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## Letter from the Publisher

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

# The World of Shimjung Culture and the Blessing

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**T**ODAY, I would like to speak to you on the subject of "The World of Shimjung Culture and the Blessing." Last night, Father spoke to the Japanese women who came to receive training, at the Central Training Center, and he only returned to Hanam-dong at three o'clock this morning. Later on this morning, he will give them further education through the word.

Our position is truly one of feeling put to shame as we watch Father make such sincere efforts for these Japanese women. As Father gives love, devotes himself, and pours out his entire effort more than anyone else in the front line, we are indebted in our hearts in front of True Parents. These days, knowing True Parents' severe daily schedule makes us feel very indebted to them. Feeling how much we owe them, and the great gap between True Parents' standard and our own, our hearts are moved.

### *The reason I chose this title*

Lately, starting in the rural provinces, I have been organizing training for blessed families. I chose this title for today's sermon because, through these blessed family workshops and my own daily life, I came to realize the value of the world of shimjung culture that Father has made as his goal.

I became more confident and certain that the world of shimjung culture is the undeniable goal and final hope. With such confidence, I came to feel more than ever that such a world cannot be realized except through the blessing. Yesterday was Saturday, and a workshop for blessed families was held in Chungnam Province. So, in the afternoon I drove there and spoke to the assembled couples. In the evening, I educated those

members who had been matched in the first matching for the 360,000 Couple Blessing. We held the education at two different venues. One was at the Sae-ma-ul Training Center in Taegu for those from the southern areas, and the other was at Yongin Training Center for those from the northern areas. I returned to Seoul late at night after finishing the lectures.

Through the training sessions for the blessed families and by educating those who had been matched, I came to feel in my bones the preciousness of the world of shimjung culture, the world of heart that comes through the course of the blessing.

### *The consciousness of the blessed families*

Whenever we meet blessed families, we notice that their spiritual standards differ from one to another. Although we have received the same grace of the blessing, our attitudes toward heaven and our standards of life indeed vary greatly. However, amazingly enough—I feel this, and it always inspires me—when we talk with each other about such matters as True Parents' heart, their standard, and the final aim and goal of the principle way, we can all shed tears, repent together, and re-determine ourselves. Such things we can see.

This implies that, for all the differences in levels of our hearts, our understanding that True Parents are alive, and that we are families that began centered on the true love of True Parents, is rooted in our hearts and in our consciences. That also means that even though we may be at different levels depending on the situation of our actual lives and our faith, we are all facing towards True Parents and have one common link with God. Further-

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# A Historic Year

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**T**HIS is a historic year. It is the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War II and marks half a century. As we face this historic time, both global events and the development of providence are facing an amazing time of transition. On the other hand, the secular world is facing a decline. In this age, society in general and even individuals have no center. The center of the families, tribes, nations and even the world has been lost. The secular world is at the brink of a bottomless cliff and is about to fall into the pits of death and hell.

If God has been working His providence to save this dying world, He must have prepared a new method of salvation which can deal with this difficult time. Humankind, however, does not know the existence of such a providence. Numerous

religions have emerged throughout history to carry out the providence. However, even the religious world has lost its center and is wandering in confusion.

In the middle of all this, a new denomination called the Unification Church began. The word "unification" has no meaning for a single individual. The Unification Church means a congregation which teaches people how to unite. However, what ideology or standard can form the basis for the teaching of unification? Such a teaching cannot be based on human relationships or any human ideology.

Historically we know that the type of unification woven by human beings has been only temporary; it has never had an ideology or world view which could sustain it for eternity. Thus we know that human connections cannot sustain a rela-



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tionship with the eternal world.

If there is a transcendent God who is absolute and eternal, the internal foundation of unification and the ideology of unification centering on that God will be eternal and unchanging. If there is a living God and if there is a way to link the internal and external foundations of unification centering on God, that will fulfill all human hopes and achieve the purpose of all humanity. That will bring the results which people in the past longed for and will provide the starting point for our descendants to build their future.

From this point of view, the name "Unification Church" was not the result of the will of one person named Moon. You should know that the Unification Church became the Unification Church through the foundation of teachings woven from the internal relationships developed during God's dispensation.

Unification does not occur on its own. Unification cannot take place without a horizontal standard, such as the relationship between subject and object. Liberty can exist only on the base of unification. Happiness can be eternal only on the base of unification. Only upon the base of unification can human dreams, hopes, peace and happiness last eternally.

Conflict is a result of lack of balance. However, conflict will fade away, along with the history of turmoil. When we understand this, we realize that liberty, happiness, peace and ideals cannot last eternally without a unified foundation.

Everything that exists in this world has a dual structure. Your eyes, nose, mouth, ears and various body parts are balanced centering on a reciprocal relationship. Balance refers to horizontal position. The proper horizontal position provides an absolute, safe zone for all three-dimensional beings. Whatever is in equilibrium, existing in balance among all directions, can last longer.

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## **THE WORLD HAS CHANGED**

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The Unification Church started centered on this vast internal situation. Moreover, because God established it in order to replace the decaying secular world, the Unification Church must contain within itself all the internal situations which can replace the ruins of the secular world. This is the conclusion of thoughtful people.

Humanity has looked upon this miserable environment with despair, unable to prevent the downfall of this secular world which lacks any center.

God's dispensation for the salvation of humankind, on the other hand, would come to an end unless God can prepare a way to replace the secular world and develop a true world without limits. If religion becomes unified, the nation and everything else can be unified. Unknown to everyone, in this sense, God prepared the Unification Church to replace everything.

You may think that it is just me saying this. I have been treated as the worst person in the world. People have said that the most fearful villain is the Reverend Moon of the Unification

Church. I have been scorned as the lowest person, but now I am receiving a different treatment. I say this because when I meet politicians and world-famous businessmen, they say, "Without Reverend Moon, an ideal economic system cannot be accomplished." I realize that the times have really changed when people who are famous in political and academic realms show their respect to me.

I established many international academic conferences, and they have all become famous. I have brought the news media, academic, political and religious worlds together. When I started these conferences I planned the events and funded them. I oversaw the conferences, yet I was treated as a servant. People pointed their fingers at me and said, "He does not know the reality. He is wasting precious money on these things." However, the world has changed. These people are now saying that without Reverend Moon, nothing can be accomplished. When I see many people like this, I am amazed at how the world has changed. Now that I have reached the highest pinnacle, perhaps I should go down! If you don't think like this you will be ruined.

## **GOD HAS MADE THE DIFFERENCE**

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I have been waging this fight with no teacher to guide me. In establishing this ideology, I did not receive instructions or expert opinions from scholars. That is not the way I formed the Unification Principle. I did it all by myself. It was God who made the difference. Therefore, what I say will not fade away along with this fading world. In this withering world, I am speaking words that will not wither and fall. Even I have been surprised to see that everything I said about this serious situation has come true.

Don't you think that I am a strange person? People in the world call me nicknames such as the "mysterious man" or the "unknowable man." However, when you do not see me, you feel lonely. No human power has that effect on you. The power of the conscience governs me, and the people in the Unification Church are people who are governed by the force of conscience.

No matter how ugly a woman may be, she would want her spouse to be a hundred thousand times better than she, even a million or a billion times better than she. Do you think I want my loving disciples to be worse than I am? I want them to be better. Therefore, you should have greater guts and courage than I do. You should say, "I will do what the teacher couldn't do." Then I will be interested in you. Do you understand? Would you become better than me or worse than me? I can guarantee that God will love and protect those who are determined to surpass me and who carry through that determination. They will succeed even if they do not want success.

The whole world opposed the path I have walked. Throughout the world, individuals, families, clans and nations mobilized to oppose me. They opposed me for half a century. However, did I become tired or did my opponents? My opponents. My opponents said it was unethical to take away other people's children and then send their parents an invitation to the wedding. They called me a traitor of my people and sponsor of suspicious world-level conferences. Did I do many terrible

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things? I warned the traditional churches, which boasted of their supreme authority.

## **A BRIGHT NEW MORNING**

Full of hope, we are now welcoming in the bright new morning of 1995. I, a bright person, am welcoming in the bright new morning, with bright feelings and talking about bright things.

All the people in the world predicted my ruin and destruction. When I was young I was famous as a smart student. I was very healthy and strong and had the reputation of being a champion in wrestling, running and many other sports. If I could not win at least the number three spot, I would not start a race. I have many talents, even in artistic fields. My children did not receive formal art training, yet they can create ingenious paintings. The young children receive gold medals. They are also very good at sports. Just one day of training makes them better than many others. Isn't that exciting? Whatever I do, I am confident that I can do it better than someone with ten years of experience.

From this perspective, I am a man of many talents. I could finish ten years of work within three years. If a person is totally focused and concentrates mentally, he can do amazing things. I have memorized ten pages a day. How could I lose to other kids in school? I memorized Korean text books from the first grade to the sixth grade. After a while, I could see what was written several pages down.

There are people who ask, "What difference is there between people? Everyone seems alike." Do you feel the same way? You should follow me.

When I need to learn about the world's difficult problems, I raise my antenna high, to the peak of the triangle, and concentrate. Then I can find out what I need to know. That is how I have been able to do important work.

When I say something will surely happen, it does. When I say that the unification of North and South Korea will be accomplished in such and such a way, it will happen. However, I have not revealed such words yet. I said that communism would not last more than 73 years, and it did not. I said that America would decline if she did not listen to me and that eventually she would listen to me. Now they are beginning to follow me. Do you know these things?

## **RETURNING TO HOMETOWN**

Do you want me to talk specifically about this year's motto, "Let Us Inherit the Victorious Realm of True Parents," or about True God's Day? I already spoke generally about this year's motto in the midnight speech. You can inherit the victorious realm of True Parents if you fulfill the Family Pledge. Centering on whom was the Pledge made? God and I teamed up, dueled against Satan, and overcame his supremacy. Do you understand? Hegemony is the authority of the champion. That is why the Pledge contains all the important titles.

The first paragraph of the Pledge has to do with returning to hometown. Have you heard about the hometown providence? In the religious world, there was no provision for returning to

hometown. Everyone had to leave their homes. They had to abandon their homes. They could not just get married and go to their husband's home. They had to leave their home and their hometown. A person could not succeed in religion by remaining in his hometown. Religion requires the denial of self and the denial of one's spouse, children, parents, tribe, nation and world, because the fall resulted in having the wrong self, wrong family, wrong tribe, wrong nation and wrong world.

The eschatological phenomena in the fallen world today are evidence that its ruin is at hand. The history of the fallen world developed through conflict, and conflict brings destruction. If two entities are struggling, they will keep declining. If a family is in conflict, it will be ruined. If there is conflict between two nations, they will decline. If the world is in conflict, it will fall into hell.

Who is the king of conflict? It is the Devil. He is the cause of conflict. Because he opposes God, who desires to bring peace, he promotes destruction, which is the opposite of peace. He seeks to bring about hell.

What Satan destroys, God puts back together and enables it to aspire to a higher and nobler world. Therefore, evil is destroyed as it fights, and good prospers as it fights. Good gets struck first by evil, and it eventually wins. On the other hand, evil strikes first, yet it eventually loses. These are the strategies of good and evil. Because I knew this, I received much persecution. An insignificant person does not get persecuted. Significant people get persecuted, because this world is evil and it seeks to pull down good people.

## **THE INSPECTOR FROM HEAVEN**

The reality is that persecution is inevitable, because the nature of society is to wish for the worst. I received persecution for my whole life. Am I foolish and insignificant or am I great? I gave all the individuals in the world cause to kneel down in front of me.

All the families of the world were allied against me. Now, did the families who opposed me get defeated or did I retreat? The villages and clans of the world mobilized to prevent me from entering their town. When I entered a town, people would hold secret meetings to drive me out. I was driven out from many places. You have witnessed some of those experiences, haven't you? People would say, "Reverend Moon came to our town. Let's drive him out!" They chased me out. Only people who experienced such a tearful, miserable situation can understand this. However, although people wished to chase me out and ruin me, I was never destroyed.

You know the Korean saying, "The secret royal inspector has arrived." Who knows whether Reverend Moon is the secret royal inspector from heaven? The whole world teamed up against me, centering on America, and mobilized 25 other nations in an effort to eliminate me from the face of this earth. They sounded the trumpet, hit the drums, danced, broke open the champagne bottles, cheered their victory, and rejoiced, thinking they could rest well at night. However, just when they thought that Reverend Moon was dead, I came out.

After being released from Danbury prison, I prevailed over

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the U.S. Congress within seven years. Do you understand? I prevailed over the United Nations General Assembly in seven years. I made the leaders of the biggest denominations in America listen to me.

Many people in the established churches of Korea prayed for my death. It must have driven God to confusion! Wondering about such a trouble-maker, God looked for me, but when He found out that I was the one son He needed, He brought me to heaven, taught me all the secrets of heaven and earth, and

pioneering a paradoxical course which others would not be able to pursue.

After overcoming all the hills and reaching the highest peak, would I go down, or would there be an unending open field leading from that zenith to the liberated and ecstatic God's Day? I established God's Day with such a time and purpose in mind. Do you understand?

Although God has received the sorrowing and grieving God's Days until now, He has been longing for us to offer Him a

happy and joyful God's Day. In order to have such a day, the Old Testament and New Testament Ages had to be cleansed, and the Completed Testament Age had to be ushered in. No one in either the Old Testament Age or New Testament Age knew about God's Day. Only after the advent of the Unification Church did people realize about God's Day. God's Day is not an occasion to make God cry with sorrow and pain. It should be a day when God can sing and dance in happiness, glory and radiance. However, the world was not prepared to receive such a God's Day.

