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ON behalf of our founders, the Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, I welcome you to this historic founding assembly of the Family Federation for World Peace International.

Our True Parents have founded many organizations, started many projects, but Heaven has been especially waiting for this day, to see the establishment of a family federation for world peace.

Actually, the Family Federation for World Peace is not simply another organization, but the most important organization of this dispensation. Our True Parents have fulfilled all the necessary conditions to restore the Old Testament and the New Testament ages. They have opened the Completed Testament Age by establishing all the vertical and horizontal conditions necessary to restore the direct relationship between God and all mankind. Centering on True Mother, with True Father's guidance, we established the Women's Federation for World Peace and the Youth Federation for World Peace. On that victorious foundation, we can now establish the international Family Federation for World Peace. The era of the individual has now changed to the era of the family, which is the basic unit in heavenly society. We are gathered here today under these historic conditions.

The family, cornerstone of society

No society or nation can be composed of individual men and women. The creation of new life and continuation of mankind takes place in the family. In the original ideal of creation, the family would have been the perfect, visible manifestation of true love, which is the essence of God's nature. In the family, children learn about love by experiencing the love of our parents. But because mankind lost the connection with God's True Love at the time of the fall, there have been no families in history which could attain that perfect ideal and be truly entitled to take proper dominion over the cosmos.

Mankind's original nature is always seeking True Love, but until the appearance of a True Man and a True Woman who could totally embody the tradition of True Love and create their family, God could not totally embrace mankind.

The world has developed rapidly into industrial and then post-industrial societies, advances in science have enabled us to increasingly harness the forces of the universe and create the real possibility of a world of abundance for all—an external Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

A world of individualism

Because of the immaturity of man's love and false love, even as we close the twentieth century, we see examples more and more false love resulting in selfish behavior and exploitation of the environment. A distortion of the power of science has led not only to social improvements, but to the development of weapons of mass destruction, and the continuing plague of war. We see new generations of children who increasingly have been taught to think of themselves first. The churches, the schools, and the families, which are the key institutions by which a society transmits its values to each next generation, have been under fierce attack. These institutions are in decline in most so-called advanced countries. Divorce, illegitimate births, child abuse and abandonment are the most obvious examples of this. Not surprisingly, there has been a concurrent rise in the rate of violent crime and senseless, even casual violence.

There is widespread agreement on the problems of modern society but very little agreement on solutions. Governments have attempted to spend money on social programs but with little result. Churches have tried to maintain their membership but often at the cost of reducing the demands of discipleship. In this way, their role as a moral authority has become increasingly marginalized. People look to their churches for comfort in times of difficulty but less and less for guidance in times of crisis.

Family Federation offers real hope

Our Family Federation is based on the principle that a man or woman can only understand the concept of True Love through life experience. Without the example of True Love from their parents, no sons or daughters can hope to realize the highest standard of love

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IN SEARCH OF THE ORIGIN OF THE UNIVERSE

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As you know, I am Reverend Moon, in person. We all have been so inspired by the musical entertainment which we just enjoyed that we are flying on the clouds and don't know when we might fall. So therefore, let us hold on tight as we come down to the ground.

It is almost 10:00 and it is getting late. Originally I was thinking about writing my speech, but I realized that such a speech

would last at least three hours; therefore, I came without my written speech. However, I want to get your permission for either a one-hour speech or a two-hour speech. What about 30 minutes? At the same time you must realize that there will not be many opportunities to hear Reverend Moon.

What do you prefer tonight: a message that explodes like an atom bomb or something pleasing which can make you

Above: Father gives an inspiring talk to the participants at the first FFWP convention farewell banquet at the Sheraton Washington Hotel.

We all say love is eternal, unchanging, and unique. That is also God's character. If people had known that the real owner of their sexual organ is their true spouse, the world would have been in a totally different shape by now.

laugh? If you want an explosive message, you may all disappear! Well, let us try.

THE FIRST CAUSE

In our world there are only two different kinds of humans: man and woman. Can we change a man into a woman or a woman into a man? Were you born as a man because you wanted to be a man? What about you women? Well, we didn't even know that we would be born. We didn't even think about it. Without knowing our cause or process or purpose, we were born as a man or as a woman.

No matter how great or famous you may be, you are the result, not the cause. We may call ourselves the second cause, but not the first cause. If that is the case, there must be a first cause. Who do you think is the first cause, a man or a woman? Are we certain that there should be a first cause? You may call that the first cause God, a storm, or a tree, but no matter what name you may put on that first cause, we all agree that there should be a first cause.

Many of you are from all over the world; you are famous and well known. Therefore, some of you may wonder where God is. If someone shows you God, then you will believe in God. However, please take my advice and don't go that far.

PLUS/MINUS RELATIONSHIPS

Tonight my topic is in searching for the origin. If we keep searching deeper and deeper to our root, our origin must be one. However, since men and women each with their unique characters came from that origin, it should have the character of both men and women.

Then what do you think is the origin of the universe? Even though we don't see God, one thing we can be sure is that the entire universe consists of plus/minus or subject/object relationships. There is male and female. Even in the mineral kingdom, there are plus and minus ions. In the plant kingdom we see stamens and pistils, and in the animal kingdom there are male and female animals. Even when it comes to humankind, there are men and women.

Furthermore, there is a certain formula by which the higher beings absorb the lower beings. For example, animals and plants exist for the sake of humankind. The mineral kingdom exists for the sake of the plant kingdom, animal kingdom and human kingdom. In other words, all of existence besides humankind exists for the sake of people. Man is the lord of creation.

Reciprocal relationships exist because of the power of love. In the mineral kingdom, love's power may be lower than in human beings, but there is a love which sustains the reciprocal relationships between plus and minus. In the plant kingdom, stamen and pistil work as plus and minus in a reciprocal relationship based on the power of love. Modern technology has found plus germs and minus germs. If plus germs and minus germs have to unite, what should be the focus of their unity? Kissing? Embracing? The central force to make them one is love. Love is not concept; love is a reality. Where can love settle down? Can anybody answer? Well, you are right: centering on the

family. Your family has to be settled.

During the past three days, you have heard from former president Ford, former president Bush, and many other dignitaries. Even these famous entertainers tonight praised the theme of the Family Federation for World Peace.

OWNERSHIP OF THE SEXUAL ORGAN

Let me ask you what distinguishes a man from a woman? What is the unique part of yourself that distinguishes you as a man or as a woman? The sexual organ. I have heard an amazing thing. Does anybody like the sexual organ? Is there anybody who doesn't like it? So what is your position? Do you like it or dislike it? How much do you like it? Well, you may say that you didn't like the sexual organ up until now, but from tonight on you are determined to like it, because our future depends on how much we like it. That is not a joke.

When God created humankind, what part of ourselves did God consider first? Our eyes? Our ears? Our heart? Our sexual organ? (Sexual organ) If we had only a brain, humankind would have become extinct a long time ago. This is the truth. Is there any one who disagrees with me on that point? That means you all admit it.

Well we are here to inaugurate the Family Federation for World Peace. However, think about the time when you were united through a sexual organ. There is an absolute standard of sex through which God can join in and rejoice together with us. Well, we are created as men and women with unique organs. Does a man's organ belong to himself or to a woman? What about a woman's organ? Does it belong only to herself or to a man? Other parts of your body may belong to you, but a man's sexual organ belongs to his wife; it's owner is a woman. The owner of a woman's sexual organ is a man. This is a simple truth that no one can deny.

No matter how many tens of billions of years history may continue, this truth will never change. The world is decaying and going down the drain because men think that their sexual organ belongs only to themselves and women think that their sexual organ belongs only to themselves.

We all say love is eternal, unchanging, and unique. That is also God's character. If people had known that the real owner of their sexual organ is their true spouse, the world would have been in a totally different shape by now. There are millions and millions of Ph.D.'s and scholars all over the world, yet none of you has thought about this.

Can any one deny this fact? If we trace back to our ancestors and even to God, they will all give the same answer. Do you agree? Anybody who doesn't agree has something wrong up here; they are crazy. Since this is the absolute formula given by God from the beginning of human history, when we reach the spirit world and stand in front of God, our destiny will be determined based on this formula.

UNIVERSAL FORMULA OF LOVE

Adam and Eve fell because they didn't understand the ownership of their sexual organs. Well you all heard Mrs. Moon's

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speech, that the fall of Adam and Eve was not caused by eating real fruit but by their illicit sexual relationship. God is love. If His children ate an actual fruit, God would not have kicked them out of the Garden of Eden. Because they went against this universal formula of love God kicked them out of the Garden of Eden. All existence from minerals, plants, animals and all the way up to human beings exist as subject and object; partners always possess their sexual organs for the sake of the other partner. Love is the ultimate purpose for possessing sexual organs. Love is at the end of the tunnel of our sexual organ. Love is why the entire world exists with male and female characteristics.

We all say God's attribute is absolute, unchanging, unique and eternal. Who is the owner of love? Not man, not woman. God is the owner of love. God is one, not two. Love is the only mediator which can unite God and humankind, because God also needs love. Through love God and humankind can meet.

God needs absolute love. What about us? Do you absolutely need love? Since God needs absolute, unique, eternal and unchanging love, we as children of God also need absolute, unique, unchanging, eternal love. Since God has dual characteristics of plus and minus, He created humankind as a manifestation of His dual characteristics. God wanted to see man and woman complete the vertical relationship with Him centering on the complete horizontal love relationship between man and woman.

Because people have to deal with horizontal space, this physical world, we wear this physical body. However, we all have a conscience, which deals with the vertical God. Our axis is vertical, because God's absolute love always travels through the vertical axis, not through a horizontal relationship. Therefore, the point at which man and woman meet in a horizontal love relationship is the same point at which they meet God. That point is to be created when as adult man and woman they become one through marriage. They can meet God through establishing this vertical axis. This is the same point where we can find happiness, freedom and unification.

Only centered on this absolute love can God and His object of absolute love be happy. This is the central point where God and man, husband and wife, brother and brother, sister and sister meet. This axis is the central point which can create spherical movement.

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THE POWER OF LOVE

How big is human desire or ambition? Is your ambition greater than God's ambition? Well, your ambition may be smaller than God's, but even the shabbiest-looking person can have greater ambition than anybody else in the world, don't you agree?

Suppose you are the blood son of God: when you are really loved by God you can call Him with your pinkie and He will follow you. By the same token, your wife may be very

small and ugly, but if you truly love your wife, when she calls you with her pinkie, don't you want to go wherever she goes?

What I am saying is that God loves me, but can you see that? How can you prove it? Well you say the entire world loves Reverend Moon, but I am talking about God's love. The proper order of love is God, father, mother, and children.

