality and generosity I was to encounter over and over again.

A Republic of families

Through this one couple Zorica and her husband Nesa, who did speak English, I met just about half the town of Niska Banje, as they were related to many people. People in Serbia call even their cousins brothers and sisters, and this goes far in building an extended family. On Monday morning Zorica further helped by introducing me to a woman with a room to rent.

Though I began as a border, I was quickly deemed a member of the family in the Ognjenovic household. Husband and wife, Gasa and Ruzica, are childless and love visitors, especially one as unusual as an American. Weeks later I was told that when I first arrived, Gasa made jokes about sneaking into my room to look for rifles and other weapons. They weren't sure if I was a terrorist or member of the CIA. Throughout my stay Gasa called me "Cowboy".

I found Nis to be a friendly place. Most young people speak English to some extent. It is unusual for the people of Nis to meet an American, so if I stopped someone on the street who spoke English, they were happy to take time to talk. Over and over I was asked the

same question, "Why did you come to Nis?" Most of them dream of leaving, so it was difficult for them to understand my interest in their city.

During the second week I met a professor's assistant from one of the colleges who spoke some English. We became good friends and his support during my



Nesa, Zorica and Susan share a farewell dinner in Nis.

stay was always a source of energy and inspiration. My pursuit of signatures for the Federation for World Peace campaign was hampered by the fact I found no local help for approaching business and civic leaders. In a time of such political turmoil as Serbia is experiencing, people I asked for assistance were suspicious of the organization's origins and the purpose the signatures would be used for.

The differences between Serbian culture and ours are vast. Words can have such different meaning. For example, the words 'church' and 'religion' have a different image for Yugoslaves than Americans. The Orthodox Church of Serbia has developed little in the last 800 years, due to the invasion of the Turks in the mid-1300s and subsequent 500 year domination of Serbia, followed closely by the Communist era. The area completely missed out on the Renaissance and religious reformation which dramatically shaped and influenced the rest of Europe into what it is today.

Using the indemnity law

At the end of my third week in Nis, I was asked to do an interview for the local

newspaper. I hoped this interview would lead to some substantial developments, but as another week went by and nothing happened, I realized I needed to make some conditions to allow spirit world to work. After all, I was there, I was meeting plenty of people, but no one seemed to be responding. I felt there was not enough indemnity to allow spirit world to claim anyone.

I began a seven-day condition. It included three forty-minute prayers a day. I slept five hours a night, and something which sounds very basic, but was a great challenge to me, was to serve three people a day. Because I was considered such a unique guest, it was very difficult to serve in my usual ways. For example, I could not help in the kitchen; I volunteered to do shopping and other errands but my offers were never taken up. A few small gifts I offered were received, but those I gave to would sometimes ask "Why did you buy this?"

My condition seemed simple enough, but it was not easy to fulfill. Prayer was very difficult at times. On the sixth day of the condition I felt like giving up on it. I was tired, I was meeting more and more people and being invited to do this and that, but spiritually, it seemed nothing was happening.

Hearts open

On the seventh morning, a young friend came to visit, very happy to find me at home. Sonje, a fifteen year old student, had mentioned my visit to her English teacher at school, who asked Sonje if I would come and speak to her classes studying English. This was a great chance to speak to a large group of young people.

Also that night Gasa told me a friend he had who was news editor at *Radio Nis*, had asked me to do an interview on the air.

I focused on world peace and individual responsibility as my subject for both talks. In the previous newspaper interview I had said my minister suggested the solution to America's internal breakdown was for her to turn her heart and

resources to other nations around the world. I said I came as an ambassador of my country to learn about theirs. Especially the students responded eagerly to this kind of exchange.

The radio interview went well but for the fact I was pressed to speak in Serbski. It was not easy to say what I wanted, but it later turned out that even though my Serbski was almost non-existent, many were pleased by my efforts. After the interview played the next day, the station received requests to repeat it and did so the following Sunday.

My speech at the school went much better. Originally I was to talk only to Sonje's class, but when another English teacher found out I was there, I was soon lined up to speak to five more. Students asked me questions about America and I would answer. After one class, three girls asked me to go to night school with them where they were also studying English. Speaking that evening at the night college turned out to be the best

experience of all. The students there were older, most 17 to 22, with a few in their 30s. The class was also two hours long which gave us the time to speak about some deeper subjects. We discussed what each of us could do to bring about world peace and global communication. Two days later I received letters from both the high school and college students introducing themselves to American pen pals. I will visit a school here in New York and make a connection. Also—I received invitations from each teacher to return next year and do any kind of presentation I wanted.

Creating a balance

The remaining week of my time in Nis went by very quickly. It was difficult to leave that city. Even though Yugoslavian life is difficult in so many ways, there are aspects of it which I would gratefully accept in a minute. People are level-headed and down to earth. Returning to America, especially in the middle of the

madness that Christmas has become, wasn't so enchanting. It does seem easiest to criticize your own country, perhaps too harshly, but I can't help but look at things through the eyes of my Yugoslav friends and wonder how they would balance the reality here with all the idealistic thoughts they have about America.

I am grateful to True Parents for the opportunity to work in another country. American members have been waiting a long time for this. I returned to New York with a renewed sense of the power and ability I have to do God's will. America has a special energy or enthusiasm for life that these older countries are lacking. Yugoslavians have a sense of history and value which Americans lack, causing their ambition to be misdirected. We need to create a balance between the two and I feel that process has now begun! □

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Journey to the Heart of Madurai

Madurai, INDIA

by Norman Presley

When Father first spoke about the 40-day pioneering condition, I really struggled.

When I learned my country was India, my struggle increased as I had some negative feelings about Indian people and Indian food.

Within a few weeks of my decision to go, my father had a heart attack. I started getting chest pains that continued for about two weeks. Next I caught a stomach virus, had diarrhea for a week, and finally caught a stomach flu the day before I was scheduled to leave. I realized: "This is Satan trying to stop me. Even if I am sick I will still go to India."

My Journal

November 28, 1990 3:30 am

On my arrival to India, I was overwhelmed by the poverty I saw in Bombay. It seems as if the poorer people are always begging. I feel the spirit of all my brothers and sisters in other countries. God

must be very happy about this condition. My flight leaves for Madurai, my pioneering city, at 6:30 this morning.

Same day 7:30 pm

Today I took a ride in an auto-rickshaw with Selvakumar, whom I met when I arrived. I felt sick at seeing the poverty close up. After a short ride of only a quarter-mile, I asked him to go back to the hotel. Praying this evening, my tears flowed. It's so sad to see God's children in such a miserable situation when my own situation is so good. I really want to pour out God's blessing to someone here.

Selvakumar took me to the top of a hotel and we looked out over the city. We are becoming good friends. I have met several other people but they are not as responsive. Everyone, however, is very friendly.

November 29

I bought a map in the hotel and found a place called the American College. I want to go there as soon as possible. I feel strongly that something good is going to happen there.

It is very easy to talk with people; when they ask why I am here, I begin

by explaining that my wife is Japanese; her country has Buddhist and Shinto religions. I have neighbors who are

Muslim, Christian, and even Hindu. I am good friends with people from all over the world. Religion and nationality should not keep people from being friends. They seem to be amazed by this answer. Finally I tell them that I came to meet them, the people of India. In order to save this world we have to expand our minds and understand ways that are not our own. The people can only agree, for it is easy to see I am not a typical tourist.

November 30

Today was so inspiring. I went to the American College, which was founded by Christian missionaries in the 1800s. I went directly to the president's office, wondering what I was going to say. An older American gentleman entered just before me. The president invited me in; I offered him my job description, and explained that I work with computers. The American gentleman, Dick, smiled, while the president said, "Dick is the head of the computer department." Dick had come here as a missionary 30 years ago."

I continued to tell them I am not here as a tourist, but to meet and to know the people. They were very impressed and

begged me to visit as often as I liked. They asked me to interact with the students. The president then said, "I know you are sent by God." He then showed me around the campus and I was able to meet several department leaders.

Tomorrow, I will go there for morning service, a 10-minute tradition on the campus. After that I will go with Dick to

other American working on campus is from Louisville, Kentucky, my hometown. What a coincidence! God must have sent me here. Joyce invited me to visit the school for girls where she works.

December 2

I attended a Christmas service on the campus. Dick asked the chaplain if I could give morning service on December 11th, the day before I leave. The chaplain was very happy. I also briefly met the missionary from my hometown.

December 3

I am too excited to sleep, taking only 3-4 hours a night. This morning, Joyce picked me up and drove to the girls' school. Most of the students were from ages 5-16. The principal showed us around, then Joyce then dropped me off at the American College where I helped with teaching again.

The chaplain came to the class and asked if I could speak at the Sunday evening

service. I said I would love to, but I had something to tell him. I then told him about True Father. He didn't really know who he was and said he didn't care what my personal religious beliefs are—he would just love for me to speak.

The class was almost finished when Dick came in. I told Dick I was married in Madison Square Garden by Reverend Moon. He said he had heard of him, then reminded me he has been in India for 30 years and doesn't get much outside information.

In the afternoon, I visited the temple with Selvam. He paid my way, which cost him almost a day's pay. Before leaving, I bought him a tailor-made shirt. It cost about four dollars in American money. He was so moved and told me later he only has two shirts. We went to the hotel where we talked about True Father for one and a

half hours. He was amazed by Father's story.

Every day my relationships become deeper here and I feel I can say more profound things to the people I know here. I am sure God will help me say the right things.

December 6

Today I went to morning service. The chaplain outlined the Sunday Service for me. He will introduce me as a Unification Church member, and I will read some Bible verses. It doesn't sound like much, but at least people will know who I am.

December 7

This morning I talked with Noriko (my wife). Afterwards, I had an inspiration. I rented a large banquet hall at the hotel and arranged a dinner for about 100 people on my final night here. Then I had the manager of the restaurant make up 200 invitations. So on my final evening here I will give a talk to the closest people I've met.

December 9

Last night at about 2 am the ex-prime minister of India spoke at the local stadium. You could hear it everywhere on the public address systems. This afternoon I found out he was staying one floor below me at the hotel. As I was walking up the stairs, I got an inspiration to try to talk with him. I found out he was staying one floor below me at the hotel. As I was walking up the stairs, I got an inspiration to try to talk with him. When I came to his floor, there were security people everywhere, carrying automatic weapons. It was more than a little scary, so I continued to my room.



Norman meets with Kheeshbu, a famous Tamil actress.