In the Old Testament Age and the New Testament Age, there was no God's Day. After the appearance of the Unifica-

tion Church, Parents' Day, Children's Day, and the Day of All Things were declared. God's Day represents the combination of all the other holy days. God's Day is the day when God can do anything He wants. If God cannot do what He wants during that day, what kind of day is it? If you are going to call a day "my day," will you take orders from your parents? "My day" is a day in which even your parents celebrate centering on you.

### A JOYOUS GOD'S DAY

If God's Day is a day of sorrow and hardship, God cannot call it His day. God's Day should be the day when all of God's wishes are fulfilled and God can sing and dance freely, saying, "Oh, this is such a joyous day!" This is the logical conclusion.

Was there ever a day when God could be so happy that He would laugh and say, "Ah, this is my day! I am so very happy! Ha, Ha, Ha"? Has there ever been a day since the human fall when God could sing and dance to the tune of "Aha, rub-a-dub, my love"? The phrase "Aha, rub-a-dub, my love" is a



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*Father and Mother greet the audience at the True God's Day entertainment program in the Little Angels School in Seoul, Korea, on January 1, 1995.*

sent me to save this world. You do not know this, do you?

All the world which opposed me is in ruin, while the one who received all the opposition is blooming. This is reality, not some fantasy or imagination.

### THE GOD'S DAY LADDER

Now I will talk about God's Day. Because Satan occupied this world, I established God's Day as a vertical ladder which can pierce this occupied world from the individual level up through all levels. It is now the 28th God's Day. The reality of the unspeakably miserable God's Days in the past shall no longer be permitted. Have you thought about the coming of a happy, joyful, glorious and historical God's Day?

Whenever I looked for an individual, Satan mobilized the family, tribe, people and nation to destroy him. When I overcame the obstacle of the family, Satan mobilized the tribe, people and nation to destroy it. When I overcame the obstacle of the nation, the world and the cosmos sought to destroy it. Therefore, I established God's Day by going through a reversal course,

*Do you think Adam and Eve were better and purer than you? Do you have the confidence to become God's child and climb the fence back into the Garden of Eden?*



**Father and the congregation shout "Mansei!" at the close of the morning speech in the Sutaek-ri Training Center.**

good one. Anyway, the issue is whether God ever had such a joyous day.

Because of the fall, God chased out Adam and Eve; not even their shadows remained. Although God is the great owner who created heaven and earth, He had to drive out those whom He created to be His objects of love, because everything went wrong with them. For that reason, God's treasured and beloved Adam and Eve could no longer remain in the realm of His garden.

Is God a miserable God or a happy God? He lost everything. God has never had a joyous day in which He could experience all shades of emotion and love. Without a single man or woman who can stand before Him, God has been sorrowful. God cannot accept people unless they have achieved something more significant than what caused Adam and Eve to be expelled. This is the law of heaven and earth.

Do you know what caused the expulsion from the Garden? Do the established churches know? They do not. Therefore, there is no way for them to return. You can come back into the Garden only when you truly recognize the evil of the cause for expulsion from the Garden and when you have become better than Adam and Eve. Then you can come back over the fence. If God says to you, "Why did you come back, you rascal?" you should be able to answer, "When I was expelled, I was like this, but now I am a hundred times better. I think You would like me. Would You like to taste me?" Then God may say, "Oh, yes!"

Think how lonely God might be. If you are even slightly better than those who fell, God would run out and say, "Oh, you finally came!" He would embrace you with tears in His

eyes. He would jump the fence and take you into His room. That is the parental heart. If you are in better shape than when you were expelled, God will welcome you. However, if you come back looking worse than when you were expelled, with a scorched back and blinded eyes, God will say, "You rascal! Go away. Go away."

## **INVISIBLE TREASURES**

Do you think Adam and Eve were better and purer than you? Do you have the confidence to become God's child and climb the fence back into the Garden of Eden? What will you do it with? [True love.] Have you seen love? Have you touched love? If you have it, why cannot you see it and touch it? [It is invisible.] Have you seen life? Have you touched life? You cannot.

Lineage is also invisible. Lineage is made in that secret room, in the bedroom of the loving couple. You cannot see with your eyes the sperm and egg when they meet and form a life, when the lineage becomes connected. You have never seen lineage, but you know it exists.

Have you seen your conscience? You never saw it or touched it, yet you know it exists. You recognize it by its action. Conscience works to push you toward goodness. My conscience always urges me to seek the higher and nobler world, even if means I have to go over the North Pole or climb the steepest hills. It surely guides me in that unchanging direction.

Action does not occur by itself. Which comes first, action or force? Action. When you become a loving couple, do you say, "Kiss me," as soon as you meet? At first your eyes meet, then your breath, then your ears, then your scent. The words

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you hear, the scent you smell, and the touch you feel are so good that you say, "Oh, I cannot live without you." Thus action comes first.

## **GOD NEEDS AN OBJECT**

A person without an object is miserable. If I did not have an object, I would be miserable and lonely. If human beings are this way, wouldn't God also need an object? What would God do all by Himself, as an eternal being? If He just sat in the highest throne and talked with Himself for millions and billions of years, would He be happy? We have not finished the task of restoring God's Day through indemnity, climbing up the reversal course. Restoration progresses through eight stages, including individual, family, tribe, people, nation, etc. You should know that God is waiting for the day when the historical climb is completed, when all four directions are connected horizontally to the center, and when God's Day is glorified and praised everywhere.

The Old Testament Age did not walk that path. Neither did the New Testament Age. The Completed Testament means the fulfillment of the covenant which constitutes God's ideal of creation. It means the lost Adam and Eve are returning to God as the son and daughter of God's side. It means welcoming God's individual, family, tribe, people, nation and world.

Because such a world was lost, after we gain the victory on the worldwide stage, we should achieve the national victory and the victory on the level of the people, tribe, family and individual. This is the reverse course, and only by going through it can we return to God's ideal. When that returning path is established, God can move about freely and live everywhere.

You should know that there never was a day which could be called God's day of liberation, freeing Him over every restriction. There has never been a day which resolved the division between heaven and earth. There has never been a day which God could call His day.

## **THE MEETING PLACE OF TRUE LOVE**

At the end of World War II, the unified Christian culture, centering on America, represented the bride culture, and it unified the world. The Lord of the Second Advent comes on that unified position as the perfected Adam. To be perfected Adam means to be substantial God, or second God. God would be the first God, and Adam would be the second God. The first God is the vertical True Parents, and the second God is the horizontal True Parents.

The love of the vertical True Parents and the horizontal True Parents, perfected Adam and Eve, should have one common starting point. If there were two such points, there would be two directions and two worlds of purpose. I pondered deeply about the location of the starting point which could bring about a true settlement. If the ideal of creation was centered on love and if the purpose of creation was love, the point of settlement should be one, not two.

As I was struggling with this problem, a voice came to me and said, "True love always pursues the straightest and shortest

route." That was the answer. How do we interpret that answer? If true love travels the straightest and shortest route, and if God's love travels the straightest and shortest route, it is logical that love between human beings would also travel the straightest and shortest route.

Then where is the meeting place? If God's love is vertical and Adam's love is horizontal, the natural meeting place would be at a ninety-degree angle. When there is a ninety-degree angle, the relationships of front and back, right and left, and upper and lower become three-dimensional. In relation to this angle, there would be twelve sides. When upper is placed next to lower and left is placed next to right, everything matches perfectly and symmetrically. Someone who is on the South Pole can be placed on the North Pole, and someone from the East can be placed in the West, but the right angle is always maintained. There is no loss.

This is the ideal. All the concepts of equality, unification and ideal start from this point, centering on love. God, Adam and all people are to meet at the same right angle. Centered on God's love, both upper and lower sides of human love can meet and match perfectly. Going and coming match. Since all directions and distances match, there is no loss.

Whether you go north, south, east or west, there can be unification. The environment can be unified, since the root is the same. Therefore, the point at which God's love and human love meet is one. I know it is not appropriate for an eighty-year old man to talk about these things, but I have no choice.

Do you think it is easy to move 5000 people? I should shout my lungs out and make such exaggerated gestures, even making a hole in the wall, so that the person near the back may feel my heart and nod in agreement. The frequency and width of a wave are proportional to its force. Therefore, you have to speak forcefully and rapidly.

## **WE ARE WALKING ON FLAT GROUND**

I have walked a paradoxical course, searching for the woeful God's Day for the past 28 years. Now heaven and earth can be unified, and True Parents can settle in the Completed Testament Age.

Because of Adam and Eve, the Completed Testament Age was not accomplished. Because of evil parents, it failed. Thus, with the name of True Parents, I made the world a horizontal plain. The foundation of completion is the world. We are walking on flat ground. The roadway of the world is no longer difficult. By keeping the same pace, starting from the individual we can reach the end of the earth. The path is not steep or difficult. The farther we go, the more joyful we will feel. In the past I had to fight fierce battles from the individual level on up. However, everything is flat now, and I can laugh because I no longer need to fight; I can manage them in my hand. I can go anywhere freely and without restrictions. No one will oppose my advancement.

Does God like freedom or restrictions? When God, the king of freedom, comes to this horizontal human world, visiting individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations, world and cosmos, will He be happy when he is welcomed with cheers?

*Where is the nation that can welcome True God's Day as a national holiday? Where can as many as forty million people (the population of Korea) or seventy million people (the combined population of North and South Korea) cheer for God?*

The human fall resulted in eight levels or walls separating God and human beings. Then I appeared and paved a highway connecting them.

In places like East Garden and Belvedere, when I come in the morning to speak, there are men and women with blue eyes and blond hair. Their nose is distinct like a mountain, and their faces are not flat like most of yours. Their features are all very distinct. Their eyes are so deep. When one flies in an airplane near the North Pole and looks at the polar lakes, the color is blue like the eyes of Western women. It is so captivating. Think of white land with a blue lake. Blue eyes in a white person's faces are so fascinating!

### **A JOYFUL GOD'S DAY**

Although I am almost eighty years old, I have the spirit of a young man. If I were to wrestle with most of you here, I would win almost eighty percent of the time.

No one can be a revolutionary without training his own body. If you are ill, you cannot cause a revolution. You should

be able to control your body and maintain its health. When I was about eight years old, I lay sick in bed. However, that has never recurred, even though I am nearly eighty years old. Do you understand?

I know how to maintain my health. You would like me to teach you the secret, right? I researched it in prison. I had to develop a special training method to survive that deadly place in which eight out of ten people died. Therefore, each morning I still do my seven-minute workout, which would be equivalent to a three-hour workout for another person. Do you have any idea how miserable and difficult my journey so far has been?

As you welcome True God's Day now, you should ask yourself the crucial question whether you can joyfully welcome it as a person who is unified with the heavenly way and prepared to welcome God. How many hours could I spend with God, who wants to receive a joyous True God's Day? Could I have that kind of True God's Day, not only as an individual but with my family, my relatives, my people, and my nation?

Where is the nation that can welcome True God's Day as a national holiday? Where can as many as forty million people



*The finale of the True God's Day entertainment program at the Little Angels School in Seoul, Korea, January 1, 1995.*

*Each of us must reflect on our lifestyle and ask ourselves how much of a foundation we have created to connect God's Day to the environment of our life, our tribe and our people. This is more serious than fighting a fatal illness.*

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(the population of Korea) or even seventy million people (the combined population of North and South Korea) cheer together for God? That is the problem.

Beyond the nation, where is that kind of world? Nowhere. Because it does not exist, God needs to liberate the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world and cosmos to receive such a day of celebration, a God's Day that can open wide the door to the heavenly world and welcome everyone. Without such a day, the ideal Kingdom of Heaven unifying the earthly and heavenly realms cannot be formed.

Does such a God's Day come automatically? Should God be the one to make that day come true, since it is for His happiness, or should fall human beings create the day that liberates God and brings joy to Him? How can we establish a God's Day in which God can be happy for a month centering on my family? How can we establish a God's Day that could last a whole year? There would be no greater happiness than to establish a God's Day that would last for eternity.

Where are the happy man and woman who can welcome a joyous God's Day that transcends nationality and that can endure for eternity? This is a serious question. Do you want to welcome God's Day on the family level or the national level? Do you want to prepare a national God's Day or a cosmic God's Day, in which the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven is unified and all people of the past, present and future can create cosmic joy by singing together with all things of creation? What level of God's Day are you going to offer to God? As you commemorate this day, you should ingrain this solemn task deeply in your mind. Do not just ingrain it in your mind, but carry it out. God is looking for such a woman and man. You should realize that our celebration of God's Day becomes meaningful only if there are people who can take such a responsibility.

Have you had one hour or one day in which you could attend God in your daily life and bring God true happiness? I will teach you the secret to having such a God's Day. The secret is to worry more and work harder than God. Unless you can live that way, you cannot welcome such a God's Day and you cannot liberate God.

A filial son is a person who bears the difficulties of his parents as his own, goes over the hill of sacrifice, and liberates his parents. When someone stands in that position, he can be called a true filial son. Likewise, if someone joyfully walks a path of even greater suffering than God to establish God's Day, God will surely visit that person and welcome such a joyous day.

## **A COSMIC GOD'S DAY**

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Have you thought about these things? How many people are willing to dedicate their lives for God's Day and for the unification of North and South Korea, keeping in their hearts the sorrowful agony of this nation? I believe there is no one except myself. The only person whose heart aches and cries out about the division of Korea and who fights the lonely battle on behalf of God is Reverend Moon.

Someone has to appear who will struggle to fulfill the duty of a son of filial piety, a saint and a holy son, opening the door

to the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, thus attending the liberated God. Without such a dedicated person expressing gratitude for this mission even at the moment of death, God's Day cannot be fulfilled on the cosmic level.

When you think like that, don't you become serious? We call God our Father and the liberator of all nations. Now we know what kind of situation God is in. We know God has been trapped, held down, and kept from coming and going as He wishes. Someone has to break down these barriers and pave the highway that runs from the individual level to the cosmic level without stopping.