You dignified looking gentlemen, do you possess love within yourself? What about life? Do you have life? What about lineage? What about conscience? Do you all have a conscience? Have you seen love? What about life or lineage? What about conscience? Have you touched them? They all exist, yet you cannot touch them or see them. Only through our mind can we recognize them and feel them. What about the existence of God? Have you seen God? Have you touched God? No. Yet, we cannot deny God's existence.

What is more precious and important: the visible things or the invisible things? Invisible things. Ordinarily people consider visible things, such as money or power, to be more precious. We can touch and use visible things. Yet, we cannot see or touch our love, life, lineage and conscience. We all have them. Yet, why can't we feel them all the time? Because they are totally one with us. There is no separation between ourselves and those elements.

WE DO NOT NOTICE WHAT IS PART OF US

In your daily life, do you realize how many times your eyes blink? If you count how many times your eyes blink for three days, you will become faint. Do you always count how many times you breathe? Lift your right arm and put your right hand over the left part of your chest. What do you feel? Do you hear something like the big ship's horn blowing? How many times do you hear your heart beat in a day? Sometimes when we are totally busy we forget about it for months or even a year. But why don't you borrow a stethoscope from a medical doctor and put it right on top of your heart and try to hear how noisy it is? It is like an explosion.

Even when a small fly bites our forehead, we immediately feel the difference and try to kill it or chase it away. If some one pulls one strand of your hair you feel pain. Yet when an explosion this size constantly takes place in our body, why can't we feel it all the time? Because it is totally one with us.

You have to excuse me for this kind of explanation, but this is more vivid and realistic, so I want to use this example. Every morning, don't you go to your bathroom and sit on the toilet? When you do number two, do you wear a mask? This is a serious matter; don't just laugh. Well, if some one else does it right in your bathroom, you might hold your nose and run out of the bathroom, but when you are doing it you don't smell it; you can even read the newspaper there. Why can't you feel difference? Because it is totally one with your body.

When we were young children, at some point we picked our nose, rolled it into a ball, and tasted it. Was it sweet or salty? You say salty, so that means you tried it. And why didn't we real dirty? Because that was part of our body. No one in human history revealed this kind of secret which I am now giving you. I may be able to go into deeper explanations of this kind

It is a universal formula that parents and children, husband and wife, and brothers and sisters unite as one family and thus enable God to come down to the level of the family and dwell there. Then when they all pass into the spirit world, they will dwell with God in the Kingdom of God in heaven.

of relationship, yet we already spent 30 minutes and time is running out.

You distinguished presidents and guests, when you have a cold and cough, you feel some kind of sputum: do you always spit it out or sometimes you swallow it? Why doesn't it feel dirty even if you swallow it? Because that is part of you.

Ordinarily we all eat three meals a day, but after each meal, about a foot below our mouth, where our food enters, a fertilizer factory is in operation. To eat a meal means to provide raw material for this fertilizer factory. If you think deeply about how you are providing resources for this fertilizer factory, do you feel like continuing to eat? If you truly look at your stomach as a fertilizer factory, does it feel good to put food into your mouth to feed your factory? Why don't we feel like that, even though that is a reality, in a way? Do you understand?

WE NEED AN OBJECT OF LOVE

Even if we have life, love, lineage and conscience, we cannot feel them when we are by ourselves. By the same token even though God has life, love, lineage and conscience, God cannot feel them by Himself because they are totally one with Him. That is why in order to feel love, life, lineage and conscience, even God needs His object of love. By the same token a man cannot feel life, love, lineage and conscience by himself. However, as soon as his love object appears, a beautiful woman, all of four elements start functioning right away; it's like being pulled like a magnet. Isn't it true?

People didn't know that even God absolutely needs His love object. Then who do you think is in the position of God's love object? If the monkey is our ancestor you might call man the descendant of a monkey. However, the monkey cannot be the cause.

There are thousands of different doors of love beyond the amoeba level. Can an amoeba travel along through all these different stages to reach the human level by itself? Nothing in existence can change species. Each has its own species. Suppose you join a hairy man with a female monkey and have them live together for a hundred years, do you think they will produce something? No.

God has dual characteristics of male and female; however, in order to be in the position of father God, God's male characteristics are in the position of subject. Therefore, what kind of partner or object do you think God needs? A hand partner? A foot partner? A head partner? Don't you think God needs a love partner? Who or what in all of creation can be in the position of God's love partner? Man? Woman? God dwells in the place where man's love and woman's love meet and become harmonized. Because love is absolute, only when man and woman experience absolute love can God come down.

Horizontally, man is in the position of plus and woman in the position of minus. Within God are the dual characteristics of plus and minus; therefore, when these horizontal plus and minus become totally one, they form a larger minus in relationship to God, and God as the plus subject being comes down and becomes one with this couple as His minus object.

Why is our marriage important? Because through our marriage we experience love. We learn love. We find our life there.

Through marriage man's life and woman's life become one. Through marriage your lineage is formed. Through marriage you as individuals form a family and connect with your nation and your world. Therefore, it is a universal formula that parents and children, husband and wife, brothers and brothers, and sisters and sister unite as one family and enable God to come down to your family level and dwell there. Then when you all pass into the spirit world, you will dwell with God in the Kingdom of God in heaven.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FAMILY

However, because there is no absolute love-centered unity in your family, in your society, in your nation in your world, the Kingdom of God in heaven is still vacant. All the people who have passed away ended up in hell. Before passing away Jesus talked about going to paradise. You cannot enter into the Kingdom of Heaven as an individual. The prerequisite is your family, an absolutely united family. Only that will qualify you to enter the kingdom of God.

Even Jesus Christ was no exception to this formula, because Jesus Christ was supposed to build an absolute family and enter the Kingdom of God as a family. But he could not. That is why the Bible says, "Whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." In other words, we all have to solve whatever problems we may have in this physical world.

Because of the fall, human beings all live below the level of the fall. Therefore, we must penetrate that dividing line and enter the new realm. It may be almost impossible to penetrate this barrier, to enter another realm; that is why the Bible says, "Whoever seeks to save his life will lose it, and whoever is willing to lose his life for my sake will find it." We are living in a world of fallen families, fallen societies, and fallen nations. That is why wars and battles are rampant.

WHO HAS THE TRUTH?

Adam's family was turned upside down. Were Adam and Eve kicked out of the Garden of Eden after they produced children or before? Did God chase Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden or He chased them out with their children? If you do not know even that simple fact, how can you claim to be Christians who are preparing to enter into the kingdom? Ignorance is not acceptable.

I must warn you to be alert. If you don't believe what I am saying, go back to your house tonight and pray about it. You have no idea how much suffering and difficulty I have endured to find this truth.

Well you may call me a six-time convict. Ordinarily people run away from a six-time convict. Because I have been working hard to change people from wrong side to right side all throughout my life, people labeled me a brainwasher. That is why I was incarcerated so many times. Communists always felt that my teaching was superior to their teaching; that is why they mobilized their forces to destroy my movement. Christians thought my teaching was different from what they had been

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teaching, so they labeled the Unification Church heretical. However, who is the heretic and who has the truth? No one knows. Maybe what Satan like most is what God likes least, and what Satan likes least is what God likes most.

The entire world dislikes me and has been persecuting me; even some of you dignitaries here didn't like me before, did you? However, when you came to this conference, didn't you investigate and do you own homework to find out what I am about and what I have been doing?

Well Washington Post still criticizes my work and says negative things; that is because the Washington Post doesn't understand me. If the Washington Post truly understood what I am about, they wouldn't dare oppose my work.

After the demise of communism in the Soviet Union and its former satellite countries, textbooks based on my teachings are being used by students in junior high schools, high schools and even colleges, because they need a new ideology to fill the gap.

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Do you all like God or dislike God? Go home tonight and ask God whom He prefers: Reverend Moon or all the Christian leaders of the world? We are teaching different things. Reverend Robert Schuller came the other day; his teaching and mine teaching are totally different. What do you think I will gain

by disclosing all the hidden stories surrounding holy mother Mary and Jesus Christ and John the Baptist?

Well, because of such disclosures, people may persecute me; however, unless we reveal this truth to people in this physical world, Holy Mary, Jesus Christ and John the Baptist will remain confined in the spiritual world.

I have a simple question: do you think Jesus Christ was supposed to marry? Was Jesus a man or woman? Suppose Jesus Christ had found a holy woman, don't you think Jesus Christ would have wanted to marry her?

THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

Well, to begin with, God created Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden and blessed them with distinctly different sexual organs. When they grew up, don't you think God expected them to get married? Because of the fall, the love lineage was stained, that is why they got kicked out of the Garden of Eden. By consummating marriage unfallen Adam and Eve would have become the body of God as male figure and female figure. However because of their fall, that ideal of God failed. That is why God kicked them out of the Garden.

Adam and Eve thought they were the best, but they stole some one else's property. That became the origin of the extreme individualism we see in the world now. Here in America people openly advocate privacy, extreme individualism and free sex. Do you think God loves to see it? We can interpret individualism as a self-centered way of life. People who don't care about their family don't care about their nation and their world; they live like hippies and yuppies. When they cannot overcome difficulties, they simply finish their life.

Originally we were created to give and receive love. This give and take relationship should take place with God and all of the rest of the creation. However, when extreme individualists reach the end of the road, they finish their lives there.

People reap what they sow. That is the truth. In the Garden of Eden, what kind of seed did Adam and Eve plant? The seed of free sex. That is why, right after they committed sin, they covered their lower parts. When a little child takes a cookie out of the cookie jar and and you happened to spot it, what does your little child do? Usually they hide their hands with their cookie behind their back. That is a natural reaction when people make some mistake: they want to hide what they used to make the mistake.

If Adam and Eve truly had eaten fruit, why didn't they cover their mouth or their hand? We must understand that the fall was caused by an illicit love relationship. To save and restore Adam and Eve, we have to go 180 degrees opposite to the direction of the fall. In other words, Adam and Eve fell into hell so in order to bring them out of hell and save them, we have to turn them around 180 degrees in the opposite direction. Because of their fallen lineage they all went to hell.

THE MESSIAH SAVES HUMANKIND

Humankind needs the Messiah. The Messiah comes as the True Man who can establish the sinless family just like Adam



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True Parents receive a gift from the commissioner of the Fiji Islands, Mr. Tomisi Vakatora, and his wife.

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and Eve were supposed to establish in the Garden of Eden for all humankind. Once the Messiah's family is established, all human beings can be engrafted into it and we can build a society, nation and world.

It is a big problem to find someone who can save people out of this world of death. The Old Testament era was based on the rule of an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth Isaac's wife, Rebecca, helped her second son Jacob to cheat Esau and her husband; yet God worked through them. Do you think it was fair for God to do that? What kind of a God would do that?

No one could answer that, but I revealed the truth behind the story, because I know the secrets of the satanic world and the other worlds too. Where is the dividing line between heaven and hell? Up in the sky? It is your sexual organ, because that organ turns the entire world. Can anybody deny it?