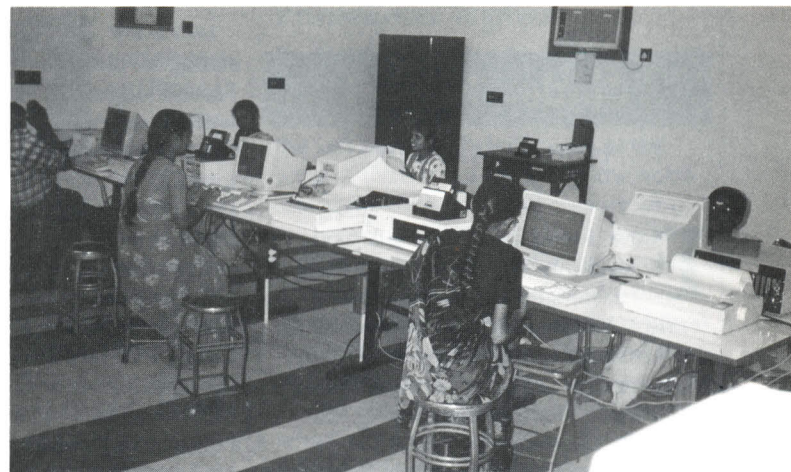
a computer class to talk about the practical use of computers in business. I am also invited to an evening service on Sunday and afterwards to have dinner with Dick and his wife Joyce. My head is spinning from the excitement: victory for True Parents!

December 1

This morning I met Dick on the campus. I feel so welcomed here and I'm getting to know everyone very well. The pictures I brought of my family are a big hit. I spoke to the class for 30 minutes on my experiences in business. I wrote my address on the blackboard and promised to write to them when they write to me. They were so happy to have me with them.

I discussed the possibility of coming every day to campus. Dick thought that was a fine idea and said he'll put me to work. I also asked if I could speak at morning service. He gave me a memo assigning turns for giving morning service and said, "You can take my turn." Then he began laughing; we all know that feeling.

Later, I paid a visit to Dick's house where I could meet his wife Joyce. Selvam, drove me there, again without charge; he is such a good person. Dick and Joyce are from New Jersey, not so far from where I live now. The only



Students work at their computers in the classroom where Norman was invited to teach.

After thinking about this I really repented. I know spirit world worked hard to set up such a situation. I feel this was a real failure of mine. I am writing this in hopes that other brothers and sisters can see through the external situation, when Satan tries to stop us.

However, spirit world was still working. This evening, as I came up the stairs, a large crowd was gathered outside my room. After making my way through the crowd, I came face to face with a rather beautiful woman, whose name was Keeshbu. She is the most famous Tamil actress. Tamil is the local language and probably is spoken by 50 million people. We began talking about the purpose of my stay in Madurai, when I noticed cameras flashing. My room boy took my camera and also took my picture. I gave her one of my invitations, but found out she was leaving the next day.

December 10

Keeshbu's room was across the hall from mine. Ramu, the morning room boy, wanted his picture taken with her. We knocked on her door, and she asked us in. We talked, took some pictures and then I showed her some pictures of my family. She was delighted and said, "Please give me your address in America; I would like to visit you when I go to New York." When I went to the campus this morning and told the students whom I met, they couldn't believe me. Keeshbu is more famous than I realized.

Tomorrow is my last day in Madurai. In the morning, I'll be giving morning service. In the evening, I'll be speaking in the banquet hall of the hotel. I am a little bit nervous, but I am sure God really wants to speak through me.

December 11

This morning I sang a Holy Song, "By the Spring of Life" and played guitar at the morning service. I then spoke on how God guided me to Madurai. After service the professor of religion walked me to class and talked about True Father. He really wants to know much more about our church. He is coming to my speech tonight.

I prepared for the evening banquet most of the afternoon. At 6 pm, only two people had come. They told me not to worry, Indian people are usually about one hour late. By 7:30, there were around 100 guests. We shared and ate dinner together. I took a lot of pictures. To my surprise, several people even brought gifts.

After dinner, I addressed the crowd. Everyone had heard of True Father, so it was very easy to speak. I mostly spoke of how God guided me to Madurai and how the most beautiful thing in Madurai is not the temple, but the people. At the end of the speech, I offered to sing a Korean song for them. First, I explained how the Korean people had been separated from one another by war and government, and how their hearts went out to their distant family and friends. The

song calls for unity. I then sang, "Tong-il." I noticed a few people with tears in their eyes.

When I finished everyone shook my hand. Joyce gave me a hug. Peter, the president of the American College, was amazed that I could get all types of people together in one room. It is not very common to see doctors, professors, hotel workers, students, and rickshaw drivers at the same function in India. He was very impressed by the warm feeling at the banquet. True Parents have a victory in Madurai!

A Special Note

Since coming back from India, I have received numerous cards and letters from my new friends. Keeshbu called me—she will be coming to New York in June and will spend a few days with my family.

I was surprised to find that Dick's son, Matthew, works five blocks from my home. Matt and I are the same age and share a love of fishing. Soon we will have lunch together and fish at a local lake. We are already the best of friends.

I am still amazed at all the events that have taken place. God is more real to me than ever. He truly blessed me on my trip to India, which has changed my life forever. □

Norman Presley works for Happy World in New Jersey.

Meeting God in the Desert

Zinder, NIGER

by Alireza Roghanian

First, I would like to thank God and our True Parents for their tireless efforts in the cause of world salvation, and specially for this unique opportunity for the American Movement to participate in that noble task through loving and serving less fortunate nations.

My African experience began five years ago. While a student of Unification Theological Seminary, I began to receive

strong inspirations about Africa and the French language. Those inspirations were so overwhelming I could not ignore them. I shared my desire to become a missionary in Africa with Rev. David Hose, the director of the World Mission Department.

I graduated from UTS in 1987 and was assigned to Hawaii, initially as staff of the International Conferences for Clergy (ICC). In December 1988 I became the state leader of Hawaii. In January 1989 I was blessed with my wonderful French wife Christiane which substantiated my previous convictions about the French language and Africa.

Finally, my application for perma-

nent residence in the United States was approved: in April 1990 I received my green card. My dream of becoming an African missionary remained deep in my heart. As a state leader with all its due responsibilities, I could not simply ask for a change of mission. Nevertheless, God always fulfills His promises and it was only a few months later when I heard Father's direction about the international 40-day condition. When I found out my assigned country was Niger in West Africa, I was totally overjoyed and grateful to Father for providing a way for my dream of several years to come true.

Father's clear direction was that everyone should try to fulfill this condition before God's Day 1991. My wife and I were expecting the birth of our first child at the end of October, so I arranged to leave on November 6, a few

days after our baby's 8th day dedication ceremony.

My odyssey begins

Having geared myself for this new adventure in Africa I was surprised to find that the adventure began on the first day of my trip, in Hawaii. First, I missed my flight to San Francisco due to weather delays, which caused me to miss my connecting flight to New York. I finally arrived in New York only to find out my luggage had not arrived. When I called Niger for last minute confirmation, I was told the international airport in Niamey (the capital city of Niger) was shut down due to a general strike. You can imagine the suspense that was going through my mind during those few days. Finally I rescheduled my flight to Africa for a few days later.

I had a several hour stop-over in Abidjan, Ivory Coast awaiting my connecting flight to Niger, so I visited our Abidjan Church. It was Sunday morning so I attended the service. It was refreshing to see over 100 people attending along with several American missionaries—some of whom had been in Africa for years and others who had just arrived for the 40-day condition.

After arriving in Niamey, I had the good fortune of witnessing with Ibrahim Kane, the only blessed member who

ic language of Western Africa) by one of our original missionaries to Niger, Mr. Tatsuo Sasaki. He has been in Niger for almost 15 years. The other two missionaries were driven out by the strict authorities shortly after their arrival in 1975. Our church in Niger is still not officially recognized by the authorities. It was during this first week I met my

two African spiritual sons at the university: Jacouba, the son of a Baptist minister and Soujei, a second year student in the field of agronomy.

Another spiritual son

After the workshop David and I left for our assigned cities with our dear friend Ibrahim accompanying us as a guide. We arrived at Maradi first and after finding a temporary residence for David, Ibrahim and I continued on to Zinder, where I checked into a local hotel. Ibrahim

left the next day for Niamey. It was in Zinder where I found my third spiritual son. Ibrahim is a third year sociology student in the neighboring country of Nigeria. Since Nigerians speak English, we

had no problem covering a 7-day Divine Principle workshop during three days of intense studies. He was completely inspired and promised to study the Divine Principle and prepare himself for a 21-day workshop.

On November 29, I left Zinder for Niamey on a 13-hour bus ride. Exhausted,



Participants complete their weekend workshop. From left to right are, in back: Ibrahim, Allasan, Souley, lamalli, and Yacouba, and in front: Alireza, Sasaki-san, Salamatu, and Alex.

I arrived in Niamey and discovered I was to teach a 7-day workshop the next morning. The guest was interested in attending a 21-day workshop at our church headquarters in Ivory Coast, but he needed to hear the 7-day content.

During that coming week we intensely studied the Divine Principle while the guest prepared for his trip to Ivory Coast. We held a successful 2-day workshop attended by all the previous seven guests from two weeks before, including my two spiritual sons. This was an opportunity to understand them more deeply; I made several profound and lasting friendships. Everyone was completely moved and heartistically connected to one another while absorbing the Principle. All the guests promised to attend a 21-day workshop when their school semester was over in June 1991.

Providential highway

On December 6, Mr. Sasaki, David and I decided to visit the holy ground for the last time before taking a trip to Agadez, the last bastion of civilization at the edge of the Sahara Desert, in the northern part of Niger. At the holy ground, we received the inspiration to establish holy grounds in four other major cities of Niger, including Agadez. We picked up four pieces of rock from the original holy ground and began our grand tour on December 8.

Our first destination was Agadez which is greatly influenced by the Arab culture. We had the opportunity to visit several Twareg camps. The Twareg

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At the animal market in Agadez are, from left to right: Alireza Roghanian, Tatsuo Sasaki, and David Rendel.

had joined in Niger on the university campus. It was a wonderful experience getting acquainted with African culture, and finding seven guests for the two-day workshop. Before the workshop started another American missionary, David Rendel, arrived in Niamey. The workshop was taught in French (the academ-



A recent True Family portrait at Yeon Jin Nim's birthday celebration in East Garden includes, from left to right: Back row: Jin Hun Nim, Jin Sung Nim with Shin Kwon Nim, Hyo Jin Nim, Hyun Jin Nim, Kook Jin Nim, Kwon Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim with Shin Choon Nim, In Jin Nim with Shin Sun Nim, Un Jin Nim with Shin Yeon



Nim, Sun Jin Nim, Nan Sook Nim, and Jun Sook Nim; *middle row*: Shin Bok Nim, Shin Goon Nim, Hyung Jin Nim, Young Jin Nim, Father, Yeon Jin Nim, Mother, Jeung Jin Nim, Shin Jung Nim, and Soon Ju Nim with Shin Ok Nim; *front row*: Shin Myung Nim, Shin Gil Nim, Shin Won Nim, Shin Young Nim, and Shin Hwa Nim.

New Hope Academy

*"Love God,
Love Mankind,
Love Country"*

Mrs. Joy Morrow, the principal of New Hope Academy located in New Carrollton, Maryland, provided the following interview. Mrs. Morrow and the church community sacrificed and worked many long hours to realize this dream.

