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# Message from the Publisher

## Reverend Sun Jo Hwang



## Creating the Conditions for Reunification

*From a sermon given on May 21st at the Headquarters Church in Seoul, Korea*

**A**FTER we had successfully concluded True Parents' birthday celebration in February, True Father immediately instructed us to hold national rallies for South-North unification at twenty-one venues in Korea. Never in our wildest dreams had we imagined that another major series of events would follow on the heels of what had been such a tremendous occasion. We were all surprised, and even rather worried. Only after completing all the rallies did we see the reason Father had decided to do them and could appreciate Father's intuitive sense of heavenly fortune.

In True Parents' course to establish the Kingdom of God on earth, the reunification of North and South Korea is one of their most essential responsibilities. True Father promised God he would reunite the nation when he came south from Pyongyang. He has devoted his entire life to realizing this through numerous spiritual conditions and very hard work. We had simply understood these rallies to be another direction in order to support the providence of reunification on a new level based on the increased heavenly fortune since True Father's 80th birthday. But all of a sudden we heard the fantastic news of the summit between the North and South. If we could not have held the rallies at that time, the movement for unification would have lost momentum. We have become more aware that True Parents are central to the history of the efforts to tear down the partition between the two Koreas.

What did you think of the visit of the Pyongyang Children and Students Performing Arts Troupe? True Father already knew such fortune was coming and had been preparing in advance, but we weren't aware of that at first. In the light of the summit between the leaders of North and South Korea, holding the rallies and then hosting the visit of the performing arts troupe came to be more meaningful providentially.

Some of you may have heard this directly from True Father when he spoke at the rallies in February: he said, "There will be a big change in June and the period until August is very important." Nobody knew that such a major event would occur in June, although True Father predicted it in February. There are two major axes of social power in the 21st century.

One is the media and the other is non-governmental (social) organizations. The media and civil organizations will be more influential in the 21st century. True Parents have been preparing foundations in these two areas for a long time. In Korea, the movement consists of a large number of social organizations. We also have a global media network dedicated to the development of the global providence.

On May 15th, I received a phone call from Mr. Sang Kwon Pak, president of Pyeonghwa Motors, while I was meeting with a senior South Korean government official. Mr. Pak was discussing arrangements for the visit of the North Korean dance group with a North Korean official. He asked me if it was possible to arrange for their performance in South Korea within a week. I promised him that we could do it if we had an official arrangement. We were confident to organize such an event since we had experienced organizing events in the main Olympic stadium within a week. I immediately passed this news onto the government official I was with. He was shocked and asked me, "Are they really coming? Can you really prepare in time?" When I showed that I was confident, he could not hide his surprise.

Actually, the only people who did not seem surprised were our members! I think there are two reasons. First, we have been part of so many big events. That is why we are not easily inspired to a high degree. And secondly, our minds are too prone to habitual thinking. But I think we should deeply feel how significant these events are!

It was not easy to invite the North Korean children to South Korea. We are now organizing their performances, even having staff meetings at midnight. All the South Koreans are fascinated by this. It is a vital part of God's providence.

I believe everything has resulted from True Parents' grace and heavenly fortune. I hope you can feel great respect for True Parents, and have an inspired and victorious feeling deep within your hearts. ♦

[Edited for Today's World]

**Photo at top: Rev. Hwang speaks to the staff of the FFWPU and related organizations on Mount Halla during an outing to Cheju Island (Photo: Julian Gray/TW)**

True Mother spoke in 24 cities on 4 continents in 24 days during her global speaking tour May 8~31. She is pictured here conversing with Father via video computer link, surrounded by a truly multi-cultural audience in Birmingham, England (see page 8).



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## God's Fatherland

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON  
46TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDATION DAY, MAY 1, 2000  
BELVEDERE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, USA

*This speech was retranslated from the edited Korean transcript, with reference to Rev. Peter Kim's interpretation at Belvedere.*

**T**HERE are hundreds of nations and races in the world, but in order to do God's will we have to think and act as if there are no nations, no races, and no families. We have to completely deny the satanic world.

The meaning of blessing is re-creation. We have to think that the position of a blessed family is unique. In other words, the blessed couples should consider themselves restored Adam and Eve who did not participate in the fall. Think of yourselves as original Adam and Eve, the only ones existing in the world. You should think that the two of you are the only ones in the world. Centering on God's true love, your lineage being connected to the four-position foundation, your family is the only thing that matters. Even if you don't think of God and True Parents, that is okay as long as you have that conviction. We stand in the position representing the vertical and horizontal viewpoint.

Think to yourself, "With my own blessed couple I can unify the world and cosmos. Once I perfect myself, I can create a perfected family, race, world and cosmos." We are the seeds from which that work will sprout. All the people of the world are from wild seeds. We have to think, "I am the true seed. That is what I am." We don't need to differentiate between Japanese blessed couples, German blessed couples or American blessed couples. What matters is our own family. Even if there isn't a Unification Church, our family can be a Unification Church and even if there is not a unified nation, we should think our family is the unified nation. If you go to the spirit world there are billions of blessed couples that all have the same value as those on earth.

How happy God will be watching them! Do they need me? [Yes.] Why do you need True Parents? Because you are the fruit of True Parents, so you have the same value. What is the meaning of the era of the fourth Adam? Your blessed couple represents the fourth Adam. If you have that absolute confidence, then Satan cannot interfere in your life.

Even if the Unification Church closes and disappears completely, as long as that perfect blessed couple remains, the world can be resurrected. If that couple follows my teachings, and knows the tradition of the course of restoration through indemnity I have walked, God will always be victorious and Satan will be defeated.

I have followed truth and tradition, so you should do the same. I have gone up through eight stages and beyond the level of indemnity. In the future, we will not need prayer. Even if we pray, we won't have to say "upon the foundation of True Parents' victory" because we will dwell with God directly.

The key is that as a couple, therefore, we have to absolutely make sure that we are a unique, absolute, eternal, unchanging couple, that God is our subject and that we are in the object position.

This is the 47th Foundation Day—it being the 46th anniversary of the establishment of the church. Eighty is my physical age, and if we subtract the number 47 we get 33, the age at which Jesus Christ finished his public ministry. So this is the time we have to go to the world, even beyond the world. Until now, there were divisions in the spirit world between the religious founders. They had different worlds—Jesus, Muhammad, Buddha, Confucius and so forth. They occupied different levels as well.

In Korea, the number 4 represents death, and the number 13 is unlucky in the West. So April 13th is an unlucky date. Also, 4 represents the fall of Adam, and 13 represents the death of Jesus. April 13th was also the day of the Korean general election of over five hundred congressmen this year. It is strange that they chose this date for the national election. Is this a good day? No, it is the worst day. The number thirteen means Jesus' death. So I instructed the spirit world to restore this day by blessing all the followers of the five major religious leaders.

[Father draws a map of Korea, with north, south, east and west divided.] This represents the entire world. There is a battle between the Eastern world and Western world. The North-South struggle is one of wealth and culture. Those global situations are represented in Korea. South Korea has a severe East-West problem, just as exists in the world. The



*Newly installed US church president Rev. Michael Jenkins and his wife Reiko offer flowers at Belvedere on May 1*

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East represents the world of spirit and the West represents the world of material. The saints came from the East, whereas the Western world represents the world of material. But materialism will end because it is horizontal. But the vertical world has no end; there is but one straight line to God.

The next problem is the struggle of North and South. In North Korea, Kim Il Sung is considered the father figure, and in South Korea I have been called the father. So which side has to win? The plus side must win, represented by the East and South. North should have been plus, but this was reversed. Once the East-West problem is resolved, then South Korea will be minus and all of North Korea will be plus. So how can we unite East and West? A reciprocal relationship is needed. They need to say they need each other. In other words, people of the East should love those in the West more than those in the East, and vice versa. The Western world is more affluent than the Eastern world. And South Korea is more affluent than North Korea. We have to change that.

How can North and South be united? Through what? Money? Power? Knowledge? True love! It is only possible through true love. With true love we can recognize that we are brothers and sisters, or elder and younger brothers.

Once children are harmonized, then the parents' struggle of North and South will be solved. When the children are one, the parents will be united too.

What will happen between East and West in the world? Exchanges are needed. For example, there are rich children in the West and poor children in the East who should be joined in marriage. If there were only two such families, would they live separately? Rather, they would realize that they were born as "twins." If they knew this, would they still quarrel and be divided, or would they never be divided? If there are brotherly relationships in which an elder brother could die for the sake of his younger brother and vice versa, rather than their killing each other, unification will be realized. When the parents see their children united they will also unite.

In Korea, the West is Cholla Province, and the East is Kyungsang Province. When we unite Cholla and Kyungsang, we can unite the world centering on this. International marriages conducted worldwide will bring about the unity of East and West. Westerners are overweight. They have too much food, while the East is hungry. The West looks for better ways to diet. Communists and others should hit the fat westerners in the world until they become thin! So instead of becoming fat, why not share your food with those in need? If Satan helps you with this, then Satan can be forgiven on the basis of playing such a role. We have to liberate Satan. Lucifer voluntarily surrendered, and now his followers are taking the same course.

Do you need unions in America or not? [No.] The system of unions should be gotten rid of. Then the communist system will be eliminated and Satan will have no more work to do. Wealthy American families will have to practice intermarrying with poor African families. Suppose a campaign to sell everything and go to Africa to find a bride were to take place in America! America has enjoyed affluence, but in the midst of this is doomed to perish. The only way to save America is to give everything, to offer everything to poor countries and save them.

Is AIDS a good thing or not? People with lots of money waste their lives chasing after pleasure, and catch this kind of disease, isn't that right? AIDS is like a public limited company: it attracts people with money. Men seek women for pleasure. So beautiful women in America may carry the AIDS virus. You must overcome the selfish desire for money. So, American people who have joined the Unification Church have no time to squander money, but should support people to do missionary work. The Japanese members must also offer their money for the providence.

My conclusion is that we should look at this on our own family level. As long as there is unity among the man, woman, son and daughter in your family, the world will be united. The four position foundation of North, East, West and South. The kings of twelve nations centering on Jesus makes the number thirteen. The 12 disciples (the 12 tribes) plus Jesus makes 13, isn't that so? The fundamental problem was that they did not become one. That's why centering on April 13 (the 13th day of the 4th month) I launched the national rallies to promote the unification of South and North Korea. I called people to the Olympic Stadium in Seoul on March 12 and spoke about this to them [see *March issue*]. The summit conference between



North Korea and South Korea will therefore take place soon. This is not a simple matter. They cannot do anything without True Parents' foundation. Because I gave my support, unification is coming.

Without true love and True Parents, unification cannot be realized. What is true love? It is repeatedly giving and forgetting, for the sake of others. For example, the wealth of South Korea should be given to North Korea, and then unification will come naturally. Suppose all the South Korean people shared their wealth with North Korea, and so did Unificationists worldwide. Then North Korea would become wealthier than South Korea, and the wealth would then flow from North Korea to South Korea.

So the time will come for settlement in the father nation of Korea, the mother nation of Japan and the elder son nation of the United States. The time may come soon that the government of North Korea will welcome any Unification Church member from anywhere in the world. They will say to the Japanese, Come here, as many of you as want to. If western members even more wonderful than the Japanese can be welcomed in this way, all blessed couples will be able to go to North Korea. You know the Potong River Hotel. There are seventeen Japanese couples running that hotel. It is one of the biggest built during Kim Il Sung's time.

The Potong River Hotel is the only hotel that has access to Western broadcasting; none of the others do. That was a condition we had when we made the deal with North Korea; we insisted on this. So, many North Korea government officials and foreign travelers stay there. In the past, people would isolate themselves and cover themselves with a blanket to listen secretly to outside broadcasts, but if they were caught it was very serious. But if you stay at the Potong River Hotel, it is all right to listen to or watch the broadcasts. They say the Japanese members are more enthusiastic than even the North Korean party members. As the Koreans and Japanese have been enemies, they ask how Rev. Moon could have raised

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## A Dream Come True

David Earle

Birmingham, England

**T**HERE are times in our life of faith when we can feel that there is something “in the air”, but we don’t know what it is, or what is about to happen. Perhaps you know the feeling.

On April 19th this year, after a wonderful interfaith evening in our home in Birmingham with about ten of our Muslim, Hindu, Christian and Buddhist friends, while driving a friend home afterwards my car was hit from the side by a driver who went through a red traffic light. Three days later, again while driving a Muslim friend home late at night, this time in my father’s car which I had had to borrow, I turned onto a freeway and found a car speeding straight at me, on the wrong side of the carriageway, at about 50 miles per hour! I swerved dramatically, and managed to avoid a head-on collision literally by a few inches. A few days later, my wife Patricia and I received the incredible and totally unexpected news that our city of Birmingham had been chosen, together with London and Edinburgh, as one of three venues in Britain where True Mother would speak. It is very difficult at the moment for True Parents to enter Germany and France, so three locations were chosen in Britain for the initial phase of the European leg of True Mother’s world speaking tour. As far as we knew, it would be the first time for either of our True Parents to visit Birmingham, often regarded as the home of the Industrial Revolution, and currently a uniquely cosmopolitan, multi-faith and multi-cultural city. We began to view my recent ‘near-death’ experiences in a new light.