If you study my teaching, the Divine Principle, you cannot deny it. If you still have doubts, pray to God for an answer. Without finding out the truth from God, no one has the right to deny my teachings.

If you still doubt my teaching, why not go home, commit suicide, and go to the spirit world and find out if my teaching is right or wrong? That doesn't mean you should do that!

In order to come up with this truth and reveal it, I had to put out my neck so many times in my life. Hundreds of times I have made God cry. No one throughout history has known God better than I do. That is why it has become a problem. No matter what the world may do to me, I will never perish, because God always protects me. Once you step inside of the boundary of my teaching, then you will be protected too. Therefore, the determining point of whether you go to heaven or hell is how you use your sexual organ. If you follow God's true love line and use your sexual organ properly you are bound to go to heaven; however, if you go the other way, you will go to hell.

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SATAN PROMOTES FREE SEX

Satan knows God's strategy and my strategy, which is to bring all of those people back to God's bosom. Therefore, Satan wants to stop me from doing so. He has raised the banner of free sex, homosexuality, and all kinds of corrupt phenomena because he wants to destroy this world. Since Satan took control of the first ancestors of humankind and that influence has been coming down through the blood lineage, when Satan stands in front of God and claims the right to do whatever he wishes with all humankind since they are his children, God will say "Yes, you go and do whatever you want; then I will take my turn and do things my way."

Satan openly claims that his strategy is to pull all humanity away from by corrupting them and give them a chance to have free sex; in other words, he is creating hell right here in this world. God knows Satan's strategy. To save this hellish world, we have to turn it 180 degrees in a different direction,

following the Lord of the Second Advent.

God cannot deal directly with Satan, who created hell on earth and destroyed this entire world. God cannot reverse the course by Himself. Only True Parents, who come as God's son and God's representative, can reverse this trend 180 degrees and change the blood lineage from the false lineage to true lineage. Because the first marriage was a false marriage, True Parents come to straighten out marriages and give them the right direction. That is the mission of True Parents. Through True Parents God will introduce absolute sex in place of free sex. So from now on if you go back to your country and your home and practice my teaching, eventually your home and your country will be restored back to God.

THE SECRET TO ENTERING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

In God's eyes, the couple is absolute; there is no homosexuality whatsoever. In order to reach this stage I have been shedding tears, blood and sweat throughout my life. It has been a sorrowful path. Yet today I thank God because finally we have inaugurated the Family Federation for World Peace. As long as we stick with the spirit of the Family Federation for World Peace, we can enter the Kingdom of God. Without living this way we cannot guarantee family happiness and harmony.

God's attributes are unique, unchanging and eternal; we should regard our sexual organs in the same way, because through these sexual organs we create love. If your spouse truly offers his or her sexual organ to you, then you have to become humble and receive it with a humble attitude. Love cannot be achieved without a partner.

Well you can live absolutely for the sake of your spouse and create absolute love. If you truly believe in this teaching, go back to your country and utilize all the means you can find to spread this message throughout your country. As long as you do that in a true spirit you will always prosper. We can see this world of hell change into a world centering on God's absolute love. You need to love with an unchanging love and use your sexual organ as an instrument of unchanging love. Satan has been using the sexual organs, but God is the original owner of sexual organs, isn't He? Can you deny that? Now that you clearly understand, let's all take action together.

How can we create unique, unchanging, eternal, absolute love? How can we protect this organ? This is the task of the Family Federation for World Peace. Without this concept we cannot liberate the world.

Those who agree with my teaching tonight and are determined to live according to this spirit, could you show your hands to me as your promise? Keep your sexual organ absolute, unique and unchanging. Go home tonight and recognize your spouse's sexual organ as yours and offer your sexual organ to your spouse. Through this recognition and exchange, you can build your true family and expand your true family to a true society, true nation, and true world. This is the very spirit of the Family Federation for World Peace. ■■

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The Inaugural World Convention of the FFWP

Farley Jones

THE providence of God through True Parents continues to advance giant stride by giant stride. On the foundation of the previous establishment of the Women's Federation for World Peace and the Youth Federation for World Peace, the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace (FFWP) was held in Washington, DC this past July 30 through August 1.

As many Today's World readers know, True Parents had previously established the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace (FFUWP). The FFUWP is at the moment a distinct organization from the FFWP, the FFWP being intended to be, among other things, a forum for world leaders and scholars to address issues related to the family.

The inaugural convention of the FFWP had many highlights. Included among the guest speakers were former presidents George Bush and Gerald Ford, Nobel laureate and former president Arias of

Costa Rica, former prime minister Sir Edward Heath of Great Britain and former congressman and currently a leading figure in the Republican Party, Jack Kemp. Also Coretta Scott King, wife of the late Martin Luther King addressed one of the plenary sessions. On the lighter side, Bill Cosby offered in the opening plenary session some warm and amusing reflections on the role of grandparents in a family.

Family-related topics

Beyond the plenary sessions, the conference was organized according to a variety of family-related topics, addressing aspects of our contemporary culture which interface with the family. Thus, there were areas of the convention dealing with family and government, family and education, family and the media, and, perhaps permeating a number of these different areas, family and religion.

While the convention was very broad in its scope, a very specific focus was expressed in the plenary addresses of both Father and Mother. Mother's address, printed in the May issue of Today's World and entitled "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation" introduced a historical and biblical view of the family to the participants.

Father's talk

While Mother spoke from a pre-printed text, Father's talk, given at the conclusion of the closing banquet, was unscripted and spontaneous. Father spoke on themes familiar to all Unificationists, including man-woman relationships, the sanctity of the sexual organs and true love. While the themes were familiar, Father's energy and commitment are ever

fresh and renewing. A number of delegates the next morning commented on the very unusual, powerful spirit displayed by this 76 year old man.

The convention also saw the establishment of an initial steering committee for the FFWP. This committee consists of representatives of 16 nations drawn from every continent. Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak was appointed as the first international president of the FFWP. Among the many missions he has held over the years, Reverend Kwak reportedly regards this mission as the highest one he has ever been given.

FFWP Declaration

Finally, emerging from the convention was a "Declaration of the Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace." This declaration was signed by over 400 delegates and participants expressing their showing support for True Parents' vision.

Complementing the intellectual content of the convention was a wonderful performance at the closing banquet by the Pat Boone family, including Pat Boone, his daughter Debbie and Debbie's youngest daughter, aged approximately 14. Pat Boone is an entertainer well known throughout the world both for his artistic skill and his Christian faith. He sang some of his best known hits and, saying at one point that it was "time for Mr. Boone to meet Reverend Moon," he descended from the stage to include Mother and Father in his rendition of "April Love." Father, of course, in his own unique way, immediately joined in singing with Mr. Boone.

Given Father's emphasis on the family, it is highly significant that he feels the time finally has come to establish formally the Family Federation for World Peace. With this historic step taken, we may anticipate the continuing of great developments in the ongoing providence of God. ■

Farley Jones and his wife Betsy are the chair-couple of the Family Federation for Unification and World Peace, USA. They participated in the 777 Couples Blessing in 1970. They have five children.



Left: True Mother speaks in front of 400 delegates and over one thousand participants at the National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., July 31, 1996.

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FFWP International

themselves. But while others may despair at our social problems, our Family Federation can offer real hope to mankind for the first time in history. Since a True Man and True Woman have now appeared and have pioneered the path of True Love in their own lives and their family, they have become the visible expression of the True Love of God: the first True Parents of mankind. By following their tradition and practice, we too can experience True Love for the first time and establish our own families based on this concept.

Through the marriage blessing given by the True Parents, we can all be engrafted back to our true relationship with God and become true parents ourselves. This will produce a society of unselfish love based on harmony and unity among all people and with the environment. As such a society develops, we will see a rapid decline in social problems, including hunger, crime, violence and war. This is why we call our blessing ceremony the International Blessing for World Peace.

In our church, through fulfilling our responsibilities as blessed families, we have to reach individual perfection, completely harmonizing our minds and our bodies. Then husband and wife must victoriously overcome any struggles to become completely one. So our blessing ceremony is not just the Unification Church marriage ritual but the ritual of salvation and restoration, which

gives each of us the opportunity to make a new start. Even today, True Mother taught us about the three kinds of responsibilities of True Love in front of God, in front of our spouses and in front of our descendants. After we fulfill these three responsibilities we are totally free men and women of True Love.

Our Federation must be dedicated to educating all people in the concept and practice of True Love and support activities which would encourage men and women in this practice, and to work together in harmony to solve the practical social problems that they face. We must urge everyone to join together as members of this Federation and to participate in the International Blessing for World Peace, which will be held in November of 1997. From now on, if we can totally commit our sacrificial efforts toward fulfilling this goal, we can be completely confident that the entire world will dramatically begin to recognize the purity and great value of our world family, based on the powerful support of the spiritual world, led by Heung Jin Nim and Daemo-nim. Each member of FFWP must first reach this goal individually and then dedicate himself or herself to helping all mankind reach the same goal, through participating in our international blessing ceremony.

I thank all of you for your prayer and support and pledge all of my effort to work with you to achieve this noble goal.■

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True Parents leave the stage after the farewell banquet at the Sheraton Washington Hotel. August 1, 1996.

The Heart and Works of Daemo-nim

Mrs. Woo Ok Shim Im
 May 1, 1996
 East Garden

Mrs. Woo Ok Shim Im served Grandmother Hong for ten years in Korea until she passed into the spirit world. Mrs. Im and her husband attended the 47-day workshop at Chung Pyung Lake. They have been assigned as the Adam nation national messiah couple to Kenya.

WHILE I was serving Daemo-nim for ten years before she passed into the spiritual world, even though she was physically very sick I sometimes saw Daemo-nim spiritually, carrying the entire planet earth on her head. It was so heavy that she had to tilt her head sideways. However, during that time I did not realize why that kind of thing was shown to me. Finally, when I entered the Chung Pyung Training Center for the 47-days training session, Daemo-nim for the first time revealed to me the story of her life during those ten years of sickness. She revealed to me that those ten years was the time period during which she was preparing herself for this special work to help our members. Therefore, during that time Daemo-nim did not think at all about the secular world. She was totally focusing on God and True Parents' mission on earth.

Before passing away, one of the prayers Daemo-nim had to God was, "God, there are so many blessed couples who are trying their best to accomplish their

When God showed Daemo-nim all the evil spirits we as blessed couples carry around, without our being aware of it, Daemo-nim realized that the evil spirits are functioning like germs and viruses that cause us to have physical diseases. Accordingly, even though our blessed couples look normal physically, spiritually we are all patients carrying spiritual disease. Therefore Daemo-nim asked God to please take her to the spiritual world quickly so that she could

physical world and start to work on the blessed couples.

