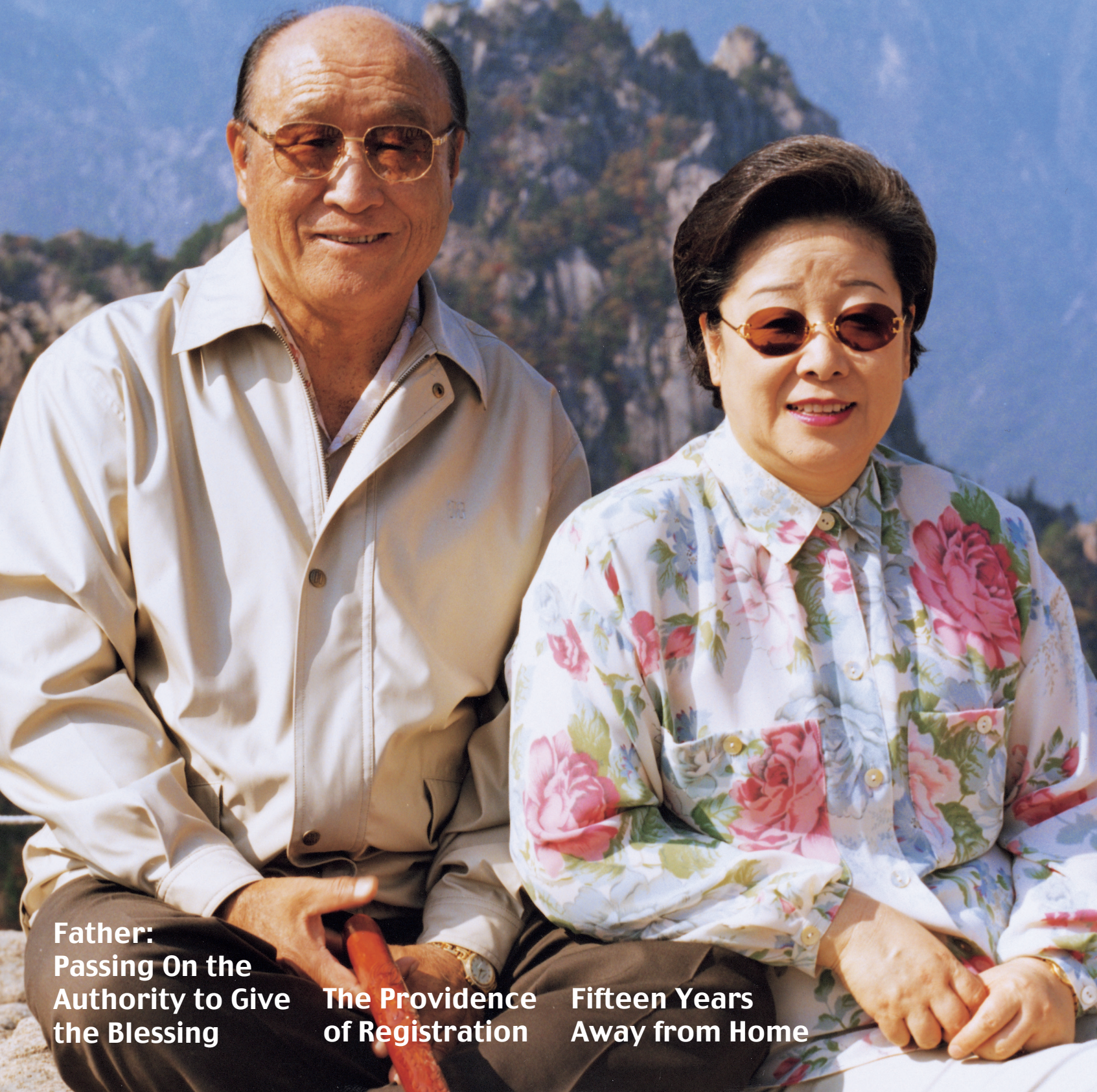


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**Fifteen Years
Away from Home**



Message from the Publisher

Reverend Sun Jo Hwang

Through the Eyes of Providence

From a speech given to registration blessing participants at Cheong Pyeong Training Center on September 28, 2000.

GOOD evening six thousand-couple blessing families. This evening, I would like to tell you about the background of the historical "Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony," based on Father's words. It is very significant, and you need to understand it, because this ceremony is a memorable event in God's providential history. It is the most important providential matter of all the providential work True Parents have done on earth until now.

We are here today to participate in the Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing Ceremony. This is a very meaningful occasion. Father thinks of eternity even when he meets people who have no such concept. When he engages in this kind of significant providential event, we can well imagine that Father takes it very seriously.

The Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing Ceremony is one of the three main occasions in providential history. Father's birth was a major event. True Parents' wedding was a key event and this Registration Blessing Ceremony surely qualifies as another. With that understanding, we have to participate in and understand Father's words about the meaning of this blessing. We should look at events from a providential viewpoint. Only then can they be meaningful to us.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus Christ was crucified. Through his crucifixion, the door to paradise in the spirit world opened wide. Although the door to heaven was not yet open, it was still a significant change. Light began to shine for the first time in the dark spirit world. Needless to say, the crucifixion was extremely significant. Jesus was crucified together with two thieves. From the worldly point of view, there wasn't any difference among the three deaths. The crucifixion was just another execution meted out to three who were criminals in the eyes of the world at that time. Nothing more and nothing less. But from the providential viewpoint, the deaths of the two thieves were entirely different from that of Jesus.

That is why we have to look at True Parents' providence from a providential viewpoint. Our understanding of True Parents' mission, our determination also, has to be based solely on a providential viewpoint.

I would like to speak to you about how the Transi-

tion of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony differs from past events.

A special ceremony for this historical time

The main task during the seven-year course that began with the Day of Total Victory in 1985 was to create unity between the bridegroom of heaven and the bride of the earth. Finally, in 1992, centering on the Women's Federation, True Mother, in the position of John the Baptist, testified about True Father, attended and united with him. Through this, a new age, the Completed Testament age, began. And 1999 was its seventh year. The third seven-year course was originally to cover the years from 2000 to 2007. But the providence is really in a hurry now. Based on "The Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath (settlement) for the Parents of Heaven and Earth," Father made 1997 the first year of a seven-year course that will end on True Parents' birthday in 2004, a period during which they have determined to complete the entire providence. Six thousand years of providential history has been completed horizontally within True Parents' lifetime, and the new age has begun.

Starting from today, Father will give the grace of the Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony to those from the six thousand-couple blessing. When the wives of the six thousand couples finished their twenty-one-day registration workshop, an important ceremony was held. It had a very important relationship to the Registration Blessing Ceremony.

True Father had said a new age would come on the fortieth anniversary of True Parents' holy wedding and on True Father's eightieth birthday. The new age began with this ceremony, "The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony," which was held on the morning of September 24th at Cheonseong Wanglim Palace.

Providential history can be divided into the Old Testament age, the New Testament age and the Completed Testament age. The Completed Testament age does not indicate the age of completion. The Old Testament age was the age of the formation level resurrection, the New Testament age, the growth level, and the Completed Testament age, the perfection level. And after the perfection level resurrection, we are to

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True Parents celebrate the Korean harvest holiday, Chusok (when ancestors are remembered) at East Garden, while members in Korea gather at Heung Jin Nim's Wonjeon. Father declared this to be the Chusok of Chong Hae-Won: "Liberation of all resentment."



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To Participants of the Third Registration Workshop

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

SEPTEMBER 4, 2000

CHEONG PYEONG HEAVEN AND EARTH TRAINING CENTER, KOREA

Translated excerpts from the original recording of Father's words during one of his many visits to Cheong Pyeong Training Center.

THE religious world is destined to struggle over how to solve the problems of the external world. The relationship between father and son is also a matter of fate. If a man is a traitor, his son will be a traitor's son. If a man is a loyal person, his son will be a loyal person's son. This cannot change. If the root is wrong, its trunk, branches, and leaves all go wrong. If the root is good, all the rest of the tree is good, too. When a father belongs to Satan, his son belongs to Satan, too. When a father belongs to God, his son belongs to God, too. Do you understand?