Q. How did you begin the New Hope Academy? What motivated you to start such a massive project?

A: I didn't know it was going to be massive when I started. God only showed me a little bit at a time; if He had shown me what would be expected of me, I wouldn't have said, "Yes." I know that about myself and He knew it too.

In May 1988, some blessed children whom I knew had been exposed to a very bad day care situation. Since first working with blessed children many years ago in Barrytown, my sole desire all these years has been to take care of blessed children.

I prayed about this situation, "Father, why doesn't somebody do something? There has to be some way our children can be in a protected environment with people who share our values."

I kept pushing God because my heart was upset about the situation and His response to me again and again was, "Why don't you do something?" I would answer, "Father, I don't know what to do."

Finally while praying one day, I said to Heavenly Father, "Why don't You do something?" And in His frustration, He swore at me. He said, "Why the hell won't you do something?" For the first time I realized I couldn't ask God to do it.

God urged, "Well, will you do it?" I said, "Well how can I do anything?" He replied, "Why can't you?" I answered, "Who am I? I'm not a leader; I can't do anything." Father said, "Tell me who you are; define yourself." I said, "First I'm a daughter of my True Parents and a daughter of Heavenly Father, a blessed wife and a blessed mother." God said, "Okay, stop. That's enough. I worked through Abraham and he was an adulterer; I worked through Moses and he was a murderer; what makes you think I can't work through you?"

I was so moved, because for the first time I understood my value before God and what it meant to be a blessed wife and mother. It had never seemed like such a big deal but in that moment I realized how valuable it was to God. Heavenly Father said, "You don't have to do anything; just be there so I can have

someone to work through." God asked me if I would do it and I told Him I would have to talk to my husband.

I had explained to my husband previously what I was praying about. Now I told him what God had asked. My husband said, "If God wants you to do this, then you should do it. I will support you 100 percent." I looked at him, "Do you know this means I'm going to be at meetings every night, and you're going to have the kids all the time? It's going to alter our family." He simply replied, "I know what I'm getting into, and I think you should do it." That was June 1988.

I had worked as president of the Maryland Blessed Wives Association the year before, so I called the current president and asked her if I could use the next blessed wives meeting to kick off a school project. Over the past years,



Diane Abendroth teaches Korean lessons to combined first through sixth grade students.



New Hope Academy students leave school after finishing the day's classes. From left to right are: Sumi Schick, Nathan Schuart, Celeste Roschini, and Miguel Rodriguez.

there had been three or four education committees trying to start a school. I hadn't been involved with those, but something always prevented their success. It had been a difficult course that I had been watching from the sidelines.

At the blessed wives meeting we decided to run this project as a task force. What usually bogs a group down is too much time spent in meetings. I had worked with groups before the church, and my educational background is in community organization and social work. I felt each group should take responsibility for a particular task as an independent committee. Once a month all the committees would meet, with the committee chairman reporting what his committee was doing. The committees would decide if there were certain topics we needed to discuss as a whole, but usually everyone worked autonomously.

Some committees consisted of only a few people, but they did incredible amounts of work. For example, Pat Hayden alone wrote our entire curriculum for grades kindergarten through sixth. Dedicated people offered their talents; God pulled them together.

That September, to ensure a clear line of responsibility, we incorporated separately from the church under the auspices of The Unification Educational Foundation. UEF was set up with the potential to be an umbrella organization for future educational needs of the church community: to establish a scholarship program for the kids or to set up a junior high or high school. New Hope Academy was only the first project of

UEF.

We investigated different options over the following few months: building our own school in what they call rammed earth (which is like mud), buying land and putting up a modular school, buying a house and converting it to a school. With each idea, we encountered new regulations that hindered or delayed us.

In this area, if you have 5 acres of land or more, the school's sponsorship isn't brought before the community. We decided that we had to acquire at least 5 acres of land because of

the opposition we might expect because of who we are.

Another major decision was to find something as centrally located as possible. The DC community is spread out over a 50-mile radius. However, probably 150 church members work at either *The World and I* or *The Washington Times*. Therefore, with a building that was a 10-15 minute drive from the *Times*, we would be able to accommodate the ma-

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majority of families within the community. Deciding to limit the area we would explore made a condition for spirit world to work. Then we looked, and we looked, and we looked.

In the beginning, God had given me a vision of our school: a big red brick building on a hill. Ann Brown was vice president of the UEF and we worked as a team. Everytime we looked at a house or a piece of land, she'd say, "Joy, it's not a red brick building on a hill." And we'd laugh.

We had been looking for a long time. I felt so guilty that I hadn't found the right building. At Sunday service I prayed and told God that I was sorry. As I left Sunday service, God told me: "Drive between Hwy 50 and Hwy 450, from

the Beltway to the BW Parkway." So I drove up and down streets. I returned home having found nothing. I began looking through the classified ads. There was a building listed that didn't sound very good, but it was listed with a realtor Jonathan Park had recommended. I called him and explained our needs. He said, "No that wouldn't work for you; but have you ever thought of a former elementary school? Someone walked into my office just yesterday to put one on the market." He gave me the address—It was right in the heart of the area I had been driving in that very day!

I called Ann, "I spiritually feel this is it. Ann, we've got to see this building right away." When we pulled into the parking lot, I had the same feeling as when I walked into a church center for the first time—that I was home. I turned to her and said, "Ann this is it; I know this is it." She laughed and said, "Joy, it's not a red brick building."

We hiked in the woods behind the school and when we looked up, we saw it was indeed a red brick building. They had just painted the front gray. As soon as I saw that, I started to cry. We were so overwhelmed. This building was 20 times larger than anything we had imagined. Ann kept saying, "This can't be it, Joy." I replied, "I know; it scares me to think that it could be possible." But it was real clear that it was.

We found this property in April 1989 and I immediately called Dr. Pak to come to see it. I felt sorry for Dr. Pak and his son Jonathan: I literally made a pest of myself.

I, who had always been a support person, had become much bolder than I had ever been

before.

When Dr. Pak finally came, he fell in love with it. He agreed to arrange to purchase it, get the asbestos out and replace the roof. His help was contingent on whether or not the community would take full responsibility for the remaining renovations and maintenance.

Q: What were the major obstacles that you faced in trying to realize the New Hope Academy?

A: The major obstacle was me: I had to believe that God could work through me. A part of me always understood that; but it was a fight every day to believe He could actually work through me.

Second, I felt that we weren't just

founding a school, we were creating a spirit of unity and support in a diverse and very independent community. One of the biggest challenges was getting beyond the apathy and skepticism.

Third, money always has been and will continue to be an obstacle. We needed \$125,000 from the community. At a meeting attended by 31 families, \$93,000 was pledged that very night. When that happened, I realized we finally believed in ourselves as a community. For everyone who attended, that night was a total rebirth experience. Here was a dream they could see, and its becoming a reality was solely in their hands.

Theirs was such a beautiful, unselfish response: families who could only afford to give \$1000 gave \$5000. Most of them put second mortgages on their homes, while still others went fundraising every weekend. All who made a pledge had to sacrifice to fulfill it.

The licensing that was required proved to be another barrier. So many ordinances slowed us down.

Q: Did you have legal help to spot these obstacles or in working through one thing, did you find something else?

A: The latter. We'd work through something and hit a brick wall. We felt stumped when suddenly someone would say, "Did you know about this?"

Then we'd steer that way. And just when we thought nothing else could happen, we'd get hit with something new.

On a personal note, I felt the only thing I had to do was not to give up. God did everything else. When we were in despair, not knowing what to do, He'd open a door and show us some new way to go.

Q: Did you talk together as a community when you were having difficulty? Do you feel that communication was a condition for the help to come forward?

A: Oh yes. The UEF Board met all the time, while Ann Brown and I talked half a dozen times daily. We were all volunteers, with our own jobs and family responsibilities, fitting our phone calls and everything else in wherever we could. I was taking care of 7 or 8 little children, but if I had a meeting several of the other mothers would come to my house to watch the kids so that I could attend.

We constantly let each other know what was going on and what the problems were so that we could help each other through them. In addition, we always had some spiritual condition going to protect the project.

Q: What frustrated you the most and how did you overcome it?

A: I'm not very patient. If I want to do something, I just do it. I never dreamed it would take this long—two and a half years—to start a school. Handling all the details or dealing with the licensing agencies, and waiting—it's hard to see time going by and realize you don't have much control over it. You're at the mercy of all these people and regulations.

You must keep going even when you don't feel you can. At times I would think: "Heavenly Father, I'm so frustrated. If something doesn't happen soon I don't know if I can keep going." And God would ask me, "You mean you'd quit?" I'd say, "All right, I won't quit; but things better move soon; I can't stand this." Then something would happen that would get us one step further.

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Q: Based on hindsight, would you have done anything differently if you had the chance to do it over?

A: I don't think so, for I don't feel I had a lot of control over how things went. God guided the project and I don't think it could have gone any other way. It took that much time for the community to congeal and for everything to happen.

Q: What was the greatest victory you achieved while starting the school?

A: I felt the real victory was that we pulled together as a community and that our unity was the foundation for the school. Now we are beginning the second stage of building community spirit. Learning the academics isn't a problem for these intelligent children; but as a community, we need to establish a common standard of values.

The younger children are malleable and pick up on ideals and standards very quickly. But children 7-10 years old have already been exposed to many dif-

ferent standards of value in their neighborhood schools and in their homes. They bring their various understandings to our classrooms. Finding a consensus of value as a community is one of the biggest and most important issues we face right now.

When each situation presents itself, we must work with the student's family on a very personal level. We must have a sense of community—a sense that we are working together and have a shared commitment to values, although we may not be able to manifest those ideals totally. The foundation of trust created by working for an ideal is the most valuable thing that we accomplished.

Q: Based on your experience, how would you advise others to begin the groundwork for a school?

A: What is absolutely necessary is two people who have a foundation of total unity and total commitment to the project and who won't give up. Ann Brown worked with me from the very first day; this school wouldn't exist if it weren't for her. At moments when I couldn't have gone on, her support allowed us to continue.

And prayer—to know in their hearts that if they trust in their prayer, God will do it. They must be willing to be God's instrument and follow the clues. You often feel like a detective: "Is this the way you want me to go? Does this mean something, is this a sign?"

Q: Have the older children shared their feelings about attending New Hope Academy?

A: When you're trying to raise blessed children, with certain sensitivities, it's difficult to send them to public school where everything violates that standard. The children feel the only way to survive is either to become like the other kids or to become very lonely. When they stand up for what they believe and know to be true—what they know God wants—then they become very lonely. I try to reach out to the older children, because I feel they are at the greatest risk and need this school more than anyone.

UEF is planning to expand New Hope Academy to include the seventh and eighth grades in September 1991. We are talking with Mrs. Rapkins about inviting New York area children of that age group to spend the school year with a blessed family in the Washington DC area. It is often financially difficult to

send children to the Little Angels' School in Korea, so this could be a wonderful alternative. Such a program could provide a year of solid comradery with other blessed children who believe as you do and who stand for the same ideal. That alone can give a child a new

children pray?