God prepares a medium

Of course once Daemo-nim left the physical world she couldn't work with blessed couples directly. She needed a medium with a physical body in the physical world. Therefore, Daemo-nim was searching and started to prepare one particular blessed wife, Hyo Nam Kim, to be her mediator in this world. I

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descend again and help all the blessed couples who were being influenced by so many tons of spirits. Consequently, she ascended to heaven. Without that realization Daemo-nim would have lived a few more years in this physical world, but because of her request she was taken to heaven early. In addition to this condition which Daemo-nim herself set, after she ascended to heaven the first prayer given by True Father included an assign-

can testify that the appearance and personality, and even the body movements, of Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim in many respects resemble those of Daemo-nim.

I once heard Mrs. Kim's testimony about her life experience after she joined the church. As you know Daemo-nim went back to Korea in 1979, and she ascended into Heaven in 1989. In 1979 Mrs. Kim started serving one particular family in Korea. She continued this life of service for three years. When we look at Daemo-nim's life she also had a time period during which she was totally dedicating her life in service for the sake of others. In order to prepare Mrs. Kim and bring her heart to the same level as Daemo-nim's heart, God and Grandmother Hong were preparing her, even through the events of her physical life. It happened that whenever her family was engaged in some kind of business or other venture, it always failed. In 1986 when the Segye Times was founded in Seoul, Mrs. Kim's family took responsibility for one distribution center in Seoul. From early morning, Mrs. Kim started delivering the newspaper to the readers. It was another period of training for Mrs.

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mission, yet not many are successful. Also when I compare our blessed couples with outside families, our standard is not that great and is even lower than that of outside people. What is the reason?" In answer to her prayer, God revealed to Daemo-nim the evil spirits which had dug into our physical bodies to build their nests.

ment to Daemo-nim in which he said that she should have the role of mediator between the spiritual and physical worlds. She would be able to travel freely back and forth between the two worlds and help both worlds.

Because of that particular blessing and privilege from Father, Daemo-nim could come down to the level of the

Kim, because from the time she left home every day to deliver the papers until she came home in the evening, all day long God and Daemo-nim trained her to think only about God and True Parents, nothing else.

During this preparation period, one evening she had a dream in which Mother appeared to her and gave her a pair of binoculars, and a beach ring. Mother told her to utilize the two items to check every corner of the spirit world and perform her mission. Prior to this revelation through her dream, Mother had actually once appeared to Mrs. Kim. Mother was holding Hyo Jin Nim's hand and showed her a big church or temple. The room was empty and Mother told Mrs. Kim it was her responsibility to fill up that temple. At that point Mrs. Kim didn't have confidence, so in a way she refused to obey this request saying she was not qualified to do that mission, and to please show this kind of evidence through other people too. After that Mother did appear to another person and gave this pair of binoculars to him. She told the person that the binoculars had been given to Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim, but that he should please keep them temporarily. A while after that, Mother appeared to Mrs. Kim again and gave 21 specific questions for her to answer as much as she could.

Daemo-nim's guidance

Throughout the 47-days training session at the Chung Pyung training center, Daemo-nim came to the physical world through Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim's physical body and gave directions and guidance

to the participants.

Daemo-nim wants to help us get rid of all the evil spirits with their fallen nature. Because of fallen nature, we have fallen blood lineage. We still have hundreds and maybe thousands of these evil spirits. Daemo-nim wants to cleanse us so that we can reach the status of Adam and Eve before the fall, who did not have anything to do with evil spirits.

If someone comes to you and tells you that they have been holding a grudge against you because on such and such a day you did something to them, you have to apologize and repent, regardless of the circumstances, and receive their forgiveness.

Let me share with you how we come to allow evil spirits to dig into our body and build nests. Suppose I have a feeling of hatred against a brother or sister. This feeling of hatred becomes a condition that allows an evil spirit with the same nature to come into my body. When I misuse public funds it makes a condition for evil spirits which are on that level to infiltrate my body and remain there.

Three major mistakes to avoid

Daemo-nim categorized three major mistakes which we have carefully to avoid in order not to invite evil spirits to invade:

- Misuse of love-illicit relations;
- Misuse of public funds;
- Violation of someone's heart.

[Father speaks] A good example of the violation of someone's heart occurs in

dealing with personnel situations. For example, when a leader moves or fires someone, this is a dangerous time when there is a great potential for the violation of that person's heart. When you are dealing with many people there will always be some number of them who don't like or support you, and who criticize you or give you a hard time in some way.

But as leaders what you need to understand is that this is the course of training through which you can change and learn to embrace those people who don't respect you. However, leaders usually make a mistake in the opposite direction by firing them or kicking them away.

[Mrs. Im continues speaking] In order to get rid of those evil spirits, you can do it by yourself, actually, if you truly repent and pray to God and confess by saying, for example, "Dear God, I truly fell in love with someone else, not just my spouse, therefore I committed sin." If you truly repent in front of God like this, the evil spirits who came into your body because of fallen feelings, will go away. If you misused public funds, for example, by taking public funds to buy a house for yourself or send your children somewhere to get an education, make sure that you truly confess from the bottom of your heart and repent in tears. Then those evil spirits who came into your body because of that misdeed will leave you.

Violating someone's heart usually happens in relationships with brothers and sisters. You may not remember doing anything to hurt a person's heart, but if someone comes to you and tells you that they have been holding a grudge against you because on such and such a day you did something to them, you have to apologize and repent, regardless of the circumstances, and receive their forgiveness. This will relieve you of the evil spirits which entered your body because of that person's hatred or broken heart.

During the 47-days training session, Daemo-nim cleansed my body and took all the stain away from it. From now on I must not make any small mistakes again by misusing public funds or violating

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Mrs. Im was asked by Father to give testimony about her personal experiences with Daemo-nim. East Garden, May 1, 1996.

**Father and Mother share a brief
“rendez-vous” after the victorious
establishment of the Family
Federation for World Peace.
August 1, 1996.**

Sheraton Washington Hotel.
(Photos: Paolo Galli / Washington DC)



WE, the undersigned incumbent and former heads of state and government, prime ministers, royalty, world leaders, ambassadors and delegates to the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace, gathered in Washington, D.C. on this day of August 1, 1996, affirm our unity and resolve to protect, safeguard, revive and nourish our families in order to create new hope and a bright future for our communities, nations and the world.

Humankind is in a time of historical transition, as we approach the dawn of a New Millennium. However, as we confront the painful realities of the problems facing our societies, we realize the need to focus on strengthening our families, upon which depends the well-being of society as a whole and the assurance that our nations will be ready for the challenges and opportunities of the Twenty-First Century

Therefore, we affirm the following:

1. That our ultimate responsibility is to build world peace; but that global peace begins in the family. Harmony, peace and happiness within the family begin with a relationship to the Creator, one of children to Parent. Thus, the solution for world peace is to rebind the relationship between the Creator and each family.

2. That the institution of marriage between man and woman should be holy and sacred, and should be built upon purity, fidelity and selflessness, centered upon the true love of the Creator. The greatest destruction of our families and thus our societies occurs when these principles are violated.

3. That the relationship between all humankind should be that of brother

and sister, centered on the Creator as the invisible Parent. With families strongly bound to each other, human relationships will develop naturally and harmoniously, without room for enmity.

4. That unconditional, selfless, true love is the way to practice unity and harmony in the family, community, nation, and world. Seemingly insoluble problems that plague the world today can be solved through this approach.

5. That it is crucially necessary to teach the ideals of true family to contemporary youth because the children of today will be the parents of tomorrow. The ideals of true love and a parental heart need to be taught from an early age as preparation for true marriage and ideal family life.

6. That we ourselves as world leaders returning to our respective nations fully support and encourage the education of true family values in our own societies and throughout the world, as the necessary basis for achieving a lasting world peace.

7. That we, the participants in the Inaugural World Convention of the Family Federation for World Peace, also wish to express our heartfelt gratitude to Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon, the Founders of this historic and vital organization, for their inspiration and generous support in facilitating this important gathering. We fully endorse and encourage their efforts in following their ideals and vision to create a global organization for the advancement of the family and therefore of humanity in the Twenty-First Century.

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True Parents cut the cake at the celebration of their 36th Wedding Anniversary, East Garden, May 3, 1996.

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Daemo-nim's heart...

someone's heart. My heart is anxious, but I will be absolutely careful not to make that kind of mistake.

Every participant in the 47-days training session felt total inspiration and intoxication through Daemo-nim's love and grace. At the graduation Daemo-nim told us to go out to our mission field and practice the level of grace and love with the people around us that we experienced

anything, but many local church members brought many kinds of delicious food. We felt that since we were there as prisoners needing to be reborn, we did not deserve such food. Still the members kept sending all kinds of food. We started feeling guilty, and one day we asked Daemo-nim if we could really take this kind of food. Her answer was that even in the secular world concerned family members and relatives may bring prisoners personal items such as food. She said that even though we were there to be reborn spiritually, we could consider

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with her. As we practice this, we can get rid of evil spirits and gain people.

Even during the training session, we made many small mistakes without know-

ing what we were doing; however, instead of reporting them to God, Daemo-nim protected us, advocated for us in front of God. She forgave us so that we could repent and cleanse ourselves. That was the love and grace from Daemo-nim. Because of our mistakes there were times that God could not come down to us, but then Daemo-nim advocated for us, saying that we made mistakes not just by our own will but because of the influence of all the evil spirits living within us. She asked that we be given another chance.

During this 47-days period, we stayed in the training center almost as prisoners. We did not expect that food as gifts to prisoners and receive it with gratitude.

This is a simple example, but from the smallest to the greatest circumstances,

Daemo-nim always offered her love and grace to cleanse us and prepare us to graduate from this special training session.

The realm of True Parents

During the 47 days of training Daemo-nim came to us so many times and helped us get rid of all of these evil spirits on various levels and in different ways. Daemo-nim cleansed our bodies and minds, internally and externally, from our heads to our toes. She cleansed us through her grace and love, lifting us up to the level where Adam and Eve were to experience the direct guidance of God. Through Daemo-nim's love and grace we have been cleansed and lifted up to that point.

Before they fell Adam and Eve had a direct connection with God. If God called Adam and said, "Come here," Adam would respond, "Yes," and come. God could also discuss various issues with Adam and Eve. If we can reach that state of direct communication, we may be able to live without committing any more sin. Then when we pass into the spirit world we will naturally belong to the same realm as True Parents, living with them and serving them. That will be the Kingdom of Heaven.

Because of their fallen lineage and their sin, the fallen people who went to the spirit world have damaged hearts and cannot stay there. Therefore, they all descend to this physical world and wait here to infiltrate physical people.