When you look at yourselves, do you think of yourselves as good or evil? If you don't know the answer, you cannot solve any problems. Are you people of goodness or not? [Evil.] How evil are you, then? You are too evil to make any kind of relationship with God. You should know you are that evil. How evil are you again? You have no relationship whatsoever with God. That's how evil you are. You evil people have no foundation to relate to the omniscient, omnipotent, limitless, eternal and absolutely unchanging master of love, God. Do you or don't you? [We don't.] Because you do not, are you a group of people that belong to heaven or are you people that are destined to go down to the bottom of the ugly satanic realm? Because you became the kind of people who have no way to go to the heavenly realm, we can conclude that you cannot but be miserable in your individual, family, national, and world-level lives, and even after you go to the spirit world you still have nothing to do with God. Am I right? Yes?

You have your mind and body. Your body has five senses and so does your mind. So you have ten senses altogether. That's your existence. You have a dual structure within you. When we think of the mind as good and the body as evil, we have to ask whether or not our mind can connect to God. The real question is whether our minds are able to make any relationship with God at all. What do you all think? This is a serious issue. You have to come to a clear conclusion in your mind. Your conclusion should be clear and righteous enough to be authorized by God and the entire universe. Otherwise, you

have no way to make any kind of connection with God. Can you or can't you? (Louder) Can you or can't you? [No, we can't.] Well, at least you're listening. (laughter.) Did you really hear what I said? [Yes!]

Which part of your body is your favorite and the most precious? How come you've never thought about that? What's the most precious part of your body? What? What's most precious in your body is what Satan hates and despises the most and what God loves and values the most. We have five senses. We have eyes, a nose, a mouth, ears and hands. In the spirit world, we have spiritual eyes, a spiritual nose, a spiritual mouth, spiritual ears and spiritual hands. Are our physical senses and spiritual senses in harmony or in conflict? What I am asking is whether or not your mind and body are in unity. Those whose mind and body are in unity, raise your hands. Someone told me there are about fourteen hundred of you. None of you even knows what part of your body God likes. Why should I stay and talk to you? Do you think God likes it when you are in any kind of conflict? God hates conflict. God hates fighting the most. God loves those whose mind and body are in harmony and unity. Your body is not in unity with your mind and your mind is not in unity with your body. Your mind hates your body enough that it wishes it to die. Do you think your mind thinks like that or not? Are your mind and body in unity? Do you think God can be with you when your mind and body are in conflict? Can you feel joy when your mind and body are in conflict?

Are you from Japan? You had to come all the way to Korea to learn how to live. How sorrowful you must have felt to come here! Did you come here because you have been happy



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babies or bottle-feeding by someone other than the mother? When the baby is growing in the womb, it sucks the mother's flesh and bone. Do you think it is better for the baby to receive nourishment directly from his mother or from cows? When a mother feeds cow's milk to her baby, do you think her affection for the baby increases? When a mother loses the chance to develop a strong attachment to her children as babies, she will suffer because of them once they grow up. Mothers of the Unification faith should breast-feed their babies. Even if you don't want to, you should breast-feed your babies for at least six months. That's how babies learn to recognize their mothers. No matter how ugly the mother is, for her baby, she

or sad? Was your mind and body in unity; did they come dancing all the way here? No. Everyday you've been in conflict. Are your mind and body in unity? Have you had one whole day during which your mind and body have been in complete unity? How many hours have you ever experienced the oneness between your mind and body? This is a serious matter. Because your mind and body are in conflict, are there borders within you or not? [There are.] So who created these borderlines? [Satan.] Have you witnessed this?

We have to talk, day and night, about breaking down national borders. We have to try to break them down. That is what I spoke about in the UN. World peace can only come about when there are no national borders. Those who like national borders, raise your hands. [None.] Don't you have national borders between your minds and bodies? As long as you have a borderline between your mind and body, you still belong to Satan. The reason that you have to be here today is that your mind and body are not in unity. Do you think your mind and body not being in unity was caused by men or women? [Women.] Are you women or men? [Women.] Not a single man is here. [But you are here!] I'm a teacher! None of you trainees is a man.

Do children belong to their mother or father? A fetus grows up in its mother's womb, receiving nourishment from the mother's flesh and bone. All babies are born through their mothers' bodies. Why should they belong to their fathers? Because of the seed. The seed is important. However, women's wombs are the houses for the fetuses. Fetuses suck nourishment from their mothers while they are in their wombs. It is important to educate babies while they are in the womb. Their spirits can grow well if they are educated well there. And once they are born, they suck their mothers' milk. Why do women have breasts? What are they for? For your babies. There are even women who do not want to have husbands; they want to marry just to have their own babies. If a woman never has her own child, her original purpose of being born dies away. Do you think breast-feeding is better for your

is the most beautiful being in the world. For the mother, too. No matter how ugly the baby is, he is very beautiful in his mother's eyes. Even though everyone else may want to avoid looking at the baby, his mother will love the baby no matter what. That's why the love of a mother is great. The power of love is so mysterious. Love has such power.

When there is love, what is ugliest can look like the best looking thing in the universe. Women tend to marry someone like their father or brother. Men tend to marry women who look like someone they loved while growing up, such as their mothers or sisters. This is because they feel a connection of love with them.

Break down the national borders! [Break down the national borders!] Break down the national borders! [Break down the national borders!] There are so many borders in your physical and spiritual senses. In order to break down all the borders in your physical and spiritual senses, you need to follow the main teaching of the Unification movement, which is to love your enemies. How would you define loving your enemies? What is love? Is kissing love? What is love? [Living for others.] Yes, but what is living for others? Love has the kind of power that makes you feel that even your spouse's dried nasal mucus tastes good. Haven't you tasted your husband's nose wax? (Laughter) Have you tasted your own nose wax? It tastes salty, doesn't it? Your husband's nose wax will taste sweet. Try it when you make love to your husband. That's the mystery of love. I don't know for sure, but Mother told me. (Laughter) So you should be able to say the same thing about your husband. When you tell your husband that his nose wax tasted like candy yesterday, and like honey today, will he be happy or sad? I saw my own mother tasting my younger sister's excrement. They say if it tastes sweet, the child will get better, but if it tastes bitter, the child will get worse. I couldn't understand it for a long time. I finally understood that God's love has such power. In love, nothing is ugly. When a child is sick, the parents want to suffer in the child's place. That's the

One sister, Elizabeth Heil from Germany, testifies:

"The twenty-one-day workshop at Cheong Pyeong really brought a big change to me. I came with a heavy load of resentment that had caused me a lot of pain. In the special prayer room, I asked God to resolve this. The answer came immediately. Tears came pouring down, washing away all the pain. Then God filled me with this warmth of love. It was a feeling that is hard to describe—just wanting to love others. A sister asked what had happened to

me. She saw my head was shining with a bright light.

Yet resentful spirits still occupied my thoughts, especially during *ansu*. I did vigorous *ansu* on my chest. On the tenth day, I could push off a heavy load of resentful spirits. It was hard work. Afterwards, I felt much lighter, as if I'd lost a lot of weight. Suddenly, I easily could pray for those who had caused so much pain to me..."

greatness of love. That's the kind of love God is interested in.

Man-woman problems make up 80 percent of the problems of the world. Problems of power or money are not real problems. All problems come about because of disunity between men and women. There should be a solution. Without resolving this problem, there cannot be peace on earth. You should follow what I teach you; live for others, invest and invest, give, give and give and still want to give more.

Tomorrow, I will go to the United States. I must go and pack. Mother is already doing that. She sent a message that said she was packing and asked me why I had not come. What time is it? Oh. She is waiting for me, so I'll go. [No.] The conclusion is simple: Breaking down national borders is our responsibility. You have to be able to digest any kind of barrier in your lives. How complex and difficult it is to put up with your parents-in-law, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law! Just like God, you have to keep silent during moments of conflict. God has kept silent for thousands of years. No matter how many times He was hurt, He has kept forgetting and giving and giving patiently. He has finally seen the bright morning. Now is the time of unification. We should break down borderlines by loving our enemies beyond them. Satan is always present in conflicts. We have to purge Satan. How? By the power of the United Nations. The UN should be the center of purging Satan. Then what? You should intermarry between the citizens of former enemy nations. That way we can break down hell.