We have been church leaders in the Midlands region of Britain since November 1996. Both in the five years preceding that appointment and in the three-and-a-half years since we have focused much of our energy on developing interfaith friendships and activities. Patricia has been able to develop a women’s ‘Prayer for Peace’ in our home, every 4-6 weeks for the last six years, and numbers of women participating this year have risen into the sixties and seventies each time. We have also carried out two RYS projects in Birmingham, and all of this has led to the building of an Interfaith Children’s Home in Hyderabad, South India, for orphaned children of

the untouchables.

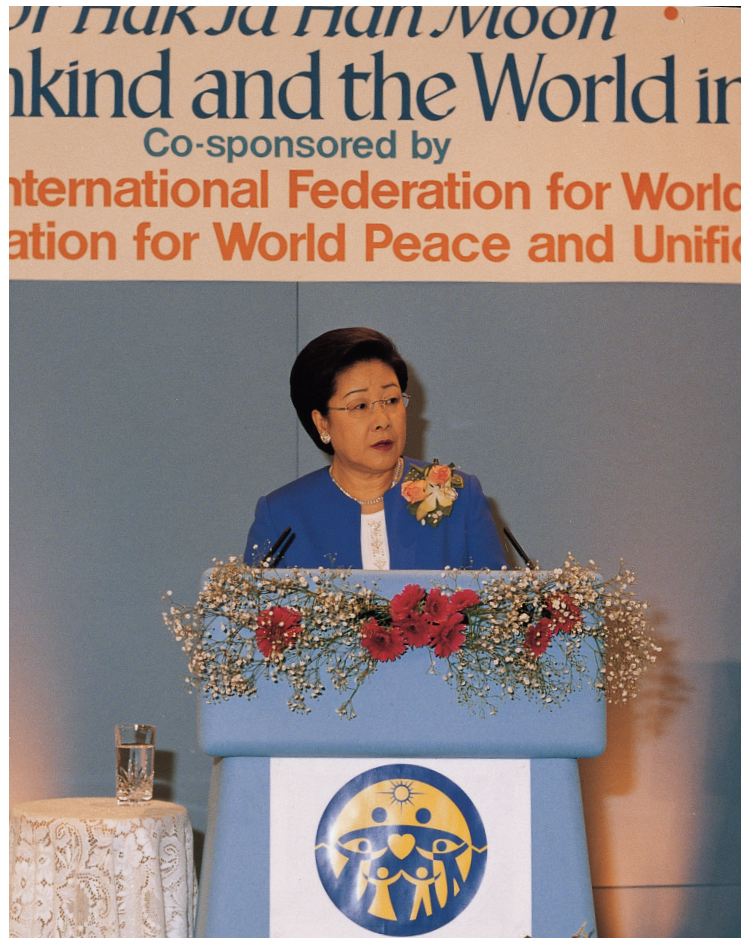
True Mother’s visit would provide an opportunity to try and bring all of our foundation as an offering to support her sacrificial efforts for peace, but we were extremely concerned about the fact that there would be no opportunity for the guests to join in the celebration this time, and connect to both True Mother and True Father—something that had

been such a positive part of everyone’s experience when True Mother came to London last year. This was particularly true for members of the Asian community who tend to be very “heartistic,” and for whom music is an integral part of their life and worship. Also, we knew that the speech would be largely based on the providential Christian foundation this time, and we were concerned that our Muslim, Hindu and Sikh friends would not be able to connect in heart with True Parents. [Editor’s note: Moreover, Father was in a part of South America where the usual video telephone hook-up would not have been possible].

After speaking with our national leader and through prayer, the strong feeling came to try and call Rev. Peter Kim who was travelling with Mother in South America, and with whom we had a personal friendship from our time in America and in Jardim. We wanted to ask if it might be

possible to combine True Mother’s speech with the celebration for the benefit of all the guests who had promised to come.

At a planning meeting in our London headquarters, I tried for almost eight hours to contact True Mother’s party as they travelled from Argentina to Campo Grande in Brazil. Finally, just before leaving London to travel back to Birmingham, I managed to get through to Rev. Kim and he agreed to ask True Mother about our request. Apparently, True Mother called True Father, who was fishing in South America and, after some deliberation, Father agreed and flew back to New York in order to be able to connect up by video computer-link with True Mother for the celebration following the speech. I’m sure there are much bigger reasons for this happening than one telephone call, but it was wonderful to feel True Parents’ heart of embrace stretching across so many miles as they build the foundation for future peace.





True Mother's visit to Britain, and some people stayed on, chatting until almost 11.00pm.

Finally, on a personal note, I shared with True Mother at *hoon dok hae* the next morning how this was a dream come true for me. When I joined our movement in the late 1970s, there was tremendous difficulty, pain and tears for my parents who are very sincere Christians. God gave me a vivid dream to help me through that trauma, a dream in which I found myself back in my childhood home with my family, watching television. True Father appeared on the television, looking very young and handsome, with a flashing smile and white crown and singing a Christian hymn "We Plough the Fields and Scatter," a hymn from harvest time. My parents were distraught, crying so many tears and begging me to tell them who this person was. But I couldn't open my mouth—all I could do was to serve them tea and coffee, with my lips sealed. This time, in May 2000, I was able to bring my mother to sit in front of True Mother and hear

True Mother duly arrived in Britain, having flown from Brazil, on May 20th, and spoke at successful meetings in London (20th) and Edinburgh (21st). In Birmingham, we have a core group of nine blessed families who were faced with the challenge of filling a hall with three hundred people. Fortunately, we had the help and support of brothers and sisters from all over Britain, and it was the collective effort of our whole Family Federation here which made for success. Centering on our national leaders, Tim and Dolores Read, and our national messiah couples, brothers and sisters from all regions mobilized and made exceptional effort to support True Mother. The evening of the 22nd came, and sighs of relief could be heard as people began to arrive and fill up the conference hall. Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist, black, white brown, yellow—people of all faiths, races and colors. I heard that European church president Rev. Sa was so surprised as car after car arrived, full of people dressed in turbans and saris! By 7:00pm, more than four hundred people had completely filled the venue. I felt very proud of my wife, who had managed to bring a hundred and thirty guests, most of them through her interfaith women's group.

True Mother presented her speech with such warmth and dignity, in spite of a very sore throat, and many people commented about the inner and outer beauty that radiated from her. Awards were presented to eight people representing the Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh faiths. And then came the entertainment, and the joy of having both Father and Mother there to exchange words, smiles, music and cake, giving the dimension of heart to enhance the truth that Mother had spoken just a short time earlier. When the event had officially finished, there was a lovely atmosphere to conclude

**Photos: facing page, Mother speaks in Birmingham, England; this page top, Mother arriving in St. Petersburg, Russia; right, flowers in Montevideo, Uruguay**

her speak words of truth, and see True Parents together in such an intimate way—something I couldn't have imagined just a few years ago.

We know from Mother's words that she left Britain with hope, and our goal must be to work and pray for the day when True Parents can both visit these shores, to heal the wounds inflicted on them through the failure of Christianity, of which Britain was such an integral part. ♦

*David and Patricia Earle are from the 2075 Couples Blessing.*



# WORLD SPEAKING TOUR 2000





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## Exorcizing the Past in Albania

*Arben Camani*  
Tirana, Albania

I would like to thank Heavenly Father that it was possible for True Mother to come to Albania. Welcoming True Mother was one of our goals to prepare our nation to accept True Parents. It was the biggest event in Europe and we can say it was a great success. I feel this is because Albania is a country that has passed through a lot of suffering and persecution under the communist regime, where the word “God” could not be uttered even just a few years ago.

Moreover, the Albanian movement is just six years old, so our members are still spiritually rather young, as is our foundation. We had had no experience in welcoming True Parents, but we had the determination that all Albanian people should receive True Mother’s words. Based on this determination,

**Photos facing page, clockwise from left: Mother receives a sincere expression of true love and appreciation!; Amid a most serious calling, God’s gift of laughter; Greeting the audience in Montevideo, Uruguay; Presenting an award to a representative of the community in Birmingham; inset, in Moldova, Mother stays in video communication with Father**

even though we had just three or four weeks, we started to organize for the event. First we reserved the biggest hall in Albania, which is called “Congress Palace” and which has a capacity of 2400 seats. It was originally built for the Communist Party congresses. It was here that True Mother came and delivered God’s word to this nation.

We are grateful for the help of those brothers and sisters who came from other countries, such as the Czech Republic, Slovakia, and Slovenia, where they have had extensive experience in welcoming True Mother.

All the preparations were made in a professional way. On the internal level, also, many brothers and sisters made conditions. Our main focal point was inviting people to come and listen to True Mother. At the same time, however, we prepared materials for the media, and contacted many high-level VIPs. For one week, we announced True Mother’s visit to Albania on one of the most popular television stations in Tirana.

A key point of our success was that we tried to work as much as possible with the media. Two days before the event we held a press conference about our movement and True Parents’ achievements, and mentioned the importance of True Mother’s speaking tour. The next day, many newspapers

wrote very good articles about True Mother's visit. The most famous newspaper in Albania *Koha Jone* (Our Time) headlined its article: From Korea to Tirana: Hak Ja Han, 58, Mother of 13 Children, Arrives Today

We advertised the speech on big banners, which were hung above Tirana's main street. We distributed some six thousand invitations, mostly through our members and previously blessed couples (many of whom had attended the blessing in Korea this year) to their relatives and friends. Albanian society is really centered on the family, and would not have been able to survive in the past without strong families and their

connections. Our strategy was based on the family networks and this really worked here.

We felt confident that the hall would be filled in this way, but we wanted to go for more. We wanted to welcome True Mother in an official way as a government level VIP. The president of Albania and the first lady, who had received the blessing in 1997 [see *Today's World July/August 1999*], were visiting Serbia at the time of Mother's speech. They sent their special advisor on foreign affairs Mr. Pulaj, to the airport. True Mother was thus welcomed officially by the Albanian authorities and a special police-escort was appointed to secure her delegation.

On the day, May 26th, people began arriving at the Congress Palace at five o'clock, though the event was not scheduled to begin until six. At ten minutes after six, we had to close the doors barring about 500 from entering, because there were already more than 2600 people inside. Though those outside banged loudly on the entrance doors, we were unable to allow them in because even the stairs between the rows of seats were occupied.

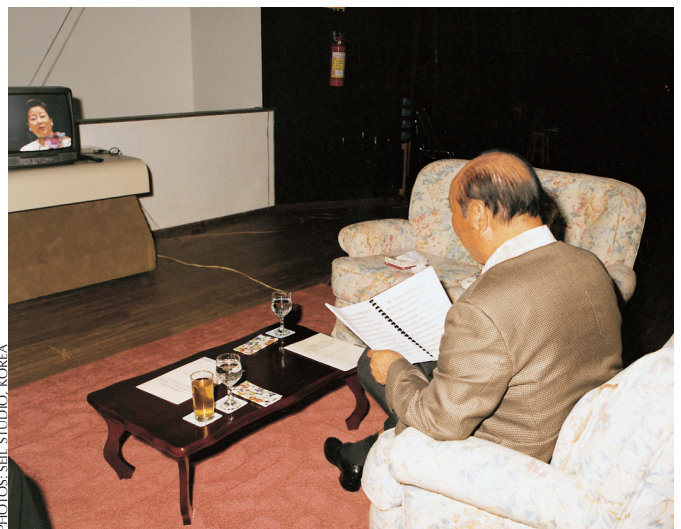
During True Mother's speech, the atmosphere in the Congress Hall was very good. Many families attended with children of every age. The people were moved by True Mother's words and we really felt that the nation was receiving a great blessing from True Mother, from True Parents, and from God. Although Mother's speech usually lasted forty-five minutes, in Tirana it took a full hour because it was interrupted after nearly every sentence by applause.

There were around seventy dignitaries in attendance. There were members of Parliament, religious leaders (Muslim, Catholic and Orthodox), ambassadors and politicians. True Mother's speech was broadcast through a prominent TV-station and around 80 percent of the country could receive it. Through our common effort, and the unity we will create following this event, we feel this is just the beginning of building the Kingdom of God in this nation. ♦

*Arben Camani is the national leader of Albania.*

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**Top left, Mother prays with members in Bucharest, Romania; top right, Mother in London (kept warm by personal assistant Wonju McDevitt); middle, Mother has few quiet moments even during the flights between engagements; bottom, Father reads along with Mother as she delivers her speech in Brazil**



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## True Mother's International Itinerary

MAY 8	ASUNCION, PARAGUAY	MAY 20	LONDON, ENGLAND
MAY 9	CIUDAD DEL ESTE, PARAGUAY	MAY 21	EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND
MAY 10	MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	MAY 22	BIRMINGHAM, ENGLAND
MAY 11	PUNTA DEL ESTE, URUGUAY	MAY 23	THE HAGUE, NETHERLANDS
MAY 12	BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	MAY 24	COPENHAGEN, DENMARK
MAY 13	CORDOBA, ARGENTINA	MAY 25	INTERLAKEN, SWITZERLAND
MAY 14	SANTA FE, ARGENTINA	MAY 26	TIRANA, ALBANIA
MAY 15	CORRIENTES, ARGENTINA	MAY 27	BUCHAREST, ROMANIA
MAY 16	CAMPO GRANDE, BRAZIL	MAY 28	MOSCOW, RUSSIA
MAY 17	BRASILIA, BRAZIL	MAY 29	ST. PETERSBURG, RUSSIA
MAY 18	SAO PAULO, BRAZIL	MAY 30	KISHINEV, MOLDOVA
MAY 19	RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL	MAY 31	TORONTO, CANADA

### Victorious Homecoming for Our True Mother



Top left: Father embraces Mother on her return from her long labor of love; right, Father kisses Shin Ha Nim (held by Hyung Jin Nim) as he enters East Garden; main photo, inside the house, Father and Mother (out of picture) are greeted by a line of their younger grandchildren

# HYUN JIN NIM'S INAUGURAL WORLD TOUR

Hyun Jin Nim spent almost three weeks of May in Japan, then went on to visit the Philippines, Thailand and Taiwan, returning to the United States towards the end of the month.