What good is money? What good is fame? If you die, not even dogs want to come near you. What good is knowledge? Everything except this is meaningless.

God needs a person who can pioneer God's Day on this earth and introduce a hopeful direction, step by step opening up a path for God. God wishes to visit you, but have you pioneered the path between yourself and God, or have you led the kind of life that blocks that path?

As we welcome in 1995 as a year of liberation, a vast plain lies before us and the door to the ideal world is being opened. Each of us must reflect on our lifestyle and ask ourselves how much of a foundation we have created to connect God's Day to the environment of our life, our tribe and our people. This is more serious than eating breakfast when we are hungry. This is more serious than fighting a fatal illness. This is more serious than facing death.

Have I been liberated yet? No. My responsibilities as the leader of the Unification Church include welcoming God's Day, welcoming the day of unification of North and South Korea, welcoming the day of the unification of all nations, preparing the environment where the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven can harmonize in one rhythm, and setting the direction that this nation and all people must follow until the year 2000. This responsibility remains. I cannot rest one moment until this is achieved. I cannot die until this is achieved. This path remains, and like a harsh tyrant I must command my tired legs to keep going. How shall I go over the Himalayas? How shall I scale Mount Everest? How shall I handle the fateful and dutiful responsibility of overcoming the environment in which the sun is setting and darkness is beginning to permeate? I cannot stop for either day or night. Yes, I finally overcame all those resentful hills created by the fall and the various persecutions along the way.

I am calling you to establish God's Day in a new way, with this new meaning. I asked all of you to inherit the victorious realm of True Parents. That victorious realm is not on the individual level. Do you understand?

## **NO COMPROMISE WITH SATAN**

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Those of you in the second generation of the Unification family should never forget your duty to become a soldier among soldiers. Raise this torch of hope for the future with gallantry and confidence. Become proud children in front of True Parents, who fought the battles with cosmic responsibility as your forerunners. If you truly understand what I said, you cannot



defile my heart and my pioneering course.

If you ever slacken your footsteps and lose the intensity of a pioneer working night and day in a remote village, you will not be able to attend God eternally in that village or in your family. People who have no connection to God are headed for hell. It is one or the other. There is no compromise. Compromise cannot exist between good and evil. The Devil and God are 180 degrees different. They are total opposites. There is no compromise.

I have pioneered alone until now, without making any compromise with the secular world. Do you understand? It is amazing that I established God's Day on this earth. Moreover, Parents' Day, Children's Day and the Day of All Things have been established. The house I have is not mine but God's. The land that I live on is not mine but God's. Everything before the fall belonged to God.

After clarifying all these things, God's Day can come to your family. The lineage was reversed by the fall. Therefore, a change of blood lineage and ownership is necessary. You should know that you cannot welcome Jesus' Day and God's Day unless you transcend the sacrificial standard of Jesus, who prayed for forgiveness of the Roman soldier, as he was dying on the cross. A person who lives with an idle lifestyle, eating and sleeping like everyone else, cannot find God's Day.

If we permanently cut out the evil flowing in our environment and make true connections with the nation and world, God will come to us and rejoice at finding a place that belongs to Him. Please do not forget that only through making God's Day the day of God's revival can we liberate God.

## THE ENVIRONMENT FOR GOD'S DAY

Go back to your places and create an environment suitable to receive God's Day in my place. If you do that, I will want to live there. I would keep wanting to go there. If I go to a place where a member prayed very hard and invested himself heartistically, I would enjoy eating just a plate of rice and salt, or even just a plate of barley and soy sauce. I would feel the heart there.

What would God need? Would He want rice, money, or knowledge? When a person prays and invests himself heartistically, filling in the valleys of God's tears and struggling to connect the valleys of love as God's child, God will come to visit and give this person the blessing. It is possible to welcome such

a day of blessing.

You should not live according to an ordinary lifestyle. When you realize that God is fighting on the hills and crossroads of life and death, when you volunteer as a pioneer determined to take responsibility and resolve God's hardship, God will come to you, and you can make a relationship with Him.

When that occurs not just one day or one year but for your whole life, and when such an environment transcends the family and national levels and reaches the worldwide level, such filial piety and loyalty will truly welcome God's Day.

## PRAYER

Loving Father, I, Sun Myung Moon, am standing on the podium of Sutaek-ri hall, I am grateful that You gave us this hour of celebration for God's Day. When I realize the agony and the resentment in the human world caused by the fall has continued through the history, I realized that I cannot welcome eternally God's Day if I cannot bring peace in the battle between my mind and body in me.

I also realize that we can welcome God's Family Day when we form the unified family connected with the peaceful true love as husband and wife become one and children unite with their parents. I understand that we can welcome the day of Your liberation, proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven to all nations, and establish the sovereignty of the final victory on this earth only when we can connect the mainstream of heartistic flow to not only family, but to the tribe, to the people, to the unification of North and South Korea, to the unification of the world, and even to the unification of the spiritual world.

The whole of Unification Church with its relationship to True Parents should live for the fulfillment of this responsibility, this duty, with an urgent and desperate heart, continuing the path of struggle night and day, investing its whole life. I know there is hope for the Unification Church members who live such a life and I earnestly ask that their lives can be the continuation of God's Day.

I sincerely ask that we can be connected to God centering on this day, that we can connect all 365 days as God's Day, making this God's year, the year of liberation in which God can rejoice. We want to connect North and South, heaven and earth, and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven, so that the world of liberation can come in which God has the autonomous royal authority and in which He can travel freely.

I earnestly hope that these children can be the courageous soldiers who are determined to march on, centering on Your longing will, until the day the Kingdom of Heaven on earth is perfected. May they walk the path of filial piety and loyalty and become the children You cannot help but bless and love, longing to live together with them eternally, so that You may grant them the day of God's Children. I ask all these things in the name of True Parents. Amen, Amen, Amen. ■■

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# TRUE FAMILY PORTRAIT TREASURES



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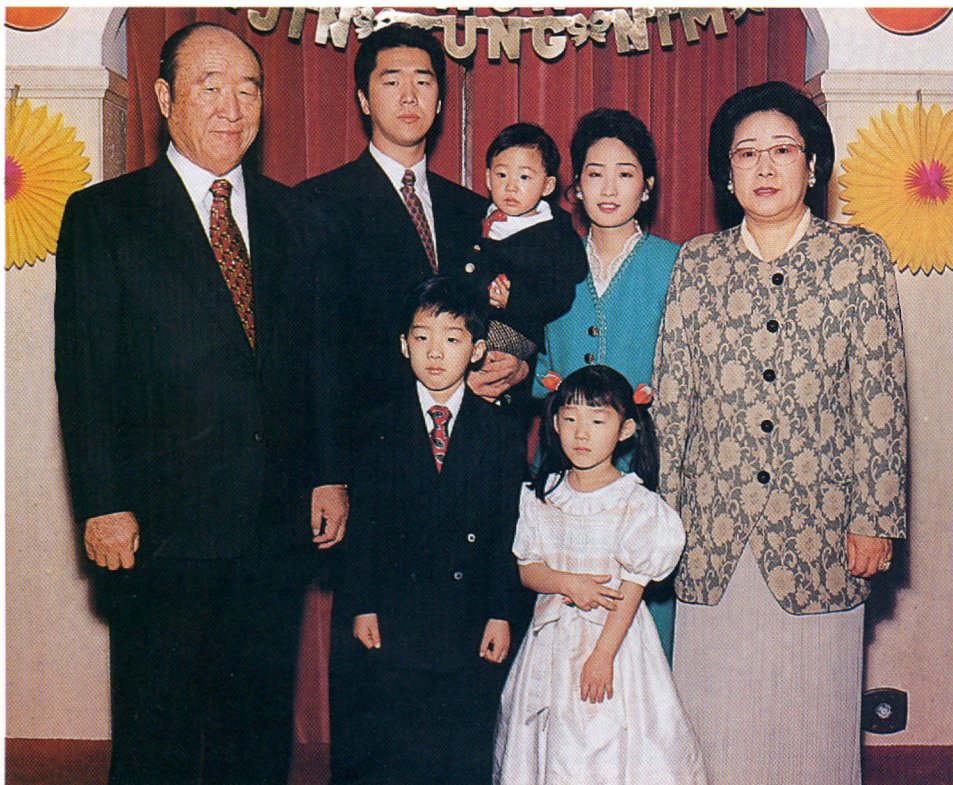


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True Family celebrate Jin Sung Nim's 33rd birthday (3/18/95) and Shin Won Nim's 7th birthday (3/10/95) at East Garden. True Parents pose with each family. **Top:** front row (left to right): Shin Kwon Nim, Shin Myung Nim, Shin Sun Nim, Shin Yul Nim. Back row (left to right): Father, Jin Sung Nim, In Jin Nim, Mother. **Left:** front row (left to right): Shin Won Nim, Shin Eh Nim. Back row (left to right): Father, Hyun Jin Nim holding Shin Joong Nim, Jun Sook Nim, Mother.

## The World of Shimjung Culture ...

more, when we just think about True Parents' accomplishments in this world, we are all moved and grateful for the things that they have achieved.

### *The way of joining True Parents' family—the blessing*

The seventh point of our family pledge says: "Our family, centered on true love, pledges to fully realize a world of shimjung culture that is connected to the original blood lineage." It says that the world of shimjung culture is connected to the original blood lineage. It is the blessing that binds us to the original blood lineage. Through the blessing, we inherit God's true love, true life, and true blood lineage. We are not in a position to receive the original blood lineage through our own effort, no matter how much we make. In other words, as a result of the fall we are the human scraps whom Satan has controlled and trampled on throughout the long human history. Speaking frankly, our lives are the dregs which Satan has made sport of, and nibbled on just as he liked. These words of the Family Pledge that speak of connecting our lives to the original blood lineage mean that the blessing is an amazing grace we have inherited, connecting us to the original blood and the original true love.

So, I felt that, for all our inadequacies and the fluctuating standards by which we live, we are still on the road to the same goal. Seen from heaven's perspective, our blessed families, have too many weak points. Nonetheless, the reason we always have compassion for the suffering of others, and constantly maintain hope, means that at least we are in the same family as True Parents. This is our pride of prides and hope of hopes.

So, the words "True Parents have blessed us in front of Satan" mean that we are in the same family as True Parents, that through the True Parents' grace [*in-yeon*] we are connected with the original blood, and that we have grafted into heaven's blood lineage after cleaning out the satanic blood lineage.

From this viewpoint, we must be grateful for the precious opportunity to have become blessed families—that is, to have this connection [*in-yeon*] with other blessed couples. This explains why Father has always taught us that blessed families should treat each other with respect and that we should feel the preciousness of one another.

"Whichever village you may go to, visit the blessed family first if there is one there." This is what Father has always taught us through his words. He is speaking about the preciousness of the connection [*in-yeon*] and order bestowed through the blessing.

### *My feeling during the matched members' workshop*

I truly feel that times have changed and that things have developed greatly. I felt that much

more while educating those members who had recently received the matching. What is their standard like these days? Think for a moment. These days, anyone can apply to receive the blessing if he or she just attends a seven-day workshop. In terms of understanding Divine Principle, God's will, and the tradition, those newly matched members are indeed far from the standard. The standard required of blessing candidates nowadays is very different from that of the early days. This means that, these days, the blessing is being given through the grace of God and True Parents on the foundation of their victory. Most especially, the 360,000-couple blessing is a special grace that True Parents will give as part of the celebration for the fortieth anniversary of the foundation of our church. That is similar to a special amnesty being granted to prisoners. Thus, Father has already made up his mind: "Even though you are not up to the standard, and are lacking, I will give you the blessing. After receiving the blessing, if you accomplish your responsibility and achieve your goals, you will become a master who receives good fortune."

As I have always attended the matchings, when Father was matching both the photographs of candidates who had prepared themselves in advance, and those of candidates who had not, and seen that Father made equal effort in matching them. He invested his utmost. As it happened, recently matched members of all different levels gathered yesterday to attend this workshop. The number of participants who had been in the church more than three years was very small, and those more than two years in the church were still very few. Almost all the participants were less than one year in the church. What is more, those of less than one year in the church were not members who had assiduously attended Sunday service and workshops, but people who had given their photographs in order to get married.

So I said the same yesterday too. Knowing these things, I devised a policy. I asked them, "Have you seen the photograph of the person with whom you were matched?" They replied that they had not. The participants arrived at the training center in smart clothes. Though their partners were not there, they had prepared as if they were. Suppose you were also matched. If you were matched by photograph, then you would have probably also arrived there with your heart filled with the desire to see the photograph, wondering who your partner might be. We did not distribute the photographs before the training session. This was because we wanted to do that after the participants had received some education.

My policy is that when those who have been matched receive the photographs, they should at least have an attitude of seriously considering the meaning of the blessing, and of valuing their partner. They should regard the person with whom they have been matched as an eternal partner connected with God's heart who was matched to them by heaven. Coming to the training simply because they want to see the photographs, with

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their minds wavering, would be no good at all. If that were the case, they would be unable to receive spiritual blessings. For that reason, we gave them the photographs after educating them—so that they could feel grateful.

### *Their attitude after receiving training*

So, what was I concerned about, and what do I feel grateful for? It is that these members, once they were matched, all received education as meekly as lambs, even though they received some scoldings and suffered this or that trial during the training. We could not have done that before the matching. That is very interesting. They attended all the lectures—one hundred percent. Everyone became an exemplary student, with no one falling asleep even late in the evening. That was their attitude during the training. They were so sincere.

Until that point, they might have received such education with a casual attitude, but yesterday I gave them some hard training. I explained to them, "Father did not match you just on a whim. He mobilized all the spiritual conditions [*in-yeon*] and, investing his sincerest effort, matched you to such a precious spouse." They received those words very respectfully when I said that Father did not match them based upon humanistic conditions [*in-yeon*.]