We married those who went to the spirit world when they were young. We married those who were more than eight years old. We specially chose their spouses from among their enemies. We should do the same in this world. When I blessed historical saints, I also blessed historical murderers such as Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and so forth. When the children of saints and evil people intermarry, the time for world peace has arrived.

True Parents set up all the foundations for the eight stages after understanding that the only way to realize God's original ideal is to have absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Since it is the time of unification, even those who are at the bottom, in terms of social standing, can have the same blessing. Now is the time that saints and evil people can receive the same blessing. Even fallen Adam and Eve did not want Cain killing Abel. God didn't want it at all. God must have said to himself, "Alas, all of you should have been blessed and have created one single lineage." That's why I had to bless the good with the bad. Which nation is Korea's biggest enemy? Japan. Although you killed each other in the past, now you have to protect each other—becoming parents

and brothers and sisters to one another. If you don't like it, you will be blocked in the spirit world. You will be left alone. You should really understand the reality of the spirit world. Have I taught you well or not? I've taught you clearly.

You shouldn't think of yourself. If you put yourself before everything else, you belong to Satan. When you decide to love the world as God does, all the borders disappear. Do you understand? When you live for and give blessings to your enemies, Satan cannot remain with you anymore. All the walls will break down. When all of you and your children intermarry with your enemies and create harmony, there will finally be peace on earth. Do you understand?

Because of women, borders came into being, so women should be in the forefront of breaking them down. For South Korea, North Korea is the enemy. Communists are the enemies. You should feel sorry for them. You know the parable of the prodigal son in the Bible. Whereas the elder son takes care of the household and is loyal to the parents, the younger son loses all his inheritance and returns home a beggar. But his parents have a big feast to express their great joy when the prodigal son comes back home. The older son becomes jealous of his younger brother. Right? The same things are happening here, too. You thirty-six couple blessed families think of yourselves as senior just because you joined the movement

earlier. If I set up a couple who are young in many respects as a new thirty-six couple, should you welcome them or not? You are in the elder son's position. In the Bible, the elder son was scolded when he complained about his father's decision to welcome the prodigal son. What do you think? The same thing will happen. You should give everything you have made so far to those who are in the younger brother's position, the prodigal sons from the fallen world. Do you understand? Those who understand this, clap your hands. (Applause)

You should think of yourselves as queens who are responsible for breaking down national borders. You should forgive those who oppose you and forget what they do. You should do that which you do not feel willing to do. If you do can, you will be able to break down national borders. Then you should be able to offer what you have made with your blood and sweat to your brothers and sisters. God will acknowledge you. World unification is right before our eyes.

I hope all of you will have profound experiences and be healthy for the entire 21 days. Good-bye!◆



Photo: Father concludes his speech to workshop participants

September 24th Pledge Service Benediction

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2000
 CHEONG PYEONG HEAVEN AND EARTH TRAINING CENTER, KOREA

This is Father's prayer at the pledge service in the morning, prior to the ceremony to pass on the authority to give the blessing to Heung Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim (a ceremony that Father called "The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony.") When Father speaks about his sons by name he often adds the word "Gūn" (균), which is a way to convey more of a feeling of respect despite Father's seniority.

BELOVED Father! Today is September 24, 2000, the final day for the third blessed wives' special workshop to register in Heaven, and it is also Sunday. It has been more than a year since February 13, 1999, when saints and murderers were officially linked together as brothers and sisters under the direction of True Parents, so that they could begin to have the benefits of the blessing—having God as their Parents, together with all things in the cosmos.

In unity, the Parents of Heaven and Earth have worked so very hard to prepare this day on earth, as well as in the spirit world, in order to set up the standard of the original ideal of creation and to resolve all the complex situations on earth and in the spirit world. We are truly grateful for Your grace, Father, allowing us to proclaim the return of all the fallen things in the entire created world and the start of the world of the culture of the fourth Adam.

Humankind is unaware that the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who have accumulated so much grief in their hearts throughout the entire providential history of the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament ages since the fall of humanity, are here on earth. Human beings have looked forward to being free from all suffering and limitations, not having known up to now the historical background that separated them from God. With True Parents' guidance on earth, humankind must understand the motivation of the fall, the reality of the fall, and how far human history has gone astray from God, having no real relationship with God whatsoever.

Human beings came to have barriers between mind and body, between husband and wife, and between all families. We must understand, therefore, that human history has been one of struggle, filled with pain due to everything being divided and separated.

Throughout our long history of struggle, many national

borders and countless barriers separating the lives and cultures of human beings have been erected. These have caused so much grief and pain in God's heart. Because True Parents have revealed all the secrets of heaven and earth, as the morning sun hangs high in the sky now, on this day, we greet the age in which we can finally understand everything.

In this time and age, based on the unity between the Parents of Heaven and Earth, please allow the blessed families, surmounting the history of all humankind, to settle on earth centered on God's true love, attending the Parents in heaven and uniting with the victorious Parents on earth. We are truly grateful that You have given us the blessed opportunity to clear out the satanic blood lineage and connect ourselves to the liberated blood lineage of the blessing.

We are creating a new history centered on true love, centered on True Parents, and centered on the true lineage. We are breaking away from all the ties of families, tribes, nations, the world, the universe and the entire the spirit world by attending the true God. We should break down all the barriers separating the paradise realm, the middle realms and hell in the spirit world so that God can work in the spirit world with total freedom and feel the joy of the ideal of creation. That is our desire.

At this time we must break down and dissolve all the national boundaries to create one nation representing the new heaven and earth by receiving the name of unified nation and world that facilitates the standard of liberating heaven and hell and creating unity correlatively on earth, so that You can feel and share the joy together with the children representing all humanity. This

is something You have not been able to do so far.

We must break down the borders between nations and lay the foundations for peace, going beyond all the continental boundaries. We truly pray for the time when You can have dominion over and direct the whole world, and set up the kingship of love so that everything in the universe can truly feel that they exist because of Your love, and take pride in it. We attribute all the glories to You with a truly grateful heart for Your grace, with our understanding of the glorious value of our being, centering on the heavenly dominion and the



True Parents' arrival at Hannam-dong residence, September 21



True Father gives
Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim
the title
“Hoon Mo Nim”

Father called Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim to come up and sit next to him...

“From now on, you have to understand Hoon Mo Nim. Before you complain about her, you need to take time to understand my vision and the reason I gave her this name. Otherwise, you cannot judge what is happening around her. You have to follow this providence absolutely with absolute faith, which will surely lead you to blessing. It is not good to do otherwise. My own ancestors will not remain quiet in the spirit world. Do you understand? Without understanding the spirit world, you cannot just randomly make judgements. Repeat after me: Hoon Mo Nim! Choong Mo Nim, Dae Mo Nim, Hoon Mo Nim, Sun Mo Nim! Do you know who Sun Mo Nim is? [True Mother.] Yes, they are all mothers of the Unification Movement.

In seeking to disseminate the word of God they have received so much persecution. They are the mothers who have carried and given birth to the word. They are the mothers who, from the position of mediators, can teach you the right way.” (Father, September 25, 2000)

So far, mothers and children have been separated; brothers and sisters have been separated. These separations have resulted in the numerous borders between nations as well as countless borders in the spirit world. With completion of the blessing of the realm of liberation for the three generations, we can break down all the walls between individuals, tribes, nations and the entire universe in the presence of God and bring Satan, the devil, the Archangel Lucifer, to his knees. We sincerely pray that all the descendants of the families that have received the victorious blessing of three ages can settle all the spiritually awakened ones in the spirit world so that You can liquidate all Your sorrows.