Photos: right, Hyun Jin Nim speaks in Tokyo, May 7; left, Jun Sook Nim with WFWP leaders in Kawasaki, May 9; bottom left, the large public rally in Tokyo on May 20; right, second generation members reach out to Hyun Jin Nim in Fukuoka



**H**YUN JIN Nim, his wife Jun Sook Nim, a staff of two and the seven member Japanese band, Axe 6, arrived in Manila, the Philippines on May 21, 2000 in time to participate with three thousand young people in a Pure Love Alliance event, which once again took the nation by storm. From four different areas of the city, spirited young people marched, converging at Plaza Miranda for a rally. Enthusiastic as ever, the PLA has ignited unity to save the nation.

The following evening, Hyun Jin Nim spoke before nearly three thousand students and guests at the National CARP Convention and Concert held at the Manila Midtown Hotel.

The third day of their visit was set for a friendly media meeting. Thirty-three top media men—newspaper publishers, journalists, editors and newscasters—were in attendance. Hyun Jin Nim was very open and boldly gave his opinions. He said that, as journalists, they have to avoid dealing with issues subjectively and challenged everyone to write more objective reports. ♦

*Excerpted from a report by Maria Sheila B. Tagpis and Jocelyn Florentino*



**T**he opportunity to meet Hyun Jin Nim for the first time, in the Philippines, was truly dramatic. I did some reading of his speeches before coming to Manila, as an avenue for me to connect with him. Thus, his message was not entirely new. What was dramatic was the impact of his message. How do I describe the revolution going on in my mind and heart now?

I have found greater hope in our movement at this time. I have never lost hope in our movement, despite the fact that some have become pessimistic or skeptical.

Hyun Jin Nim's message is plain truth and inspiring-to-the-bones. His ideas on organizational structure as a tool in making a more substantial foundation for our movement add light to how our visions will be actualized.

Once again, I can dream... with endless hopes and possibilities. I'm very glad to be working in CARP; to be alive (in faith) in this great era; and I pledge nothing but my best! ♦

*Ann Montejo, CARP Leader, Central Visayas Region*



Despite his youth, Mr. Moon seems to be a seasoned speaker. His topic was spoken straight from the heart as it was done extemporaneously. And he minces no words. It was very amazing how he held spellbound the thousands of young Unificationists who listened for two hours.

Young Filipinos, it should be noted, easily get bored when listening to serious topics. Surprisingly, no one stirred from his seat to the very end. His message is one to which every body can relate-it is intimate, personal and down-to-earth. I predict Mr. Hyun Jin Moon will make a very accomplished preacher of world class quality in due time. ♦

*Professor Linda Favila, University of the Philippines*

Mr. Hyun Jin Moon's speech was very powerful. My hair was standing on end. I am really fired up. It was a real, everyday problem that he was talking about, not just a religious message. I want to work right away with the top youth leaders of the country to support CARP. ♦

*Ms. Yolly Manliguez, Governor, Philippines Red Cross*



*Photos: top, Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim at the welcome banquet hosted by Philippines CARP in their honor; middle, Hyun Jin Nim speaks to a audience of dignitaries, educators, students and members at the ESCAP Hall in the United Nations Asia Headquarters; bottom, the welcoming banquet in the Philippines; inset, Hon. ACM Somboon Rahong, Minister to the Prime Minister's office, presents the "Recognition Award" from the National Youth Bureau, Office of the Prime Minister, to Hyun Jin Nim*



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF PHILIPPINE AND THAI HEADQUARTERS

On a visit to the Royal Palace in Bangkok. Left to right: *Sumyot Katrisang (CARP leader), In Bong Lee (video cameraman from HSA-UWC Korea), Michael Balcomb (World CARP), Jin Man Kwak (assistant to Hyun Jin Nim), Dr. Kim (Asia continental director), Hyun Jin Nim and Jun Sook Nim, Mrs. Kim, Dr. Lek and his wife Vipa (regional leaders of Indochina and national leaders of Thailand), Mrs. Kamoltip Payakvichien (President of WFPW in Thailand, whose efforts helped Hyun Jin Nim connect with important leaders in Thai society), the official palace guide, and Soon Ok Kwak (wife of Rev. Kwak's second son, Jin Hyo)*



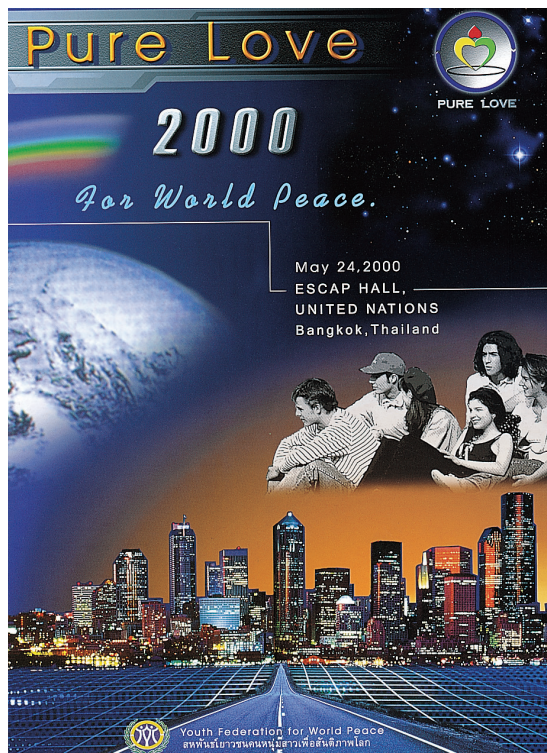
ON May 23 about 3:40 p.m., Hyun Jin Nim, landed at the Bangkok's Don Muang Airport. They were welcomed at the airport by the National leader of Thailand, Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, his wife and Mrs. Kamoltip Payakvichien, President of WFPW-Thailand.

The following day, the YFWP Pure Love 2000 Convention was held. It was officially opened by Hon. Somboon Rahong, Minister to the Prime Minister's Office and Former Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, who spoke of the importance of the meeting and its theme: Pure Love. The seating capacity of the United Nations ESCAP Hall where it was held is 820 seats, but we had asked that 200 additional seats be added. To our surprise, the hall was full. In addition to 410 CARP members, there were 178 high school students, 144 university students and 89 either teachers or professors. Though the convention was focused on young people, many VIPs were there as well.

Hyun Jin Nim was our guest of honor. In his keynote address, he mentioned that Thailand has a very important role in the region because it is a center of information strategically and geographically. He said that Thailand could help to establish peace within the region if the Thai people will live and work for the sake of their neighboring countries. A panel discussion followed. The panel consisted of a former Deputy Minister of Interior, and two Senators. Later, Hyun Jin Nim was presented with a "Recognition Award" from the National Youth Bureau of the Office of the Prime Minister.

This year, our CARP convention took place at the Grand Warwick Hotel on the 25th of May. Seven hundred CARP members attended. Following a report from Jin Man Kwak on the progress of the tour, Hyun Jin Nim spoke on "Inheritance and Development." Hyun Jin Nim gave the model for the CARP movement, "Always reach for number 1, not number 2." ♦

*From a report prepared by Delia Javanasundra*



Left, the cover of the program for the Pure Love 2000 Convention; below, the 700 participants of the CARP rally giving three cheers of Mansei





*Hyun Jin Nim's final speaking engagement in Japan, at the Citizens Cultural Center in Tokyo, May 20*

Mr. Hyun Jin Moon is very impressive and charismatic. When I leave the Senate next February 2001, I would like to travel to the CARP centers throughout the Philippines and help CARP to create a mass based movement for the Philippines.◆

*Senator Juan Ponce Enrile, Philippines*

I was profoundly impressed and touched by the person, values, convictions and communication style of Mr. Hyun Jin Moon. He radiates deeply human and spiritual values, and conviction... communicates genuine concern for issues so critical for mankind in a style not dogmatic, yet one that reaches to one's conscience and sense of responsibility to fellow human beings.◆

*Dr. Manuel Punzal, Gregorio Araneda University Foundation, Philippines*

### *From Hyun Jin Nim's Pure Love 2000 Address in Bangkok:*

Pure Love for the sake of living for someone else, means as a young person, your future husband or wife. Saving, holding, maintaining your purity for the sake of my future husband or wife. This is instilling in that young person an identity that my life is not just my own, but belongs to my future husband, belongs to my future wife. Its instilling in the young person that my purity, my chastity is not my own, but was given to me by my parents. It is instilling in the young person that my chastity, my purity is not my

own, but it is something that I will give to my children. I have committed myself to the Youth Federation for World Peace, I have committed myself to the CARP Organization, and I've committed myself to the Family Federation for World Peace, because it is in these organizations that I feel the ideals of substantial world peace can come about. I pray that you, being the youth leaders of this nation, recognize that we are the future leaders of this world, that we hold the promise of the future.◆



*Hyun Jin Nim dramatically switches from sharing his heart through words to sharing his heart through song*



### Of Historical Interest

*Hyun Jin Nim was born in Korea and went to live in the USA at the age of four. These photographs capture him as he was, at left, with True Parents as a baby, and right as a schoolboy*



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## Angels from Pyongyang

*Julian Gray*  
Seoul, Korea

**I**N OUR busy lives we sometimes fail to appreciate the quiet gift of God when it is bestowed. So it was when I found myself the lucky recipient of a ticket to attend the final performance of the Pyongyang Children and Students Performing Arts Troupe in Seoul on May 28th.

The allocation for public sale for all the performances had been sold out in two hours, and there were very few complimentary ones even for the most senior among our members. It was a wonderful opportunity, this I knew, yet I hesitated to take up a seat that I felt should really be filled by a citizen from these shores. Yet a voice inside led me to believe I was meant to go.



Inside the rather magnificent Seoul Arts Center Opera House, my seat was closer to the front than I had expected. I could see the Little Angels, dressed in their quaint red, white and blue costumes, filling up the front rows, as if to offer special encouragement to their northern guests. The kindly Korean grandmother sitting next to me asked me where I was from. Her country had been torn in half as if by two hungry wolves when she was about the same age as the girls and boys who were about to take the stage. The kindly sparkle in her eye gave me the feeling it had been right to come. Then the curtain went up and that was quickly confirmed.

Up to that point I had been somewhat melancholy, wondering if my ten years in Korea looking mostly out to the world mission field had left me isolated from the anguished history of my host country. Would I be able to connect with the inevitably emotional content of the evening, I wondered. As it turned out, we Unificationists are more Korean than we think.

As the first group of real, live North Korean children—they looked just the same as the ones that live here in the South!—ran out onto the stage to sing and dance, I felt a surge of emotion that seemed to come from somewhere beyond myself. It was as if something divinely inspired was about to happen.

From the point of view of the artistry alone, this was an uplifting, and touching demonstration of formidable talent. From the outset to the finale the virtuosity was unquestionable. There was mastery of the musical arts that had me wondering how people so tender in years could have had time to develop such mind-body synergy.

There are those that give the easy answer, which is that the North Korean training ethic is state-sponsored, militaristic and unrelenting. Yes, I am sure they had worked extremely hard. A few days later, at a function in Seoul attended by many diplomats and government officials, a young man from the Ministry of Defense offered me the

simplistic explanation that such performers are like trained circus animals. But this relic of the peninsula's decades old propaganda war (a war in which a ceasefire has now been called by both sides!) missed the point entirely, as he would have known had he been there. I told him so.

Excellence in any of the arts requires total commitment, self-discipline and sacrifice. I am sure that these North Korean children had embraced all three of the above to a level that might intimidate many of us. Ironically, such a way of life is not so dissimilar to the path of spiritual growth according to the Principle that True Parents have asked us to walk. "Direct dominion" in the arts is surely arrived at when the technical mastery has become second nature (always through grueling effort), and the artist becomes free to interpret, create and express personality and emotion through the art form. The Pyongyang Children and Students Performing Arts Troupe had a powerful effect on all of us because they achieved this so visibly. The love of their arts, their close relationship with their purpose to bring joy was manifest. They infused their singing, playing and dancing with their individual personalities and collective culture. And we in the audience were transfixed in our seats by their enthusiasm, joyfulness, and, without doubt, their eagerness to communicate with us, "We are warm-blooded boys and girls too!"