Yesterday I had a surprise. Before going out to give my lectures, I was praying beside the altar. When I opened my eyes after my prayer, I saw a woman, seemingly somewhat elderly, standing beside a man. Father has never matched someone as old as her. I thought to myself, "When I attended the matching together with Father, there was no such old lady. How could such an elderly person be here?" Later I was informed that she had come there in place of her son, and that she

was going to pass on to him what she was taught.

Three hundred and fifty members who had received matching were to participate, and all except sixteen came. Even those sixteen were those who were doing army service, or who had certain special circumstances. Anyway, the rate of attendance was very high, and they received their education very seriously. Because of that, my heart was moved.

Think about those people. Some were from farming areas and many of them had not received so much education. So they did not know a great deal about God's providence. Nevertheless, there was no one who raised any objection when I talked about the precious value of the blessing as seen from the standpoint of God's ideal of creation.

What is more, in this secular world, there is so much breakdown in families, the young people are misdirected, and many chaotic things are happening. So, even though I talked about the precious ideal of the blessing centered on heavenly principles, saying that love between husband and wife should bear fruit in an eternal and unchanging love, and that children should be born from such a relationship, no one could object to that.

### *The content of the education for those who were matched*

Why do children go wrong even though, in our world today, there are morals, ethics, religious teachings, and education at school and by parents in the home? It is because the older generation and parents cannot set a good example centered on the order of love, in their daily lives. Accordingly, the children come to have a rebellious attitude, asking, "Why do they expect us to live that way even though they do not live to that standard

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themselves?"—with the result that the world is going out of control.

When I spoke yesterday, I told them they should not even think in their dreams that they came here to see the photograph of the one they are going to marry. We must cut off from the worldly tradition and from the worldly order of love from the very beginning. We must go forward to build a new world by instigating a new revolution of love. Without that, it is crystal clear that there is no future, no hope, for mankind or for the descendants who we can expect to come after us. So, make a new start with an attitude of mind that you are the pioneers who will accomplish a revolution of new love with the consciousness of your special calling. Although you came here without knowing this, determine yourselves even from this moment. When you receive the photograph of your spouse, do not merely think about meeting that person. Meet him or her after bowing 3,000 times. Your matching is a precious connection [*in-yeon*] bestowed by God, so is it right to think in simple terms of meeting the object of that eternal and unchanging love whom God has

prepared for you? Hang the picture on the wall and meet your spouse after bowing to them 3,000 times. They all promised to do that. They also promised absolutely not to play around with love, and not to give even a sideways glance at anyone other than their spouse.

### *Matching by photograph now the normal way*

Please think about this! How amazing it is that we could educate, in that way, people who were almost total strangers to us! We say "strangers" in terms of the level of education they have received, but even so there is something precious about them. Today, there are many senior blessed couples here. However, if Father had told them that he was going to match them just by photograph, there would likely have been some complaints. Could we have imagined being matched just by photograph in the past? What is more, they all, without exception, had received a Japanese spouse. In the early days, it would have been considered extremely difficult to marry a Japanese person. However, these days marrying a Japanese

is normal. How much the world has developed and improved! This is what I feel is so valuable about these people. "Father I do not mind whether you cook me by frying, baking or boiling, please choose my spouse as you will." Is it a simple thing to say this, just sending a photograph? I am saying that it seems an unusually high standard of faith to wait to receive one's spouse—who will be with them in the eternal world after the earthly life—merely on the basis of having submitted a photograph.

We say that we have been believers for a certain number of years, but in fact we have been living a kaleidoscopic life of faith in which the color of our faith sometimes changes—fine in the morning then sulky in the evening, and so on. Seeing Father investing all his effort, comparing photographs this or that way for each person, I thought that it was very admirable that these people



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waited to receive their spouses merely on the basis of submitting their photographs. Such a time has come. Now, throughout the world, it is becoming the normal thing that Unification Church members' spouses are selected by photograph. This is also becoming known across the globe.

How about we members at the time of the 36 Couple's Blessing? We could not even mention in our homes that Father had acted as a match-maker for fear of even greater opposition. So, many of us pretended to our families that we had fallen in love with our spouses, and that is was only the marriage that was held as a group ceremony at the church. It was not because we wanted to hide the truth, but because there was no other way. This went on for some considerable time. Father was receiving persecution and slander at that time. So, we thought that it would be almost like setting fire to oil if we were to say that Father had matched us.

However, these days people know that Father matches us—that our church matches its members. The world has changed so much. Then what do you think has caused the world to change in such a way? There is no other way but through the blessing ceremony. The marriage ceremony is the most important event of our lives. Such a joyful occasion! How happy God must be just by the fact that we offer that great event, that thing most central in our lives, unconditionally in a church ceremony. How delighted God must be.

We are excited just at the thought that such a trend is spreading more and more. So, although yesterday I sometimes scolded the participants

during the workshop, I was praying for them as I drove back to Seoul afterwards.

### *Where to set the future focus of the Unification Church*

The participants came and received education like lambs because the content of this education is connected with the principle, and with the heart of God and True Parents. However central and important we say marriage is in our lives and for every individual, because the blessing is an important work of true love, true life and true blood lineage, directly connected with rebirth and resurrection, and we, fallen men, are thus born into a fundamentally valuable life, in front of this there can be no excuse. There are no words.

In that sense, I think that we should appreciate once again how precious and gracious the point of blessing is. We, as Unification Church members in the same boat, should take pride in our blessing and our blessed lives and lead a life that confidently recommends the blessing.

### *We must educate everyone for the sake of the future*

On Friday afternoon, there was a training session for teachers who will educate our second generation and Sunday school students. Although I had not prepared a lecture for them, I spoke to them at length. Where should our total focus and the hope of our lives be set in front of the Unification family? Where can we find it other than in raising the second and third generation? Whether their parents or grandparents raise them, where

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Father and Mother observe as Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak (left) and Rev. Bong Tae Kim (right) hold the banner up, on which Father had just written the 1995 motto, at the midnight speech.

Father and Mother cut the celebration cake following Father's speech on True God's Day, January 1, 1995.

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should they set their focus? It should not merely be on the education of knowledge or technology. Of course, it is necessary to give them good food and let them get plenty of exercise. However, more than those things, what we should focus on is the education of shimjung and of norm. Those things are not found in the ordinary world. Only in the culture of the blessing can we find them. We must educate everyone in the shimjung and the norm necessary for the sake of the future world of shimjung culture.

However, during the pioneer period, we did not have much opportunity to spend time with our sons and daughters whom we loved. It was not that we avoided taking care of our children, but the second generation members sometimes feel that their parents did not pay enough attention to them or spend much time with them. This is a common feeling amongst the second generation members.

However, the good thing is that, as they grow older and become more aware, they come to know why their father and mother lived like that. Such understanding becomes a precious fruit. On the other hand, even though parents may live together with their children, embracing them, does not necessarily guarantee that the children will become perfect, without blemish. In spite of sharing time together with their children, if they do not properly educate their children in shimjung and norm, their children ultimately will not be able to go the way their parents and heaven wish. Once parents, going

the road of pioneers, make effort to relieve the heart of God and True Parents centering on the will, then the second and third generation will understand these things.

### *The dramatic play performed by the second generation*

During the Day of All Things evening entertainment, the second generation performed a play that they had created under the guidance of the Second Generation Family Department, for True Parents. It was a story set in the year 2040. Their idea was very good. The second generation wrote and performed the drama. As many of the performers were church leaders and students, the play was prepared under a very tight schedule. In particular, as it was exam time for the university students, they were very busy. However, after rehearsing sometimes until late at night, they performed it at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center. It was a very meaningful production.

By the year 2040, the second generation will have become grandparents. This play was about a grandfather, who, together with his grandchildren, is looking at the television news. The news is reporting about the arrival of True Children, including Hyo Jin Nim, at Beijing airport. They are there to officiate at a four million couple blessing. Watching news, the grandson and granddaughter pester their grandfather to tell them the story of the old days. So he does.

You probably cannot imagine how nervous I

was watching that play sitting just behind Father. Why was I so fidgety? The second generation prepared for this performance very sincerely and performed it very well—like professionals. The play was done to an excellent standard, clearly showing that the performers had rehearsed their roles for so many days until late at night. However, as there were one or two points that I wished could have been portrayed differently, I had a word with the director of the Second Generation Family Department.

One of these points was the idea of the blessing of only four million couples in 2040. They seem to have thought that a blessing of four million couples would be very amazing. Watching the play from his seat, Father probably said to himself, "What! Only four million couples in 2040!?" Think for a moment. By the year 2040, Hyo Jin Nim will be over seventy years old. The population of China will be around one and a half billion by that time. Then, would a blessing of only four million couples be enough?

So I suggested to the director of the Second Generation Family Department that it would have been much better had they added on at least another zero to the number of couples. Don't you think a forty million couple blessing would have been a little more appropriate?

Father has a plan regarding the blessing. Next year he will bless 360,000 couples, and he must accomplish that. These days, touring around the country, I am begging the blessed families to save me. If they find twelve couples each there will be no problem. Will it then be difficult to find 360,000 couples? After the 360,000-couple blessing, what lies ahead? I was proud of having lectured to audiences of 5,000 people at the time of the sister-relationship ceremonies. However, in the future, I will lecture to more than 5,000. We shall have a blessing ceremony in 1998 also. Don't you think the church president should be lecturing on television by this time? That is not just lecturing to 5,000 or 500,000 people at one place. Rather, what I am saying is, should we not be able to witness about True Parents and lecture the Divine Principle on television by that time? Such a time is coming.

Especially when that time comes, the secular family will have become more depraved, and the youth will be so out of control that secular methods to help them will not work. Thus, it is meant to be inevitable that everyone receive education in the ideal of the blessing, which is True Parents' fundamental concept for saving the world.

It might be difficult to do that through such broadcasting stations as KBS or MBC [two major Korean television stations]—but would that be impossible? Furthermore, when there is an increasing network of cable television stations, educational programs will be very much in demand. If ten or twenty of these broadcasting stations spring up, a lack of program material will mean that the time will come when we will be asked to provide good educational lectures. Do you understand? Then what would happen through such education by television broadcast? I saw those newly-

matched people—basically strangers to us—become like lambs after yesterday's education—so why could we not accomplish that? There will be a real trend towards listening to such lectures. Young people, and the parents of the world will say, "We shall indeed have to get our children to receive this kind of blessing. Our grandchildren must have this kind of marriage."

So, Father is aiming to bless 3.6 million couples in 1998. Do not say, "Oh no! It's impossible!" It can be done! Then, was it all right for the second generation play to depict a blessing of four million people in 2040? Father has not mentioned it up to this point, but no doubt he will give someone a scolding!

Furthermore, Father has been commanding heaven and earth with about 50,000 blessed couples until the present, and we have created quite a noise. Even if we, all the blessed families, cannot completely fulfill the tribal messiah mission, have hope in how much this world will be changed if we achieve even fifty or sixty percent of this goal. Have hope that such a good world will come. Have confidence that there will gradually be more and more people who receive the blessing.

Why? It is because the order of love, the ideal of love, and the precious ideal of the blessing that God created are things upon which everyone must inevitably agree, whether they be presidents, kings ... or whoever.

That is why, watching that play on the holy day, I was nervous. On the other hand, I felt something very refreshing and new. They performed very well, but there were some points that were not portrayed realistically. What were they? In the beginning of the play, this grandfather cannot understand his mother. Then, in one scene, it is 1970 and all of the families are mobilized together, and go through many difficulties. There is also the scene in which the parents and neighbors of this grandfather's mother go into a church carrying clubs and smash up the building. Then they beat one wife who was pioneer witnessing, crying out, "Give us back our daughter!" How many times did we suffer such things in the 1970s when we went out to pioneer? Moreover, this play was written entirely on the basis of real events. A true-life story. There is a Mr. Suh Nam Shik from the 430 Couple's Blessing, whose wife could not find an appropriate place to leave her son for proper care when she went out to pioneer in 1970—this baby is the very grandfather portrayed in this play. So her husband, who was in the army at that time, took their son with him to the army. This is a true story. What might have happened to a baby who was taken into the army? However, as the father was acknowledged to be an exemplary person amongst exemplary people, the baby could be brought up in the army unit.

So when he said that he was raised in the army unit where his father was stationed, and that his mother was persecuted at that church, many people in the audience wept. It was very realistically done, wasn't it?

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The shimjung of the first generation and that of the second generation is different. There will inevitably be a difference in the level of the shimjung of the first generation while on the front line of persecution and suffering, and that of the second generation now, and that which the third generation may have later about their grandparents' hardships.

However, what did I mean when I mentioned to the director of the Second Generation Family Department that he had not understood that well? When the parents of the young girl who had been witnessed to ran and beat the wife who was pioneer witnessing, she wept first by herself, then she hugged the young girl and they wept together. I pointed out that the second generation have just heard stories about the hardships that their parents endured during that time. So they put on that play, thinking that their parents must have cried like that when they were persecuted and beaten in public. So I said, "If they cried like that every time they were persecuted during their witnessing activity, they would never have accomplished anything. To say the least, receiving persecution and beatings was a common—even daily—occurrence for those who went out to witness in the early days. So they did not even think about crying, and they never shed tears in that way." Would they have been able to witness if they had cried like that? Of course, thinking about Father's heart, they shed many tears at the holy grounds. However, they did not cry just because they were beaten.

This was the situation in the 1970s, yet still more so in the 1950s and 1960s. Although they ate food only fit for dogs and were beaten, they did not cry so much. However, the second generation cannot know that.