What we do here is transcending religion. It transcends what all the saints have accomplished. Centering on Jesus, representing Heung Jin Gun in the spirit world and centering on True Parents on earth, all the blessed families should make unity representing all the families of filial sons and daughters before the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We announce the grace of the blessing centering on those of Your children that have participated in the workshop today. Please, God, allow us to celebrate this day of victory as a historical day centered on Your new standard that goes straight vertically to the spirit world and straight horizon-

family of the heavenly kingdom.

Now is the time for all the blessed families to offer the Total Living Offering, which is a symbolic offering of the entire universe. These families must go over the hills of the Old Testament age, New Testament age, and Completed Testament age in this age of liberation, and they should connect the families of God’s love with the world so that they can achieve the third liberation, enabling, in this age, heaven and hell to meet right at the point at which Adam fell. For that to happen, we should break down all the walls erected during the Old Testament age, New Testament age, and Completed Testament age, and create new ties through the first church-level blessing, national blessing and world-level blessing. And our families can finally go beyond the limits of the nation and move forward to the world level. We are truly grateful for Your grace to have us greet this age when we can establish Heaven’s culture of heart, and when we can see the liberation of the heavenly kingdom on earth and in heaven.

tally throughout the entire world.

True Parents in heaven and True Parents on earth have become the Parents of Heaven and Earth, the True Couple, binding all relationships based on the blood lineage of love. We proclaim the liberation of the entire universe, attending the Parents of Heaven and Earth and centering on the new name of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth that You will have dominion over for eternity.

We sincerely pray and proclaim that You will completely guide and have dominion over Your ideal of creation as the victorious, dominant King, for thousands and tens of thousands of years, and that we move forward to the Heavenly Kingdom of freedom and liberation on earth in which the entire universe is involved, and in which all humanity absolutely obeys You.

Amen, Amen, Amen.◆

[Edited for Today’s World]

The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
 SEPTEMBER 24, 2000
 CHEONG PYEONG HEAVEN AND EARTH TRAINING CENTER, KOREA

The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony was held on September 24 in the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center.

True Parents entered the main hall at 11:30 a.m. From among the participating blessed families Father chose 24 second generation children between the ages of 12 and 16 (Korean age), 12 boys and 12 girls. He had them stand facing the offering table, girls in the front and boys in the back. True Parents' grandson Shin Chul Nim and granddaughter Shin Eh Nim were included among the 24. In addition to these 24 from the second generation not yet blessed, 24 second generation members aged 18 to 24 who had received the blessing, 24 blessed members aged of 30 to 40, and 24 blessed members aged 60 and 80 were selected, a total of 96 people in all.

IN THE providence of restoration the number 9 is a bad number. Because the number 6 is also a bad number, it had to be indemnified. Seventy-two plus 12 pairs makes 96 altogether. The number 72 represents the 70 disciples centered on Jesus' 12 apostles, as well as Moses' 70 disciples. The number 96 is also a bad number. The number 72 is the indemnifying number of the 70 elders centering on the 10 tribes, which is why I have arranged the numbers this way. I blessed those who had passed away between the ages of 3 and 15.

True Parents have blessed those who are on earth and Heung Jin Gun has blessed those in the spirit world. We should unify the work done separately on earth and in the spirit world by True Parents and their son.

Centered on True Parents on earth, we should unify the blessing foundation for blessed families made by True Parents with the spiritual blessing foundation for spirit beings in spirit world. Because True Parents blessed sons and daughters on earth, the spirit world must obey the foundation of the blessing they have established, so that the spirit world can perfect the Archangel position.

In order for that to happen, Heung Jin Gun should come

down to the earth, completely unite with his Parents and set up the condition so that it is as if they had given the blessing as one. That way, we can acknowledge that Heung Jin Gun did all the work of True Parents together with them.

There is a general rule that a father becomes like an elder brother to his sons and his sons become like his younger brothers in the spirit world. So a son can stand before his father as his son and his younger brother as well. We should connect the dual values in this relationship and create a unified realm.

Therefore, I do not have to give the blessing on earth in the future. When the father grows old and passes away, elder

brothers can give the blessing in his place. Since an elder brother can give the blessing in his father's place, Heung Jin Gun who is in the elder brother's position can give the blessing on earth and in the spirit world.

I grant equal value to the blessing in the spirit world. When I bestow on my son in the spirit world the authority to give the blessing, he will be free to go anywhere on earth where his father is. God on the vertical level and God on the horizontal level have not been able to unite. And God had to fill up the middle realm of the spirit world with those of the satanic lineage.

True Parents can unify all the divisions, and the unified realm of father and son can gradually find its place on earth. The time will

pass when Father, who is an old man in his eighties, gives the blessing to the people in the world. The time will come when Heung Jin Gun can give the blessing in the spirit world with True Parents, and in True Parents' place. Do you understand? [Yes.] Therefore, I must grant Heung Jin Gun the authority to give the blessing when I am on earth. Because I give equal value to the blessing in the spirit world, it will have the same value whether my son gives the blessing on earth or I do in the spirit world. As I set up the unified blessed family realm, I give my son the authority of giving the blessing.

You must understand what I have just told you. You





Father and Mother pray at the “Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony”

should learn this by heart and create a unified realm between the physical and spiritual worlds. When a father goes to the spirit world, he becomes an elder brother to his son and the son becomes a younger brother to his father. Therefore, a father and his son can equally call God “Heavenly Father.” What it means is that both fathers and sons are sons before God. Do you understand? [Yes.]

In God’s eyes, all men are sons. Since a father was born first, he can be an elder brother to his son horizontally. Therefore, True Parents are handing over what we have established as parents in order to create a unified realm of the same value on earth and in the spirit world. By our proclaiming this unity, with Heung Jin Gun (who is the elder son in the spirit world) present, and with blessed families together in this place, Heung Jin rather than myself, comes into the position of giving the blessing. The time is also coming that Hyun Jin Gun can give the blessing in my place. Do you understand? [Yes.] The second generation will give the blessing in their Parents’ place here and Heung Jin Gun, the elder brother, will do the same in the spirit world. Since Heung Jin Gun is the elder brother and Hyun Jin Gun the younger, Hyun Jin in the younger brother’s position can give the blessing to you on earth.

On the vertical foundation, the third generation sons and daughters can give the blessing to their grandparents and parents and grant their own children the authority to give the blessing as well.

Adam and Eve should have perfected themselves through the blessing in the Old Testament age. The same thing should have happened in the New Testament age. Because True Parents accomplished everything in relation to heaven and earth in the Completed Testament age, we can have all the ancestors who were all scattered around in the spirit world stand together in one place and bless them. You are the third of the three generations following your grandparents and parents. You also represent all three ages. You receive love from your grandparents who represent the heavenly kingdom and from your parents who represent the earthly kingdom.

Since grandchildren receive love from both grandparents and parents, grandchildren can have the authority to give the blessing. Blessed families are the fruit inheriting the heavenly kingdom as well as the earthly kingdom. So grandchildren, the third generation, can give the blessing to their parents as well as their grandparents.

A person in the position of a grandchild can complete

what had to be accomplished in the Old Testament, New Testament, and Completed Testament ages, representing the formation, growth and completion stages on behalf of his ancestors in the spirit world. The time will come when even the ancestors in the spirit world can give the blessing on behalf of True Parents and Heung Jin Nim.

The archangelic realm was in the elder son’s position and the heavenly realm was in the younger son’s, Abel’s, position. This will change. The heavenly realm will be in the elder son’s position and angels in the younger son’s position.

There are so many spirit beings who are blessed in the spirit world now. But their blessing came after True Parents’, so they are in the younger son’s position. They can go to heaven by following True Parents, as their younger siblings.

In giving the blessing, there shouldn’t be any border between the spirit world and physical world. The time has arrived in which Heung Jin Gun in the spirit world and Hyun Jin Gun in the physical world can give the blessing on a unified foundation where everybody can be together as equals. Do you understand? [Yes.]