Daemo-nim found out that there is a palace in the spirit world where True Parents will reside once they go into the spirit world. However, if True Parents ascend to the spirit world now, they will not have anyone around them because of our sins. Thus, Daemo-nim descended to the physical world to help us cleanse our minds and bodies so we can be qualified to serve True Parents in this physical world, as well as in heaven when we join the spirit world. Of course, before True Parents ascend, we are supposed to build them a palace here. The duplicate of this palace will be built in the spirit world, and True Parents will reside there for eternity.

Once they go to the spirit world, True Parents will not be resurrected through anybody in the physical world, but people on earth will be able to fully utilize their five spiritual senses to connect with True Parents. We will be able to welcome them, greet them, and report to them just as we do now. In other words, True Parents will be able to appear to each individual in the reality of his or her daily life.■

Reflection on 21 Years as a Foreign Missionary

Thomas Cromwell

ON May 27, 1996, exactly 21 years after I first arrived in Egypt, I was ushered into a glittering, marbled office to meet the most important leader in the Arab world, President Hosni Mubarak. My first meeting with an Egyptian head of state was officially for a two hour interview for the Washington Times and the Middle East Times, but internally it marked a point of fulfillment in my mission life.

Over the course of 21 years in the foreign missions there have been so many events, so many experiences. How to reflect on all of them? How to share something from this mission experience that is of value to readers? In this short testimony I can only try to recount those events that stand out as particularly significant and contribute to my overall experience in the mission field. I will dwell most on the first three years, which I spent in Egypt and which made an indelible impression on me, shaping the rest of my mission.

In February 1975, when American participants in the 1800 Couples Blessing were asked to list three countries where they would want to be assigned as missionaries, I chose Egypt. The reasons for my choice were simple: Egypt represented one of the oldest civilizations on earth; it was one of the greatest countries in history; and it belonged to the Arab-Islamic world, an area about which I knew virtually nothing but had considerable curiosity. In short, Egypt represented a great challenge, which was something I relished.

My mission life in America, where I had joined the Unified Family—the name used by Unificationists at that time—in February 1969, had hardly prepared me for what I met in Egypt. From my earliest days of following True Parents I had wanted to be a pioneer. After just four months in our movement I had gone to New Haven, Connecticut to establish the first center in New England, and in 1972 I had joined the Day of Hope team to support True Father's first public

speaking tour, and was assigned to pioneer the state of Oklahoma. Thus the only relevant experience I took to Egypt was that of pioneering.

Learning the basics in Egypt

I only spent a few days in Egypt before I realized that I knew nothing of the people, their nation, their language and their religion. I would have to learn these basics in order to reach them with the message and heart of True Parents. Thus, after meeting up with Dorothea Jaschok and Magayoshi Kaneko, my German and Japanese counterparts, I set about learning Arabic at a program sponsored by

rounded by a mass of poor people. My pupils were all from privileged families, and the students at the American University in Cairo were an even more select group. Although I was only a part-time student learning colloquial (Cairene) Arabic, I took time to mix with students in the library and cafeteria. The good thing about them was that they spoke English. The problem was they seemed not the least interested in True Parents' agenda.

Together with my Japanese and German fellow-missionaries I had settled into a very simple apartment in a poor section of town. This apartment had been rented by Thea for six months before

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the American University in Cairo, and about Islam through my own studies. I also began to seek out people who might be interested in the Principle.

We each received \$300 a month to support us in our mission, but this was not sufficient to live on, so finding work was also an important matter. Since I had spent virtually all of my adult life in one sort of altruistic pursuit or another, my education in electrical engineering had never been translated into a set of practical, marketable skills, so I turned to what most foreigners do to make money in foreign lands under such circumstances: teaching their language. I knew little of English grammar, but felt fairly certain of my language ability, and soon landed a job as an English teacher at Port Said School, at that time the premier girls school in Egypt, including one of President Anwar Sadat's daughters among its prestigious student body.

I found both at the school I taught at and the university I studied in that I had entered what seemed like a Victorian world. Egypt was a classist society, with a very small and wealthy elite sur-

Magayoshi and I arrived. We soon found we were in the wrong part of town, and the presence of representatives of three of the richest countries on earth in one of the poorest areas of Cairo drew unwelcome attention to us. This was not like a poor area in Africa where the work of missionaries to alleviate suffering of the natives would be understood, but part of an Islamic neighborhood in a country at war with Israel and the West, where all foreigners were viewed with suspicion.

Arrest and expulsion

We had not been in Egypt more than about six months when questioning by security officers led to an order for us to leave the country. In my case, I was in the middle of teaching an English class at Port Said school when I was called out by the headmistress to go with a police officer to the passport office. I was completely unprepared for the expulsion order. I tried to find out what the real problem was and what, if anything, we could do. A friend, Salah Jahine, who was the main cartoonist for the Al Ahram newspaper, managed to arrange a meet-

ing with the minister of the interior, but even his intercession was not sufficient to get the decision turned around. In retrospect, I think I did not explain things fully enough to him, or get him to understand the situation clearly enough.

In the end, I could only win a ten-day extension to the one-week expulsion order. On January 10 I flew to Athens,

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feeling a terrible sense of failure. After such a short time, I was deported from my mission country, deprived of the opportunity of working to restore it. I had never felt so frustrated in a mission, and I learned that the most important condition for being a missionary is to be able to go to your mission country.

From the moment of leaving Egypt, I began a ten-day fast, to seek direction about what I must do to continue. In Athens I found just one member, Peter Verbeest, representing our movement from Holland. I worked to help him, finding a new apartment, witnessing and teaching. But in my heart I was only concerned with getting back to Egypt. After consulting with our mission office in New York, I settled on a course of action and made my way to England to carry it out. After six months of frustration and preparation, I returned to Egypt, sporting a beard as part of a new identity.

I was truly different, inside and out. I now understood the seriousness of my mission. Egypt was not New England or Oklahoma. It was a completely different environment, a new world. To succeed I would have to learn more and find the way to connect the True Parents and God's providence to Egypt in completely different ways from those used in the free and open societies of the West that I was familiar with. I had assumed that all the non-communist world was basically the same and that with just minor modifications the recruiting and educational methods used in America could be used everywhere on earth. I now knew this was not the case.

Return to Egypt

I returned to Egypt after an absence of about six months. I was now clearer about the mission ahead and what I had to do. I determined to establish myself in society by learning Arabic and studying Islam more thoroughly, and by find-

ing an "official" reason to be in Egypt that would be acceptable to the authorities. That summer of 1976 I attended Arabic classes at the University of Alexandria, while lining up work for the fall. Having lost money to a money changer on the street, I was extremely poor, and lived on the equivalent of less than a dollar a day. Even the servants working

at the cheap pension where I stayed took pity and began to give me food.

In the autumn I started work as a teacher of English, this time in the premier girls school of Alexandria, Nasr College. I also taught English at the leading private language institute, mischievously called Oxford Institute, and private lessons, which provided an opportunity to meet young people individually. I became especially friendly with a middle-class family whose father was an English teacher. Barely a day passed that I did not visit them, to share their life and learn about Egypt and Arabic. I would watch TV with them while we all suffered through Arabic serials and the like, they translating as we went along. This was the best education in the language. Of course I also looked for people to teach Principle to, and over time established a small group of contacts for this purpose.

After almost a year of these activities, when I had been appointed director of

Oxford but was looking for ways to expand my foundation, I established my own language institute, called London Institute. This was quite a success, and in just a few weeks I had more students than any other language institute in Alexandria. I was able to launch my school, London Institute, without any capital. I just rented a large apartment, advertised the program, collected registration fees in advance, and with this money paid for furniture and hired 10 teachers, most of them foreigners. It gave me a great chance to enter into the Egyptian world in a substantial way.

Unfortunately, my chief rival and former boss at Oxford tried every trick to close the school, bringing lawsuits against me and reporting me as a foreign agent to the secret police. When my chief spiritual son, a dentist (whom I had also made a partner in my school) betrayed me, he linked up with this rival and I was physically forced out of my own school! I could taste just a bit of the suffering of Jesus when he was betrayed.

Raising spiritual children

This point in my account is a suitable point to discuss the whole issue of spiritual children in countries like Egypt. In America, one would witness and teach until someone "saw the light" and joined. In Egypt, you would witness and teach until someone became a friend. It seemed almost impossible to communicate the urgency and importance of True Parents and this providence. Christians and Muslims there are surprisingly similar to each other, although both would deny this adamantly. The minority status of Chris-



Father gives witnessing strategies to the leaders at East Garden. May 1, 1996.

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tians has made them very suspicious and narrow in their clinging to church dogma, whereas the Muslims are tenacious in their adherence to "Islam," as if there were no divisions among believers. It seemed as if a heavy spiritual blanket hung over the nation, keeping people trapped in their lives of limited understanding and closed hearts.

Hence one could spend years working with a spiritual child without ever achieving the enlightenment needed to embrace True Parents and the Principle. I have some contacts from 21 years ago who are very close to us but still don't really embrace the Principle as their own principle for life and True Parents as their own parents. This is perhaps the most difficult thing about the missions in these lands: although you pour out all your effort to win a victory, you feel you never quite get there.

No doubt the stage of the providence is critical here too. Muslims have only really had an open gate to True Parents since the time of the first Muslim blessing, on April 10, 1992. Even so, these are very early days and the faith required even to accept the blessing is enormous. Certainly, True Parents have gained a remarkable victory through the offering of the blessing to Muslims. For the first time ever, it has been possible for Muslims to accept a religious leader of another tradition on a deeply internal level.

Nevertheless, we must be realistic in recognizing that only a handful of Muslims have gone this far, and that there is still widespread suspicion of True Parents and our movement in the Muslim world. The main fear is that our desire is to convert them away from Islam, ultimately to a Christian faith. This is the worst thing that could happen to a Muslim, according to their belief, to the extent that it has been accepted that apostasy deserves death. There is thus a very real fear among Muslims about having anything to do with an organization that might intend to change their faith.

In the light of these difficulties, it is abundantly clear that the way forward for us is to work with leaders of Islamic sects or communities, who can recognize the value of True Parents and the blessing, at least on some meaningful level, and are therefore willing to link up with the True Parents and the Unification movement, in particular to introduce their followers to the blessing. Once a significant number of credible leaders in the Islamic world have done so, we can expect there to be a growing acceptance of True Parents and the blessing among Muslims everywhere.

In the meantime, we must continue to seek out both individual Muslims and Muslim leaders who are open in heart to seek God's will for them at this time in history. Those with a truly humble heart and open mind will appreciate the religious vision of True Father's teaching, and will come to understand the solution to current problems contained therein.