Even so, they showed such a good heart. After they matured enough to understand their parents, and upon hearing such stories and reflecting on them, they came to find that their parents had been beaten and had gone through so much hardship. So, presenting the play according to their own idea, they portrayed the early members weeping a great deal. They truly played their roles well.

So shimjung should be experienced personally. The shimjung of the first generation and that of the second generation is different. There will inevitably be a difference in the level of the shimjung of the first generation while on the front line of persecution and suffering, and that of the second generation now, and that which the third generation may have later about their grandparents' hardships.

Here we can find an important formula. The world of shimjung culture is one in which the shimjung of God and True Parents is internally experienced and known.

Watching this play by the second generation, I saw great potential. Many people said that if the second generation put on other productions later, they will do an admirable job.

### *It is possible through the in-yeon of the blessing*

Now I will return to the main subject, which is the "World of Shimjung Culture and Blessing." Without the connection [*in-yeon*] of the blessing, the world of shimjung culture cannot be realized. Why is that so? The ideal of creation which God planned and originally dreamed of is that very ideal of shimjung culture—the root of true love.

So the ideal of creation is a culture in which

new shoots sprout, flowers bloom, and fruit ripen through the connections [*in-yeon*] of shimjung, which is the root of true love. What kind of life will people lead when they live in the original garden? Will there be any futile greed when people become perfect, living only according to their original minds? Will they need to plot to harm others, and then make excuses? Will people fight amongst themselves? As it will be a world in which the standard for action and life will be a love that exists for the sake of others, forgets even after giving, and wants to continue giving, those bad things will not be able to remain there. The world with such connections of love is, in other words, the world of shimjung culture in which the heart [shimjung] of true children, the heart of true brothers and sisters and the heart of true parents are all interconnected as front and rear, right and left, and up and down.

### *Foundation for the four great realms of heart [shimjung]*

That is why I said that, when we educate our descendants, we should pass on to them an education of the heart of true love, and an education of norm. It is education of order. Where, and with what must we educate them regarding that order? It is done on the basis of the four position foundation of an ideal family, which is where the four great realms of heart that Father has been recently emphasizing are realized. The four great realms of heart are the heart of son and daughter, the heart of brother and sister, the heart of husband and wife and the heart of parents. Father has called those four hearts the four great realms of heart because the most important and central experiences of human beings on earth are these four relationships of heart.

As these four different kinds of heart should bear fruit as a four position foundation, in God's family, the "traffic" there should be well regulated. The heart of a son and daughter is a vertical, up and down, relationship in front of the parents. That of brother and sister is the front and rear relationship. Next, the order of heart between husband and wife refers to the order of love of right and left. Then, what is the heart of parents? That is also a vertical, up and down relationship of heart. Contrary to the heart of son and daughter which goes upward from below, the heart of parents come down from above. In this way, everything has its appropriate place and clear order. There should not be a collision within the order of love, or an unregulated "traffic" flow.

These days, due to poor education and harmful trends, some people in Korea are saying that a modern family is one where parents and children can live freely together without any restraint. They say that when the members of a family are very conservative and the vertical relationship strong—that is, the Confucian tradition is very strong - it is a family that is still unawakened and unenlightened. This is a very wrong way of thinking.

Why is the relationship between parents and children in our blessed families not soft? We are

supposed to live freely with the relationship of love. So, we blessed families should educate our children about the relationship between parents and children, the relationship between brothers and sisters, and that between husband and wife, from the time they are young.

### *My family's experience*

I will share a few words about my own family. I was brought up in a family with a very strongly conservative and Confucian background. To try to express love was for some reason somewhat awkward and unnatural. However, my wife was not like that. She was brought up in a rather modern family where love was more freely expressed. When we had our first baby, I thought that babies should be lain between the father and a mother, but that was not my wife's opinion. "Why lay the baby between the husband and the wife?" she asked. She asked whether it is not natural for babies to be raised to think from when they are still young that their father and mother are people who always sleep next to each other and whose relationship is always the closest.

So even though, in the early days, my family lived in a small house without much space, my wife and I lay beside one another and then laid our babies down in order. We never put the babies between us.

And we kissed without hesitation when they were together with us. When she or I went out, we intentionally kissed to let them see us. Why? It was because we wanted to live showing our children that Mom and Dad kiss and love like that, as they were trained from when they were very young. We trained them in that way. I think that is good. If you like, you can follow that same pattern?

### *In the home there should be order centered on heart*

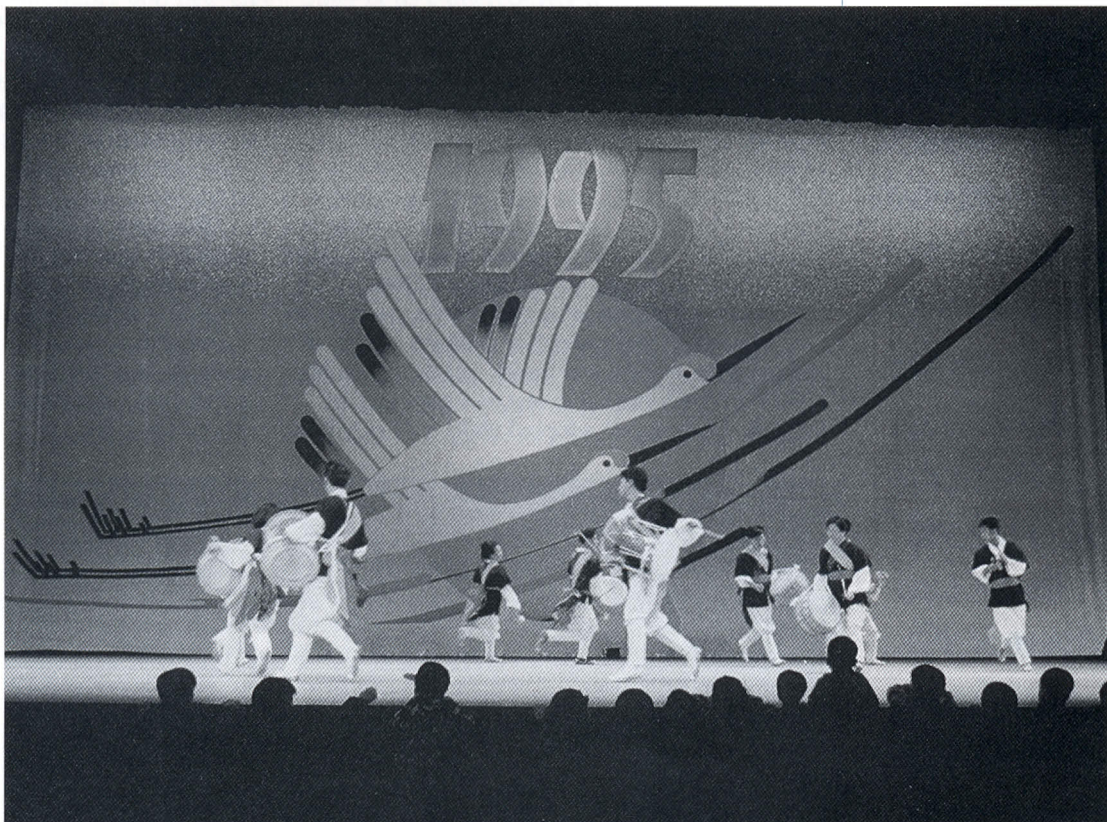
In a home where the four position foundation exists, we find that we can experience all the kinds, directions and levels of love. Each has its own position: Dad and Mom's way of loving, children's love toward their parents and toward their brothers and sisters—each have their unique position and are all according to a certain order.

Thus, if we teach our children about that order of love through or practical lives, and let them experience that, they always come to think about that order of love when they go to live in society,

attend school or travel around the world. Doesn't Father always say such things? He said that God created the world and that there are subject and object in that creation. What does that mean? The words "subject and object" mean that there is order everywhere. This is the order of the creation of the universe. This means that, in the home, there should be order, with heart and love at its center. That is what we have to teach. Without the ideal of the blessing, we cannot teach such things.

God's original ideal is to see harmony and order centered on the *shimjung* that is the root of true love. That is God's ideal which we lost. How can we regain that? There is no way other than the blessing ceremony to restore it. That is the only way.

In that sense, we must understand how precious, and how much grace, the blessing is, and give



thanks for it once more. So, as I always say, the blessing is the ceremony through which we inherit God and True Parents' true love, true life and true blood. That is why we become children only through the blessing ceremony. If we are not sons and daughters, we cannot use the word "inheritance."

### *Becoming true children in front of True Parents*

Father's words that the blessing is the bequeathing of God and True Parents' true love, true life and true blood means that True Parents acknowledge the blessed families as their children, even though we are not really at that standard.

We have different blood from that of our True Parents. As we were born within the satanic realm, our blood lineage is different from that of True

*Entertainment at the God's Day 1995 celebration, at the Little Angels School.*

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Parents. However, as we have received the title of children, we begin as adopted children.

So the Bible says that the desire of humankind in the Old Testament Age was to become a servant of God, and that in the New Testament Age it was to become an adopted child of God: "we ourselves who have the first fruits of the Spirit groan inwardly as we wait for adoption as sons." (Romans 8:23) Why? It took 4,000 years for men to become servants from a position of servant of servants. That means that it took God 4,000 years to raise up qualified servants. Next, the 2,000-year history of the New Testament Age was the history of the raising of adopted children. How can men and women become adopted children? Through the ceremony that is called the blessing, we who are not sons and daughters of True Parents can stand in the position of their adopted children.

Next, as blessed families, we should not be content to be in the position of adopted children. That is not our goal. Then what should we do? While living on earth, we should try our best to move one step further on from the adopted child position. That is to the position of stepchild. An adopted child is one who receives a different father and mother. Then what is a stepchild? It means a child who has one parent of a different lineage. Then to be full sons and daughters means one has both a father and mother to attend.

However, looking at our general earthly situation, we can only be adopted children. When it comes to the question of heart, as human perfection is the perfection of heart, we have to pass through the stages of adopted child, and stepchild,

and then finally reach the stage of children of parents. Thus, blessed members even when they awake in the morning, should be drawn to True Parents with a heart of tens or hundreds of times more eager than that with which they are drawn to their natural father or mother. Only then are we blessed families. At least we blessed couples, at all times and in every situation, should be drawn to True Parents with a more deeply longing heart than the heart with which we are drawn to our natural parents. That level is the relationship between parents and children, and is accomplished after passing through the stage of adopted child and then that of stepchild. We should move up to that stage.

### *Let us go to a higher level*

So Father said to the blessed families, "At first, you must be blessed on the level of the church. Finally, you must be blessed once more on the world level."

That means there is still a stage for the blessed children to go. We are still no further than the formation stage in front of the long road along which we must travel. We still have two stages to go.

Then how much more effort and preparation should we devote! What work could be more urgent for blessed families than this work? There is nothing more urgent. That should be our focus.

From that viewpoint, we must understand the amazing fact that True Parents devoted themselves to this path, and bequeathed it to us. So, we should inherit God and True Parents' heart as soon as

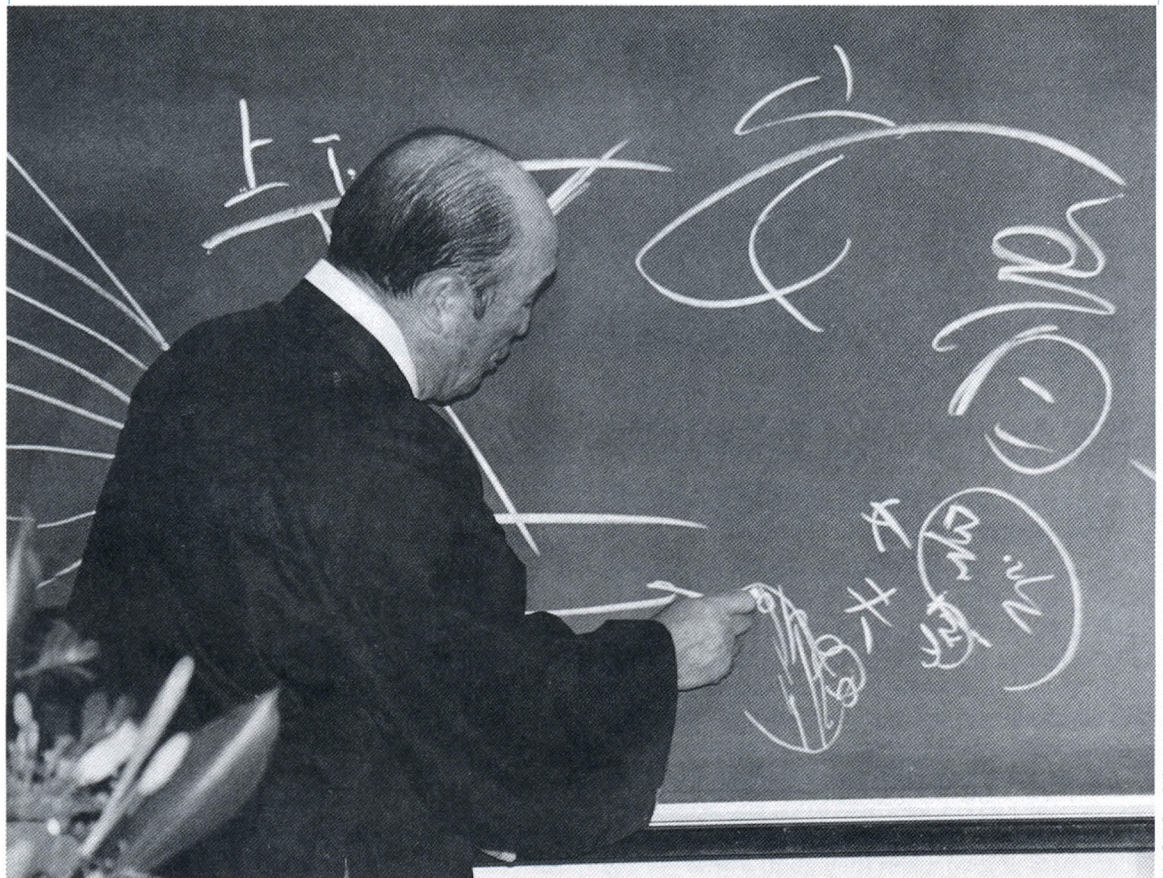


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possible in whatever way we can. Our lives are still lacking. Isn't that also true this morning? Father taught the Japanese members until three o'clock in the morning, and, after closing his eyes for no longer than thirty minutes, he attended Pledge Service. What do we feel in our hearts when we hear that? Our hearts are stirred up, and we repent. Do the ordinary people in the world understand such things when they hear them? Their understanding does not go beyond thinking, "Sun Myung Moon works hard, even to the point of going without sleep." That is very different from our serious attitude. Our attitude is deeply rooted in our hearts. No matter how insignificant we are, and even though we are not doing what we are supposed to do as blessed families, there is such a deep emotion in the hearts of the blessed members. It is because once they are blessed, the grace of inheritance and heavenly fortune surround them. This is the blessing.