It is a little hard to describe the performance in a way that could bring it to life for the reader. The dance pieces were beautifully and imaginatively choreographed. The singing was fascinating, partly also due to the youth of

Photos: facing page top, the reunion of two friends, one from the North and one from the South, who became friends in 1998 when the Little Angels visited North Korea; left, their arrival at Kimpo Airport, May 24; below, leaving the Little Angels school for the hotel at Lotte World following the welcoming ceremony; this page, the performance covered an array of traditional and modern music and dance styles



PHOTOS: COURTESY OF THE SEGYE TIMES

the singers (one as young as five years old) and the haunting, slightly nasal style of the North Korean vocalists.

There was a group of five accordion players who played a form of what I can only describe as modern jazz with perfect synchronization, the young musicians' fingers blurred with the speed at which they flew over the keys and stops. Three *kayagum*, usually heard rendering more ballad-like, slow paced traditional music, were played with what sounded more reminiscent of a rich-toned banjo roll than the music of the king's court! More recognizably traditional music there was too, and this was rendered with deep feeling.

At one point two dancers drew back a small curtain to reveal a mirror and then danced in front of it. I thought, "Aha, their 'reflections' are two other people!" After two or three minutes of dancing, however, I could not even minutely discern that the two mirror images were anything other than that. So when the reflections did suddenly jump out of the mirror onto the stage, the gasp from everyone in the audience confirmed that it was not my eyes that had deceived me.

A young drummer boy captured us with his mastery of the traditional Korean *janggu* hourglass drum. His face was adorned with an engaging smile, and he would cock his hip as he launched into his drum solos. Although a newspaper here described the little man as "swaggering" it mentioned the cheers and applause he received. Completely one with his art, he beamed out into the audience with his cheeky nine-year-old's grin, and gave everything of himself. It was so endearing, funny, full of life. Like all of those who performed, his talent was the vehicle to convey his heart, and that of his country.

Both traditional Korean instruments and modern western instruments were played with an equally native touch. I wondered if they had put an emphasis on a more international style knowing they were reaching out beyond their own walls, and even beyond the shores of the peninsula. If the succession of front page photographs in the Seoul major dailies was any indication, their visit was a landmark event in warming the heart of the South. The timing, just two weeks before the North-South Korean summit, filled one with the sense of the unfolding dispensation of Heaven.

Overall even there were visible differences in the North and South Korean approach to traditional music and dance, as if the cultures have slightly diverged over more than half a century of separation. It was evident in the colors of the costumes, and in the style of the traditional music and dance. But it was no less magnificent a cultural monument.

As I watched the children perform, I wondered if perhaps somewhere in the audience there might be a grandmother or great aunt of one of the performers, separated by decades of silence and unknown to each other. The feeling that these children were long lost relatives seemed to be taking hold of the audience collectively; I felt it too.

At one point a female singer in her early teens came down from the stage and walked down the aisle as she sang, holding hands with those seated within range and receiving hugs in return. An atmosphere charged with emotion descended upon the entire hall. It was as if a portal was opened up to a realm of intense longing in the spirit world, a realm that perhaps only in such circumstances as these could find expression. I had a sense of being swept up in feelings that belonged to a people and a history I had not been born part of. Yet at that moment it was as if we were all of the same blood and inheritance. Everyone seemed to be experiencing this together. Here and there, people in the audience were

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When True Parents met with Kim Il Sung on December 6, 1991, an agreement was forged to work toward peace and cooperation between the South and North. To that end, in May 1998, the Little Angels visited and performed in North Korea. The Pyongyang Children and Students Performing Arts Troupe returned the visit in May this year, completing the first private cultural exchange since the country's division, and bringing hope for reunification of the Korean people.

Seventy-six members of the Little Angels Troupe came to the airport to greet their friends from Pyongyang. They gave garlands to each one. Some of the members from the Pyongyang Troupe and Little Angels Troupe recognized each other and hugged each other with the joy of reunion.

After the welcoming event, they traveled from the Little Angels Hall to Lotte Hotel in Chamshil, eastern Seoul. Citizens noticed the three buses full of the Pyongyang performers and stopped their cars to welcome them with applause. The children

responded by waving their hands to say "Thank you." Despite the two hour airplane journey, they seemed very excited, looking out of the windows full of curiosity, observing the sights of Seoul...

Each performance started with a little girl greeting the audience: "I had no idea how close the South was: it was always a distant place in my mind. I hope the grandmothers, grandfathers, fathers, mothers, elder sisters and elder brothers in Seoul will enjoy our performance. If our performances are pleasing to you, please do not hesitate to applaud!..."

The performance seemed to transcend the differences between the two Korea's political constitutions and ideologies. The ninety-minute performance ended with the song of 'Our Hope Is Unity.' The performers and the audience sang it together many times with tears in their eyes. At that moment they were all united. An elderly man whose hometown was in North Korea tried to grasp the hands of the performers as if it would mean touching the hands of his own grandchildren in the North...

At the end of the final performance, the curtain opened and closed six more times responding to the audience's cries of "Let's meet again." ♦

*Excerpted from a report in Tongil Segye, the monthly magazine of FFWPU in Korea*

"We have promoted this event to create a mood of celebration for the summit between South and North Korea, and to prepare a new basis for economic and cultural exchange. This will be a signal announcing a new beginning between South and North, through the pure and clear image of children."

*Sang Kwon Park, President of Pyeonghwa Motors, at a press conference on May 23*



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weeping quietly. If one needed further convincing of the closeness of the spirit world, one needed only to have been present at this occasion.

The young lady singer's presence among the audience was like North Korea extending its very heart into the South in a deeply personal, intimate way. One lady even stood up and, seemingly unable to restrain herself to being part of the audience, danced in the aisle with the young singer. She then followed her back up onto the stage (to the consternation of the security people!) where they did a little Korean traditional dance together for a few moments. No harm was done, and I dare say quite a bit of good: she was interviewed in the press and said, "I couldn't stop myself."

Following an unforgettable hour-and-a-half, we reached the finale of the evening—and of the performances as a whole. While all the performers gathered on the stage, we all stood and sang "Uri-e sowon-un tongil..." together. After a few lines we all joined hands, and it felt as if a circle was complete. After twenty years of singing this song it is hard to describe the feeling of singing it along with thousands of Koreans, from both sides of the 38th parallel. It was as if a war had just ended and people were re-experiencing emotions that had been frozen during hostilities. They were singing, crying, and celebrating peace.

The notion that the people of the North and South are ideological enemies seemed to dissipate like smoke. And it was a group of young children that had shown us grow-ups the truth.◆



Photos: Facing page top left, an elderly man dances with the young singer; right, one of the youngest performers; below, a performance finale; this page: saying goodbye is very hard for the children; bottom, a commemorative photo in front of the official farewell banner at Gimpo Airport; inset, Hui Choi, director of the Pyongyang performing arts troupe (at left), and Sang Sup Yoon, Pyeonghwa Motors deputy director, together at the conclusion of the final evening



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*"Look outside..."*

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them so well. Even though I don't even phone the Japanese members, let alone watch over them, they apply themselves more than the communists do. Just a few dozen people doing so much...where in the world can you find such people? Thus, they welcome us.

That is why they are permitting a car factory and even our church to be built. Because they trust us. Whatever company we invite they will welcome them. They will welcome even Americans if they are Unification Church members. So if I send all the Unification Church members from around the world to North Korea, what will happen? If you are sent there, are you going to take things and eat them, or offer your help to North Korea? [We'll offer help!] Whether you are black or white? [Yes.] (Applause)

As long as we do not fight, but rather, centering on true love, live for others, the universe will be restored. If we create marriages beyond national boundaries the world will be unified. Jesus was supposed to unify the world and bless heaven and earth at the age of thirty-three. True Father came and unified the spirit and physical worlds, liberated the God of heaven, liberated True Parents and created the age of ideal settlement completely—at the age of eighty, which resolved Jesus' thirty-three years of anguish. (Amen!)

I have liberated both the spirit world and the physical world, and even Satan is liberated. The four major saints in the spirit world plus 33 percent of their followers in that realm. So the game is over. That was April 28th. If Jesus had united this world at the age of thirty-three and also liberated all the spirit world and brought everyone to an equal level, all levels of religion, together with hell, would have been liber-

ated and a common standard set up.

The Lord of the Second Advent came on behalf of Jesus. Although Jesus had not become the True Parent, we, as True Parents, achieved the liberation of Adam's era and Jesus' era, and by uniting the physical and spirit worlds and thus liberating God and True Parents themselves, the universe became ours. There are no national boundaries in the spirit world and that should be so for the physical world.

Just like Adam's family, Jacob's family and Jesus' family in the spirit world, there are failed couples, ordinary level blessed couples and couples who are both virgins. That is why I have permission to bless thirty-three percent of the saints in the spirit world and that way, I bequeathed True Parents' tradition to those in the spirit world.

This is the liberation of the spirit world and physical world. Your families are the fourth Adam. This is the time period in which we have to secure twelve representatives of the tribes. If we restore 4 nations and expand this to 12, this world can be unified. Then all the pain of the historical ages—past, present and future—will be liberated. This is truly liberation. Do you understand?

Do not forget the meaning of one-third of the followers of the four major saints being blessed. In that way, all people will become brothers and sisters in the spirit world. In the First and Second World Wars, the satanic side won seventy percent at first, then the heavenly side won. God, not Satan, takes the realm of perfection.

The number thirty-three is important. Because I liberated the age of Jesus, and completed everything on the worldwide level, the fourth Adam era can begin. Do you understand? If you have the word of truth that I have found so far, and two of your families are perfected the heavenly kingdom

can be established. You have to know this. You should invest yourselves as I have, giving your lives and utilizing all your resources for the sake of the world. If you have the conviction, you will find the heavenly kingdom, even if you have to sell your own nation or even the world—unification is possible in one instant. If you do that, everything is possible. Then you can restore God's fatherland, our homeland, our motherland. From God's point of view, it is God's fatherland. It is our homeland because we were born in the physical world, but when we die we will go there.

Since the human fall was caused by Eve, a woman, women are in the position to restore all the famous sites of the world. If we are one nation you don't have to differentiate between Americans, Japanese and Koreans. If you have that one nation's visa, you can go anywhere in the world. Americans will not need it, Japanese will not need it and Koreans, since Korea is in the subject position, they won't need that visa either. Do you understand what I'm saying?

True truth. True love. God needs it, God's son needs it, and God's family needs it. With truth, reaching perfection is not a problem. You should be able to shout out that you are a heavenly prince or princess in the liberated Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth. As long as you become such a true couple representing God and True Parents, you do not need Jesus the Messiah and you do not need the Second Coming. This is the era of the fourth Adam. Will you welcome that? [Yes!]

Look outside. It is the time when the world of nature turns green. Similarly, we know that this month signals the era of advancing into the age of summer for the Unification Church. From now, when we look at the garden turning green, because this garden is the entire earth, we must understand that this is the free liberation of the earth. Our hometown is this entire planet earth. Where will you go and live?

From next year, we will not commemorate this foundation day. There will not be any more holidays celebrating the founding of the HSA-UWC. As princes and princesses who own the cosmos, why do we need a celebration of the founding, which commemorates the past? I don't need it. Think of

the victory that will produce many fruits and seeds. You will be blown away to the world and become new trees. Why would we need old and rotten trees when there are big blossoming trees bearing fresh fruit in the world? Do you understand? When you have that kind of new nourishment and roots, and become one with the truth and God, you can be independent.

Do you like the *hoon dok hae* tradition? [Yes.] I don't like it. It is necessary to study until you pass the exam with a score of 100 percent. But after that, you don't need to study. But we didn't pass yet, did we? There will be an exam. So, day and night you should study hard and do *hoon dok hae*. There will be a college course call the Sun Myung Moon course. You will come to realize all the knowledge of heaven and earth. Once you pass that exam and stick with me, will I kick you away or carry you? Welcome you or not? [Welcome us!] To do what? To build God's land and make you citizens of God's heavenly nation. So, please, those who are strongly determined to become such couples to build that nation, stand up, raise both hands and say, Amen.

God bless you.◆

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**Hyun Jin Nim (inset) and Rev. Sun Jo Hwang speak at the Headquarters Church in Seoul on the 47th Foundation Day, May 1**

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION FOR FIFTEEN-YEAR MISSIONARIES

During the May 1 commemorative service in Seoul, FFWPU international president Rev. Sun Jo Hwang presented a number of missionaries and national messiahs with an award for fifteen years of continuous public mission life. Due to their having been in the mission field overseas, this was, for many, the first opportunity to be presented with such a commendation.