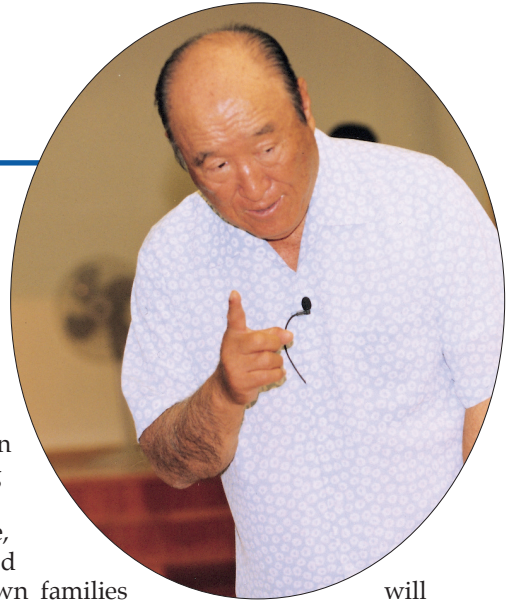
From the next occasion, I do not have to give the blessing. Since your three generations, including your grandparents, are blessed, and after this three-generation blessing, my son, Heung Jin Gun was acknowledged by the spirit world, there is no need for me to give the blessing. Adam was supposed to be the first generation, Adam and Eve, the second generation and their children the third generation. These three generations were to create the true kingdom. However, the true kingdom was contaminated. The Second Coming, as True Parents, established the blessed families. Therefore, True Parents can give the blessing to anyone, including relatives, grandparents and all other ancestors vertically connected. So the spirit world has entered the “era of the blessing liberation realm” in which spirit beings also can be blessed, according to their level. Amen. [Amen.]

Heung Jin Gun, Hee Jin Gun, Young Jin Gun, Hye Jin—these families are present right at this moment, right here. Among the blessed families in the spirit world, all the infants who are blessed are standing together as the entity of the unified family, before heaven, in place of the parents and the elder brother. Those families who embody absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience can enter heaven any time and under any circumstances. Amen. [Amen.]

For many reasons I needed to hold this ceremony of passing on the authority to give the blessing to make it possible that my own authority as well as that of Heung Jin Gun be given to Heung Jin Gun’s younger brother. At the same time, Heung Jin Gun’s younger brother’s authority can be recognized by God through Heung Jin Gun with the permission of True Parents. In this way three generations are working as one.

All the blessed families are the second generation and their children are the third generation. As Hyun Jin Gun is my own son and Heung Jin Gun’s younger brother, he can liberate all

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the ancestors on behalf of True Parents. That is from the viewpoint of the Principle.

You must understand the background to this clearly. This ceremony opens the way for heaven and earth to clear away the sorrowful history. Therefore, none of your three blessed generations should ever fall. What will happen if you fall? With this ceremony, the age during which True Parents could save you has passed.

Since our blood lineage was different from God, we have had to have our blood lineage purified through the blessing. The new blood lineage should never ever be corrupted in thousands or tens of thousands of years. You must keep your purity. Do you understand? [Yes.]

You must understand clearly. This is very serious. From now, I cannot ask God to grant forgiveness in the name of True Parents. There will be no way to save you without sacrificing your own ancestors and your own brothers and sisters. Even then, your blood lineage will not be completely purified. You must pass on the pure blood lineage to your descendants. It is a serious matter.

My four children in the spirit world are present here, Hye Jin and three brothers, all of whom have been blessed. True Parents' parents and ancestors as well as twelve and twenty-four generations of your ancestors are watching us at this very moment. The blessing on earth has enormous value. As

we see heaven and earth having one equal level, the time has arrived when Heung Jin Gun, as the elder son, can do all the work True Parents have done and Hyun Jin Gun can do as much as Heung Jin Gun does.

The time will come, when you are qualified enough, that your own families will inherit the authority to give the blessing without Heung Jin Gun and Hyun Jin Gun. You must understand this. God is looking forward to the time. Do you understand? [Yes.] Do you leaders here understand? [Yes.] You must teach the members clearly.

The fearful time has come when God, the Creator of heaven and earth is present in your lives on earth, directly supervising you. In the past, when you did wrong, when you committed sin under the influence of the devil, you could find ways to restore yourselves. But from now, if you fall, for eternity there is no one who can save you.



Photo below, Father explains about the new book being given to the couples, Cham Hananim eui Choguk Kwangbok ("Restoration of the Fatherland of the True God"), a new compilation of Father's words on this and related topics.

You cannot be saved until your parents, all your ancestors and your brothers and sisters sacrifice themselves for you. Even then, it will take a very long time. If you fall, you will be put into a much worse situation than Adam and Eve. You should know that you will be despised a hundred times more than Adam and Eve have been if you contaminate the perfected blood lineage.

So I am telling you that all the families blessed in the realm of the three ages should never ever experience the sorrow of the fall. Do you understand? [Yes.] Those who answered, "yes," raise your hands.

Now, heaven and earth being together, I would like to begin the "The Turning Point of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Four Position Foundation Unification Blessing Ceremony." You understand that we will proclaim the handing down of the authority to give the blessing. [Yes.] Let us begin the preparations for the ceremony.

This ceremony is held in the spirit world and the physical world at the same time. Do you understand? [Yes.] The evil spirits are not in the spirit world any more. The spirit world is full of all of your ancestors who are blessed. The influence of evil is so much less now. Since Lucifer surrendered, only his followers remain there. Thirty-three percent of them are even blessed, too centered on the religious leaders.

Based on the 33 percent of those spirit beings blessed we want to give the blessing to 100 percent. This is the ceremony reversing the failures of Adam on the family level and of Jesus on the national level, because God has blessed this victorious foundation.

When heaven and earth go against each other, unity is not possible. This should change. What is up should move down and what is down should move up. Right and left should be able to meet. Then God's children can rectify their wrongs centered on God.



The spirit world and physical world can horizontally stand together before the restored Adam, centered on the Heavenly Parents. Do you understand? [Yes.] We can perfect them by connecting to the eight stages. The time has come when True Parents and Heung Jin in the spirit world, as the highest leaders, can unify the borderlines between the two worlds. We can therefore hold this ceremony to transfer the blessing in the physical and spiritual worlds at the same time. Do you understand? [Yes.]

So we are entering into the era when we can perfect the vertical and horizontal at the same time. Because I proclaim that all the victorious foundations on earth and in the spirit world have equal value from now, because they can interchange with each other, Satan can never enter this realm. If the followers of Lucifer do not obey this command, we can cast them away centered on the tribal realm.

Until we bless 100 percent of the spirit world, only one third of the spirit world belongs to the heavenly realm. So we blessed Confucius, Buddha, and Socrates centered on Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Those included in the 33 percent are the ones who have more accomplishments and are more qualified. We have totally indemnified all the failures made in the Old Testament age since Adam's family and in the New Testament age since Jesus' family. They can now stand in the same position with us. They can inherit the responsibilities vertically and horizontally. The time of unification has come when everyone, wherever he is, can inherit the liberated realm of the blessing. Amen. [Amen.]

So, you should understand that hundred of millions of spirit people who are blessed are here in spirit. I would like to tell you that especially those youngsters below the age of sixteen who are blessed in the spirit world are here together with us.





Photos: top, Father took time to talk personally with certain couples about their character and relationship, here with local church leaders Rev. & Mrs. Seong Song Lim; bottom, a couple responds to Father's request that they kiss each other. Father counted off the seconds to see how long they could manage!

The Ceremony

On the foundation of the unity between God in heaven and True Parents on earth, the perfection of the spirit world and physical world occur together. The spiritual and physical worlds should support each other in fulfilling their tasks. Heung Jin Gun in the spirit world can have the same blessing authority with True Parents that can liberate and offer indemnity for the satanic world. Heung Jin Gun's foundation can be directly connected to the earth centered on God. Therefore, through True Parents, centered on Heung Jin Gun and Hyun Jin Gun, all the blessed families in the spirit world and on earth will create a unifying environment and move together toward one destination. This is a ceremony of handing down the supreme authority, conveying to all the blessed families, on the victorious foundation of True Parents, the elder son and younger son, a victorious realm on their family level. Amen. [Amen.] We would like to conclude the ceremony with the Parents' blessing.