So Father concretely gave the goal of the world of shimjung culture, starting from this year. In addition, as you can see in the seventh point of the Family Pledge, the world of shimjung culture which is linked with the original blood lineage is indeed realized through the blessing—through blessed families. Nothing else can achieve that. Since the original blood is True Parents' blood, when we are connected to that original blood we are also connected to the original life and the original true love. We must determine that the shimjung culture will bloom in this way. We must also think about how to repay God, who works so hard, for training us for the sake of the accomplishment of this goal. Let us pray:

### Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father! When we reflect on how You led us to the point of Blessing, and gave us grace beyond description even when we had no qualification with which to stand before You, how can we thank and repay You?

We know that we cannot do it even by offering our whole lives and everything we own. Without deserting us, worthless and unqualified as we are, You have given us so much blessing, educated us even without taking rest, and devoted Yourself to us. For all of that, we could not so much as even follow You obediently.

We squirm selfishly as we confront each difficult path of faith, and we disobey You centered on our own personal gain, and commit sins. We are people who have lived doing many things that smell of evil and that are insignificant from heaven's viewpoint. Who in this world, and which blessed family, can say that they have completely fulfilled their responsibility and mission in front of True Parents? This morning we have realized once again that we are indescribably indebted, and can do nothing but lament in front of our True Parents.

Heavenly Father, please forgive us. Please protect the health of True Parents, who are still loving us even at the cost of such anguish, more than ever before. We sincerely pray that You will

do everything to protect the holy bodies of our True Parents.

Now they have declared to the world the goal that we must ultimately accomplish—the world of shimjung culture. To realize that world, and to give even just one more person a direct connection to their heart, True Parents are working on the front line day and night. We are so grateful for that.

As for ourselves, in our hearts we would like to enable our True Parents to make less effort and to take some rest. However, when we reflect on the fact that they are walking the road of the front line because there is not one child upon whom they can rely, and not one who can accomplish their work for them, we are so ashamed. We cannot find words to express how unfilial we are.

We hope that we blessed families— not only those of us gathered here now but all the blessed families in Korea and around the world—can become more mature, so that we can take responsibility for True Parents' worries, even if it is just in one corner or field. Thus, we know that only when we bear True Parents' cross for them, can Father walk a slightly easier road.

Please enlighten us. Please enable the blessed children to understand that receiving the blessing is not everything, but that, in order to preserve the preciousness of their blessing, they should not become too indebted to True Parents.

We sincerely pray that the blessed children can all become children who pledge to live for the sake of True Parents with intensity of heart.

Please do not let us forget in our hearts the painstaking road True Parents are walking every day. However difficult and arduous our own situations may be, Father, we sincerely hope that You will allow us to walk the path of loyalty and filial piety in front of True Parents.

Now that everyone should be longing for the precious connection [in-yeon] the blessing brings, we have to sharpen the dull minds of the people and present them with this precious blessing. Please let us witness this good news to all people, with the 360,000 Couple's Blessing as our objective.

As a people and a nation, a course of many difficulties, of the cross, and of suffering, lie before us. By making much more effort and undertaking and exploring the road of suffering, let us, the blessed families, representing the nation and the leaders of the nation, face the ordeals that come to this nation and accomplish the holy work of unification. True Parents are exerting their utmost efforts. We sincerely hope that this nation can bring about unification without its citizens having to pay too high price.

Please allow us to divide ourselves more clearly, and live sincere lives of faith during this coming week. Let our actions and our lives be of value to God and True Parents, and let the exemplary lives of the blessed families brighten the world.

Wishing earnestly that Your eternal joy and love be with True Parents' family and protect their health, we pray in their holy names. Amen. ■■■

[Translated by Soon-Young Kim.]

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# A New Dream Dawning in South America

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**W**OULD you like to come to South America with me? I promise it will not be too long; it will be a short trip. But I want you to remember something substantial, so please bear with me.

We have many dreams. We have our own individual level dreams in our fields, whether we are state leaders, regional directors or campus ministers. Usually those dreams are given by Father. We also know that many of the dreams are coming true now, as I witnessed and we heard today.

There is a new dream dawning in South America. That is what I want to share with you. Even before Father went to South America this time, there was a great article printed on December 8, 1994, in the *Chicago Tribune*, explaining Father's vision and dream. I will read that article in part. The title reads: "Unification Church Invests Heavily in Uruguay."

*Montevideo, Uruguay. In this quiet, little country, associates of Reverend Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church have found a financial heaven. After thirteen years of slow and steady work, the Unification Church*

*Hotel. The project, in the works since the early 1990s, is expected to cost as much as \$86 million by the time it is completed next year. All told, Moon's associates have invested as much as \$150 million in Uruguay. The*

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*group is among Uruguay's leading foreign investors, possibly number one. Members own the country's largest hotel, one of its leading banks, the second largest newspaper, and two of the largest printing plants. Today their most visible project is underway in downtown Montevideo, a 24-story convention center and expansion of the Victoria Plaza*

*businesses scrupulously avoid scandal and have an impeccable reputation for efficiency. "They are treated just like any other multinational company," said a*

*journalist who has worked for Moon's Ultimas Noticias newspaper, as well as other newspapers. "Our group is interested in working throughout the world," the official said, "but what Uruguay offered us was stability," and I think the group's feeling is that this is a country of the future, particularly in the service area. That is especially true with the planned January 1 start-up of the free trade agreement among Argentina, Uruguay, Brazil and Paraguay. Many believe, and Uruguayans fervently hope, that Uruguay will become the political and economic seat of the free trade, similar to Brussels' role in the European union.*

Father left New York on December 5 and arrived in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on the morning of December 6. We did not know until two days after Father's arrival that a summit meeting would take place in the United States on the same day Father arrived in Sao Paulo. Leaders from 31 South American countries and three North American countries met in Miami and agreed to begin free trade between the continents of America within ten years. However, they need time to work out all the details.

During Father's stay in South America, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay and Paraguay

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***The head table at the banquet for True Parents, December 7, in the Centro Nacional de Missões (National Mission Center) in Sao Paulo. Seated left to right: Father Haroldo Ranh, Federal Congressman Walter Nory, Vice Governor of the State of Amapá Dr. Ronaldo Borges, Father, Mother, Professor Geraldo Luccas, State Assemblyman José Maria Eymael, Mrs. Isola Eymael.***

signed a free-trade agreement that will take effect on January 1, 1995. It is a bit conditional, because they are talking about only 9,000 items, but it is the beginning.

I myself do not know how much we invested in Uruguay, but according to this newspaper Father invested \$150 million in Uruguay more than ten years ago. The day is coming when North and South America will become one, and there will be no tariffs or barriers whatsoever.

### **Father visits Sao Paulo**

After he arrived in Sao Paulo, Father started talking to our members. As you know, Father never skips education. About

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1500 leaders of Brazilian members came to the Brazilian headquarters. By the way, we have a beautiful, six-story building, the Centro Nacional de Missões, in a very busy section of Sao Paulo, which has many different lecture rooms. It has a grand ballroom even bigger than the New Yorker's. Over 1,500 Brazilian leaders were gathered there waiting for Father who spoke for four hours there.

One Argentinean brother, Alejandro, went to Korea to study Korean. At the same time he got his master's degree in English literature at Yun Seh University. He stayed in Korea for seven years, and virtually mastered Korean, because he studied Father's speeches all the time he was learning Korean in Korea. Therefore, he is very familiar with Father's way of describing a situation, Father's way of talking, and the terminology Father uses. I envy him very much. He was fully ready to translate Father's talks into Spanish and Portuguese as well. So it was a perfect setup. He translated Father flawlessly. There were a couple of words he could not understand because Father's terminology sometimes is very unique.

I do not understand Portuguese, but it seemed as if he was doing an excellent job. Father did not tell him, "Wrong!" because Father does not understand Portuguese either! When Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Col. Sang Kil Han or I translate Father's speeches into English, he knows all the vocabulary and terminology. If we miss something, he pushes us aside and he

speaks in English. He scolds us: "You missed that, skipped that." But Alejandro had the advantage that Father did not understand Portuguese.

We are in the middle of winter here. That means they are in the middle of summer in South America. That grand ballroom didn't have air conditioning. In the middle of the hot summer, 1,500 people were assembled in a big auditorium with no air conditioning. When Father speaks, he uses his entire body, not just his voice. He was just sweating like a shower. One Korean sister was constantly carrying in a glass of water. I think Father drank more than twenty glasses of

water in the four hours. Amazingly, because he sweat so much, he did not have to go to the bathroom. Anyway, that much power and heart and

love was poured forward to the leaders of Brazil in that hot summer heat.

Father gave them the same content he had taught to the Japanese women leaders who came to Korea, condensed into four hours—only two hours, if we count the translation. They could clearly see Father's effort and heart and love pouring out to them. With that much sweat, Father was completely soaked.

The members were deeply inspired and they were so grateful. When Father asked the audience how many were seeing him for the first time, almost half of them raised their hands. They have been waiting and waiting to see Father and hear words from his mouth directly. Many were in tears—although sometimes I could not recognize whether they were tears or sweat. Father truly inspired them and gave them new energy to have a new beginning.

Father ended about midnight. We thought Father would have breakfast at 7:00 a.m. and probably meet the members around 8:00 or so, but at 5:00, Father was already in the auditorium. Almost all of the members stayed there, so they were ready to have a prayer meeting at 5:00, and suddenly Father showed up and talked several more hours. They were doubly blessed.

On December 7, Father gave a banquet for about 200 dignitaries from all over the country. Politicians, business leaders and scholars came. Our headquarters building has many different rooms, decorated with high-quality wood from Brazil and beautiful moldings. In a smaller ballroom there, Father gave a banquet and spoke to the VIPs.

One of the state universities in Brazil gave Father and Mother honorary doctorate degrees. Father did not even know this was planned until about an hour before the banquet, when our missionary, Reverend Hyung Tae Kim, came and reported it to Father. These dignitaries from the university came with a diploma and honored Father and Mother right there in front of all the VIPs of Brazil. That was a great moment.

Father spoke to them emphasizing the role of conscience. Not everyone present was our member, although they felt very close to us. Father strongly challenged them regarding the role of their consciences. He asked whether they live according to their consciences or whether they go against their consciences. I think many of them were deeply inspired and even repented there.

### **Father visits Jardim**

The next day, December 8, Father left for a small town called Jardim, about a thousand miles northwest of Sao Paulo. Jardim is in a semi-tropical area about 150 miles from the Paraguayan-border. It was the "boondocks," without even telephones. From December 8-19, there was no tele-

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phone available. To make a phone call, you had to drive about ten miles and pay to use someone's private telephone. So we simply did not bother to make any phone calls. It was a nice experience to spend two weeks without talking on the phone.

This is the best location for farming and ranching in Brazil. Brazil is a little bigger than mainland America. Ranches consist of 1,000 to 4,000 acres of land. One ranch has one or two houses; a couple of miles down the road are one or two houses. This is the kind of countryside

we found.

The owner of the ranch in which Father stayed, Mr. Vera, was a very good man. The rancher offered his main house to Father and Mother, while he and his family spent ten days in a small hut designed for cowboys. Not only that, but every day he cooked the fish that Father caught. He was so proud that Father and Mother enjoyed his Brazilian-style cooking.

Mr. Vera studied Divine Principle during Father's stay there. That was even more exciting. He has three daughters, who were inspired to study Divine Principle too. The former president of the Brazilian church gave Divine Principle lectures right there in the house. The family was deeply inspired and they promised that they would come to 21-day workshop in Sao Paulo.

Because of this ranch owner's hospitality and grace, Father and Mother could stay in his home. The rest of us stayed in the house, in a tent, or in the bus we had brought from Sao Paulo. Father did many things besides fishing. He wanted to investigate the rivers and the ranches in this area of Brazil, which is fertile enough for farming and ranching, even growing fruit trees. It was perfectly set, an ideal location.

As you know, when we bought the ranch in Texas, Father's goal was to bring the elite from underdeveloped countries and train them in farming, ranching and fishing, to feed their starving people, but

***Our target was a fish called dourado. I think these fish belong to the bass family, but the entire body is gold in color also and the tail has different colors. This particular fish has a set of sharp teeth, like the piranha, and is vicious.***

somehow the water supply and weather in Texas is not that suitable. Here in this part of Brazil conditions are ten times better than in Texas, so Father was very happy. Here we can do a hundred times better than we can do in Texas. The trees grow very rapidly too. One tree that was fifty feet high was only four years old! They said some trees grow even four or five meters a year.