A: It won't change anything. We started as a closed system so our teachers would be totally confident in the system we set up. This is a Unificationist School—just like a Catholic school is Catholic, a Lutheran school is Lutheran. In the state of

Maryland, if you are a private religious institution as we are, you can teach anything you desire and set any policy you want. They just ask that what you are doing is clearly explained. In order to formulate our educational philosophy and

objectives, we had to think through what we believe and why we believe it. We based our objectives on the three blessings, while our basic philosophy is to guide the children to become principled people.

The state suggested that we have an afternoon workshop for parents who wish to send their children to our school or our day care. We will teach them the

private school is clear about their standards and determines who they will allow to attend—it's a privilege to attend a high standard school.

We hope that our school can be a witness to our True Parents and to the values of our church. I've interviewed a dozen families outside our church who live in the neighborhood or have heard about the school from our members. These people are inspired because they are desperate to find a safe, spiritual environment for their children.

Without trying to proselytize, I've explained to them the concept of True Parents: "If you notice I have a picture of Rev. Moon and his wife on the wall, it's because we aspire to be True Parents in our life with our children. We feel that Rev. Moon and his wife have set that example and that God's desire for all of us is to be True Parents to our children. We emphasize that to the children."

People in this neighborhood have been very open-hearted toward us. I've been amazed at the levels of support for this school we have received from the

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sense of strength. But we have to work out all the details.

Q: How did the "New Hope Academy" get its name?

A: We'd asked Dr. Pak if Father could give a name. He said "Yes, give me some suggestions." The community came up with 4 names: "Spring of Life Academy," "Tree of Life Academy," "Tong-il Community School" and "Rose of Sharon Academy"—things that we thought were nice and fresh.

Larry Moffitt visited East Garden. He took the names with him and told Father about the school. Larry explained how members had pledged \$93,000 in one night. Father was inspired. Larry then said, "Father, we'd like you to name the school." Dr. Pak asked us to suggest a few names." As Larry read the suggested names off, Father chuckled. Then he said, "No, no. My boat's a New Hope and the equestrian center is a New Hope; this should be a New Hope too. So it shall be called 'New Hope Academy'."

We were touched because we felt Father had given us his pet name. Actually our goal has always been to start a whole system of education that will be the new hope for education in America. The name says exactly what we intend to do and we're delighted with it.

Q: Are all New Hope Academy students members of our church?

A: Yes, but we are preparing to open up to the public in January or February. We have 12 children on the waiting list for the day care. Their parents are non-church members who are interested in sending their children here.

Q: How is that going to change things: pictures of True Parents, the way the



Three-year-old Edward Griffin chooses a playtime activity at the day care center.

basic tenets of our faith and what their children will be learning. They will need to sign an affidavit indicating they support those values and teachings.

It is clear in our policy statement that we have expectations not only of our students, but also of their families. It's stated that the children are going to be taught abstinence of sex, drugs, alcohol and that those values are to be supported in the home. Failure to do so is grounds for dismissal. Any high-quality

politicians and the community in general. They're very happy we are here.

Q: You've published a curriculum and your educational goals. Did you also publish Principle Life Education?

A: No, but we have a committee working on it. We haven't set up a separate religion class. The teachers preferred to talk about True Parents and Divine Principle as it was appropriate in each class. All the students, even the day care classes, have morning service which

gives us an opportunity to bring Divine Principle and value education into daily focus.

The Principle can be brought in when teaching the children how to act in a principled manner. When kids are sent to the principal's office, dealing with the relationships between students also offers an opportunity to teach the Principle.

Q: What is the motto of the Academy?

A: At the suggestion of Rev. Woo, our regional director, we use the same motto as the Little Angels' School: "Love God, Love Mankind, Love Your Country."

because they have a little more savvy and, quite honestly, some are already pretty cynical. Some children have become hardened; but working with them gives the greatest rewards.

Q: Do you offer classes to the parents to help them in their parent/child relationships?

A: Bringing in different experts is one of the things the PTA would like to do. Someone recently talked on parenting; while another speaker discussed marital relationships. This talk was important because much of the children's struggles result from how their parents relate to one another.

tify that since their children have been attending this school, they are bringing conversations to the dinner table about church beliefs, church traditions, or the value of our church holidays.

Q: What kind of hand-in-hand relationship between family and school is necessary for New Hope Academy to function and continue to exist?

A: We're just starting to understand how deep that hand-in-hand is going to have to be. We view the relationship between the teacher and parents as a trinity: if they're united, they can raise the child. The school is totally dependent on the family to send their children, to financially support the school, to work with the PTA and to help us fundraise.

If the church is the body of Christ, the school is its "mother arm." The school is going to be as strong, as resilient and as capable as the families who comprise it.

In addition, the relationship the children build with their teacher enables the teacher to act as another strong adult role model. The big key is communication: sometimes children can say things to their teachers that they can't say to their parents. As children get older, the teacher-student relationship will become very valuable over the next few years.

Q: What do you emphasize to parents about their child's education?

A: As much as I believe academics are important, I think values have been lost in the schools. I explain to the parents that our emphasis is on values: helping a child become someone who can relate well to other people. Because if a child can't relate well to people, they won't be able to lead in the future, do well in the work force or have a successful marriage and family.

Helping children to develop their character and their inner strengths is important, as the child is not always going to be in a protected, principled school. Children should be raised to know clearly what they believe, what they value and why: how to relate well with people, how to be kind, how to love people and how to express that love. Then no matter where the children go, their spiritual center and core are strong and they're not so easily swayed. The temptations of the world are not so distracting and they can focus on learning without any internal confusion. While the children learn their academi-



The three-year-olds find plenty to keep busy with.

Q: What are the steps in nurturing the child until he or she graduates?

A: Although time will tell, we believe we will be more successful with the younger children who start in their early years and continue as long as they can.

Right now we are trying to impose a standard on children coming from a wide range of standards. The blessed children are strong willed, but some of these wills have been bent in ways that are not ideal. At present, we try to inspire the children to grow toward God.

Our teachers strive to nurture the original consciousness within the children by showing them what the ideal is and what they are capable of achieving: "When you do these good things your spirit grows and you become strong and true."

It's harder with the elementary kids

Parent/teacher conferences ensure that there is a lot of communication between the home and the school. If I run into a problem with one of the kids, I tell him I'm going to talk with his parents.

Q: Does the responsibility to teach church traditions originate in the Academy or is the Academy in the position of supporting such education?

A: Our feeling is that all teaching is an extension of the home. The best teacher is the mother and father, for children learn by modeling. The ones they are going to model are the parents. This pattern holds true for church traditions, attitudes toward education, and attitudes toward others.

Our hope is that the Academy will strongly reinforce church traditions. Father once said our children are our third Messiahs; I've had so many parents tes-

ics, as the principal, I push the teachers to make the relationships between them and their students very clear, and the relationships between each student clear.

Q: What do you feel are the parents' greatest concerns?

A: Most parents are seriously concerned about the values. The more the children have been in the public schools and the more the parents have been exposed to other educational systems, the more they are concerned about the values their children are taught rather than the academics.

However, there is a push from the day care parents for their kids to get ahead of the pack academically. A child learns through play. Our whole emphasis in the day care is learning centers—hands-on-experience. We're trying to help them learn in a fun way.

Q: How do you integrate True Parents' concerns with what you teach the children?

A: I think it depends on their age. With the recent mobilization, probably a dozen families in this school participated. So we talk about little Joey's mom down in Peru, and how she went there because Heavenly Father needed her to go.

But when you reach the 3rd through 6th graders, they're talking about the Middle East, in addition to the people participating in the condition. There is a lot of opportunity to make True Parents a natural part of what we are teaching. As the kids get older, the lessons will deepen.

Q: What advice would you give to parents of elementary age children?

A: All of our children need these schools. The greatest mission God has given us is to be parents to our children. Father has said the world doesn't need more leaders: the world needs True Parents. The greatest responsibility we have as blessed members is to raise our children—it was one of our wedding vows.

I think the future of the world depends on this next generation and how well they are able to survive the sewer of this world. God has given them strong wills and strong characters, but they are pure and tenderhearted which makes them vulnerable. As a parent, I felt called by God to make sure I did everything I possibly could to help my children make it to the Blessing and be able to fulfill their potential.

They need a school where they can be with other blessed children; where they can learn the difference between truth and the falsehoods of the world; where they can be given the freedom to see things objectively so they don't have to try everything to know what is going to hurt them.

I would strongly encourage parents to start schools. I don't want us to end like other religions where everything we've invested in all these years, dies with the next generation. We're not going to save the world by ourselves—the following generations are going to carry on. We must prepare them for that responsibility.

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GOD'S DAY 1991 Midnight Speech

This year's motto is, "Unification of My Country." Without going through the narrow gate of True Parents, unification is not possible. To do so, we must lose everything. Man must deny woman and visa versa. Religion is unpopular because one has to go to the zero point, but that is the only way to be reborn.

When we go to the spirit world, we are not brought by our parents, but must grow up and go by ourselves. We are indebted to our parents when we are less than 20 years old. When we marry, we must return our parents' favor. But instead of directly repaying our parents, we give birth to and raise our own children. As water flows downward, we must repay our debt to True Parents by loving mankind.

I was just a mom at home with three kids: you don't have to be somebody special for God to use you, you just have to be willing. People know when they're being called—they just don't want to answer sometimes. I didn't want to answer. Everyone that I worked with on this project said it was as if God was beating them over the head saying, "You've got to have a school; you've got to do this for the kids." If you're feeling that way, then for Heaven's sake and for the sake of the children, answer. You can do it and if there's any way that UEF or New Hope Academy can help you, we will. □

God can't fully support His children while they are growing. We have a hard course as a result of thousands of years of fallen history. We must invest everything to reach our goal: shedding tears, sweat and blood for heaven. Have we lived like that? Our individual course of indemnity should go to that point, even to prison. Through suffering, you can understand the situations of the poor and miserable people. When we remind ourselves that Satan is the cause of all this suffering, our love for people can be the driving force to repel Satan.

I broke through all the walls of the individual, family, tribal, national, and world levels—paving an expressway for all of you, if you care to drive on it. □

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World Pioneering Condition

culture is one of the most ancient cultures in the Sahara. They have maintained their original lifestyle to this very day. We established the Holy Ground and set out for Tahua.

During the next three days, we were practically living in the car and managed to go to Tahua, Maradi and Zinder establishing Holy Grounds. It was the most exhausting but the most rewarding part of our experience in Niger. Altogether we travelled 3400 kilometers and expanded True Parents' foundation in all four corners of the country. As all good things must come to an end, we

arrived at Niamey on the early morning hours of December 14, the day I was supposed to leave for America.

I have been back in Hawaii for several weeks now, but in all sincerity, part of my heart was left behind in Africa. I have constantly been thinking of how to set up a 40-day workshop in Niger and hopefully send several people to the Blessing in August 1991. After all, our True Parents can only establish the highway to heaven (upcoming Blessing in Korea) but we are the ones who have to help others to drive through it by fulfilling out mission as tribal messiahs. Amen!! □

Alireza Roghanian is currently the state leader of Hawaii.