### The twenty-eight missionaries awarded were:

Byung Wooh Kim (Continental Director of Asia), Kwang Kee Sa (Continental Director of Europe), Hyung Keun Kim (former Continental Director of Oceania, Lebanon), Ho Gab Sung (Myanmar), Gi Ahn Chi (Mali), Jung Ju Lee (Senegal), Pan Ki Lee (Iraq), Tae Yun Hwang (El Salvador), Yeop Joo Hwang (China), Ho Yul Lee (Algeria), Sae Ick Oh (Trinidad), Ki Young Kim (Uzbekistan), Soo Youg Kim (Sudan), Byung Moon Lee (Singapore), Hee Sun Ji (Morocco), Kwang Suck Lee (Estonia), Kwang Hae Jeong (Niger), Jin Woo Lim (Sri Lanka), Yong Cheol Song (Solomon Islands), Yeon Soo Han (Congo), Jang Hoon Cho (Benin), Jung Sik Shin (Uganda), Wan Soo Choi (Marshall Islands), Shin Jae Park (Northeast Continent), Kwan Hyun Chang (World Mission Headquarters), Pan Geun Kang (Belize), Heung Tae Kim (Brazil) and Soo Joong Joo (Portugal)



# The Significance of the Second 40-Year Course and How We Should Respond

REV. CHUNG HWAN KWAK

MAY 28, 2000

HEADQUARTERS CHURCH, CHUNGPA-DONG, SEOUL

**T**oday, I would like to speak on the title "The Significance of the Second 40-year Course and How We Should Respond."

We have heard several times about the beginning of the era of the realm of the fourth Adam and the second forty-year course, but it seems that we generally do not have sufficient understanding about this incredible providential change and new age.

When we study and examine how much providential change is occurring at this time, we can see that great visible transformations are coming in the way of God's will we are pursuing, and the overall Unification Movement is unfolding over the globe very differently now than at any other time.

Most importantly, the second forty-year course has now begun. In 1960, heaven and earth were opened in this land and saw the installation and settlement of the True Parents. Did the words "True Parents" exist previously? The words were neither familiar to us, nor had they existed in human history. However, from the standpoint of God's Principle and the ideal of creation, no words are more fundamental and valuable than the words "True Parents". Forty years have passed since the Holy Wedding, when True Parentship was established. And the second forty-year course officially began from April 20 this year.

## The era of the realm of the fourth Adam

This is now the eighth year of the Completed Testament age. After the formation stage of the Old Testament age and growth stage of the New Testament age, the Completed Testament age has come. After seven years of the Completed Testament age, now in its eighth year, the cutting edge of the providential mainstream has passed through the formation, growth, and completion stages and entered into the perfect world and age of the ideal. With everything having such marvelous and inspiring providential connections, the eighth year of the Completed Testament Age marks the beginning of the second forty-year course. With the commencement of the second forty-year course, Father has declared the era of the realm of the fourth Adam. You may wonder how the two periods can be linked together, but they are very much so in the Principle.

What is the era of the realm of the fourth Adam? As you know, Adam, who had matured to the growth stage, fell into

the realm of non-Principle. Upholding His will to restore humanity, history, and the ideal of creation through Adam, God sent Jesus in order to raise Adam's descendants from the realm of non-Principle to the top of the growth stage by changing their direction and helping them walk the path of restoration. However, Jesus, the second Adam, failed to raise

them both spiritually and physically to the top of the growth stage. They are walking the course only spiritually due to the cross. Therefore, the work of the second Adam served to turn the direction of human beings, who had fallen into the realm of non-Principle, and to elevate them spiritually to the top of the growth stage through Christianity, the mainstream movement of the providence.

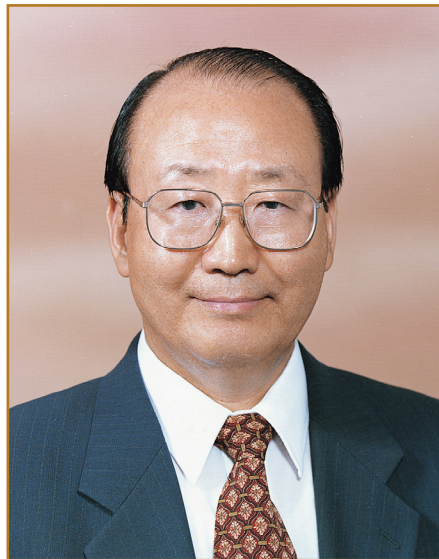
The returning Christ, who has come as the third Adam, elevates human beings, who have fallen into the realm of non-Principle, to the top of the growth stage as in the time of Jesus—not just spiritually but also physically, giving us the grace of the blessing. The blessing, which we have received without payment, is a grace that leads us to walk the path of restoration and establishes us at the top of the growth stage. Only through the blessing, can we reach the top of the

growth stage both spiritually and physically. This is the privilege of the third Adamic realm, achievable only by the True Parents, the third Adam.

The second Adam, who only completed the spiritual course, could not be the True Parent. The Third Adam by his grace brings us out of the realm of non-Principle and plants us spiritually and physically at the top of the growth stage, which is an unchanging foundation. After graduating from this path of restoration, we are to be guided to walk the path of the Principle of completion, which no one has been able to tread in human history. This is the example that the third Adam has shown us, and the path we are destined to follow.

Through the path of restoration, we are to receive the blessing at the top of the growth stage; follow the True Father, the third Adam, and go through the completion stage by fulfilling our responsibility. Then we are to enter into the realm of perfection as ideal beings, a realm where the new heaven and earth of the fourth Adam opens. This is the world we desire.

With respect to the mainstream of the providence, the second forty-year course and the era of the realm of the fourth Adam following the era of the realm of the third Adam have changed human history dramatically. On the whole, however, we cannot think of this as having occurred once and for



all at one point in time. Of course, the fourth Adam period, the mainstream and center of the providence, is has a clear boundary in time. Yet, when we consider history as a whole and the followers—ourselves—some have advanced well, while others are lagging behind. So we should consider the matter with respect to the time period as a whole.

Therefore, we should not ask, for instance, “Sadly, what has changed, now that it is supposed to be the era of the realm of the fourth Adam? What has changed, when we hear that now the second forty-year course has commenced? How come we are in much the same situation?” No matter what time it is, this divine word is not realized by us. It concerns the mainstream of the providence. It means the progress of the age centering on True Parents, who are walking in the forefront as the third Adam and the center of the providential mainstream. Is this not what is truly meaningful?

In this sense, the era of the realm of the fourth Adam means that the family of the True Parents has entered the perfection stage, that is, the realm of God’s ideal of creation, which has nothing to do with the growing period. The era of the realm of the fourth Adam and the second forty-year course begin from this.

### Attributes of the second forty-year course

If the first forty-year course was the age of the first generation providence under the True Parents, the second forty-year course is the age of the second generation providence under True Parents’ family, and signifies that the whole has begun entering the age of the second generation providence. Therefore, I would like to consider a few significant characteristics of the second forty-year course from the viewpoint of Principle.

First, the second forty-year course is an era that needs no indemnity conditions. We do not need to make indemnity conditions. Indemnity conditions are needed on the path of restoration from the fall. However, the second forty-year course, as the realm of God’s ideal of creation, does not require indemnity conditions. It is an era in which indemnity conditions are unnecessary. We should know this very clearly.

As fallen people, we first of all walk the path of restoration as our destiny. This path cannot be walked without offering conditions of indemnity. But we do not always stay on the path of restoration. Many religions of the world have been talking about the roads of restoration and salvation, and yet the True Parents have been the only ones who are teaching us to graduate from religion and the road of restoration. This is an amazing teaching. Graduating from the path of restoration means receiving the blessing at the top of the growth stage. Since Satan invaded up to the top of the growth stage, and thus failed to defile the completion stage, from the point of view of the Principle the completion period is a realm free from satanic attack.

Therefore, if we are standing firm after our blessing, we do not need to establish indemnity conditions because we have already graduated from the satanic realm and path of restoration.

### Era of direct dominion and perfection of the ideal

The next trail we must walk is the path of the Principle. Originally, we would have walked the path of the Principle with responsibilities, which proceeds through the formation, growth, and completion stages, not with indemnity conditions. However, this has become our destiny as fallen people. We are following our destiny to graduate from the path of

restoration and path of the Principle to enter the ideal Kingdom and realm of the ideal of creation.

In this sense, we should understand that the realm of the fourth Adam and the second forty-year course have nothing to do with wearisome indemnity conditions and is free from satanic influence.

Second, from the viewpoint of the Principle, since the second forty-year course is within the realm of the ideal of creation, it is the realm of God’s direct dominion by true love and the age of settlement through true love. This is the nature of the second forty-year course.

Therefore, this marks the full beginning of the Age of Attendance that we have constantly been learning about in the Principle. We can define the second forty-year course and the era of the realm of the fourth Adam as the time when we live with God and the True Parents as God’s substantial representative and when the true age of attendance begins. This is the hope of the mankind.

Third, when we say that the second forty-year course is the realm of the perfection of the ideal of creation, it means that in this age we ourselves confirm the parent-child relationship with God and find settlement as God’s children. In other words, the era of the realm of the fourth Adam and the second forty-year course is the time when we inherit everything from God the Father and establish ourselves as children who can represent Him. Therefore, during the second forty-year course we should live as an independent seed of God’s true love that brings to fruition the ideal and teaching of our True Parents. We should remember that this is the unique attribute of the second forty-year course.

### The era of perfecting true families

Fourth, the era of the realm of the fourth Adam is time of perfecting the ideal of true families. Throughout our long human history, there have been many who lived without thinking about God, the cause of the universe, and the eternal world to which they were to go. Religious teachings have been limited to individual salvation. They have been thinking in terms of the individual rather than in terms of families. This was inevitable because they could not have families.

We do not walk the path of restoration with our families. Religions have taught people to abandon having families and to abandon the world to embrace solitary spiritual pursuits and hardships. Jesus admonished us not to love our parents or siblings more than him and even to forsake them. Why? It was because in the path of restoration the individual was the unit, and the family was unthinkable. Why? This was because the individual itself was not something God and the heavenly way could recognize, and thus no further developments from the individual such as family and tribe could be considered.

Beloved brothers and sisters, we should realize what a precious and marvelous truth we have and understand that we are following a high-level course, different from those of other religious believers. The True Parents did not just teach about the true family but also called us, who could only hope for individual salvation without a family, and guided us to have a family. Will family salvation be realized when we just talk about it without the ideal of the blessing? Therefore, for the first time in history, our True Parents have taught the heavenly way of family salvation and established our families so that we can be recognized before God.

Therefore, as we pass through the second forty-year course, we should say, “Ah, now is the time we can fully complete the family ideal and the four realms of heart, which

we used to just learn about in the Principle.” Also, we should understand the meaning behind the mandate for all blessed families to become tribal messiahs.

Through the blessing, our True Parents have enlarged the stage of our activities in relation to the society, the nation, and world in which, as a seed of true love and fruit of True Parents’ teaching, we can complete the ideal of an independent family, fulfill the mission of the tribal messiah centering on the family ideal, and horizontally restore our tribe. The second forty-year course is the time when we can realize this opportunity. Since we should think about the society, nation and world based on the perfection of the family ideal in the second forty-year course, we should restore national sovereignty and the world in this age. For this reason, all children of the Unification family should be fired up by the thought of how to restore a country and the entire world.

### **An era of communication between the spiritual and physical worlds**

Fifth, the second forty-year course is the time when the spirit world is opened, and for the first time since the world began the spirit world and earth come into perfect communication. Why is this so? When humanity was still in its growing period, on the path of restoration, the spirit world was blocked in many ways and there were many complications preventing it from perfectly communicating with the physical world.

However, when we enter the realm of the ideal of creation after going through the path of restoration and the final phase of the path of the Principle, the spirit world and earth naturally come into perfect communication. This is because the realm of the ideal of creation includes both the earthly and heavenly worlds. Thus the entire order of the spirit world comes under the dominion of the True Parents. In other words, whereas until this time, evil has had the upper hand in the world and the acts of evil spirits outnumbered those of good spirits, because we communicated mainly with low-level, evil spirits, and evil spirit world, the second 40-year course is an amazing era when good spirits can work normally, and heavenly law becomes precisely and fully reflected on earth. This is why we can talk about the unification of the cosmos. The word cosmos exists only under God’s ideal.

This is why True Parents are guiding us with great new words and great organizations such as the Cosmic True Parents Federation, the Family Federation for the Unification of the Cosmos, and the Family Center [House] for Universal [Cosmic] Peace and Unification [*English translation as yet unconfirmed*—Ed.], which are our final precious organizations. We should know that although there is the noun “cosmos” and we think and learn about the cosmos, it can harmonize, have give and take, and communicate with the realm of the ideal of creation only through this second forty-year course.

Considering this as a whole, how precious the second forty-year course is, and how grateful we should be for the new age! We should understand that this second forty-year course and the era of the realm of the fourth Adam were desired by God and True Parents more than by us, and that along with the commencement of this realm of the ideal of creation, God’s true glory and True Parents’ true dominion will start and unfold through this second forty-year course. So we can conclude that in the second forty-year course, the sovereignty and dominion of goodness finally become settled in heaven and on earth, and heavenly fortune is realized on earth literally and visibly, as we desire.

For this reason, in the second forty-year course, no sov-

ereignty on earth can stand in opposition to the heavenly sovereignty of goodness. Wouldn’t this be so? How could they confront it? Furthermore, no being can stand up to True Parents’ work in heaven’s capacity of *jeon-chaе*, *jeon-ban*, *jeon-kwon* and *jeon-neung* [Editor’s note: *these terms are generally understood to be referring to God’s all-transcendence of the creation, all-immanence (i.e. existence within) all things, omnipotence and all-capability*]. The large and small affairs of the world including the destinies of individuals, families, societies, states, the world and the entire cosmos will be decided by the heavenly fortune of God and the work of the True Parents. We have entered such an astonishing age.