Perhaps I am ignorant about tropical fruits and that is why I was amazed; but in the front yard of the rancher's house were abundant fruits, including pineapples, papayas and mangoes. They had manioc, a sweet potato-like food, which is a staple food for people in Africa. The rancher cut a pineapple from their front



**Father gives his first speech in the evening of December 6, 1994.**

yard and served Father and Mother. This pineapple had no inkling of sourness, just pure sweetness. I never tasted anything like it before. Father and Mother loved it, so we had to get more. We almost skipped dinner because we ate too much. There were papaya plants in the front yard with fruit the size of small water-

place. So Father says, now we have to change their mentality. That is where Father's dream comes in.

Father took a look at a ranch which included about 750 acres of land. Even in that ranching region, this triangular-shaped piece of land was considered to be a gold mine because it is bordered by two different rivers. At the tip of this triangle, two rivers merge and create a bigger river there. The right-hand river is called the Rio Plata; *plata* means silver, and the water is silver-colored. You can see thousands of fish just swimming and jumping there. On the left-hand side, the river is reddish in color because of the red mud it carries. Of course various rivers have this kind of muddy water, but the uniqueness of this land is the merging of the two different qualities of water. Clean water and muddy water both have plenty of fish.

### **Fishing for dourado**

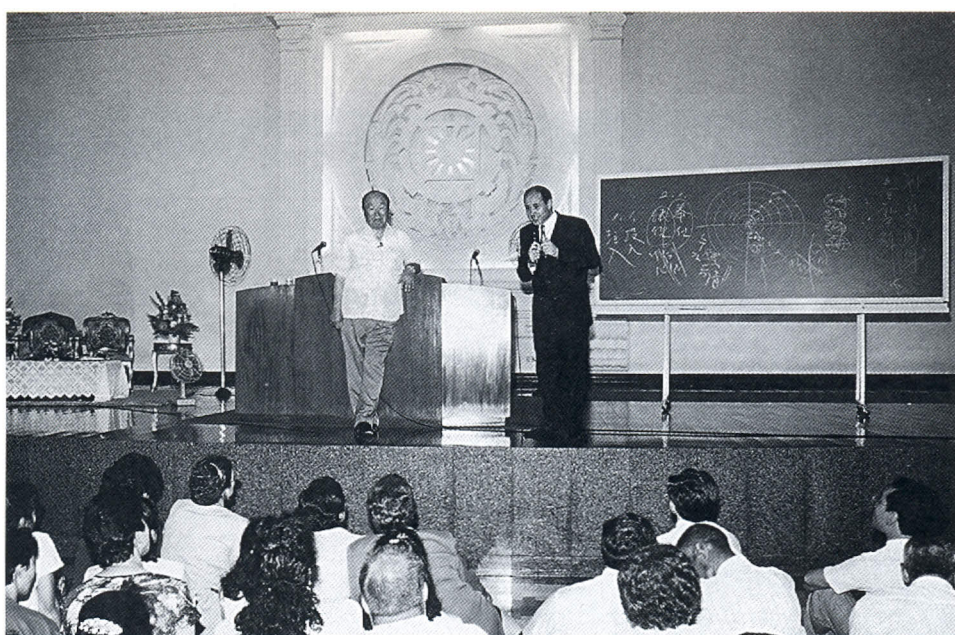
Our target was a fish called dourado. Those who have experienced striped bass fishing in the Hudson River with Father remember the large striped bass we caught. I think these fish belong to the bass family, but the entire body is gold in color also and the tail has different colors. This particular fish has a set of sharp teeth, like the piranha, and is vicious. When you try to unhook the fish, if you accidentally put your finger in its mouth the fish will cut your finger off.

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Its teeth are that sharp; razor-sharp. To catch this fish, we had to put a long wire leader at the end of the line; otherwise, the fish would cut the line and escape.

When the fish is hooked, it jumps at least three times before you can pull it in. These fish are very strong and aggressive, and very hot-tempered. As soon as they feel they are hooked, they jump. They usually stay in a fast stream, so a tremendous amount of energy is needed for them to jump; but they do it not just once but three or four times. And they fight. They are very smart, because once they realize that they are hooked, they hide behind rocks. The riverbed has all kinds of rocks and holes, sometimes several feet deep. Therefore, immediately they hide, and when you yank the line it gets cut on the sharp edges of the rocks.

I was fishing at one hole all morning. I hooked five fish, but I lost all of them, sometimes because my line was cut and other times because the fish ate my bait and got away. I was very disappointed



*Father speaking at the main temple to international leaders and blessed couples. Alejandro de Souza translates.*

fish right away. I watched him. Later on he said, "You see, you have to be smarter than the fish. If the fish hides behind the rock, do not fight the fish right away.

few minutes and then comes out to find out what is going on. That is the time you have to yank it and hook it strongly." But even after Father told me that, I failed many times.

This particular river is about fifty feet wide depending on the water level; but on the banks there, bamboo grows fifty to a hundred feet tall. There are thousands and thousands of them along the banks and also tall trees hanging over the river. If you know where the fishing hole is, you have to cast your line precisely. But that is not easy because of the bamboo and the overhanging tree branches. Your line gets stuck on the tree branch or the bamboo. I tried many times and failed. Then you have to swim out and cut the line, which is a big headache. It takes time and you lose your enthusiasm to continue fishing.

Then I watched Father. Father would stand about thirty feet away from that fishing hole and cast through a ten-foot gap between the tree branches. The bait was a heavy, catfish-type of eel weighing two or three pounds. With a two- or three-pound bait on the line, the distance and angle and power of casting had to be exact. Sometimes I saw Father's line get tangled on the tree branches. We would usually pull on it and cut the line. But Father would swing the heavy bait back and forth and yank it off the branch at the peak of its swing. You may say this is a fisherman's story, but this is a true story.

### **A golden omen**

This story may be hard to believe, but it is a true story, too. It happened exactly in front of my eyes, on December 10, at exactly 7:00 p.m. We were coming back from fishing on a river about three or four

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and depressed. Then Father came. I told Father, "Father, I lost five fish right there in the fish hole, so will you try?" Father smiled, walked over, and started catching

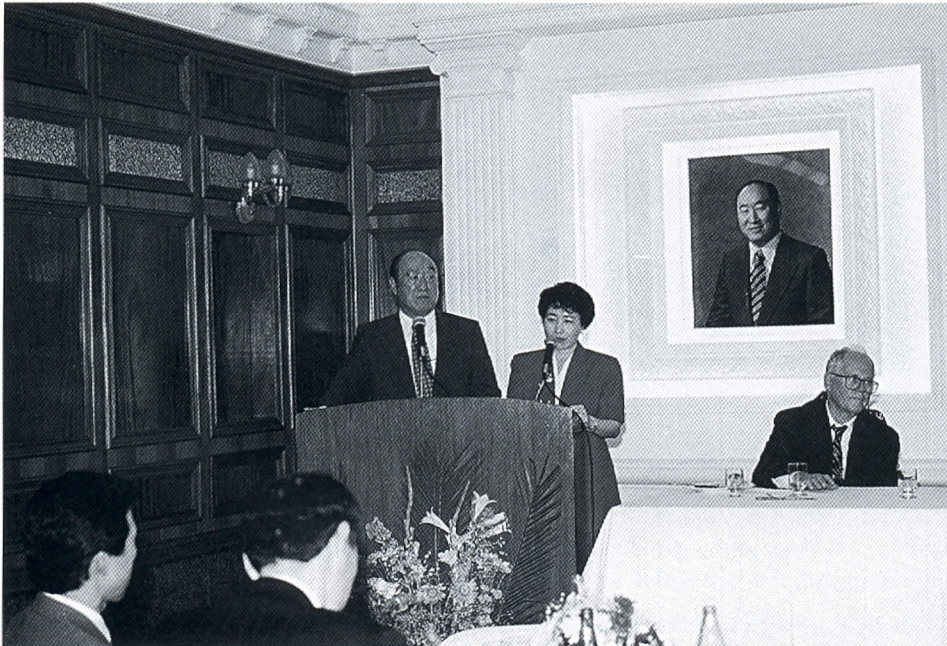
Take it easy and let the fish feel relaxed. Give it a bit of line so that the fish feels, 'Oh, what's going on? I thought I was hooked. Did I get free?' The fish waits a



*True Parents cut the cake at the welcoming ceremony in the Centro Nacional de Missões in Sao Paulo.*

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**Father speaks on the topic, "What is the Meaning of True Family?" Mrs. Junghee Han Kim translates into Portuguese for the guests of the banquet, which seventy dignitaries attended.**

miles away. Because the river is treacherous, sometimes shallow and sometimes swiftly flowing, we were going only about five miles an hour in an aluminum boat about eighteen feet long. Our driver, Mr. Ki Byung Yoon, was sitting in the rear, handling the boat, Father was in front of him, and I was sitting in front of Father, with Reverend Hyung Tae Kim. Our backs

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were to Father, facing the front of the boat. As we were watching out for debris or dead trees in the middle of the river, I suddenly heard a fish jumping in the boat. I knew we had taken all the fish out of the boat before we left the fishing spot and put them in the second boat. However, I heard one flopping around right behind my back, and when I turned I saw that a twelve-pound gold dourado had jumped out of the water and landed in front of Father's knees. Does it sound like a fisherman's story? It is a true fisherman's story.

I realized immediately that the fish had never been hooked, and it was jumping a foot or two trying to get out of the boat. But it did not realize whom it was dealing with. Knowing how vicious these fish are,

both Reverend Kim and I tried to put the fish down on the boat bottom so that we could somehow contain it and not lose it. Accidentally I put my thumb into its mouth while I was pushing it down and it bit me. I was holding my thumb to stop the bleeding, yet still working. We had to punch this fish on the head to subdue it. That is the way we got this dourado.

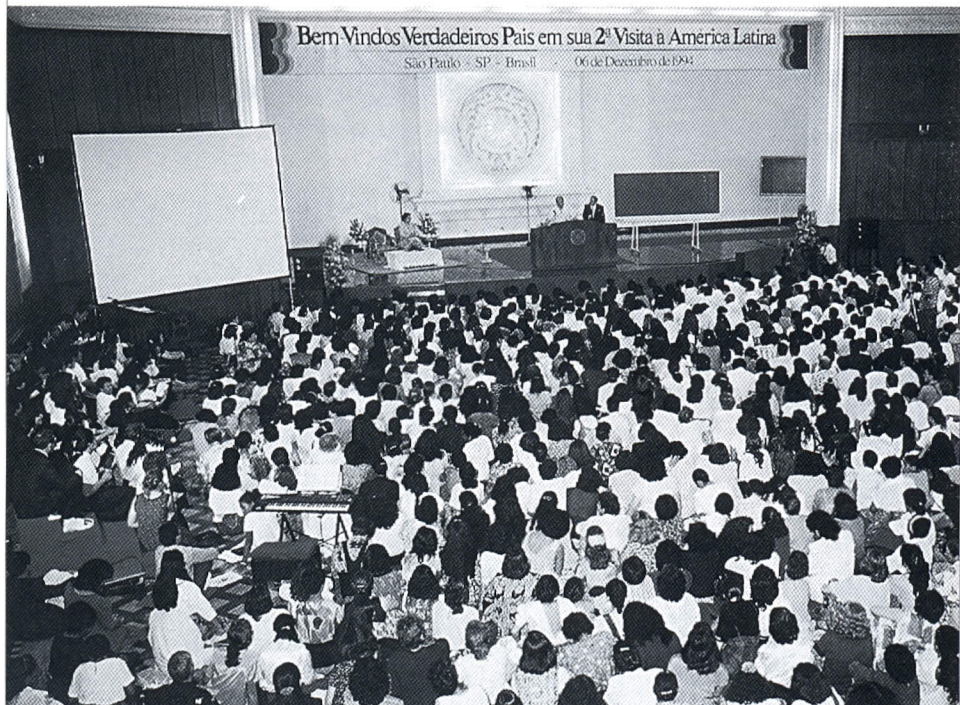
Who in the world can believe that this big fish jumped out of the river at sunset and landed in front of Father? I felt it

was a good omen. Father's comment was: "Probably ever since this river was born, no one has had this kind of experience on it." Back at the house, we told the owner of the ranch and he was surprised. He said, "I never heard of such an experience, but one time while we were chasing after adourado, it jumped out of the water and accidentally hit my wife's cheek and then fell back in the water, but I never saw anyone catch a fish like this." That was a good sign. Now Father's dream is dawning in South America. It is a golden dream, not just a regular dream. That is what the omen says, I think.

Father and Mother fished for ten days; sometimes it was a good day and sometimes not too good. If you can catch a fish every ten or fifteen minutes, it becomes boring. Fishing has to be sometimes slow and sometimes good. The variety is attractive. Father caught about seventy fish, and Mother caught about fifty. They tied for the biggest fish, weighing twenty pounds. My total—do not ask me—was less than twenty, but I tried.

### **Visit from a Paraguayan senior statesman**

National television stations announced Father's arrival in Brazil. They did not have any access to Father, and they did not know why he was there, so their final comment was: "Reverend and Mrs. Moon just arrived in Sao Paulo. However, no one knows what the purpose is. We hope we will be able to find this out in



**Father speaks to the members in the Centro Nacional de Missões in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on December 6, 1995.**

the coming days." That was their report, because they did not know anything else to say. There was no criticism whatsoever, just a factual report. Then, after a couple of days of teaching in Sao Paulo, Father quietly moved out of Sao Paulo and came to the ranch, so no one knew where he was.