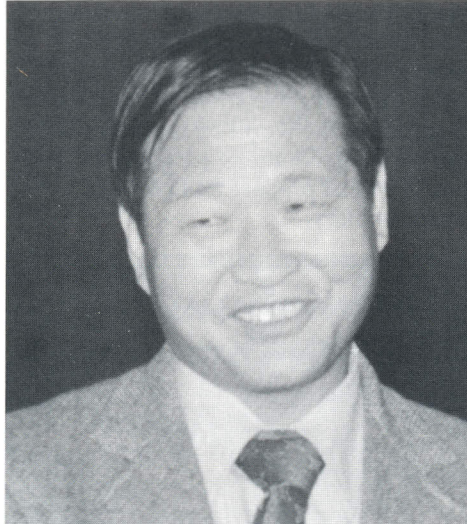
Allowing Spirit World to Work

President Won Pil Kim speaks to members at the German General Meeting in Camberg on November 4, 1990.

I feel so grateful to see you all together in one place after such a long time. My heart is always with you, but because of the physical distance I cannot always meet with you.

In my daily life, sometimes a person suddenly comes into my mind. Whenever this happens, I realize that it is not me who is remembering this person, it is he who is making me think about him by mobilizing the spirit world. Therefore, it is God and spirit world who are making me remember him. I'm sure this kind of thing has happened to you; please don't take such experiences lightly. If you do, then you do not understand the spirit world deeply enough.

Actually, the spirit world is constantly trying to teach us, but we do not realize it. Because we expect God to speak to us in some supernatural vision or voice, although God has been trying to approach us, we have not realized it. We should not think of our brothers and sisters around us just as individuals; but rather these people are representing God and the spirit world and God is speaking through them. Every visible



kind became false children; that is why God wants to love His children, but He cannot. This means that unless these false children who have inherited Satan's false lineage return to God's side, God cannot love them. Children need parents; therefore, in order to be reborn, spiritual children also need spiritual parents. These parents must have in-

Parents.

Also, if you receive persecution from the people, whose heart is most painful, yours or True Parents? When we think from this point of view, we can see that until now, we have been thinking only about ourselves. We thought, "Oh, my heart is very painful. Nobody understands me." At that moment, actually, we forgot the most important things—the heart of God and the heart of True Parents. When you were crying in a very difficult situation, you did not realize that God and True Parents were crying with you. Because you could not understand this, you could not connect with God in heart. That's why God gave you children of your own.

We are the Abel children and secular world people are the Cain children. We are like healthy children and the Cain children are like sick children. The heart of God and True Parents goes out to the sick children more than to us, the healthy children. Therefore, in order to go to True Parents, where should we go? To East Garden? No, to the Cain children of God.

You understand intellectually that I have come here as a representative of True Parents. But, strangely enough, you do not realize that you also are a representative of True Parents because of the Blessing you have received. Of course, you can see that your position and substance is different from that of True Parents, and you are not perfect yet. But please don't think that I am the only one who represents True Parents. However, between the position and being a substantial representative of True Parents, there is a big gap. We have to inherit the thinking of God and the heart of God and True Parents.

How could True Parents inherit the heart of God when they were receiving persecution from the world? If Father had asked for help or complained to God at that time, surely God would have said, "Oh, I can never forgive your persecutors." However, Father never asked for help or complained in this way. Instead he prayed, "It is because I did not do enough that they do not understand."

You have to realize that it is God who has arranged for the people you are living and working with to be around you. God is asking you to love these people when they persecute you.

thing always has an invisible cause behind it. It is like an iceberg where the visible part is very small, and the invisible part is very big. If we only look at the visible aspect of things without considering the invisible aspect, we cannot understand things clearly enough.

For example, if we could see God right here in front of us, it would be very easy for us to understand God. Anyone could do it. However, God is invisible, so how can we understand an invisible God? As you know, God is a parental God. God created mankind as His own children. However, because of the fall of the first human ancestors all of man-

herited the love of God, the life of God and the lineage of God. These are the True Parents.

All of mankind has to become the children of True Parents. Those who have received the Blessing are truly connected to the True Parents, like their children. Let's say that God has sent you to your hometown to pioneer. Which would God and True Parents desire more, that the people in your hometown love True Parents only, or that they love you more than they love God and True Parents? You! This is because if the people of your area welcome you, they are automatically welcoming God and True

This is why he could inherit the love of God.

That is why, when we are persecuted by the people around us, and we can forgive them and love them, we can inherit the love of God and then spirit

world will help us. If we do not inherit the heart of God, even though spirit world wants to help us, it cannot. You have to realize that it is God who has arranged for the people you are living and working with to be around you.

God is asking you to love these people when they persecute you. It is because you have not been able to love the people around you and inherit the heart of God that you have not been able to gain

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Reflections on My Pioneering Mission in Poland

A letter to President Won Pil Kim from the National Leader of Sweden

Dear President Kim,

Although I couldn't do so much for God this year, I realized how much Heavenly Father has blessed me in 1990. I could attend Father's 70th birthday in Korea, I attended a 40-day workshop with Rev. Ahn, I met Hyo Jin Nim at the CARP Convention in Paris, and finally you asked me to go pioneering in Poland.

I really feel that God needs me here. After so many dry years in Western Europe, it is difficult to imagine how many prepared people there are in this nation. As Jesus said, "The harvest is big, but the workers are few." You expressed the same point in Paris when you said, "If we don't realize that God has prepared a great harvest for us in Eastern Europe, then we are stupid." Now I understand clearly what you meant. I become desperate when I see all the new brothers and sisters who need help from experienced blessed members in Western Europe: now, not in three years.

Because it is impossible to understand the situation of Eastern Europe from the West, we have problems to act on Father's direction. Without coming here, it is very difficult to see the potential that exists for witnessing. More than 50 new members will accept True Parents in Poland this year and I can see that many more are on the way. This result has been achieved in a relatively short time. The young people here are well educated, understand the value of religion in their lives, and are much purer than in the West.

We had a Swedish evening a few days ago and brought 20 guests with relatively little effort on our part. It was very beautiful to see this group of young Polish people. When they sang for us, they chose to sing religious songs very naturally. During the even-

ing I spoke with one 20 year old boy, witnessed to by a French missionary a few weeks ago. He had attended a 2-day workshop last week and said to me: "I am so grateful to Heavenly Father for guiding me to this movement. Now I understand that I must follow the new Messiah and not repeat the mistake of John the Baptist." He is not the only one. Another girl, who had experienced a 2-day workshop told me: "I need a little time to change everything, but help me bring several of my friends to workshop next time."

Through this reflection, I don't mean to say that it is easy to witness in Poland. One thing I realized once again is that I myself am absolutely responsible: the result will not come if I am not willing to sacrifice myself. If I am absolutely determined to succeed in the mission here, a big harvest is waiting.

Also, I realized the time is now—we don't know what the situation here will

be in a few years. Satan is surely making a lot of effort to infiltrate, especially on the moral level. When I buy Christmas cards in a regular bookshop, I find very religious cards with Mother Mary and Jesus; but just beside them are pornographic cards. So the Polish people are receiving God's word and Satan's word—they have to choose.

As a representative of a West European nation, I feel that it is my responsibility to say clearly to brothers and sisters in the West, you are needed in the East! When we actively witness in Eastern Europe, new life will be given to brothers and sisters from Western Europe. I not only see this through my own experience but also from the testimonies of American brothers and sisters who are here for 40-day pioneering. This is an historical opportunity for us and will never come again. I want to express my gratitude to you for giving me the chance to be revived by the young people in Poland.

Sincerely,
Hans Karlsson



Hans and Liliana Karlsson and their three children (left), Georg Isacson (center), and Polish national leader Janusz Mazur and his wife Barbara visit the training center in Izabelin, Poland.

A Special Gift from Britain

by Mike Balcomb and Margaret Ali

In February 1990, True Father announced the twinning of West and East European countries and called for the Western nations to send both members and financial support to the East. In response to this call, discussion arose in Britain as to how best assist the nations of the East. It was apparent by the beginning of March 1990 that many Eastern nations were not immediately ready to receive a large number of members, and that it would take time to research ways of providing useful support.

The suggestion was then raised that it would be of great value to teach English in Eastern Europe. It could be the

The volunteers had a tremendous and inspiring experience that opened their eyes to life in the forgotten part of Europe.

special gift of Britain, whose native tongue has become a truly international language. In early April, at an ISUM conference in Romania, local ICF/PWPA contacts confirmed that they would be very interested in such a project. When a few days later, the British foreign secretary Douglas Hurd made an appeal for teachers of the English language to come forth, the idea of ICF Summer Schools became a concrete plan.

Finding teachers

British Church members began a charity appeal for the Summer Schools program; we found that the British public was very ready to assist. Significant funds were promised by the British Church; and we were grateful for the assistance of the London Staff of Balkan Bulgarian Airlines and the embassies of Poland and Bulgaria.

Volunteer teachers were then recruited from a number of British Universities, with the help of several scholars from

PWPA and ICUS. The most notable responses came from Cambridge, where the local CARP leader Philip Brouard advertised "Cambridge Aid to Eastern Europe," and from Hull, where Head of the Politics Department and PWPA stalwart Terry McNeill encouraged many of his own students to offer themselves. Oxford, London and Edinburgh also responded well and from hundreds of inquiries eighty students were shortlisted for the 40 places offered in Bulgaria and Poland.

The candidates were interviewed at the ICF offices in Lancaster Gate, and successful applicants were offered a short orientation course to brief them in the history of ICF and the Unification Movement, True Father's vision for Eastern Europe and how to be a convincing teacher of English! For most of the students, it was their first contact with the Unification Movement, but any questions that they or their parents may have had were quickly dispelled by a great enthusiasm for the task at hand.

Our program begins

Volunteers began leaving for Bulgaria in the middle of June, and for Poland in mid-July. In Bulgaria, ICF acted in coop-



At a classroom in Sofia, Bulgaria, students learn English under the watchful eyes of Lenin and Dimitrov.

eration with three independent educational institutes: the Autonomous Cultural Institute, the Knowledge Foundation and the Sofia Culture House. Our local hero was Tim Atkinson, an experienced teacher and long-time British church member. Tim went down to Bulgaria to coordinate between the institutes, the volunteers and the missionaries to Bulgaria. In Poland, the University of Gdansk provided the setting with the assistance of CARP leaders from Gdansk



The British student volunteers gather for lunch in Sofia.

and Warsaw. Forty British students took part in educating more than a thousand young people from the two countries.

The BBC course "Beginner's English" formed the foundation of the teaching work in both countries. The basic workload was 25 hours of teaching with the volunteers quickly improvising methods of conversation practice, holding discussions about living in Britain, politics, religion, life, the Universe, God and everything! Weekends were free and the local students organized a great variety of extra-curricular activities.