Reverend Kwak: First of all, Heung Jin Nim's family should offer a bow before the Parents of Heaven and Earth. (They offer a bow.) Next, representatives...

Father: No, Hyun Jin Gun, and Hee Jin Gun, Young Jin Gun and Hye Jin Yang in the spirit world must all do this together as they all received the blessing. Do you follow? And all of you standing here should bow together since you represent the blessed couples in both the spirit world and physical world.

Reverend Kwak: Now, all the True Children's families in the spirit world who are here—Young Jin Nim's family, Hye Jin Nim's family, Hee Jin Nim's family, plus Hyun Jin Nim's family on earth, other True Children and representatives of the second generation blessed families, of the first generation blessed families and of the church elders should bow before the Parents of Heaven and Earth. (They offer a bow.)

All the representatives of the blessed

families on earth and the blessed families in the spirit world should bow. Let us offer a full bow before the Parents of Heaven and Earth. (A full bow is offered)

Now let us recite the Family Pledge. (Recitation of the Family Pledge)

True Father resumes:

Elder Hyo Nam Kim should come out to the front. She does not belong to her individual self. She has the mission of the medium teaching about Father and Mother's direct family representing Heung Jin Gun, Dae Mo Nim, Choong Mo Nim and Dae Hyung Nim. Therefore, when you see her, you should think of her as representing Heung Jin Gun, Dae Mo Nim, Choong Mo Nim and Dae Hyung Nim's families. She is not a woman representing blessed families.

Since I put her in the position of representing my direct family, including my own elder brother, you should serve her with respect! Do you understand? [Yes.] You should not behave carelessly. You should understand that you are here serving a heavenly family. You should behave correctly, maintaining your honor and dignity. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Since the women who participated in the first special workshop for registration are registered now, they can take the responsibility of educating their children. On the foundation of the unity between mothers and their children, together they can help their fathers reform themselves so that the couples can stand as the ideal and unfallen parents on earth. These parents, following the tradition of True parents, will serve God and offer themselves and their children and all things representing the Old Testament age, New Testament age and Completed Testament age with great joy in their hearts. This is the point in history of inheriting the actual right of love. This is the beginning point of the liberation of our homeland. By indemnifying all that went unfulfilled by the blessed families and by taking responsibility in the confusing time of the unification of South and North Korea, we



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are trying to establish the liberation of our homeland. You are soldiers and God's children, with the very serious task of finding our original homeland.

So, the Parents of Heaven and Earth truly want all of you to understand that you are soldiers waiting for the command to go to war and that heaven and earth, in cooperation, are establishing one straight way for you. Therefore, you should be stainless families of the first, second and third generations in whom your ancestors in the spirit world can take pride. I pray and hope for all of you to be the princes and princesses of victory centered on Heung Jin Gun and Hyun Jin Gun's families by creating ideal unity and perfection. Amen. [Amen.] Do you understand? [Yes.]

Now the time has arrived when we can give the blessing ceremony freely, anywhere on earth and in the spirit world, centered on Heung Jin Gun, on the foundation of father and son unity.

Air, sunlight and water can flow through anywhere there are cracks. Water can even flow up to the top due to the phenomenon of capillary action. Among those things that flow, love has the most value and power. If we consider human beings as spaces that love can flow through, love always finds its place within us just as low pressure does in the air. It works like low pressure. In the same way that sunlight, air and water flow through any cracks or spaces, all the cracks and spaces in the spirit world should be filled with love.

You should take responsibility as the ones with unified heavenly ownership and be victorious families setting the standard of loyal servants—filial sons and daughters before the heavenly kingdom of liberation. Amen. [Amen.] I bless you with the wish that all of you really do your utmost to fulfill the goal.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father residing in heaven above and below! True Parents residing in the physical world! Heavenly Father and True Parents in unity have established an equal value before the entire universe. Centering on the unified realm of love establishing the ideal family relationships between parents and children, between couples, and between brothers and sisters, God as the standard, the day has come for Heavenly Father to finally fulfill His fervent wish that the entire spirit and physical world be perfected.

I have had the spirit world adopt True Parents' victorious foundation on earth so that all the blessed families liberated in the spirit world centered on Heung Jin Gun welcome Parents and Children. Therefore, together with Heavenly Father I take responsibility for all the failures of blessed families for the past forty years and connect them to the position of true children before God and give the blessed families the chance to establish the victorious standard. Therefore, through this ceremony, I allow the victory of True Parents on earth to be the victory of the spirit world so that on that unified foundation between the spirit world and physical world, True Parents' blessing authority can go beyond any humanistic level and stand in the core of unification. It is truly a prestigious time that Heung Jin Gun can give the blessing that can liberate all the saints and sages and others, unifying with the

perfect foundation of the blessing on earth. It is the time to proclaim the beginning of the perfection of the spirit world and physical world. It is the place that the blessing authority is handed over.

Father, with great joy in Your heart please indemnify and clear away all the sorrow accumulated throughout history. Please let the joyful hymns of glorious victory and liberation fill the entire universe with the sounds of drums and songs of the joy of the universe, singing "my love and my heavenly kingdom have come." Please make this day the joyful beginning of the completion of the blessing, completion of the earthly and heavenly kingdoms. This is a special period of time on earth when we set the conditions to become the people who can accept suffering voluntarily. Please bless, bless, and bless us again so that we can carve out a new road, through the light of the purity of love that is full of victories and glories for thousands and thousands of years.

Because True Parents on earth have been working up to now as the leaders of the history of indemnity, together with the elder son with equal authority in the spirit world, we can now bring the earth and the spirit world into a balanced unity where saints and murderers can be bound together with brotherly love. Please help us purify the stained blood in the satanic world and pass on the pure blood lineage to the next generation. Now is the time of unification and integration. Therefore, the liberation of the earth means the liberation of the spirit world and vice versa. Through father and son ties and the ties of brothers, we allow the younger son, who should create the foundation spring of the heavenly kingdom of the blessing and happiness on earth, the special and prestigious authority to become one with the heavenly protector of resurrection. We sincerely ask You, Father, to lead us, guide us and move forward with us, with total freedom.

This moment, we sincerely proclaim that we directly hand down all the victories made in the name of True Parents to the elder son, Heung Jin Gun, who actualizes the blessing of liberation united with God's ideal of creation in the spirit world. We hope all the things will be done and realized in the universe as You desire. We report the victory with our sincere longing, in the name of True Parents. Amen, Amen, Amen.

We proclaim that we hand down the victorious realm of True Parents on earth to Heung Jin Gun who has accomplished victories and represented the elder son realm in the spirit world, based on the victorious tradition and unifying ideal. All people on earth and in heaven should have a heart of gratitude and fulfill their responsibility as filial sons and daughters, loyal servants, heroic women, saints and sages who embrace the heaven and earth of love and the kingdom of eternal and unchanging love. We pledge! Amen. We pledge! Amen. We pledge! Amen.

We proclaim this and sincerely pray before his brothers and sisters on earth that Heung Jin Gun will inherit True Parents' will and do his utmost to realize it. Amen. [Amen.]◆

After the ceremony, Father invited all the members to take some food and drink from the offering table to share in the joy of the event.

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Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony

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The first "Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony" was held at 6:30 a.m. on September 26, 2000, at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace. This was the first blessing ceremony held following the ceremony to pass on the authority to give the blessing ("The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony") on September 24, 2000. On behalf of True Parents, Heung Jin Nim's family and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's family officiated at the ceremony. Upon entering the hall, Reverend and Mrs.

Kwak offered a full bow before the Parents of Heaven and Earth. There followed the recitation of the Family Pledge, an opening prayer by Rev. Sun Jo Hwang, the officiator's address from Reverend Kwak, affirmation of four vows for registration, the holy wine ceremony, presentation of flowers to the Parents of Heaven and Earth, three cheers of Mansei, and closing words. Following is Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's address to the participants.