### **How we should respond**

What, then, is the proper attitude to have? When the new heavenly fortune and providence have commenced, what is our own position and coordinates? Are we living correctly? What do we have to keep clearly in mind? How can we adjust ourselves to this time of the providence? Aren’t these important things to consider? When the autumn passes and winter comes, those who are not prepared for the winter cannot avoid suffering. Those who suffer in the winter, however, can at least wait for the spring when they have managed to overcome the winter. Yet those who are not prepared for the great transformation of the heavenly way and progress of history cannot hold out and survive in the winter of heavenly fortune. Therefore, we should prepare ourselves in utmost desperation. I will now briefly consider how we can do so.

I have said that in the second forty-year course we do not need to set up indemnity conditions, yet now we must think about the problem of indemnity conditions! From the point of view of the Principle, had we fulfilled the words and instructions of the True Parents and become one with them as we have hoped and prayed, we, both you and I, would have completely graduated from the path of restoration and from the path of the Principle, entered the ideal Kingdom with True Parents’ family, and stood on the starting line of the second forty-year course. There, we would not have to worry about indemnity conditions because there are no such things there at all.

### **We must graduate from the path of restoration**

Regrettably, however, we are at a distance from our True Parents and not qualified to be a part of the main force in the amazing progress of the providence, and thus we still remain under the obligation of indemnity conditions. Therefore, rather than try to avoid our indemnity conditions, we should try to hurriedly graduate from whatever indemnity conditions we have left, because they are left due to our unfinished duties in front of the heavenly way and heavenly fortune. So we should graduate from them in a hurry. We should change the way we think.

Why would the God of true love give me an indemnity condition that is unnecessary for me? Why does He spank His beloved children? Does He not spank us because there is something wrong with us, and give us indemnity conditions because we are still creeping along our way, unable to graduate from the path of restoration? Therefore, we should quickly fulfill our indemnity conditions in accordance with the change of era. For how can we slow the pace of the coming winter? If it is like this with seasons, so much more hurriedly we should prepare for the great providence of heavenly fortune! When the time has come for the second forty-year

course, how pitiable it would be if we fail to be a part of it? Therefore, we should quickly fulfill our indemnity conditions.

As you know, indemnity conditions include those to be offered for the sake of our ancestors and those for the whole as well as our individual indemnity conditions. Originally, being blessed meant standing in the unchanging top of the growth stage and completely graduating from the path of restoration. However, since we fell short of the standard before we received the blessing, even after that we have indemnity conditions to fulfill for our lineage and for the whole. Moreover, as we have failed to live righteously and fulfill our responsibilities even after our blessing, we also have the responsibility to walk the path of the Principle.

So we must first graduate from the path of restoration, then enter and finish the path of the Principle, which is the third and last phase of the growing period. However, we are failing to graduate even from the path of restoration, subject to the obligation of indemnity conditions and to Satan's accusation, and we are also failing to fulfill our responsibilities and walk the path of the Principle. This is regrettable. We must quickly complete all this. We must understand the problem of indemnity conditions from this standpoint and overcome it with our faith.

## The code of attendance

Second, when we say that the second forty-year course is an age of attendance, what should we do in this age? As I explained earlier, we have all learned through the Principle that we are to proceed to the stage of attendance, going beyond the realm of religion and stage of faith.

Then what is the code of attendance? According to what True Parents have taught us, externally, it is to keep the Sunday morning pledge in our families and churches and to always prepare a base in our homes to serve the True Parents. Also we have learned about many different holy days and external conditions of attendance. For instance, when a man and a woman walk together, he walks on the right and she on the left. As well as this training in external forms of attendance, internally we should train ourselves to live twenty-four hours a day with an attitude and heart of serving God and True Parents.

What is the basis of this training? It is the principle of Cain and Abel, as the training is preparing us Cain-type people to serve the True Parents well, who are the Abel of all Abels. This principle, taught in the Divine Principle, is understood by all Unificationists.

## The course to become God's child

Curiously, however, although we testify to the truth of the Principle and affirm that we should faithfully follow the principle of Cain and Abel on the path of restoration, it is so difficult to actually abide by this principle. Why is that so? Cain's going through, submitting to, and serving Abel means regaining family members and Principled people from God's standpoint and yet losing family members from Satan's standpoint. When Cain kneels down to Abel, instead of keeping his Cain position, he goes to the heavenly side, which is a loss for Satan.

For this reason, it is by preventing Cain from going through Abel that Satan most frequently invades us, accuses us in conspiracy, rules over us, and tests us. Satan by all means strives to make Cain hate Abel, oppose Abel, and fail to unite with Abel.

Is this not characteristic of Biblical history? Why did the Biblical figures offer sacrifices with all things for so long? It was in order for people to serve all things first from the position lower than they were and then to find the way of children. After offering a sacrifice of all things, children were to walk the path of sacrifice and suffering to find parents, and then their parents were to walk the path of sacrifice as the final course, the completion course, to find and serve God. Isn't this so? This is why the True Parents came to this earth and went through so many roads of suffering. So we have the Old Testament Age of all things as a sacrifice, the New Testament Age of children as sacrifices, and the Completed Testament Age of parents showing the way of sacrifice through example.

This is necessary in order for us to become people attuned to the heavenly principle through the second forty-year course and eternal history so that we can serve the True Parents, who are the Abel of all Abels.

This year, Father has decisively taught us this. How has he done that? All blessed families are to go to the forty-day workshop at Jardim, become reborn through the word there, and offer all things in the form of the ceremony of the total living offering as a historical sacrifice. In other words, through this ceremony, we are to complete the historical condition to own all things as God's children.

Then what is next? We say that we will serve and attend Father and True Parents, but we actually have no qualification to do so. Our serving is actually practicing to serve. Just because we prepare a meal for True Parents, do they actually come and eat it? We say that we have True Parents in our hearts, but can God or True Parents actually come into our hearts when we are not a hundred percent prepared? This is all practice and training.

## The stages of attendance

Then, if we want to serve them in reality, how should we do it? In the Age of Attendance, what is attendance? We are to establish the condition of attendance through all things in the form of the ceremony of the total living offering. This is a necessary stage.

Next, blessed families will not serve the True Parents but the true children, who are our elder brothers and sisters. After having served them as our elder brothers and sisters, we then serve True Mother, and after attaining a passing mark in serving her, we come before True Father. Beloved brothers and sisters, we should not forget this.

Now, the age of attendance has fully begun for us. The first forty-year course was not a full age of attendance, and so we could make mistakes as in practice and training. But this is not the case from now on, for we are now in the age of serving them in reality. In the age of attendance and second forty-year course, what is it that we should always clearly keep in mind and teach our children as our family motto? The stages of attendance comprise the stage of the ceremony of the total living offering; the stage of serving the true children as our eternal elder brothers and sisters; the stage of serving the True Mother and the stage of serving the True Father.

We do not serve them just because we listen to their speeches, receive their orders, or bow down to them a few times. As I explained before, the code of attendance is such that we must go through this whole process. There are stages even in the ceremony of the total living offering.

Then why are True Parents telling us to go to the Jardim workshop and have an offering ceremony? They want us to

establish a minimum condition by doing *hoon dok* of Father's speeches and making spiritual effort for forty days, and then to make the offering ceremony based on this minimum condition. After this, we should serve the True Children.

Hyun Jin Nim visited Korea, toured around Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand, finished a meeting in Taiwan today, and will leave for America this evening. I was not here at the time of his Korean gatherings, but was able to attend his last meeting in Japan. In Japan, as in Korea, I heard many people saying things such as "Ah, I have seen hope," "How can he be so great?" "How can he be so embracing?" and "How can he lead like that? I am so amazed." But I would like to ask you not to say such things in the future.

From the beginning, True Children have been our hope, even though we have not been saying such things. They are our future and the future of human history. They are the hope and future of all people. Being ignorant of them, we may judge them in our style, underestimating them and thinking of them as little, and yet from the beginning they have been different from us at the root. Because they have a different root, we can neither evaluate them correctly, nor do we need to measure them against our own standards—do not even try. As I explained earlier, they are our eternal elder brothers and sisters. Do not try to judge them. Do not think this and that about them, for we have no qualification to do so.

## We should become an independent seed

What is the next thing we should consider deeply? In the second forty-year course, we should no longer be in a position of clinging to the True Parents and following them, but should become an independent seed who, in the position of perfection, has inherited everything from True Parents and love from God. We should become an independent self and create a perfected, ideal family. But what kind of seed are we now? In God's eyes, what kind of seed do we appear as? First of all, we are an immature seed.

Can we ourselves say before Heaven, "Ah, I have graduated from the paths of restoration and of Principle to become a perfect self, or a mature seed?" We are still immature seeds. We are not just immature, moreover, but even have fallen nature. Although we have been cleansed of the original sin through the blessing, since we still have our fallen nature and tenacious habits, we still have to be scolded by True Parents who at any time, might say, "Grow out of your habits. You should not live with such inclinations." Since we still have satanic aspects and various fallen habits, we have to remove them and wash them off. We have to clear ourselves up.

So far, we are hanging on to True Parents because the second forty-year course has not arrived for us. In other words, we are fruits hanging on the tree. When we are hanging on the tree, we can receive the sap from the tree and hope of fruition. The advent of the second forty-year course, however, means that we should no longer cling to the True Parents but fall off of them. We should fall off. When Father says, "Now all the families should be reorganized. Now is time for fruition and clearing out all our old baggage," he means that we should all fall off. He is saying, "For tens of years I have raised you with my utmost effort and given you all my sap. Isn't this now time for you to complete yourself? You cannot keep hanging on me forever. So fall away now."

Before the coming of this critical year 2000, what had our True Parents been continually teaching us for a few years? In every speech they emphasized absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience. Why did they teach it so anxiously

and urgently? It is urgent. Without absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, we can neither perfect what is immature nor liquidate our fallen nature. There is no other way. This is why Father keeps training us in this way.

Although we are still not qualified to enter the second forty-year course, Father has entered it, along with the heavenly fortune. Therefore, shouldn't True Parents live comfortably now and exercise all authority and all power over everything, while sending the True Children to the front? But True Parents are still working in the front. While Father is in America, Mother is touring through Europe—today the CIS area. When she is finished with her speech, Father always connects to her, listens to her, cheers her, and holds a celebration with her. He does not do this comfortably at East Garden but goes out to the sea early in the morning and suffers, and visits a shipyard and speaks, after which he listens to her speech. This way, he is doing it the hard way in the foremost front line.

Likewise, Mother is fighting on the front line, packing and unpacking her luggage daily. She has to pack up almost as soon as she unpacks. She has to stand in public places. All day long, wherever she is, she is watched by everyone, both members and outside people. How many eyes are watching her? Thousands of eyes. So, what a ceaseless continuation of toilsome, nerve-wracking, stressful activity! She is suffering like this now.

I was thinking about the example of the kangaroo. After giving birth to its young, the mother kangaroo carries it in her pouch until it matures. When she runs around with the baby, how cumbersome it must be. Our Father and Mother are in such a position. From the standpoint of the time and providence, all our blessed families are to become independent, fall away from the tree as complete seeds, proudly show their ideal families as representatives of the True Parents, and as tribal messiahs expand the ideal and spread the seed a hundred times—a thousand times. Now is that time, and we have such heavenly fortune. However, as the time approaches without our being such complete beings, they are carrying the blessed families like the mother kangaroo. One family has two people as a couple, and how many tens of thousands, tens of millions, and hundreds of millions of families are there? This is the situation of True Parents. We should think about this.

We need to gain liberation and freedom for our True Parents. Father spoke to this effect when he gave me my mission: "Now I am more and more reluctant to be concerned with the complicated things of the world. I am losing interest. From now on, I also have to take care of my own true family and gather my heart. Also, from now on, on earth before I go to the spirit world, I must organize and resolve problems of the spirit world." He was saying that there are many urgent things he must do as True Father and does not want to be concerned about the world. This is how the heavenly fortune moves. The world still has fallen nature because it is not the front line of the heavenly fortune. It has fallen habits, and although the original root of Satan has surrendered, its remnants are still in operation.

We should resolve all these complex matters after achieving independence, and yet we are still heavily burdening our True Parents, let alone taking on the problems of the world. So we should now liberate and bring freedom to our True Parents. We should understand that this is the position we should take as we enter the new age of cosmic providence.

## The significance of the way we pray

What kind of prayer are we offering now? In order to give

this incredible time to us, True Parents have instructed us to change our prayer format, to end the prayer saying, "I pray in the name of so and so from a blessed family that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing." Who in all of human history has prayed in his own name? Only Jesus two thousand years ago and our True Parents. But they have now allowed us to pray in our own name. Is this because we have fulfilled the necessary conditions and attained such qualification? No. The True Parents have done it for us.

We should understand what our attitude should be when praying in that way. We should think of what kind of prayer we will offer from now on. Our prayer in the second forty-year course cannot be done just with the method Father has given; another prayer method should appear in the future.

Let us first think of our present prayer. Since we are not qualified to pray in our own name, we say, "...that has inherited True Parents' realm of victory through the blessing." Who can pray directly to God? Only those who have graduated from the path of restoration and from the completion stage and entered the ideal realm can speak directly with God because they are His children. Isn't that so? This is the victorious realm of True Parents.