In early August, Margaret Ali and Philip Brouard traveled to Sofia to check on progress with the course and to talk with the British volunteers. The conversations were very warm, many of the students wanting to know a great deal more about the Church, in particular wondering why the press had not shown more positive interest in Father's works.

Another development of the course was that Desmond and Cecily McForan, PWPA members and volunteer teachers, founded the first independent business school in Sofia which is now in the forefront of the Bulgarian efforts to reach a market economy.

Comments from all the volunteers show they had a tremendous and inspiring experience that opened their eyes to life in the forgotten part of Europe. Many were curious to know more about the Founder's vision and other works of the ICF and the Unification Church; almost all of them wanted to know what plans there were for 1991!

And from the East the message was clear: When are you coming back?

Testimonies from Poland and Bulgaria:

"Organizing a course during the holidays was an excellent idea. We would be very grateful if this form of language teaching activity, very helpful for us, could be continued"

—Dr. Jerzy Kozubski,
Pro-Rector, University of Gdansk

"I would like to thank our young teachers for their great engagement in their work. I am deeply convinced that cooperation between our University and ICF will develop English learning possibilities for our students."

—Nina Milewska,
Solidarnoso, Gdansk

"I am really happy I could attend a course. In my opinion this is the best way of learning pure and perfect English. Our teachers were very friendly and I wish I could go to the English Summer School once again."

—Justine Boranova,
University of Sofia

Testimonies from Britain:

"I wanted to thank you so much for



The ICF staff gathers with British and Bulgarian scholars to discuss the results of the summer school.

everything you did to send me to Poland. It was the best thing I've done all year. My students are insisting on me coming back. How can I go again?"

—Diane Bosilevac,
University of Hull

"It was an excellent opportunity to visit a country not normally accessible to students. The teaching was strenuous but certainly rewarding; there was a wonderful bunch of students and Bulgarian teachers. A splendid effort by the ICF: we should certainly repeat it."

—Hugh Garling,
University of Birmingham

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Allowing Spirit World to Work

result in witnessing.

In order to be successful in witnessing, we have to really love others and live for their sakes. Father has asked Western members to go to the East so that they can understand the heart of the people in the East and love them. Even if we do not go to the East, our heart must be with the people in the East. We must move to the East in heart. We should not give our leftover money to the East, but we should give money which we need ourselves.

No matter what kind of difficult situation Father was in, he always kept his promises to God. Each one of us promised at the beginning of this year to

find 12 spiritual children. If we cannot do this before the end of this year, what shall we do? If we cannot find 12 fulltime members, we have to make some kind of symbolic offering: for example, 12 associate members or a symbolic amount of money representing the number 12. This is because, if we break a promise with God, we have to pay some kind of indemnity for breaking the promise, then we have to keep the promise later. You cannot just say that you will do the 12-up next year—you need to get permission from God. God cannot just extend the time period like that unless you show that you are making sincere effort to fulfill your promise.

Of course, although it is the members who cannot fulfill this goal, it is the leaders who are responsible for it. This

is why I have asked the national leaders themselves to go to the East to 12-up. Then the members, seeing the national leaders working hard in the East European nations, will be more determined to fulfill the goal.

Now, Germany is the focus of the world's attention, and the Unification Church here in Germany is at the very center of attention of the spiritual world.

Therefore, we have to become exemplary within Europe, not just being proud of ourselves. That is why I want you to use the characteristics of your race. When you understand the right way, you go straight. This is a good aspect of the German character. Thank you very much. □

Touching Each Other's Hearts

ISUM Conference in Moscow

by Dr. Gordon L. Anderson

The first Introductory Seminar on the Unification Movement (ISUM) to be held in the Soviet Union took place January 24-28, 1991 at the Moscow Youth Institute on the eastern edge of Moscow. The Institute is the official training center of the Communist Youth Organization (Comsomol). There were 168 guests from the Soviet Union registered and 3 professors came from England.

It was quite interesting to have a former opponent of religion hosting a gathering of professors and professionals for the study of religion. As one Soviet professor from Tver put it, the word communist has a new definition: "Come-Moonist."

Originally, they were interested in hosting us, but after seeing CAUSA and IFVOC activities in the "New Vision for World Peace" brochure, the expression on the staff's faces fell and they said, "I don't think we can allow you to come here because this is a Communist-based organization." Our representative then explained this was a religious conference, dealing with Unification beliefs, and they finally agreed. It is a big change from their past stance, but with the coming of glasnost, spiritual values are now being openly discussed.

We had first rate lectures at the seminar. The staff, sharpened by the experience of five ISUMs in Eastern Europe last year, did an excellent job in communicating the most essential points of the Divine Principle and the Unification vision of the future. The lectures were given by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak; Professor Richard Rubenstein, The Washington Institute; Mr. David Fraser-Harris, IRF-Europe; Mr. Ulrich Teunte, UTI-Europe; Dr. Gordon Anderson, ICF-New York; and Dr. Thomas Walsh, IRF-New York.

We were not the only Unificationists organizing conferences. In the past year, CARP has taught lectures to thousands of Russian students. I felt our conference would support the CARP workshops by helping teachers and parents to view

our movement positively. Just as our conference was beginning 330 Russians were going to Hungary for a 21-day seminar. Just after the conference, 150 Soviet Koreans were to go to Seoul for a one-week seminar. Two weeks later the second wave of political leaders came to the American Leadership Conference (ALC) in Washington.

The ISUM staff were revitalized by the warmth of the reception and by what we felt was the genuine thirst for

tion on hatred, asked me, "Where can we find True Love? We do not have any place in this country where it can be found."

I believe there are many Soviet people who want to attend Unification Church worship services and raise their children in the tradition of our church. It was both an amazing and painful experience to realize thousands of Soviet people want to know about our movement and there are so few of our members to



Rev. Kwak speaks to ISUM participants on Father's lifestyle and his attitude toward the Soviet Union.

what we had to offer. The Russian people have experienced suffering that often enables them to understand Divine Principle more quickly than Americans. G.S. Pomerants, a Russian philosopher and veteran of the Gulag, gave an overview of life in the Soviet Union, in which he said hatred had been the norm. He stated that problems had always been tackled by finding scapegoats and blaming, killing or imprisoning them. He gave a detailed list of examples from before the 1917 revolution to the present. One lady, who had obviously intently listened to our lectures on "True Love" and his presenta-

teach them. It is like the Pentecost that Father has often talked about, in which people are lining up at our doors to hear the Principle. Several of the participants were telling people that they were members of the Unification Church before the lecture series was even completed. This was quite exciting for us and we realized the urgent need to legally register the church and to find qualified Russians to pastor churches.

It was suggested to Reverend Kwak that several Soviet students should attend the Unification Theological Seminary; however, that is a three-year program and we need leaders urgently.

Reverend Kwak suggested that we begin with a 120-day training program in Korea as soon as students graduate in the spring.

Testimony

by David Fraser-Harris

Three of us (Ulrich Tuente, Laurent Ladouce, David Fraser-Harris) had flown directly to Moscow from the European Leaders' Meeting in Camberg. We had 2 days before the ISUM started, so we could find out about our movement's activities there, see some of Moscow and prepare our lectures.

One hundred eighty-eight professors registered for the ISUM, while actual attendance fluctuated between 90 and 140. Of those, 30 or 40 were Soviet Koreans. When members of the Korean Association heard we were holding the seminar, a lot more wanted to come, but the Moscow Youth Institute told them that there was no more room.

During our first 2 days, Laurent, Ulrich, myself and our missionary met with the Comsolol Institute officials and the interpreters (we had 8 professionals for the conference). Each day one of the interpreters accompanied us into Moscow, acting as a guide as well.

I have participated in 2 other ISUMs (Bucharest and Zagreb). Although I had already experienced much greater openness among East European professors, I felt that the response in Russia was more profound. Perhaps this is due to a combination of factors: the nation's history

of suffering, the current desperate situation and a sense that now is the time when things can and must change. But whatever the reasons, professors were more than attentive: they seemed to be listening with their heart, genuinely searching for something that will help their country.

Lecturers from America included Dr. Gordon Anderson, who gave an overview of the Unification Movement and a lecture on the last 400 years which pointed beyond communism and capitalism to familism; Dr. Thomas Walsh, whose lecture on Jesus and the Second

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Advent included a clear down-to-earth concept of the Messiah as True Parent; and Professor Richard Rubenstein who spoke on "The Vision of Reverend Moon in the World Today." Also present from Europe were President and Mrs. Kim, Gen Aoto, and Margaret Ali with 3 professors from the British Academy for World Peace. Several videos were shown. We had a special session on practical follow-up activities, during which various groups met separately: PWPA, IRF, and the Unification Church. We also offered a separate meeting for the Korean Association, but most of them decided to join the Unification Church group. At the end, just as Laurent was

feeling it would be nice to close in prayer, one Korean lady suggested that we pray. In the same group, a Russian professor asked about becoming a member of the church. When he was told that the church didn't yet exist legally in Russia, he replied, "Okay, then I'll join the German Church."

At the Comsolol Institute, supposedly a bastion of orthodox communist thought, one of the professors of philosophy showed me around his department. He was very excited about our lectures, promising to organize an audience whenever we come back. When his

secretary asked him if he was an atheist or not, he said: "Well, I think a bit like Einstein: not a personal God, but there's some-

thing out there." One of our translators, very interested in the RYS project, went out of her way to arrange a special meeting for me with a Comsolol leader. We had an excellent 2-hour meeting discussing possibilities for the 1992 RYS in Russia.

At the closing banquet, because of the history of Comsolol we had decided not to have a public prayer, but to just welcome everyone and ask them to begin. Shortly afterwards a Russian male choir began to sing—they sang deep Russian Orthodox songs. Suddenly, I realized no one was eating: everyone waited until the choir finished. We had just been treated to an Orthodox blessing arranged for by the Institute. As the meal went on, we were treated to classical music and a vibrant, colorful traditional Russian folk group.

Saying good-bye was very difficult. As I said good-bye to the kitchen staff, I was moved by one lady who had always been so happy to serve us, unlike the stories I'd heard about service in the USSR. In each building, someone attends the coatroom. When I said good-bye to one attendant, the lady said, "It's been a pleasure knowing you. We feel you're different somehow." And at least 3 translators wanted to see us off at the airport. I hope they have a chance to study the Divine Principle soon. Many of these people can become members. I only wish there were more of us to do follow-up work. We had met and touched the Russian people. In so many faces there was a spark of hope, of new life. □



Rev. Kwak gives guidance to members after pledge service.

Promoting Health in Ivory Coast

IRFF MEDICAL PROGRAM

Testimony

by Edmond Kouame,
IRFF Project Coordinator

It has been almost six years since three IRFF nurses arrived in Ivory Coast to set up projects to help the rural communities around Bouake. I was fortunate to be able to follow them as they vaccinated thousands of children and expectant mothers. I especially want to express my gratitude to them for their courage, particularly Ruth Robinson who initiated me in IRFF activities and Kathy Rigney, who kept watch over the entire program until now.