Second arrest and expulsion

My second course as a foreign missionary (or "representative," as I prefer—"missionary" being an exclusively Christian term) came to an end in Egypt when I was arrested at my work place in Alexandria (where my wife also worked at that time, after she had joined me following three years of foreign mission work in Nicaragua). This time I was taken under guard to Cairo, where I was jailed in the Khalifa Prison pending deportation. Having realized that I was about to be deported yet again, this time without

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having a chance to prepare or even inform my wife, I had intentionally left my passport in Alexandria, so that when I was delivered to the officer responsible for my deportation (the same one as before, by the way) he had no choice but to send me back to Alexandria to collect my passport, some money and clothes.

Incredibly, all of these procedures took almost three weeks! Sometimes I was treated as a great criminal, handcuffed to other prisoners or to a guard and surrounded by soldiers, whereas at other times I was simply accompanied by an unarmed guard. Day after day I would go from the prison to the mugamma, the central passport office in Tahrir Square in Cairo, in handcuffs, since I had to accompany the documents of my deportation as they moved slowly through the corridors of the Egyptian security and immigration bureaucracies, collecting signatures along the way. There was no prison transport, so we travelled by foot, bus or taxi (if I could pay!). I will never forget the experience of being taken in

handcuffs through the center of Cairo, with passers-by speculating about the various heinous crimes I must have committed to be in such a state. I never knew when I might meet a friend or contact for our movement. What would they think? Truly it seemed the ultimate humiliation.

But this was indeed a moment of great closeness to True Father. I could feel absolutely that Father had achieved a victory over situations a million times worse than mine, so I need have no fear. I felt him with me on many occasions. Also, after a few days I was joined by the Japanese missionary in Cairo at the time, Mr. Sunichi Kanno (who has since died of cancer). We were able to spend time together, sitting on the thin blankets that separated us from the bare concrete floor of the large communal cell where we were incarcerated. We could also witness to other prisoners, and we even taught the Principle to a few. All the prisoners in our cell were non-Egyptians; they included Palestinians, Libyans, Iraqis, and even an old Chinese man who had lost his passport! Some had been tortured in other Egyptian prisons, and most were extremely bitter towards the Egyptian government. The cells for Egyptians were even worse: you would not keep an animal in them.

Eventually, I was taken under guard (handcuffed to a police officer, who didn't have the key to the handcuffs!) to the British Embassy, to get a new passport on which to be deported (mine was water-damaged). The consul (a very pleasant lady) was very surprised at the appearance of this British citizen about whom they had not heard (the Egyptians should have informed the embassy that I was in custody). She was shocked that I was handcuffed to a policeman from whom I could not be separated. She issued the new passport with a current picture of me sporting a long beard and looking like Moses. Since it was just a mug shot, taken outside the mugamma by one of the ancient cameras there, it did not reveal the policeman attached to me by handcuffs at the time. The consul kindly drove me and my guard back to the prison and supplied me with magazines and other desperately-wanted reading material. All the way back the guard was pressing me in Arabic to give him a backsheesh [tip]! When I translated what he was saying to the consul, she could not believe it. By that time, however, I was fully accustomed to the life of the brutal and corrupt underworld of Egypt. Little could surprise me.

Twenty-four days after I was arrested, the procedures were finally complet-

ed and I was taken to the airport for deportation, kept there in a small room literally jam-packed with a strange assortment of detainees and deportees, caught in a place of transit that hell would have a hard time beating. Nevertheless, in that cramped room and in prison beforehand I learned the camaraderie (as well as occasional meanness) of those thrown together in extremely difficult circumstances. Real goodness and real evil are exposed in prison.

Laying new foundations

I flew to Athens for the second time. On this occasion, however, I felt completely different from that first deportation, two and a half years earlier. I had been able to invest a total of three years in Egypt and despite great difficulties had learned the language and religion, had written a book to introduce Muslims to the Principle, had established a successful language institute and in several other ways had been able to do something worthwhile for my mission. Also, precisely at the time I was in prison, U.S. President Jimmy Carter was meeting with President Anwar Sadat of Egypt and Prime Minister Menachem Begin of Israel to hammer out the Camp David accords, the first peace agreement between Israel and an Arab state. The historic agreement was signed at a White House ceremony on the day I left prison and Egypt, September 18, 1978.

I could not say that I had succeeded in creating a lasting foundation in Egypt, however. In fact, our closest contacts and members in Alexandria were all interrogated by the secret police and none of them had the courage to stand up for True Parents and the Principle in the face of that persecution. The situation is not much different today. Despite 12 years of work by Walter and Maureen Gottesman, begun some time after I left, we do not have a core of real members in Egypt. Only recently, a Copt who participated in the 1995 blessing (and was the nearest thing to a regular member in Egypt) was called into the secret police on his return and sternly warned not to have anything to do with our movement. Furthermore, the second generation missionary couple of Young Jun and Shin Sook Kim were deported this spring.

On the public level, the high point of the work in Egypt and the whole Middle East was definitely True Mother's public speech on December 1, 1993. She spoke in the Aida Ballroom at the Marriott Hotel in Cairo to an audience of over 1000, including a former prime minister and many top people from society, including

the leading personalities among women's groups. She spoke at the invitation of a deputy prime minister. However, the contents of her speech (the same as given around the world), which included a declaration of True Parents, was much too difficult for people to absorb, sounding very Christian to Muslim ears. About half the audience left during the speech and many who stayed were deeply upset at hearing what they considered a religious speech. (This sort of thing just does not happen in Egypt. If the security authorities had been aware of the content of the speech in advance they never would have permitted it.) Thus the victory of True Mother's speaking to such a prestigious audience was tarnished by the negative reaction it engendered. Only recently, the secret police stopped a Women's Federation for World Peace event, one day before it was to be held,

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saying that since Mrs. Moon's speech there was an internal instruction that no activity by an organization connected with the Unification Movement would be allowed in Egypt!

After leaving Egypt the second time, I asked permission to be reassigned to Jordan, which was granted by Rev. Kwak, who by this time was director of the World Mission Department. (This account would not be complete if it did not mention the enormous contribution of Rev. Kwak to the foreign missions. Rev. Kwak has demonstrated a commitment, balanced with parental wisdom, that has been an example to us, year after year. I personally owe him a huge debt of gratitude for his patience with me and the constant example of faith and dedication he has set for me. Truly he has represented True Parents to us.)

Jordan had always attracted me as a sensible country with a reasonable leader in King Hussein. I found, on going there, that this was the case. Before going to Jordan, however, I went with three other

foreign missionaries in Greece, Sarah Towe, Yoshinori Tsuchiya and Sunichi Kanno, on a trip by car to Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary and Yugoslavia. Our experience of the communist reality was a good lesson and encouraged us to redouble our mission efforts. Also, "on the way" to Jordan I went by bus through Turkey to Teheran. Visiting the center there, which was thriving under Susan Fefferman's leadership, was an encouraging experience, and showed the potential for our movement in that country. This potential will only be able to flower once the oppressive Islamic regime passes and a more benign government takes its place.

In Jordan I soon got work teaching English at the British Council, and then proofreading at the local English daily, the Jordan Times, and reading the English news on Radio Jordan once a week. I also enrolled in an intensive Arabic course at the University of Jordan in Amman. Costs were extremely high, and I could only afford to live in a tiny house located in the garden of wealthy people. Also, Jordan was so quiet compared to Egypt. In the evening, it seemed that everyone went home early and stayed there. It was hard finding opportunities to meet people, although Jordanian hospitality is legendary and one could be invited to Jordanian homes.

My interest in newspapers was born in Jordan. After proofreading for a month I asked if I could write articles. I did so, and then soon was made the news editor of the paper. It was here that I discovered the power of the press, but also the problems caused by government interference and censorship and the small-mindedness of owners. The Jordan Times had to tow the government line. For example, this meant we could criticize America, but not the Soviet Union (the latter would make official complaints to the Jordanian government if we did). When the Arabs cut relations with Egypt over the Camp David agreements, Anwar Sadat became a big satan and the target of constant ridicule. And so on. It was my experience from the inside of a media organization of the distortion of truth in the press that made me think that True Parents and our movement should have their own newspaper in the Middle East, which could tell the truth and help bring peace to the area by promoting mutual understanding among the diverse nations, parties and sects.

Building a marriage and family

Katherine had stayed on in Egypt after I was deported, but about six months

later she too was deported, so she came to join me in Jordan. This was when we started family life. It was a time of confronting myself through the limitations of my love for my wife. I realized I lacked the unconditional love necessary to restore the world. In fact, I found myself a weakling in the face of what seemed like an insurmountable task of self-transformation and relationship-building. For couples who get on well together, the blessing can be the fulfillment of their dreams, a romantic ideal. For those of us who have a hard time, the blessing is something that has to be fought for, a goal to achieve through great effort, through rigorous self-denial. Although Katherine and I have come a long way in the 21 years of our blessed life, in all honesty we still have a long way to go before we can say that our blessing is fulfilled. Every time I teach Chapter One of the Principle, with its beautiful articulation of the ideal of marriage and family, I am reminded of our lofty goal and the goal of all families.

We have been blessed with four beautiful children. Tossa was born at a private hospital in Amman on November 27, 1980, the first day of the 9th ICUS conference which I was attending in Miami, Florida. This timing, I think, won him a name from True Father. I reported the birth to Rev. Kwak in the morning, and at lunch he gave me the name that Father had chosen, meaning "strong boy with blessings." I had not asked for a name and was really surprised at this honor. Anmar (which is an ancient Arabic name meaning "springs of pure water in the desert") was born on March 27, 1983, in Nicosia, Cyprus, while Alexander was born in Athens on June 2, 1987, shortly after we moved there. Harmony was born in Athens on September 7, 1990. These blessed children are a great responsibility and a great source of joy.

Bridging gaps

After Katherine and I had been one year in Jordan, all the foreign missionaries in the Middle East and North Africa were called to a first regional meeting with Rev. Kwak, in December 1989. This was our first real contact with him and he helped bridge the gap between us in our lonely outposts and the rest of the providence. By this time we had been out in the missions for five years, many of us without returning home for a visit. We were quite out of touch. Rev. Kwak was organizing a regional structure for the foreign missions, and I was appointed the first regional director for the Middle East. My area included 17 countries:

Greece, Cyprus, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Oman, South Yemen and North Yemen. (A North African region was headed by Maureen Gottesman, who had been an original missionary in Algeria. Her area included Egypt, Sudan, Libya, Tunisia, Morocco and Algeria.) It was decided that Cyprus would be the regional headquarters, because it was relatively free and easy to operate from.

The Middle East Times open doors

The next seven years of my mission life were based in Cyprus. Although I was not sure what to do, I established a regional office in Nicosia, together with the newly-assigned missionary to Cyprus, Peter Ellis. We worked to create a regional business, but our lack of experience meant we were not successful in this. My wife had become the missionary to Jordan, where she was joined by a German sister, Gudrun Hassanain. After a few years, in 1983, she came to join me in Cyprus, and was replaced in Jordan by the Tanaka family. Also in 1983, we were able to launch The Middle East Times. True Father had approved this project at the previous ICUS, in Philadelphia, and Dr. Bo Hi Pak gave us the seed money to begin the paper. In addition to Peter and myself, there were Dana Watkins and Erwin Franzen, who had worked with News World. Beginning in the kitchen of our small apartment, we laboriously pasted up the first issue of The Middle East Times, which appeared on March 7, 1983.