Yet some of our friends in Paraguay got wind that Father was in Brazil. A senior statesman from Paraguay had come to our Summit Council for World Peace in Seoul last April, and he was deeply inspired and impressed by Father's organization and the goals of the conference. When he heard that Father was in Brazil, he extended his invitation to Father to come to Paraguay, writing to the Paraguayan consulate in Sao Paulo and asking them to give a visa to Father. However, Father said, "Originally I did not plan to visit Paraguay, so I will not go." The senator requested again, through our missionary, but Father said, "No, not this time. Probably next time."

On December 15, the senior statesman showed up at the ranch. We were caught by surprise. He had chartered a plane from Asuncion, Paraguay, and flew to the border between Paraguay and Brazil; then he drove three hours from the border to where Father was. He came, so what could we do? Father could not tell him to go away. Father invited him to dinner. We had dinner together and talked. Father gave him internal guidance about educating people in Paraguay both internally and in practical matters. He talked about



**True Parents, along with other individuals who went fishing with them, pose with their catch of dourado. Left to right: Yoshihisa Inoue, Hyung Tae Kim, Father, Mother, Peter Kim (squatting), two brothers from South America, Ki Byung Yoon.**

strengthening the country financially.

The next morning the statesman came from a local hotel to join Father for breakfast. The breakfast table was set on the porch, because the weather was so hot. Father was already sitting at the table when I got up, so I bowed in greeting from about ten feet away. Father seemed to be praying, with his head down. I waited around, but not too close to Father

in order not to disturb him. The statesman came, so I greeted him and led him to Father's table, where he sat down. Still Father did not lift his head. Then I saw a piece of paper on which Father was writing something; he was totally focus-

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ing on writing. It was awkward for the dignitary to be sitting at the table with Father not even looking at him. A while later Father lifted up his head and of course greeted him with a big smile. Then he handed over a handwritten proposal to the country of Paraguay. That was what Father was working on.

It was an impromptu situation. Father just wrote it, and I had to read it in Korean while Alejandro translated it. Later he made a written translation. The essence of Father's proposal was the following: If the government will provide land with rivers and abundant good soil, I will maximize my power in every field—academic, political, economic—and bring everything there to build an ideal community, God's ideal city.

Father said that the land will be divid-



**True Parents take a lunch break, attended by leaders who accompanied them during their stay at the farm.**

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ed into 160 different regions, representing the 160 nations in which we have our missionaries. We will take responsibility to develop each section of the land, for ranching, farming, raising trees, fish farming, or whatever. We will educate the leaders, particularly the agricultural leaders, in using modern technology.

Father said: "My lifelong goal is to build peace on earth. In order to do that, I must help the starving people in Africa, particularly those in underdeveloped countries. Almost 20 million people are dying of starvation every year. Why do they have to die while there is land and water? Because they are not educated. They do not know what to do. They do not have good leaders."

Father wants to bring leaders or poten-

tial leaders from those countries and educate them in Paraguay or Brazil. The weather is similar to that on the African continent. We will teach them how to survive and help other people to survive. There is no reason for them to die of starvation. That's the goal that was explained to this senator.

I was shocked. I felt the statesman would be shocked. But amazingly, he was positive. He said, "I will go back to my country and talk to the congress and the president. We will discuss this matter fully, and we will submit it to the congress. Then we will let you know." He was very hopeful that he would be able to succeed and offer this land to Father.

We bought the 750-acre ranch where the two different rivers meet and merge.

Father's goal is to develop that area. We will buy much more land there, and develop it. People who are interested in fishing, hunting and sightseeing will be attracted to come there to enjoy fishing, hunting and ranching. We will build many fishing spots alongside the bank of our property, which is about three miles long. Then we will expand our acquisition along the two rivers. We will develop an ideal ranch or farm and then extend it to the Paraguay project.

I am sure that later on Father will tell you to come there and become a cowboy or farmer. I am sure we will have an opportunity to visit there and be trained as a rancher or cowboy or farmer or fisherman someday, as long as Father's interest is there. ■

# True Parents' Visit to Brazil

## December 6-19, 1994

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**E**VEN though Reverend Hyung Tae Kim had been preparing us to receive True Parents and he himself had made new purchases as preparation for this visit, still the possibility that they might come to Brazil seemed quite remote to us.

The spirit world helped a lot by sending written inspirational messages through one of our students from the College of Theology, among other brothers and sisters. One such message, received in November from Jesus and Heung Jin Nim, said, "Father is about to arrive in Brazil. At the moment it seems that there is no foundation to receive him, for everything is too quiet, without anything going on, and without an adequate atmosphere. However, the foundation was established previously. This latter part of the year is, in reality, a harvest time, and symbolically, Father is coming to Brazil to harvest."

When in the beginning of December, we heard that True Parents were coming, we understood that indeed the time for their visit had finally arrived.

True Parents arrived in Brazil on December 6, a year to the day after Mother's visit to Brazil during her international speaking tour. Before the airplane landed, an announcer of a well-known radio station, who had gotten hold of the passenger list, announced in a friendly manner that the Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon were about to arrive. Following that the press attempted a siege, but there was no contact in that sense. Twenty

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young military police, in motorcycles and police cars, conspicuously escorted the small entourage that accompanied True Parents, formed of international, Latin-American and national leaders. A Mercedes-Benz sedan was made available for True Parents, and Reverend Hyung Tae Kim took them to the national headquarters in São Paulo. The traffic opened up in front of True Parents, who looked

rather like a king and queen. That moment became unforgettable for the history of Brazil.

### Activities in Sao Paulo

On the evening of their arrival, True Parents spoke to all Brazilian members and international visitors. The title of the speech was "Find Your True Self." Closing the day's activities at midnight, Father called a meeting for the next day, when he would speak to blessed couples and national and international leaders. Indeed, at 5:00 a.m., Father was at the main center speaking on the theme "Let Us Overcome the Greatest Crisis of the Providence of Restoration through Indemnity."

At 8:00 pm that same day, True Parents were received at a banquet held in the special hall on the fifth floor of the national headquarters building, during which he spoke to seventy leading public figures, who are all friendly towards our church, on the topic "What Is the Meaning of True Family." On that occasion, the Integrated Colleges of Planalto Central of the State of Goiânia awarded an honorary doctorate degree to True Parents.

### The new Garden of Eden

The next day, True Parents went on a trip to visit a farm in the south of the

State of Mato Grosso do Sul, to spend a little time fishing. That farm is located between two rivers, the Miranda and the Prata, flowing out from Brazil to Paraguay—a peculiarity that could be compared to the geographical region of the Garden of Eden, also located between two Biblical rivers, the Tigris and the Euphrates. That region of Brazil was a stage of war during the colonial period, and later became part of Brazil.

The beauty and opulence of the flora and fauna enchanted True Parents, who immediately arranged for the acquisition of the farm. Soon Mr. Yoshihisa Inoue, Mr. Motoo Furuta, and Mr. Takeru Kamiyama joined the other few leaders present at the farm. New plans were made, and everyone tried to become adjusted to the changes, including the new name of the farm, which was renamed *Nova Esperança* [New Hope]. True Parents directed the acquisition of heads of cattle and of neighboring lands for the construction of bridges and a training center for leadership education in agriculture, animal husbandry and fish farming.

During their sixteen days at the farm, True Parents maintained a daily schedule of fishing from 7:00 a.m. to nightfall. The weather was very hot, and the temperature in the upper 90's Fahrenheit. True Parents had to improvise a sunscreen with whatever was available. Those who were accompanying them were surprised at their relaxed attitude, especially the international leaders, who were not used to seeing them that way.

True Parents quickly became impressed with the rapid growth of the plants and with the fecundity of the lands. The fish that made True Parents very enthusiastic is called dourado, which means golden; they are actually golden color. Since it is



*True Parents pray before the December 6 evening speech.*

a fish used to rapid waters, it possesses strong muscles and is characterized by a fighting nature and the will to resist a fisherman's hook. This nature aroused particular interest in True Parents. One such fish pulled Father out of his boat; still, Father never let it escape. Both Father and Mother proved to be skillful in the art of fishing, which surprised even the local fishermen, accustomed to the fishing habits of the region. Catching dourado was a very special activity, taken seriously by True Parents. For them, fishing was like saving the world.

### **Relationship to the world providence**

Far from the usual problems of the world, True Parents were so comfortable that it became a cause of worry for the international church. Where were True

Parents? In a farm located in the hinterlands of Brazil, with no telephone and with none of the sophisticated resources of modern communication. Throughout the several days they spent at the farm, there was little information that could be gathered about True Parents.

Twice during their stay they gave words of guidance. Father spoke on the themes "The Founding Ideology for a Nation," and "True Parents and Rebirth." Never had the Brazilian members been able to understand the details of the providence as clearly as on that occasion. Speaking to the 27 leaders present, Father said he was addressing the entire world. He said he would invest in Brazil, not for the sake of Brazil itself but rather for the sake of the whole world. He would use our country for the sake of the world providence. The picturesque landscape and the rare beauty of the area were concentrated in the melody of bird songs, making a most beautiful sound track for True Parents' precious words.

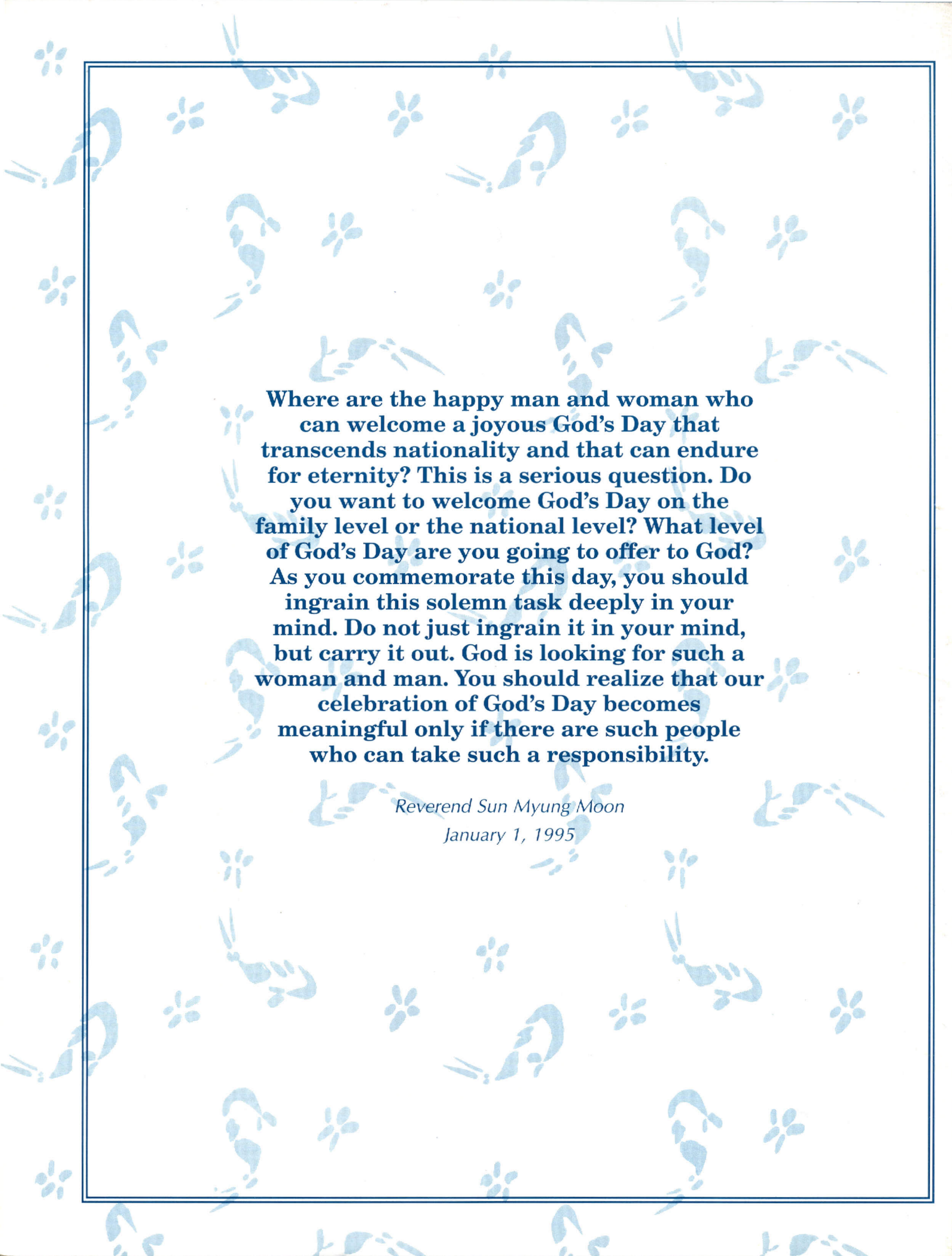
True Parents returned to Sao Paulo due to the demands of the worldwide providence; their desire, however, would have been to stay a while longer. Back at the national headquarters, True Parents remained a few more hours. Their goodbye came amid the warmest and most sincere wishes that they return soon. From inside the car, True Parents waved a clear gesture of commitment to our country. That scene became recorded forever in the pages of the history of Brazil. ■■

*[Translated by Paul J. Perry.]*



*Father gets into the car to leave Sao Paulo.*

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The background of the page is a repeating pattern of blue birds in flight and small five-petaled flowers. The birds are scattered across the page, some facing left and some right. The flowers are also scattered, often appearing in pairs or small groups. The entire page is enclosed in a thin blue rectangular border.

**Where are the happy man and woman who can welcome a joyous God's Day that transcends nationality and that can endure for eternity? This is a serious question. Do you want to welcome God's Day on the family level or the national level? What level of God's Day are you going to offer to God? As you commemorate this day, you should ingrain this solemn task deeply in your mind. Do not just ingrain it in your mind, but carry it out. God is looking for such a woman and man. You should realize that our celebration of God's Day becomes meaningful only if there are such people who can take such a responsibility.**

*Reverend Sun Myung Moon*

*January 1, 1995*