We went through a lot of persecution in the beginning—maybe even more than Ruth and the others knew about. Because I am Ivorian, many times I was called aside and questioned by public health officials we contacted who had heard negative rumors about the Unification Church and our activities. They could not understand how I could give up the comfortable position I had held as head of a public health laboratory to work for these foreign women, receiving no pay and having such a limited operating budget. Some of my former colleagues refused to have anything to do with me. But as our work advanced and the results began to speak for themselves, this persecution changed to support!

Our government had so little means to reach out and take care of the health of villagers in remote areas of the country. Some have not seen a health agent in 25 years. As our IRFF team worked in



Edmond Kouame checks the records of one of the IRFF community health agents, in the village of Preyebouessou.

these remote areas, the things we discovered were heart-breaking.

I will never forget the day we came across a small village that had been struck by Onchocercosis, or river blindness. With no one to educate them about the disease and no health facilities for more than 50 miles, more than half the villagers had become permanently blind—not only the old people but so many of the young people would never see again. Old people were led around by their elder children who themselves were nearly blind. They could no longer work or raise food to feed themselves so many were sitting around, wasting away. They thought they had been cursed by a spirit and had no hope.

The tragedy of the situation was nearly unbearable. It would have been so easy to prevent this illness or to treat it in its early stages before half of the young people had lost their sight forever. I immediately organized transportation and brought almost the entire village into Bouake for treatment at the hospital. The doctors were appalled to see all these blind and sick people arrive at one time and some were angry at me for bringing them. But I was even more angry for the suffering of those people and I swore to do everything in my power never to let this kind of tragedy happen again.

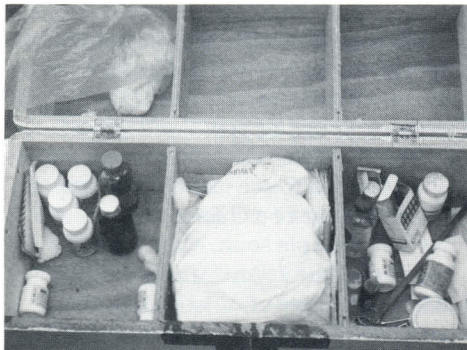
Now we are trying to clean up the villages and give them the means to tend to their sick and injured. Also, so many women give birth to their children in dirty circumstances. Often they do not even know how to cut the umbilical cord properly and the babies die of tetanus. We want to create healthy circumstances and educate people so that children can be born safely and grow up with proper care in a friendly environment. So, in addition to training village health agents, IRFF has already found 60 traditional midwives in the villages where we are working and we are preparing to train them.

Testimony

by Kevin Winter,
former Director of IRFF in Ivory Coast:

I'm no expert in this area but I visited several villages with Edmond and the differences between the places where he had worked and the villages where other groups had worked were striking. Pharmacy boxes were already empty and abandoned, the money was mismanaged, and the health agents didn't seem to care nor remember the training they had received.

Edmond and I visited three random



This IRFF pharmacy box is low on supplies, but the agent has carefully saved money to replenish it.

houses in a village where IRFF was doing only vaccination work. In the first house, we found a man with a dirty rag wrapped around his foot. He seemed to be in pain but didn't know what to do. Edmond told him that he had Guinea worms and that he must go to the nearest dispensary for treatment. The man didn't seem to take him seriously until he was warned that he could lose the use of his foot without prompt action. In the second house, an elderly couple lived in absolute filth. The man was crippled and blind. His wife, a tiny woman bent with age, seemed indifferent to their situation. No one was there to look after them. No one had told them that a medical team was visiting

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the village. A capable health agent wouldn't allow a situation like that to go unnoticed. At the third house, we were driven back by a terrible stench. We could see an old man lying on an uneven dirt floor, barely moving. His clothes were black with filth, his body covered with infected sores. An old woman went about her business in the room next door. She told us that the man had abandoned his wife and children and left the village 25 years earlier. He fell ill in another town where he had no friends, so the people there put him in a bush taxi and he was simply dropped off at her doorstep because, as a distant cousin, she was the only relative anyone could find. She said she didn't care what happened to the man and resented the fact that he had been left at her home.

These three cases seemed so sad and hopeless, but could have been avoided if the government health plan had been put into effect. The problem is more serious than a simple lack of materials, although most people say that is the problem. There is a serious lack of motivation by health agents. It's true that they are without sufficient funds and materials, but even what they do have is poorly managed.

Everyone thinks that Edmond is receiving thousands and thousands of

dollars in IRFF support. The reality is extremely different. For instance, he used less than \$1,000 to set up 13 pharmacy boxes in as many villages, plus one in an educational center for the handicapped in Bouake. That comes to less than \$75 to build and stock each box. Another organization in the region received a loan from the US Agency for International Development and spent an average of \$450 per pharmacy box, but all of their boxes are empty now. The other organization didn't set high enough standards for the village agents picked for training. When the training was over, there was very little follow-up work done in the villages. The agents lost their motivation and the system fell apart.

Edmond says his secret of success is the Principle and love. He teaches his agents about the heart of God. He teaches about public purpose and individual purpose and man's responsibility. He talks about individual growth and a personal relationship with God. He talks about fallen nature. He gives his agents a sense of identity and a sense of pride in their skills. He follows up by checking on them frequently and testing them to see if they remember their lessons in health care. In the beginning a few negative people accused Edmond of teaching his religion. A high level medical official told me that he didn't care if Edmond was teaching religion—whatever Edmond was doing was working to help the population and that is all that counts.

The volunteers love Edmond and respect him. Also, the members of the Church love him a lot. I asked Edmond if he prays for the agents he is training and the villages he is serving. He said, "Absolutely." You can really see Edmond's love for the people in the villages he visits. He's like a mother hen

looking out for his chicks. Nobody objects if he just walks into their house unexpected—even right into the bedrooms—to see if they are keeping an orderly, healthy household. Even the village elders show a great deal of respect for him.

Report by the IRFF Staff

IRFF's health care campaign in Ivory Coast was initiated in 1985 by Ruth Robinson who set up village vaccination teams in the Bouake area, working in accordance with World Health Organization (WHO) and government health ministry standards and procedures. These teams were able to reach more than 60,000 people in spite of some initial misunderstanding and persecution.

While working in Ivory Coast, Ruth trained Mr. Edmond Kouame to be her successor as Project Coordinator. Before joining the Unification Church, Edmond was a registered nurse specializing in laboratory work and the treatment of leprosy. During the three years that he has been in charge, Edmond has been consistently expanding the IRFF program in Ivory Coast. Since 1988, 119,000 people have been vaccinated and the IRFF team has been put in official charge of three of the country's sub-prefectures. Meanwhile, largely inspired by IRFF's initial success, WHO and UNICEF-sponsored vaccination drives have been taking place throughout



Edmond Kouame vaccinates a child.

the country. Among all the teams, Edmond's has brought the most outstanding results. Measles, for example, is the nation's number two child killer after malaria, but among the 63 villages in

the Brobo area where IRFF has been vaccinating since late 1989, the number of cases reported among children annually has fallen from several hundred to only two—and both of these contracted the illness while travelling in other parts of the country.

Edmond has personally found and trained a 12-member IRFF volunteer team for the vaccination campaign. He has been teaching the volunteers Divine Principle as well as giving them medical training—4 of them have already completed 40-day workshop. A second generation of 8 volunteers is now in training and already giving vaccinations in the most remote 'suburbs' of Bouake. Technically, these are in the urban health center's area of responsibility but are so far out that most people do not come into town to have their children vaccinated.

In addition to forming the volunteer teams, Edmond has taken an active role in organizing and training village health committees involving 232 volunteers from 50 villages. Edmond has taken direct responsibility for 13 of the villages, assigning two health agents to each of them. These agents are given 7 days of classroom training followed by continuous on-the-job instruction from Edmond and his senior team members. Pharmacy boxes have been provided for each village. The medicine is distributed at very low prices, affordable to the villagers but enough to cover the costs of replacement and to provide transportation money for some of the agents to travel to Bouake for supplies.

The pharmacy boxes can be used to deal with nearly every common ailment prevalent in the villages. The agents must be trained to select the appropriate remedy for each condition, to manage the pharmacy supplies, to keep careful records of the treatment given to each individual, and to recognize when a case is too serious to be treated in the village and organize the transfer of such a patient to the nearest dispensary.

Edmond also teaches his agents to inspect homes in the villages to see that the courtyards are swept regularly, that there is no stagnant water around latrines, pumps and wash areas where mosquitos can breed, that pots and eating utensils are kept high off the ground away from wandering animals, that poultry and cattle are rounded up or tied up at night, that trash is dumped far enough away from the village to avoid health hazards, and that a 20-

meter wide peripheral area is kept clear around each village to protect against bush fires, snakes and other pests. Edmond's villages are like models for the

district; his health agents are well-motivated and effective and the villages are especially clean. □

Letter from the World Mission Department

Support the African Blessing

Our Dear Pioneer Brothers and Sisters,

Recently I sat down in my office with Joseph Coyne and Dallas Stafford, two 40-day pioneers who returned from their assigned nations, Zaire and Uganda.

After a thorough and inspiring account of their experiences in the two nations, Joe and Dallas brought up a particularly poignant issue—the issue of how difficult it is for Blessing candidates to prepare even meager financing for the great Blessing in Korea next August. For example, in Zaire, it is a great fundraising day if a member barn-storms and earns \$10—and of that, of course, a certain amount has to go back into product, a certain amount goes to the church, and only then can a member glean his or her savings—maybe 4 or 5 dollars.

When you consider that even the air ticket from either of the above countries (round-trip to Korea is \$2,500 to \$3,000), you can begin to appreciate what our developing nation brothers and sisters are up against. And this is not to mention the money they will need once they get to Korea—the Blessing donation, living expenses, and so on. Our question is this: Are these brothers and sisters any less worthy of going to Korea than we in relatively wealthy nations in East Asia, North America, or Europe?

I would like to make a plea, and present a proposal to you. First, could you set aside an amount of money to help with travel expenses of these brothers and sisters: whatever you feel is possible? You can forward that money, by

check is the best way, to the following account set up for this fund: HSA World Mission Department. My proposal comes from the thought that whether you as a pioneer have been able to get out to your country or not yet, this donation would be a tremendous way of helping your nation in the way it needs help the very most.

Please be sure to send a memo with the check naming the country, preferably your nation of pioneering assignment, that you want the money to be



contributed to. The World Mission Department will then send the money in your name to the nation by May 1, 1991.

If you have questions, you can call our offices in New York at (212) 869-2573. Please ask for Mr. Takao Honda or myself.

One cannot begin to appreciate the situation of many of our developing nation brothers and sisters until one has seen them and worked with them—but they are there with all of the desire to see True Parents that you and I have, holding all the same hopes and dreams in their hearts.

Please let your heart lead you in this request. God bless you richly as we begin the new year.

by Rev. David Hose

The Culture of Shimjông

by Paul Perry

The Unification Thought Institute of America and the International Religious Foundation (IRF) co-sponsored a seminar for a select group of religious leaders who took part in the Assembly of the World's Religions last August. The seminar was held in Barrytown, New York, on December 13-16, 1990, under the supervision of Dr. David S.C. Kim, President of the Unification Theological Seminary.