The Middle East Times was created to be a voice of reason and reconciliation for the Middle East, and the first issues were sent to some 18 countries. We quickly found, however, that our ambitions far outstripped our budget, especially at a time when the oil market was falling rapidly. Since then we have had to focus on more modest targets, eventually settling on an edition for Egypt as our main activity. This is the status of the paper today. However, it has always been well-produced and respected for its quality. Today it is the

only independent newspaper in Egypt and has the respect of diplomats, international journalists, business leaders and Egyptian intellectuals. Its future is still great, but we have had to walk a long, difficult road to develop it, facing very limited funds, government censorship and the like.

In 1987 we moved the publishing operation to Greece, in part to have the opportunity to do more local publishing activities, something forbidden us by our offshore status in Cyprus. In Athens we tried several new publishing formats, including free weeklies in the suburbs of Glyfada and Kifissia, a business letter, the Greek Business Review, and, on January 1, 1990 an English-language weekly, the Greek News. Without boring you with details of these various ventures, let it suffice to say that even a modest publication can open many doors for its owners. In this part of the world, there are limited activities open to us, among these publishing is perhaps the most important. The Middle East Times, under the umbrella of its parent, The Washington Times, has made inroads that would have been impossible in any other way. Consequently, much of my time since its launching has been taken up with its development. I am able to exert a continuous editorial influence and express Principled perspectives on current affairs through the weekly editorials I have writ-



Thomas and his wife Katherine pose with their four children (left to right): Tossa Jihad holding Alexander Jonathan, Anmar Yungkwang holding Harmony Ruth.

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ten since the first issue (some 650 opinions in all).

Many of the positions we have taken that have been controversial in the past, such as the need for a Palestinian state to realize peace between Israel and the Arabs, and the need for reconciliation among the religious factions to bring peace to Lebanon, are now proving to have been correct. I believe this is the wisdom of True Father's teaching in application to the world. Editorially, ours must be the parental position, seeking a parental perspective on all issues. This is what is most lacking in the affairs of men and nations. We have to educate the world to understand this perspective, and our publications, even though secular, can help achieve this. Recently we have begun doing special country reports for The Washington Times, adding a new level to our publishing activity, and opening doors to the highest levels of leadership in the area.

Connecting to True Parents' global projects

Another area of great importance for our mission in the Middle East has been connecting to True Parents' global programs for academics, religious leaders, former heads of state and women. In fact, I have come to see a major part of my mission as grafting True Parents' worldwide initiatives to my area of responsibility: linking the region to True Parents by whatever means are available. By connecting ICUS, PWPA, IRF, CWR, IRFWP, SCWP, FWP, the WFWP, etc., to local participants, we were immediately introduced to new areas of society, and we could gain entry to leadership echelons in places where we had been working at very low levels. In fact, the elites in our countries have been able to relate to the global vision of True Father and the programs he has put in place to achieve that vision. While these contacts rarely become regular members, they are often excellent John the Baptist figures who can introduce us to new levels of society in their countries.

Thinking back over the 15 years I have been regional leader of the Middle East, and then continental director of the Middle East and North Africa, it seems like the whole period has been one long struggle to establish a foothold for True Parents in this part of the world. While we have succeeded through publishing and various conference activities to do often unprecedented things in the area of reconciliation and development of peace in the Middle East (for example a series of six regional conferences for PWPA bring-

ing together Arabs and Israelis, Greeks and Turks, in pioneering annual gatherings between 1984 and 1989; and a series of three PWPA conferences for East and West Europeans in the Balkan countries of Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary, between 1987 and 1989), we have not really managed to connect internally to the area. Only a handful of native members have joined as regular Unificationists, and most of their situations are particular.

The blessing of several dozen Muslim couples has been the other major victory and this does represent a historic breakthrough. It is this blessing foundation that must be developed to have a wide impact on this area.

The Muslim blessing was made possible through a series of six 40-day seminars for Muslims sponsored by Father and directed by Taj Hamad, a brother originally from the Sudan. Beginning in 1990, groups came from Syria (sent by the Grand Mufti, Ahmad Kuftaru), Yemen (led by the Grand Mufti, Ahmad Zabara), Egypt (led by a Shazlia Sufi sheikh), Jordan (under the auspices of Crown Prince Hassan), Turkey (including scholars from eight religious faculties) and Sudan (led by the minister of religious affairs and a former prime minister). With the realization that Muslims can receive the blessing of True Parents without passing through the gate of Unification Church membership, I have tried, with the help of others, such as Taj and Frank Kaufmann, who has offered a great deal of support to our efforts, and with input from some of our best scholars, such as Andrew Wilson, to devise materials suit-

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able for a multi-religious audience, with Muslim needs kept in mind in particular. The result has been a book, "Essentials of the Unification Principle" and a four-part slide presentation on the family and world peace, produced by CARP.

One cannot omit the return of Heung Jin Nim in 1987, which shook our movement to its roots and stirred our consciences to repentance and renewal. He showed us the danger of drifting away from the absolute standard of True Parents and the need to keep purity on the path of discipleship.

As a leader, I have to take responsibility for my own limitations as a disciple of True Parents and the consequent

lack of success in my mission. There are two sentiments that compete for attention in my mind as I consider this situation. On the one hand, I feel that I have not done enough or well enough to break through here and win regular members in significant numbers. On the other hand, I recognize that this part of the world is still ruled by dictators, whether kings, princes or presidents, who hold on to power through strong security apparatuses, and whose regimes are always opposed to new religious ideas and movements. The difficulty of the territory can never be justification enough for failure. I often think that if Father were working here, he would break through with his great spiritual power. (In one of my few private meetings with True Father, he told me again and again, "You must have guts.") In the final analysis, I have to accept personal responsibility for the lack of success. I have worked hard, but not hard enough. I have had faith, but not enough faith. I have prayed, but not desperately enough. I have fasted and made many other conditions, but not enough or hard enough. All these things I know well and admit freely.

In conclusion, I wish I could have brought a greater harvest to God and True Parents: I take personal responsibility for this poor result. At the same time, I am immensely grateful for this 21-year experience in the front line. Through it, I have encountered Satan as never before, but have also been shown depths of God's heart, the suffering of Jesus through the betrayal of Judas and the failure of his other disciples to sup-

port him, and I have tasted the passion for God that drives our True Father. These are not small gifts, and perhaps not many have received them at this time when True Parents are in our midst. I wish I was a better champion of God and representative of True Parents, and I thank God and True Parents for their constant protection and support for me, despite my limitations.

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First IRFF in Russia

Tom Phillips

FROM May 23-30 IRFF Russia held its first program within the Russian Federation in Narzan, Ingushetya. We chose to locate our first project in Ingushetya because the conflict in the neighboring republic, Chechnya, has

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seriously affected living conditions.

Due to the war, one out of every four people living in Ingushetya is a refugee. Also this is not the first crisis for this region in its recent history. Like the other republics of the former Soviet Union, it is experiencing rapid social and economic changes. And to further complicate this situation, shortly after becoming an autonomous republic it entered into a conflict with its neighbor Asctia.

Another reason for choosing this location was the friendly relationship we have developed with Islamic leaders in Ingushetya through the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. The mufti arranged for us to stay in his sister's home during our stay. She welcomed all fourteen members of our team into her home even though she herself is widowed with six children. We were inspired to live in a home with such a high spiritual atmosphere. We could hear the prayers of the family at 5:00 am each morning and at 11:00 pm in the evening.

Work site close to the front-line

One of our work sites was a refugee camp only ten kilometers from the Chechenian border. While working at the camp, we could feel the tremors from bombs being dropped by Russian forces on a nearby Chechenian village. Its ominous location near the airport was designed to focus world attention on the refugee problem.

The first few months after establishment in March, it was very well supplied.

However due to this initial support, the general opinion among humanitarian organizations and the local government was that this camp had received more than their share.

Upon our investigation we found mothers complaining that their children were living on tea and bread three times

were as only lack of resources. They have been uprooted from their routine lives and are suffering from a sense of helplessness. We designed our programs to empower people to solve their own problems.

Moral support and relief

Our team was very international with representatives from America, Russia, Ukraine, Africa and Japan. Three Japanese doctors, an African and a Russian doctor concentrated at the camp giving medical consultations and taking note of especially difficult situations. After taking photos about specific cases, IRFF is looking for sponsors to support the refugees' medical care. For example, one girl four years old has unsightly and painful tumors all over her left leg. There is an operation that can remove the tumors but the hospitals will not operate until she is eight years old merely for financial reasons since medical supplies are scarce.

Another team built a volleyball court at the camp and played volleyball with the young people. Many of the children have not been to school for two years, and many of the younger children could not speak Russian. The opportunity to

a day. The food storage tent remained practically empty during our stay. The food products which we bought locally were quickly consumed each time. We did not see any signs of malnutrition; however, people were clearly hungry. We shared a lunch of tea and bread with the refugees and directly witnessed the severity of their situation.

Even though they are living in a very fertile area, we recognized their problem



Two local doctors and one pharmacist joined the IRFF team from Japan and the CIS.

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Children suffer the most from refugee life.

play sports and make friends with people from other countries and share about their troubles helped them to begin to deal with their feelings about the war. There is a lot of resentment among the Chechenian refugees towards Russians. And many Russians hold a stereotype of Chechenians as being criminals and connected with the mafia. Russian members of our IRFF team made effort to take a parental heart, digesting the Chechenians anger and frustration with the Russian government. It was significant that some of the strongest bonds between participants and the people were made between Chechenians, Ingushetians and Russians. When meeting with government officials we emphasized our mission was not only to bring humanitarian aid but also friendship. Officials enthusiastically agreed with our approach responding, "Yes, we need not only materials but also friendship and understanding. Our people need people to believe in them and help them to develop their resources."

Many other international humanitarian organizations are concentrating their efforts in the small republic of 300,000. At times we had to be careful not to

bump elbows with other organizations during our work. Although our organization is a new arrival, people found things that excited them about our work. One television broadcaster coming to do a three minute spot on the local news was so captivated she spent the whole day with us and created a thirty-minute program. One of the things that impressed people was our approach of living and working closely together with the people, because many organizations have little direct contact with them. Also our emphasis was not only to give material support, but recognizing people's spiritual needs to also give friendship and personal concern for their well-being. When meeting with one government official, this struck him and he said this is exactly

what we need, friends who can give us moral support to help us solve our problems ourselves.