Through what have we inherited True Parents' victorious realm? Since we have not yet proceeded to that position, we have inherited it through the blessing. After inheriting it through the blessing, if we follow the right road with absolute faith, absolute love, and absolute obedience, we can finish the course in seven years. Because it is the way of inheritance, we pray in the name of blessed family so and so, who has inherited the victorious realm through the blessing. So we cannot pray without thinking about the victorious realm inherited from the True Parents and the fact that we are blessed. This is an incredible thing.

So we should never forget how incredible our foundation of the blessing is, but this cannot be done simply with prayer. In the second forty-year course, we should seek the era when we perfect ourselves and live in God's ideal realm and direct dominion of love. We should be the main agents of this age, and for this our prayer should change. We should hope for a further change of prayer. This is a necessity. This is how we are. We are not just living and eating three meals a day.

### **An era when the reality of the spirit world will become apparent**

Finally, I mentioned that the second forty-year course is the cosmic age, an age when the spiritual world and physical world freely and completely harmonize and communicate. Therefore, the True Parents can rule over the spiritual world and receive its messages even while they are on earth. We should know this amazing fact. How much more will the spiritual world work for us from now on!

A short while ago, Father gave a direction. We were having a national election when Father called us here. "Today is a historic day, and I will have to order a revolution in the spirit world. Although we have done many blessings for the spirit world, still this is not sufficient. So ask all the religious founders to mobilize one-third

or more of the spirits under them for blessing. Only then will the walls of the spirit world come down, and spirit world change into a unified realm to serve True Parents. Only then, will the spirit world be able to work more properly for the new age. So I have given an order for a revolution of the spirit world." Isn't this like a dream? Isn't this astonishing?

Now in the spirit world walls are tumbling down through the blessing. Then, the good spirits instead of evil ones will affect the earth, and our activities will proceed very smoothly with visible results. Father has instructed Dr. Sang Hun Lee to finish the twelve sections of his message about the spirit world by the end of this year and report it to Father. So Saint Augustine's explanation of himself and the spirit world from his own viewpoint will soon be published. Moreover, Father told him, "Report everything in every corner about the angelic world, for we must use it to educate everyone on earth."

Also, he said on his last Holy Wedding anniversary, "Next True Parents' Day, I will test all blessed families on the spiritual world." He meant that he would give a test on Dr. Lee's message. Why? He has already said that we should know the spiritual world in the Completed Testament Age. You must all remember him saying repeatedly, "You should know the spirit world." For the second forty-year course is the time when the entire spirit world completely harmonizes and interacts with the physical world in accordance with the heavenly way.

Beloved blessed families. How incredible, marvelous and hopeful an age the providence is entering into! Now we cannot be just boasting about or observing the providence but should be the main agents of this era and live in this age righteously. Hence, we should examine the significance of the second forty-year course and our concrete attitude and position, and determine to be righteous blessed families and to serve as perfected seeds of true love to inherit from our True Parents.◆

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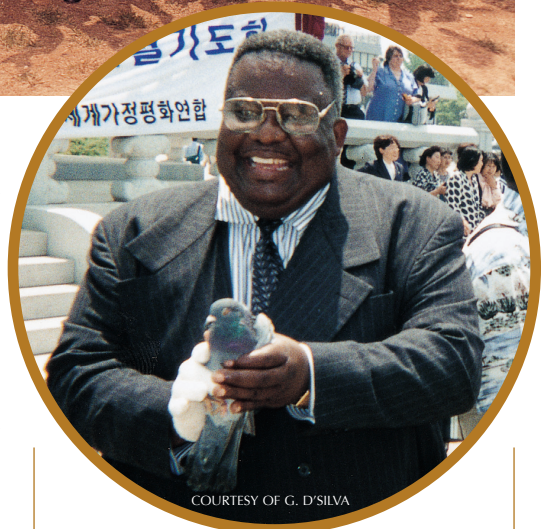


**Rev. Ken Sudo teaches at the first 21-day workshop for women college graduates at Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. Participants are being appointed to missions in the United States**

## Doves of Peace: American Ministers Visit Korea



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**D**EVOUT Christians often wonder what it would have been like to have personally attended Jesus two thousand years ago. They fervently wish they had been one of his disciples and had partaken in his three-year ministry. For 120 ministers from the United States, attending the American Clergy Leadership Conference in Korea recently proved an opportunity to walk in the footsteps of a true Jesus and feel the depth of True Parents' love.

The clergymen who attended this conference had varying levels of spiritual experience. Some had personal encounters with the spiritual world; some received personal revelations from Jesus; quite a few had illnesses healed from their bodies and almost all came away with deepened respect and increased love for True Parents.

Thirty Japanese sisters also participated in all the activities with the clergy. The Japanese Sisters were there

representing the mother nation, taking care of the elder son nation's representatives.

The first day of the conference, which was given the theme "Day of New Vision and Love" included first a visit to the old Chungpa-dong Church for prayer and then to the Sun Hwa (Little Angels) Arts School. All the ministers were staying at the Intercontinental Hotel, and were bussed to the locations in beautiful tour buses. Each bus had their share of great singers and readers of Hoon Dok Hae. My bus included important Christian leaders such as Rev. T.L. Barrett, Rev. Hycel Taylor and our own, namely Dr. Chang Shik Yang and Rev. Michael Jenkins. We were also privileged to have an excellent gospel singer, Rev. Floyd Beck, who sang to a musical backing tape and had the whole bus rocking with his upbeat gospel tunes.

Upon reaching the Little Angels School, we were pleasantly surprised to be greeted by hundreds of little chil-

dren, mostly girls, who waved their hands and shouted out "Hello!" from their classroom windows on the second and third floors. Just this small act touched many ministers, but they were in for a bigger surprise—the Little Angels actually performed for us.

And what a delightful, stirring and inspiring performance it proved to be! In Dr. Bo Hi Pak's opening remarks he said that it was a remarkable day for all of Korea. Not only because the



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**Photos: this page left, the ministers visit the Old Headquarters in Chungpa-dong; bottom, being called to gather at Imjin Gak, just outside the demilitarized zone; facing page, the ministers releasing pigeons at Imjin Gak, symbolizing the peace they will work for through the ACLC**

clergy was visiting, but also because on that day, after fifty years of separation, North Korea was sending their own "Little Angels" to visit and perform in [see page 16] South Korea for the first time. North Korea was responding to a visit made by the Little Angels and Dr. Pak as goodwill ambassadors to North Korea in May 1998. Dr. Pak then gave out twenty-one special medals called Angel Awards to some of the clergy participants. It was touching to hear that our Little Angels performed for us and then had to rush to the airport to greet their North Korea counterparts without even having time to change their costumes.

"Now, I truly see the vision and the genius of Rev. Moon," said Rev. Kevin Richards, Vice President of the Church of Scientology. "What a marvelous idea, to have little children exhibit the

wonderful culture of Korea. And what an ingenious way to break down diplomatic and political barriers," he added. **Special Visit to the Demilitarized Zone**

The next day, under the theme "Unification and Love," we visited the demilitarized zone [a four-kilometer wide no-man's land separating North and South]. It was a profound experience. When we reached Imjin Gak, just outside the DMZ we met some visiting airmen from the US Air Force. They were so happy to see ministers from the USA.

At one point, everyone gathered at the entrance to Freedom Bridge [the bridge over the Imjin River that marks the southern boundary of the DMZ]. We sang and prayed with intensity.

In our group there were two laymen, Korean War veterans from Minnesota, who had been specifically invited for this historic conference. An announce-

ment went out that a picture should be taken with these two. As the ministers gathered to take the group photo, it turned out that several ministers were themselves Korean War veterans and one or two of them had suffered for a long time from the injuries they had sustained. One minister from San Francisco, Rev. Perry, limped and has always needed a cane to help him walk as a result of an injury he suffered fighting at that time.

At Imjin Gak, there is a beautiful structure up on a hill shaped like a temple. It houses a huge bell. The bell represents eternal peace. Under that structure, Dr. Hycel Taylor gave an eloquent and rousing speech. Dr. Taylor's speech emphasized the need for freedom, and for all brothers to live as one. Amid the shouts of "Amen!" and "Preach on!" many curious onlookers gathered to hear what was going on. They may not have understood what was happening, but they sure felt the spirit.

After that powerful speech, we gathered into groups to release one hundred and fifty doves of peace. There were three groups. The first group of doves flew up and headed south. Of the second group, about half-headed north and the other half headed south. The final group of doves flew North.

**At Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center**

The Cheong Pyeong experience was truly the best. Those 120 religious men and women were spiritually prepared to receive special blessings from Dae Mo Nim. We arrived there in four buses. This was on our third

In the name of Jesus we declare, "Peace, be still." "My peace," he declared, "I give you. Not as the world gives, give I unto you." "My peace." We declare peace and the end of the DMZ. Because, "In Christ there is no North or South, there is no East and West." "For when the Son sets you free, you are free indeed." This is our declaration of peace.

*From Dr. Hycel Taylor's speech at Imjin Gak, May 25*



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day in Korea—a day given the appropriate theme of “Repentance, Prayer and Renewal.”

After having received an orientation from Mrs. Soonja Richardson, several ministers began walking up to the various trees, trying to make their way to the top, to the Tree of Blessing. As the ministers made their way up that high hill, many of them had spiritual experiences. Some of them likened that walk to the stations of cross (an act of private worship, praying before [usually fourteen] images of Jesus that depict his suffering from the time of the Last Supper until his death), some called it a prayer walk but for all of them it was a special experience.

At the top of the hill, before the Tree of Blessing, ministers started singing and praying. Suddenly someone yelled, “Hey, look, a rainbow around the sun!” Sure enough, there was circle around the sun, a sight I have never seen before. In fact everyone in Cheong Pyeong said it was the first time they had ever seen anything like that in their lives. Many of the ministers interpreted the ring around the sun as a sign that Rev. Moon is from God.

Later that evening, we gathered at the temple and Dae Mo Nim gave a special message. After the message she gave special *ansu* to heal several ministers. There were some who had cancer, and various other terminal illnesses. Dae Mo Nim ever so gently healed them. Rev. William Perry, the minister who had been injured in the Korean War had his knee healed. It was truly wonderful to see him come back to San Francisco and to hear him testify about the miraculous healing that he had experienced in Korea. He no longer walks with a cane.

After this, all the ministers signed the Family Federation flag and True Father gave each a gold watch with thirty diamonds on the face. The diamonds were representative of Jesus beginning his ministry at the age of thirty. Father gave them watches to remind them that now is the time to begin the Kingdom of God on earth and time for them to represent Jesus in their own messianic mission by putting Family Federation flags in one hundred and forty-four thousand churches.

This American Clergy Leadership Conference accomplished what it set out to do as stated in their Statement of Purpose [see facing page]. We had special experiences at each location; the Little Angels school, the DMZ and Cheong Pyeong Training Center. As for me, I felt a sense of revival from my humdrum feelings. I genuinely felt that for the first time, Christianity is sincerely opening up to our True Parents. They are able to see the foundation of our True Parents through culture, media and religion. ♦

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**Photos:** this page top, the ring around the sun that everyone remarked on at Cheong Pyeong; top right, climbing the hill; middle, prayer at the Tree of Blessing; bottom, Rev. Michael Jenkins and one minister sing for their fellow participants; Facing page left, Dae Mo Nim (through the person of Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim) conducts a special *ansu* session for the religious leaders; top, prayer in the Jeong Shim prayer hall; below, displaying the signed Family Federation flags, signifying a starting point for the linking of churches across the USA



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**W**e come to Korea, the final front line of what was once the cold war... to stand together against hatred, division and war. We are keenly aware that the entire human family is interconnected; we must all rely on each other. We will join in unity, to pray for the peaceful transition of Korea to become one nation and to confront the final barrier to the ultimate peace of humanity. We recognize that the division of Korea represents the division of the entire world, and when brother stands against brother the very heart of God is wounded. And so we come to pray, to study and to work, not only for the healing of Korea, but the healing of our own nation as well. America is still plagued with religious and racial disunity. While we may differ in dogmas and doctrines, unless the community of faith becomes one in heart and purpose, America will lose her soul and we cannot save her. We religious leaders must set the example and lead the way.

We come to the homeland of Rev-

erend and Mrs. Moon to observe their footprints, share their vision for the unity of humanity and take up the challenge of becoming True Parents. Let us share their wholehearted commitment to the salvation of the world. Through our journey in this distant land let us bind together as one and forge a new unity of heart, beyond denomination and doctrines. We will establish a new interdenominational movement—The American Clergy Leadership Conference—to lift up the family as the first and most fundamental institution created by God and the cornerstone of His Kingdom here on Earth. Upon our return, we will gather the churches, mosques and temples as a network of support and protection for God's ideal of the family. For this holy mission we ask God's blessing and guidance, but commit our own hearts and hands as His instruments. We join together in a Sacred Bond for the Salvation of America and the world. ♦

**From the ACLC Statement of Purpose**



## Breakthrough in Tanzania: a National Messiah's Story

Jean Pierre Laurent

Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania

**A**FTER representing Europe in a band at the celebration of True Father's seventieth birthday in Korea, I came back to France with my wife and our first child at the beginning of 1990. I felt very happy that I could give True Father something back after all he has invested in the European music field, but the honor of doing so drained most of the money we had put aside. We arrived in our hometown with only five hundred dollars in our pocket.