The idea for this seminar came about during the period immediately following the Assembly. While giving his report on that meeting to Father, Dr. Kim commented on the excellent level of spirituality, scholarship, and sincerity of the participants. Everyone was very inspired by Dr. Kim's vision, and Father then suggested Dr. Kim organize a Unification Thought seminar for the top religious leaders of the Assembly. Twelve people were finally chosen, representing all the continents and major faiths of the world, such as Roman Catholicism, Protestantism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, and Zoroastrianism.

In addition to a complete schedule of lectures covering all the major topics of Unification Thought, the seminar included time for spirited discussions and sincere sharing. The seminar was co-emceed by Dr. Jennifer Tanabe and myself; the lecturers were Drs. D. Carlson, F. Kaufmann, M. Mickler, D. Seidel, J. Tanabe, T. Walsh and myself. Dr. Darrol Bryant showed us a video recording of the Assembly meeting in San Francisco; the video was rather special because it had been made by his own children.

All the participants had an opportunity to bring up the major issues of their respective traditions. They found that Unification Thought can shed light on those issues in a way they had never expected. Questions such as the possibility of justice, the origin of knowledge, the purpose of the activity of thinking, and the nature of creativity were discussed. Of par-

ticular interest was the lecture on Education, since all the participants were educators in one form or another. During the discussion that followed Dr. Mickler's presentation, a consensus quickly developed that indeed we need educational reform in the world. Dr. David S. C. Kim called upon the participants to work together with the Unification Movement to bring about such a reform.

A bridge to the world

Unification Thought is uniquely qualified as a bridge among the various religious faiths of the world, because it is universal enough to speak to the great diversity of religious experiences, whereas Divine Principle does not have the same degree of universality since it is so intimately connected with the Judeo-Christian tradition. In this sense, Unification Thought can serve as a bridge, or a doorway, for non-Christian believ-

ers to come closer to the Unification Movement.

A point that raised special interest among the participants was the Unification Thought teaching of "Heart," or Shimjông. After hearing the full explanation of that concept given by Dr. David Carlson, the participants quickly agreed that the term "heart" is not really adequate to convey all the richness of this concept. Therefore, they themselves suggested that we use the Korean term Shimjông, which all the lecturers made use of in subsequent sessions.

Some traditional questions were raised that do not find satisfactory solutions in traditional philosophies or religions. For instance, a theologian asked a question concerning goodness and justice, after Dr. Walsh's lecture on Ethics. Dr. Walsh answered that no true goodness or true justice can be achieved without true love. Therefore, only in the culture of Shimjông will we be able to



Seminar participants gather with Dr. David S.C. Kim and his wife for a group photo at the Unification Theological Seminary.

achieve the full realization of goodness and justice in human society.

Another feature of this seminar was the unexpected and surprising level of openness on the part of the Moslems, revealing a whole range of possibilities for work with them. I think many of us non-Moslems had not realized the depth of heart and spirituality of the Moslems, and we were taken by surprise by their outreach and openness to other faiths. In fact, at some point one of the Moslem participants said to us, the Unificationists, "You are the true Moslems today." Dr. Frank Kaufmann, who has been working with various religions, including Islam, for the past several years, pointed out that in Islam a "true Moslem is essentially someone who has surrendered him/herself completely to God regardless of the specific faith he/she happens to belong to." As a greater number of Moslems come to know Unification Church members, they are beginning to realize that our members are truly dedicated to God; therefore, for them, Unification Church members are "true Moslems."

The Moslems were particularly interested in the Unification Thought view of the origin of knowledge—especially our concept of "prototypes." This idea coincides well with their view that knowledge has an innate basis which does not depend on external experience. But they were especially interested in theological points that are dealt with in Divine Principle lectures, such as the human fall, the process of growth to perfection, the various levels of spiritual development, and the significance of scriptural writings in the

Unification Church. Even though those topics were not dealt with to their fullest extent in this seminar, they heard enough

to become aware of the depth and breadth of the Unification Principle, and to become interested in taking part in a Divine Principle seminar in the future.

From the warm and positive response of the Moslem participants, it became clear that the restoration of the Moslem world will grow in importance in the months to come and that we will find great cooperation from our Moslem brothers and sisters in the Providential

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work of restoration. That, indeed, is cause for great joy and great hope for the future of the Unification Movement in the world.

Hope for true unification

At the conclusion of the seminar, several participants gave brief testimonies about their experiences. Some of them spoke spontaneously, and all speakers manifested deep feelings in the things they shared.

Dr. Frank Kaufmann and Dr. Thomas Walsh spoke representing IRF. Dr. Kaufmann pointed out again the significance of this seminar—

first, because it had originated directly from Father, and second, because it included religious leaders from all the majors faiths and all the continents of the world. The fact that twelve participants had been chosen was also seen as significant. These religious leaders had come to the seminar with the hope and expectation that they could work together and cooperate with one another, and they had not been disappointed.

At the end of the seminar, one thing seemed sure: Everyone felt the seminar had been too short. They commented that three days had not been long enough, and they wished they could have stayed longer. In large part, that was the result of the wonderful spiritual atmosphere of true love created by Dr. and Mrs. David S. C. Kim. Indeed we felt the presence of God during all the proceedings. Since all the participants were people who had spent their entire lives in the pursuit of God's love, once they tasted God's love they obviously wanted to stay longer.

In conclusion, I could not but be totally amazed at the way the Providential work of Father is proceeding. Years ago a seminar such as this one would have been unthinkable. This seminar included just twelve guest participants, but I feel these participants are just the seeds for many other participants of such high caliber in the near future. The invisible walls that once separated the various religions are crumbling, and the hope for true unification of religions no longer appears unrealistic. I could not but have my faith strengthened and my resolve to dedicate myself to the Providential work of God was once again renewed. □

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Letter from the Publisher

Father's main goals for 1991 are to establish God's ideal in the Adam nation, and to achieve Korean-Japanese unity. I wondered, of these two important goals, which is the first priority? The Third Adam's true love ideal can never be fulfilled until there is unity between Adam and Eve. On the other hand, without the unification of the Adam nation, the oneness of the Adam and Eve nations can never be completed. So both goals are the internal and external conditions: the unification of the Adam nation is the sung-sang aspect; Adam/Eve nation unity is the hyung-sang aspect. These two goals are always on Father's mind.

Events in Korea such as conferences between North and South leaders and cultural exchange programs, cause many people to think "The Korean peninsula is nearing unification." But don't underestimate Kim Il-sung; he has a tremendous strategy peppered with many hidden agendas.

If unification of this peninsula comes without proper preparation, it would be a tragedy for God's dispensation. If the new unified nation goes against Father, what shall God do about the True Parents' position? Until recently, many governments, including that of South Korea, have been against Father. They have made many negative conditions, but still Father forgave and embraced them to comfort Heavenly Father's heart. There can be mistakes along the way during God's dispensation, but Heavenly Father wants the last victory. Father has forgiven them because he has hope; he is waiting until the final step of unification. Although North Korea and South Korea may go against Father, he forgives them and hopes, "You are against me because you don't understand me; you will accept me when the unification of this peninsula is achieved."

But if the unification government has a negative attitude toward Father, it will be an agonizing historical mistake. Where else can Father find hope? This is a very serious problem. So the unification of this peninsula must be initiated centering on True Parents, not only by external movements. Therefore, Father is so serious, talking about *tong pan kyok pa*: visiting door to door and sharing about True Parents. Through cultivating a grassroot unification movement, then whatever unification process comes,

God and True Parents will have a foundation.

Just one by one witnessing cannot create a large grassroot foundation quickly enough. Through the national issue of unification initiated by True Father, many social, academic, and national leaders have already been mobilized for God's purpose. Father is urgent. If the Korean members cannot achieve the necessary foundation quickly enough, Father may ask members from around the whole world to come.

The unification of the Adam nation is actually each nation's unity, not just Korea's unity. Tribal messiahship goes far beyond national and racial boundaries, because the Messiah is sent by God and does not belong to any earthly regime. Please do not think you are a member of a particular country—such a concept is the worst possible condition. All blessed couples, as tribal messiahs, belong to the Adam nation, so unification of the Adam nation is unification of your nation. Therefore, Father

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is asking for your involvement in this historical unification movement.

Will Satan repent automatically—"Oh my regime is a false regime, please take my regime"? Will this be how he responds to the Third Adam? Never; he will never move away. Even when Satan is backed into a corner, he will try many excuses until the very end. We have to initiate this systematic grassroots education in Korea because Satan never gives in easily.

So, Heavenly Father and True Parents' goal is so clear—unification of the Adam country, plus the unity of the Adam and Eve nations. Perhaps you are concerned about your own country. If these two conditions are fulfilled, don't worry; automatically your country will be included. In your work in the various nations around the world, imagine that where you are is the Korean peninsula and deeply feel it is "my country."

Father is emphasizing that spiritual world will now assist us. When Father restored the elder son's position, the spiritual world automatically entered

the restored elder son's position. In other words, the spiritual world is now in the Cain or object position; the physical world is in the Abel or subject position. Because of this principle, the spiritual world is supporting and assisting us on the earth. In the past, they only supported and contacted us centering on their own desires. Now that Father has completely restored the elder son's position that is impossible. It is also very important to keep True Parents' picture in each house to attract the assistance of the spiritual world and to receive God's blessing. In this new era, True Parents are working directly, so their picture is representative of True Parents' substance.

Father also mentioned about heavenly tithing from this year—a triple tithing. This is applicable even in the ideal world. One part is for God, or for the church. Another part will go to serve the nation—through service projects or other national activities; the last part is for the world.

Five years ago, Father proclaimed that Korean would be our official language from 1990. So I am reminding you once again how

urgently you must learn Korean. Father has advised leaders not to just give your own sermon to members, but directly select portions from Father's speeches, including Father's prayers. You must do this from the original Korean, not from a translation.

Father emphasized many times that we are already in the land of Canaan; not just at the Jordan River. This means the mainstream of the dispensation had reached its final stage. So the most important condition is in the Unification member's mind—we must overcome temptations, bad habits and lifestyles. We have so much freedom and flexibility within the Unification Church now; but please do not forget the seriousness of teaching the Divine Principle and following the way of indemnity, lest we lose the root of our faith. Satan's temptations will come quickly; so we must always focus on our tribal responsibilities and the precious traditions given us by our True Parents. □

True Parents have been giving their entire lives to create this foundation. You also must give your entire life to create the foundation upon which your own tribe can be restored. God invested 1000 percent, not reserving one drop of blood, sweat or energy. Similarly, you are to invest everything to set up and expand the tradition of the true heavenly family.

Your true assets accumulate as you give of yourself to accomplish these goals. The quality of your eternal life will be determined by the quality and quantity of your efforts to establish heavenly tradition on the earth.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

December 19, 1990