WE ARE here on a truly historical occasion. Before the Four Position Foundation Blessing Ceremony True Parents told us that none of the registered families should ever cast any shadows. They must have the right attitude and heart in terms of creating good families.

Originally, all blessed families were meant to set the right standard and were never to have left any shadows in their lives as they served God and True Parents vertically. However, we have not been able to maintain the precious gift of the blessing and have accumulated shadows and dark conditions. That has been the reality of our lives and history.

On this occasion, True Parents blessed Heung Jin Nim so that he can exercise True Parents' entire authority in the spirit world through "The Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony." On that foundation, as True Parents on earth have performed the blessing in the physical world as well as in the spirit world, Heung Jin Nim can guide the lives of all the registered families and educate them from now. On the foundation of the blessing, as people who are not sufficiently qualified, we are holding the historical Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony with Heung Jin Nim.

Following the Registration Blessing Ceremony, we should all become blessed families realizing True Parents' will by not creating any shadows in our lives in front of God and True Parents, either internally or externally, through not giving any reasons for Satan to interfere in our lives—thereby creating wholesome families. This is what True Parents want us to accomplish. Because we are registered on the victorious

national foundation, as long as we keep within the Principle, Satan can never slander us. We can now embody the glory of the blessing. God has forgiven us, who have so many flaws, and has cleansed our past and put us in the position from which we can begin anew with His endless grace. I believe, therefore, that we must participate in the Registration Blessing with the determination that we, as families, must never create any shadows internally and truly put into practice

what we have learned. When blessed families do not leave any shadows behind and create families God can settle in, each one of you as individuals, and each family, can create a 90-degree vertical relationship with God and True Parents.

We should therefore all put into practice True Father's words of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. In addition, we must all remember that True Parents want every family member to keep his or her position as subject or object centered on true love, based on the perfect give and take relationship, to create relationships of true love that gives for the sake of others, and thereby completely settle as families embodying True Parents' will.



Secondly, True Father told us to practice true love in our daily lives. When he told us that families should hold hoon dok hae based on his speech on breaking down national borders, he emphasized time and again that wives, husbands and even God can own love only through their partners (objects) of love. Following his words, I understand, we should determine to become champions and owners of love by putting into practice true love in our relationships between brothers and sisters, parents and children, and husbands and wives. Satan is the main reason we end up creating all kinds of barriers and conflicts, not only in family relationships but also in any other kinds of relationships. We should therefore lead our lives as soldiers practicing the true love for the sake of others so that we can break down all the barriers in our own lives, including the national ones, as God and True Parents want us to. What I wish to say here is that we must participate in this ceremony pledging and determining not to create barriers in our relationships with others any more; and pledging and determining to always practice true love in our daily lives, thus creating an environment God can be present in, and never to allow satanic interference.

True Parents sincerely want you to attend the blessing ceremony with your earnest pledge never to defile your blood lineage from now on, and to create truthful families, so that

all the generations descending from you will be able to keep your precious blood lineage for eternity.

During the blessing workshop for the wives, Father emphasized their responsibilities. As the center of each family, the wife should take responsibility for educating their children. Based on the unity between mothers and children, Father said that the wives should educate and inspire their husbands and create unchanging family foundation. With those detailed directions, we should truly be grateful to True Parents' profound love at graciously giving us this opportunity today. We should participate in the ceremony with an understanding of how hard God must have worked throughout history, an understanding of the kind of effort and sacrifice True Parents have had to make throughout their lives, and an understanding of the sacrifice made by Heung Jin Nm, other True Children, and other direct relatives of the True Family.

All of us here in this place, including myself, should have

a clear understanding that, starting from today, all our lives truly belong to God and are offered to True Parents. We should surrender ourselves and determine to give everything we have to put God and True Parents' will into practice. That is the least we can do, as a condition to show our gratitude in receiving this tremendous grace. I sincerely hope and pray that all of our families here will truly determine in our deepest hearts, over and over again, to do God and True Parents' will.◆



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The Registration Vows

1. Do you pledge in front of God and True Parents, who have given you this special grace of registration, to form the correct attitude of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience and to preserve the blessed family tradition of true love, true life and true lineage for eternity?

2. As registered blessed families, do you pledge to set the example of realizing the restoration of God's fatherland and a world of peace?



3. Do you pledge that you will attend God as the master of love by practicing true love in your daily life, breaking down national boundaries, and establishing ideal families having lordship over the creation?

4. Do you pledge that you will perfectly settle yourselves as blessed families and take responsibility for the eternal lives of your children and descendants by establishing the dignity of tribal messiahs?

Photos: Previous page, Rev. and Mrs. Chung Hwan Kwak offer the blessing benediction; This page top, Rev. Sun Jo Hwang offers the opening prayer for one of the registration blessing ceremonies; middle, Rev. and Mrs. Kwak ask the participant families to affirm their four registration vows; bottom, Rev. and Mrs. Hwang take part in the registration blessing along with many families in the main auditorium at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace; Facing page top to bottom, Hamish and Chantal Roberston (Scotland) in prayer; During the holy wine ceremony, the wife of Rev. Seong Song Lim (at back) distributes holy wine to her family according to Father's guidelines; The family of Joshua and Claire Cotter (USA) after the registration blessing ceremony; A panorama of the main hall at the blessing ceremony



View from Cheong Pyeong Training Center... (from *Tongil Segye*)

MANY senior members of the Unification movement have come to encourage the participants during the course of the registration workshops. They have enriched the program through their lectures, speeches and testimonies. Sharing their own personal experiences with True Parents, they have shed light on the providence, and testified to the amazing spiritual experiences they had encountered in the early church period.

True Father's own love and concern for the workshop was extraordinary. Whenever he came to the workshop, he spoke for several hours. Before the Registration Blessing, Father held the ceremony to pass on the authority to give the blessing. Father said, "Because of the fall of Adam and Eve, the spirit world and the physical world were split apart. However, on the victorious foundation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, True Parents can bequeath their authority to Heung Jin Nim in the spirit world and Hyun Jin Nim on earth. The blessing therefore now has the unified value of the realm of oneness between Father and Son."

After this "Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony," the "Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony" (of these two ceremonies, the first was a unique event through which the authority to give the blessing was handed down, and the second is the registration blessing, which are now occurring every month) was held on three occasions in the last week of September, attended by nearly fifteen thousand members. Heung Jin Nim's couple, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's couple, and Rev. Sun Jo Hwang's couple officiated on behalf of True Parents.◆



True Parents' Standards for Registered Families

1. Preservation of your pure blood lineage forever (all-out defense of your pure blood lineage)
2. Settlement of Il Shim ("one mind" or "whole heartedness")
3. Practical education of your children about true love
4. Breaking down national boundaries; international marriage
5. Liberation of the fatherland and the realization of the Heavenly Kingdom
6. Memorization of "Hoon Dok Kyung" and "Divine Principle"
7. Actualization of the Family Pledge and perfection of its practice



Summer Fishing Tournament & Pal Jeong Shik Celebration



Mother poured out all their love to us at that beautiful morning gathering. And although the Hoon Dok Hae was read by Mrs. Won Ju McDevitt, and commentary was added by Rev. Yu Jong Ok, National Messiah to Uruguay, Father could not help but share some of his heartfelt thoughts with us. Father's main points:

(1) Learn Korean—it not only is the language of True Parents, but it also conveys a meaning of thought that is much more deeply connected to the realm of heart than any other language.

(2) Lineage is remarkably important—from the providential perspective, lineage contains everything: love and life. Humankind fell under Satan's lineage, but from now we must willingly move to be under God's lineage. We must pass this Godly lineage down to our children and grandchildren. Satan divided humanity by using the fall to cause enmity among Adam, Eve, and the children. God unites the lineage by making a vertical relationship between parent and child. From the vertical family we

can expand out (horizontally) to the tribe, nation, and world.

(3) Purpose of Kodiak—all nations need to inherit the spirit of Kodiak. Kodiak is one of the four best fishing and hunting places in the world. Through the hobby industry all nations can unite in peace.