That was soon to change, though, as God poured down blessings. By 1993 I had designed and built our house and was driving a 6 cylinder Mercedes Benz for my work with a French jewelry company. After so many years of bare survival, it was like a dream.

This dream though, was soon challenged. In 1996, news came that True Parents needed couples willing to go anywhere in the world as missionaries. True Parents' strategy seems to be to love us so much that from our being indebted and wanting to return this love, we determine to sacrifice ourselves and in doing so end up home within the heart of God. We submitted our names. I remember telling my wife that if we were not selected we could feel free to keep all our belongings because we were ready to sacrifice them for the providence of God.

As it turned out we were called, and I prepared to go for forty days of training in Cheong Pyeong. Not knowing anything about the need for liberation of evil spirits, I arrived with a certain pride about my willingness to sacrifice for this new providence. This lasted only a minute. After Dae Mo Nim's speech I had to shed many tears of repentance.

Once more I had been wanting to do something for True Parents, only to realize I needed to take from their foundation in order to escape my own internal desert and survive spiritually. That's why I was utterly serious about the workshop from beginning to end. I had many spiritual experiences, which

fell on me at the time when I was least expecting them. I was even able to meet my physical father, whom I had lost when I was very young. From that time, individual perfection has been more than an intellectual concept for me. I know that following True Parents' path we can reach it.

After forty days I learned I would go to Tanzania, second poorest country in the world, former bridgehead of communism into Africa, where one missionary, our brother, Mr. Masaki Sasamoto (1950-1980), had had to sacrifice his life. Moving to such a country with a wife and children is a challenge, but can we say that we follow and love True Parents if we are not ready to go

school. However, though they dream to go back to France, they do not complain. I love them so much more for that.

We have never suffered so much in our lives as we have in Tanzania. I suppose it is a blessing to have been betrayed by someone you trusted, stolen from by someone you'd wanted to help, lied to by someone you had wished to share your heart with. These things are painful, but they are also reflect the painful reality of my relationship with God and True Parents. It is a blessing to go through such things and realize what I have done to God and True Parents. I can repent and restore myself. Through such indemnity our family could reach a much deeper God-centered love as husband and wife and as parents and children.

I must also say that spiritual help has been tremendous. I found myself able to give sermons and lecture without preparation, entirely on inspiration. My first sermon, after twenty-one years in the church, was given here on the day of my arrival, followed by a two-day revival meeting. Five seconds before starting I really did not know what I was going to speak about. The Holy Spirit of Cheong Pyeong followed me here. Dae Mo Nim told us that

whenever we wear a Cheong Pyeong T-shirt her spirit would be with us. It works: I always wear it on special occasions when inspiration is needed.

I have also had many dreams of True Father, True Mother (for the first time in my life), Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim. They come when we are at the limit and feel we cannot go on anymore.

For me the crux of what True Mother shared with us in Kenya during last year's eighty-city tour was that now everything is in our hands. As True Parents, they have fulfilled all indemnity conditions for the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. Since then, a little more each day, I have come to understand the meaning and consequences of these words. They are beautiful, yet at the same time, weighty.

What was our situation? Tanzania's



Promoting the cause of pure love on the street in Tanzania

the same way—ready to sacrifice our lives, and even the lives of our children? I came back from the workshop, quit my job, sold our house, cars and furniture and we arrived in 1997 in our new country.

One problem we faced was the education of our three children. We arrived carrying a home-schooling correspondence course, but soon found a French school and even had all our scholarship fees paid by the French government. When I think of my children I am reminded of Isaac who was ready to unite with his father for God's providence. I know that they suffer from not having as many friends as before, not having as many gifts for Christmas, no chocolate or smarties and many things that are important for children. Maybe they compare their lives with the lives of the mostly rich friends they have at

goal was to bless two million four hundred thousand “pure love candidates.” This was to be fulfilled by very few members struggling for survival. A day with only one meal was not unusual. And, as in many countries, the Family Federation does not have enough money to fulfill its blessing goals.

Only our love for God and True Parents, the indemnity paid by our Korean National Messiah Rev. Yong Sun Moon, in hospital for months after a stroke, and the beautiful sacrifice of our brothers and sisters in Japan, could allow us to carry out some activities in schools with holy candies.

We managed to receive authorization from the Tanzanian government, and from that of Zanzibar Island, to lecture in all the schools in the country. This was a miracle. Because this country is trying to maintain a peaceful atmosphere between the Christian and Muslim communities, it is difficult for them to permit someone to fight AIDS based on a spiritual viewpoint rather than on distributing condoms. However, many people, Christians and Muslims alike, were so surprised and moved to see a group advocating pure love.

Spiritually, everything was set up by Heaven. The government fulfilled its portion of responsibility by trusting us to visit schools. But how frustrating was our own situation!

Holy candy is a gift from Heaven, yet still we had to buy them, and for us it was so expensive. Partly because of the struggling history of our church, and the economic situation of Tanzania, we had nothing. That was the painful reality.

I did not know what to do; I started to read True Father’s words. Things started to stir deep inside myself, and questions came: “What are you doing here? Why is your family struggling everyday? It is hopeless. After all, you tried; you followed True Father’s will; you sold your house, sold your car—everything and went to one of the poorest countries in Africa! You can go back without a bad conscience.” Was this still my old fallen nature?

In despair, I wrote to Kathy Rigney, our continental mother and director. Shortly after came an answer from her assistant, Kevin Winter, under the title “Blessing Mobilization Ideas.” Based on his own experiences in Nigeria, Kevin explained to me how they had to perform pre-blessing activities in a



simpler way in order to achieve their goal.

True Father had even spoken at the beginning of the year about blessing all cities using an aircraft...and that we should have faith. My first reaction was “Is faith following the instructions without changing them one iota, or is faith trying

to do as much as possible but still in a way that Heaven can accept?” Actually I found myself in the same mood as when I heard the Principle for the first time: I felt it was the truth but I struggled internally.

Even when people eat holy candies, they do not at that moment learn the basic way of life and responsibility of a blessed couple. It is what comes afterwards, in terms of explaining these principles and educating them. In spite of our limitations, therefore, we decided to at least take one step toward blessing a large number of people.

Well, finding an aircraft was easy, and not too expensive. The pilot, a Muslim from Zanzibar, was willing. So off we went with 10 liters of mixed holy water and holy wine, and twelve symbolic leaflets inscribed with the pure love pledge, to fly over Dar Es Salaam and Zanzibar Island.

We went as a trinity, Sarah Kamalang’umbe (72 years old!),

Venence Medot and myself. I took along photographs of True Parents, Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim to make sure that all of Heaven could fly with us. With the consent of the pilot we holy salted the plane (seeing the state of the plane I was expecting to become a burnt offering with my brother and sister!).

Sarah took the front seat to pour the holy wine through the window, Venence filling up the cup in the back with me praying behind the pilot. Everything looked fine and Principled, so we started off. Venence filled up the first glass and gave it to Sarah who opened the window, with difficulty, and threw out the holy wine. Everybody got hit—including the pilot! The wind was far too strong. A change of plan: Sarah only opened the window and Venence filled up the glass and threw it from the back only when it was completely outside. It worked fine. From time to time Sarah threw out a leaflet as well.

With Dar Es Salaam finished we were on the way to Zanzibar when I saw on the left a smaller city, Bagamoyo, where all the slaves had been packed like animals before being brought to Zanzibar to be sold. We blessed this city as well. On our way to Zanzibar I sprinkled some holy wine on the former route along which the slave ships sailed to the island with their shameful freight. I hoped that all the slaves in the spirit world could gain

*Rev. Kwak visits the grave of Masaki Sasamoto, accompanied by Jean Pierre and his wife (at the back), Dr. Thomas Walsh and members of the Tanzanian church*



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something from this.

We then blessed Zanzibar without leafleting because of the political situation on the island. After landing on Zanzibar we went to the place where thousands of slaves were sold and prayed there.

Brothers and sisters, what can I say? I still cannot be sure that this way was accepted by Heaven; but what I do know is that during the leaders meeting after True Children's Day last year in Korea, when True Father heard this story, he smiled.

The second part of the process was educating all these candidates. Here again Heaven came to help us. The opportunity came with True Father's eightieth birthday. At the last minute we were able to send one VIP to Korea, a man who had helped us a lot to get authorization for our school education program.

Through this VIP we were able to get an official invitation for True Parents from the Tanzanian government. Our VIP was so impressed with all that was happening in Korea that when he came back he wanted to organize a big meeting with the top people in Tanzania in the fields of politics, religion, education, economics, and family oriented NGOs, and invite our True Parents to give a speech for them.

Knowing this, Rev. Kwak asked us to organize a one-day seminar for all these people. Our VIP put together a team of government people to organize the whole seminar; they knew who to contact and how to reach them quickly. What would have taken us months to accomplish was done in a very short time. We set the seminar for the April

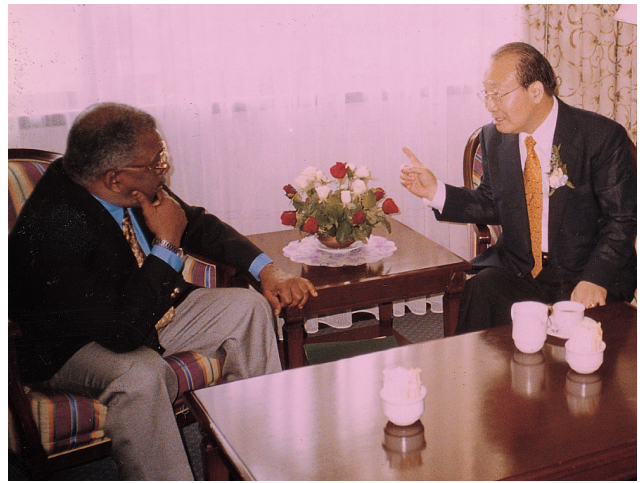
29, later finding that it coincided with the beginning of our new 40-year course.

On the 28th of April Rev. Kwak arrived. It was the first time for Tanzania to receive an elder brother. One of the first things we did was to go and pray at the grave of our martyred brother Mr. Masaki Sasamoto. He had been shot dead in 1980 while trying to establish a foundation for our church. Tanzania was a stronghold of socialism in Africa and as such, from the time of the first missionaries in 1975, it has been a difficult country until now. At the grave, Rev. Kwak prayed that, based on the sacrifices made in this country in the past, from then on, spirit world could work more closely with us.

The following day, everything was prepared to receive our guests in the Sheraton Hotel of Dar Es Salaam. A hundred and sixty-five high-level representatives from Christian churches, both Catholics and Protestants from many denominations, Muslims, Buddhists, and leaders from academic, political and family organizations, came—and, above all, stayed until the end of the seminar.

The Minister of State and Rev. Kwak gave opening speeches. Then we showed a video about our activity world wide, and Dr. Walsh spoke on "Education of Heart."

In the afternoon Kevin Winter shared about his twenty-five years of experience in Africa and how they had been able to successfully establish the



*Rev. Kwak with the Tanzanian Minister of State*

Family Federation in Nigeria. Then the national leader of Uganda, Mrs. Erinah Rutengye, and Kenya WFWP representative Mrs. Helen Rotish, gave testimony of our successful activities in their respective countries.

All our guests were very enthusiastic about the lectures and many now want to work closely with us. This is miraculous. A year and a half ago the Tanzanian government wanted our movement closed down.

The Minister of State became very positive, stayed long after having delivered his speech, and spoke privately with Rev. Kwak. Rev. Kwak's attitude is always first to testify about our True Parents, what True Father has been through, and the persecution, prison sentences and misunderstandings he has endured. This testimony changes the spiritual atmosphere completely. He speaks with the subjectivity of True Father's representative whoever is in the audience and challenges them. We have to gain the confidence that True Parents' foundation is such that those that support them will themselves gain Heaven's support. Christians, Muslims—even one journalist—would like us to use the national TV network in order to educate young people. The whole country is expecting so much from us. The challenge is enormous. But are we ready?

One day True Father told us people would come by the thousands. Can we show them the way to becoming an ideal blessed family? If not, we have no time to rest, and we should change quickly, for the time has come. ♦

*Jean Pierre and Aneliese Laurent were blessed in 1982 and have three children.*

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**Rev. Kwak speaks at the rally for Tanzanian dignitaries, May 29, in Dar Es Salaam**





## Raising Leaders that Bring Joy to God

On April 23 this year, Father appointed Dr. Tyler Hendricks to the position of president of UTS. The official inauguration was held on May 3. (Photo right: Dr. and Mrs. Hendricks at the inauguration; behind them is Dr. Theodore Shimmyo, who served as president from 1994)

## Mission Statement

*The mission of the Unification Theological Seminary is to carry out instruction, research and publication in an interfaith setting for ministries that foster*

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Healthy and growing churches, and  
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*...and work with all churches and seminaries for the practical implementation of these ministries.*



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*Accompanied by leaders and members, True Mother takes a moment out of her relentless schedule to breathe some Swiss country air*

**Think of the victory that will produce many fruits and seeds. You will be blown away to the world and become new trees. Why would we need old and rotten trees when there are big blossoming trees bearing fresh fruit in the world?**

**Rev. Sun Myung Moon  
May 1, 2000**