Another project which inspired people was a computer skills course taught by one Ukrainian brother. One community center had computers donated, but there was no one who could teach people how

to use them. People were inspired about such a program because it showed that we believed in their people and were interested in investing in people.

Ongoing investment

Both the citizens and the refugees have seen other groups coming, taking pictures and going, never to hear from them again. They asked if we would be any different. For those who shared the experience of seeing the hunger in the eyes of the children living in refugee camps, watching children lying comatose only receiving IVs because there was no money to do any tests, it would be difficult to forget and do nothing. At this time we are organizing an RYS project for next year. In preparation for this event there are many programs that are possible as a follow up to our initial program. We met with the minister of civil services and he is prepared to help guide the importation of protein fish powder into the country. We are working to find sponsors for families with special needs.

There are many other humanitarian organizations concentrated in this small republic. However IRFF has a special contribution to make in helping people to find ways of working together towards a common goal even though we may hold differences, and the power to bring together those who were once enemies in a reconciliation of peace and love. ■■■

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IRFF conducted a computer training skills program in a local community center.

Going to South America

Paul Greene

I HAD considered going to UTS since the late 1980's when Father said that he wanted more western members to attend the seminary. In 1990 I found myself in a situation where I had no public mission for the first time in my church life.

The feeling of "homelessness" felt somewhat strange, considering that for the 12 years previous to that I had always been doing something that could be considered a "front line" mission. Since I had been thinking about attending UTS, it seemed like it might be the right time to "make the plunge." I moved to the UTS area in 1990 still needing to finish attaining a bachelor's degree.

Basically I was starting from scratch, having about 10 credits that I could claim from a few previous college classes. I enrolled in the Regent's College out of Albany, NY and began studying to take GRE and CLEP tests. It took longer than I originally planned to finish getting the degree from Regent's College, but for reasons that were not related to academic matters.

The GRE tests and CLEP tests I found to be relatively easy to pass with even a moderate amount of studying. To tell the truth, what made me apprehensive was the burden of responsibility that was expected of seminarians after they graduate. I do not like to be in the public spotlight that much, but being a seminary graduate not only puts you in the spotlight, it puts you in the position of Father taking a personal interest in what you're doing. I never felt I could attend the seminary purely for academic reasons. If I was not willing to go to the front line after graduating, I didn't feel like I should enter UTS.

Confronting the challenge

I did not start UTS until the fall of 1992 and I have to confess that my heart was in a turmoil for those two years. It took me two years to get over the feelings of "can I really live up to Father's

expectation for UTS graduates" as well as the feelings of wanting to pursue the "normal" life of a career of some sort, a house in a nice middle class suburban neighborhood with a two car garage; in other words the "typical American materialistic dream." When I had made up my mind to "damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead," it felt like a big weight off my back. With the "American Dream" shattered, but my spirit intact, it gave

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me a sense of relief to have made the choice I did. I went through a few more times of inner turmoil while I was attending UTS. In the spring of 1994 Father came twice to speak to students and spoke quite harshly. Un Jin Nim

also gave a talk to students one night that left me with a feeling like I had been run over by a steam roller.

After these speeches by Father and Un Jin Nim, I started feeling like "what's a squid like me doing here?" The caliber of students had become quite high; Jin Hun Nim had graduated the previous year, three other members of the True Family had been taking classes, Peter Kim was a student, as well as several older

Korean and Japanese members, and there were several western members with a lot of leadership experience.

I looked around at some of my fellow classmates and had a definite inferiority complex set in. Stubbornness and fear of

the title of "UTS Dropout" kept me going long enough to graduate. I think (and when I say this I think I speak for the majority of the graduates) the most important time for any UTS graduate is the moment when you meet Father face



Paul Greene poses for a photo with his wife Yasuko after his graduation at the Unification Theological Seminary.

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This is really an awesome moment in one's spiritual life. Not having had the experience of sitting in front of Father in such a way in the past, I was probably a little more giddy (may be "goofy" is a better word ?) than those who had had such an experience before.

Usually Father pops in once, maybe a few times, during the graduates' workshop to get a look at everyone face to face. It was incredible that Father called the Class of '95 to East Garden on not one, but three separate occasions to speak to us and give his direction personally and in great detail.

Going to South America

With the providence taking a turn to South America this year, I suppose many people weren't too surprised we were told the direction would be to go to South America. I had a feeling of being "pre-destined" to go there, maybe more so than most people. In 1990 or 1991 when we were all assigned to do 40 day pioneering in a foreign country, I told my wife before the countries were picked "I am going to get a South American country;" it did not surprise me at all when I was picked for Chile.

Last Christmas when I was working in the malls, I started to get this strong urge to start studying Spanish, even before Father began to speak about South America. In May of this year, after attending a Sunday service at Belvedere and hearing a report by Rev. Zin Moon Kim about South America, my spiritual antenna started buzzing like it had just been zapped with 1000 volts of electricity. I went home and told my wife "Yasuko, we're going to go to South America after graduation.

can you expect from a squid?) was given responsibility beyond his wildest imagination. "Be able to give fluent Spanish Divine Principle lectures within a year." "Become a capable journalist right away or find someone who could do a good job and manage them well. Do a good job and I will make you the head of a newspaper." "While you are at it, become a recruiter and representative for the University of Bridgeport." "Witness to

to be part of the "third world" is an inherent challenge. My country, Panama, is relatively well off compared to many Latin American countries. In this sense I should feel lucky I guess; I had been prepared in my mind to go to a lot poorer country than Panama.

Some hobbies I developed while in UTS have turned out to be providentially very useful for our responsibilities in Latin America. I became good with computers

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the presidents of your country, grab them by the waists and shake them up and down. They should never forget you." And on and on.

One point Father emphasized in speaking to us is that we should "act first, and then think and make plans." If someone used to the relatively easygoing life of America "thinks" too much about uprooting their lives and moving to another country, it will be very easy to "think" themselves out of going. Since I had already made up my mind to go to Panama (my assigned country) no matter what, I felt free to begin "thinking" about working out the external details without worrying that I might "think" my way out of going at all.

Learning the language

Realistically, there are a lot of barriers to overcome. My Spanish language skills

and the Internet during the last couple of years, and this will be extremely handy for our international communications.

All those people who thought I was just some computer nut staying up late at night wasting his time "surfing the 'Net" have started coming and asking how to get started with e-mail. (It feels good to be able to finally say "Hah, I told you so" ! The money thing is always hanging over your head. With the sizable debt I built up while in UTS, I have to deal with not only a previous debt, but also find a way to avoid being a financial burden to the church in Panama. I am trying to mull over different business ideas that could support my family and I as well as pay off old debt. In trying to keep things in perspective, I have been trying to not dwell on the difficulties, internal or external, of moving to Panama.

Whatever hardships come, as they most certainly will, they should be seen as natural obstacles along the way of our course of life. There is no need to avoid them or try to hide from them; actually they should be seen as opportunities for advancement and development.

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Even if no other person is sent there, I think Father will somehow pick me individually to go." When the "official" word came down, neither my wife nor I were surprised; we had already made up our minds to go down there for 5, 10, 20 years, whatever it takes.

Naturally, this here "squid" who did not think he had be assigned to "too" much responsibility (after all, how much

are very minimal, speaking just enough Spanish to sell roses and peanut brittle, make fun of someone's beer belly, and that is about it. I bought some Spanish language cassette tapes on the way back from East Garden and plunged right into it. Se habla español?

For someone who has spent their whole life in a "comfortable" country like America, going to a country considered

Paul Greene and his wife, Yasuko, participated in the 2075 Couples' Blessing. They have two daughters, Carolyn and Jeroko.

First WFWP Leadership Seminar in Moscow

Eveline Stewart

On February 22, the 24 inspired women who participated in the WFWP leadership seminar that took place in Moscow returned to their cities with a determination in their hearts to make a substantial difference through promoting WFWP activities.

Participants came from 13 cities of the C.I.S. and Estonia. During the seminar we became very close to each other and realized that, in spite of our differences, we were all united in striving to make better homes, society and world. During the seminar participants got together and shared about their ongoing service projects and educational programs. This was a valuable time for learning about and appreciating each other's work. We also spent much time sharing and discussing new ideas gained from the lectures, which were of great concern to us as women.

Human personality lecture

On the first day Anne Brzyska in her lecture on human personality explained that an ideal woman should be developing within herself parental love which includes three aspects: emotion, intellect and will. She underlined that love should guide the whole human being, because love is a principle allowing us to reach harmony in every type of relationship we experience in life: at work, in the family and with our physical environment.

From Monica Kunde's lecture we understood that a healthy personality can only develop in a happy, harmonious family. The family is the school of love for each of us, and there we learn to develop such qualities as self-sacrifice, loyalty, responsibility, respect and trust.

Parental love lecture

Barbara Stuppel gave an amazing lecture about parental love and the great importance of the unity and love between parents in nurturing children. Children form their understanding about God and the world based on the example they

see in their parents. Therefore, if there is conflict in the family, the child cannot learn to give unconditional, mature love from both parents as well as seeing their unity and unconditional love for each other. On the second day Barbara Zingg introduced us to the lecture "AIDS and the consequences of Free Love". She shared her experience in giving this lec-

of AIDS.

This lecture and those on the cause of human conflict and the presentation on "Drugs and Alcoholism" led us to a clear understanding of how our social problems threaten and disrupt our families and the larger society and how much worse they will become if we do nothing about them.

Principles of Restoration lecture

The third day began with lectures on the "Principles of Restoration" by Eveline and David Stewart, with special emphasis on the role and responsibility of women in God's work of restoration. The presentations explained the process of making better relationships with God and each other.

On the final day we were introduced more deeply to the life and work of our founder and current president, Mrs. Jak Ja Han Moon. She clearly provides an outstanding example for us to follow as a faithful wife and mother, while maintaining a deep and active dedication to God and mankind.

Lastly there was a presentation on Helen Andelin's wonderful book "Fascinating Womanhood." Based on her rich life experience as a mother of eight children, the author gives excellent guidance to women on how to build a happy family based on rekindling or strengthening their mutual love with their husband. It explains so many ways in which we can develop our skills as wife and mother. This book is now being translated into Russian.

Through the seminar we could realize how important it is for us as women to change ourselves: to become more pure, gentle and sensitive, to be capable of giving and receiving forgiveness, to be compassionate and loving, and thus to allow the world of men to change through our example.



Eveline poses with her recently matched Japanese sister.

ture to various audiences in Ekaterinburg and other cities. We could all feel how important it is to reach out to our youth with this kind of information. We became aware of the necessity of shattering the myths about romantic and free love that create an irresponsible attitude toward sexual relationships and lead to serious health and social problems: damage to the personality, a huge rise in sexually transmitted diseases, and the spread

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