Both hunting and fishing release the blood of the animal (like the Old Testament offerings). Eventually we all become an offering, as our death is the release of blood for the sake of the

spirit world. Our time on earth is preparation for that

moment of offering. People of all nationalities, races and religions can join tournaments, offering fish and animals, as a way of preparation to join together in the spirit world.

Only True Father could think of holding a gathering of people from all over the world with the panoramic view and heart to embrace each one of us, set us on fire once again, then turn us loose to realize the dream. The fishing itself was a wonderful and joyful experience. Even if I did not catch the prize-winning fish, there was great joy in seeing a brother or sister pull one in! On our last day on the big boat, a 70-footer carrying 35 fishermen wall to wall, we caught several nice halibut and several silver salmon. One of the Korean elders started to filet the fish to make some of the most delicious sashimi I've ever had. (Doesn't get any fresher than that!) Another couple of Western brothers got busy setting up a charcoal grill for more salmon and halibut, roasted this time. Superb! It even made the tangled fishing lines

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SOME people say Alaska is America's final frontier, but I feel in many ways that Alaska is America's first frontier for the building of God's ideal world. The spectacular majesty of the mountains, the boundless energy of the Pacific Ocean, the extensive array of fishing opportunities with so many good fish available, the clean crisp air, the relatively unspoiled atmosphere—all this and more make Kodiak the ideal place to meet True Parents, the new beginning of the human family. We were all invited—on very short notice, as usual!—to join with True Parents in celebrating their fortieth Holy Wedding anniversary and to participate in the Second Annual International Summer Fishing Tournament. Not only that, but we also celebrated the twelfth *Pal Cheong Shik* (Day of the Settlement of Eight Stages) on August 31st, and the twelfth *Champu Ju-ui* (Declaration of Heavenly Parentism), the former along with our True Parents, the latter after True Parents had boarded a 4:30 a.m. flight to Korea on September 1st.

Those who arrived early had the very special opportunity to be with True Parents in an intimate setting for Hoon Dok Hae on Wednesday morning, August 30th. Only about 30 of the eventual 250 members had arrived by this time, and Father and Mother were able to see each one of us individually. Although very exhausted from their grueling travels between Korea, South America, New York, Washington, and then Kodiak, Father and



and sometimes merciless ocean currents bearable. The sun shined on all of this, as we drank in the latter days of the summer.

Whales blew their geysers and danced on the waves, giving everyone another reason to draw their pocket cameras. Slow times while the big boat motored to the next "fish haven" gave us time to get to know one another, to listen to life stories we'd normally never get the chance to hear. If we needed time just to be alone and think, or even to share a cup of coffee with someone, it was all there. I had the feeling that the Kingdom of God must be a lot like what we were experiencing.

God calls, we respond. We don't know what's in store for us, but each time it seems to get just a little bit better. Each time we just "go on faith", there seems to be far more waiting for us than we have any right to expect. In the end, we could all see that Father's idea to hold annual fishing tournaments is brilliant.

Even though True Parents had to leave us in the dark early morning hours so they could fly to Korea to be with the sisters meeting at Cheong Pyeong, we could feel their spirits with us each moment, washing over us with love and appreciation, comforting us with their deepest, most affectionate embrace.

What a time. What a memory. What a blessing.

I'm signing up now to go back next year. ♦

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Photos: facing page, True Parents' holy day ceremony and benediction; this page top, True Parents together; middle, a commemorative portrait; bottom, True Parents with members weighing the catch (Gunnard is in the broad-rimmed hat)



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go through a growing period and then the age of God's direct dominion begins. Is that not what the Principle tells us?

What have been the transition points to start the new ages? The transition point from the Old Testament age to the New was the birth of Jesus Christ. The transition point from the New Testament age to the Completed Testament age was the advent of True Parents. And the transition point from the Completed Testament age to the age of perfection is "The Transition of Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony." The three ages are the Old Testament age, the New Testament age, and the Completed Testament age. These ages have been the growing period to reach the age of perfection. When the Second Advent occurs, those with prepared foundations were to fulfill their responsibilities by testifying to and attending the Lord. Yet because of the failure of these prepared foundations, Father had to begin his public mission as the True Parent in 1992 rather than in 1945. The Completed Testament age thus began from 1993.

After the perfection stage of the growing period, the age of direct dominion will arrive, which means the settlement of God's kingdom. The turning point is the Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony. True Parents tell us that it is now the age of settlement, the completion of the period of growth, and the transition point of our going to the original homeland.

Passing on the authority to give the blessing

What is the meaning of the "Realm of Oneness"? True Parents are completing their mission as True Parents on earth and handing their mission over to True Children. The age of True Parents' taking responsibility is over. It is now the age of True Children's taking responsibility. Father said that after the fortieth Holy Wedding anniversary, the second forty-year course would start. The first forty-year course was the age of parents and the second is the age of children

What do the children inherit from the parents? What unique authority do True Parents have? [The blessing.] Yes. The unique authority True Parents have is the authority to give the blessing. Although we have done the pre-blessing as tribal messiahs, we have never done the main blessings. We are not qualified. So through that ceremony, True Parents gave the authority to give the blessing to True Children, especially to Heung Jin Nim in the spirit world and his younger brother, Hyun Jin Nim. From now on, even if Father continues to officiate at the blessing ceremonies, the blessing realm belongs to True Children.

At this time, the blessing authority has been handed over to True Children. When the time comes, someday, we will inherit it, too. But first of all, True Parents' authority was handed over to Heung Jin Nim in the spirit world, representing the Abel realm.

A tremendous transition in the providential era

Thus, the providence has gone through a "transition" from the unperfected era to the era of perfection through the Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony. The unperfected, growing period made up of the Old, New and Completed Testament ages has developed into the perfected era. According to the Principle, it is now the time of God's direct

dominion centering on the True Family. The period of growth has done through a transition to the period of settlement. Father said that Heung Jin Nim, relying on True Parents, has done a lot of providential work in the spirit world so far. But from now, Heung Jin Nim can subjectively exercise absolute authority, since he has inherited it from True Parents through that ceremony. This authority includes the authority to grant grace, resurrection, and the blessing. Since Heung Jin Nim inherited the unique rights of True Parents, he can administer the spirit world and the physical world without having to ask True Parents about anything. This right to administer the earth has also been inherited by Hyun Jin Nim. With True Children's inheriting True Parents' entire authority, the era of registration has started on earth.

From now, we should change our own concepts of our faith. We have been trying to set a standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward True Parents.

Now we should set the same standard toward True Children. We have to understand that we have such an important vertical relationship with True Children, who are Abel to us.

It is such a great victory for True Children to inherit True Parents' mission after having gone through so much suffering in their lives. When Heung Jin Nim went to spirit world in his very young age, Father appointed him as the commander of the spirit world. But he could not be the commander automatically just by going to the spirit world. Whoever we are, humans have to follow the principle not only in this world but also in spirit world. As the Second Coming had to go through the restorational courses because of the failure of Christianity, Heung Jin Nim also had to go through the similar courses

in spirit world. Nothing can be done automatically. In spirit world, he had to fight against Satan and fulfill his own responsibility to make his own foundation. With that, he could be resurrected on earth.

The resurrection of Heung Jin Nim and Dae Mo Nim at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace did not come about through some kind of magic. As you know very well, tearful history preceded it. What a tremendous victory it is for True Children to receive from True parents the authority to grant rebirth, resurrection and the blessing!

Such a tremendous providential change came about on September 24th. On that foundation, the Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony [often referred to as the Grace Ceremony] was held. As the new age begins, internally, there was the Transition of the Three Ages Realm of Oneness Unification Blessing Ceremony. And, externally, we have the workshops for the Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing. This is a phenomenal providential change.

Therefore, beginning now, the spirit world is far closer to us. The earth has been the subject. So Heung Jin Nim has had to receive directions from Father to do the work of rebirth and resurrection. But from now Heung Jin Nim has the subjective power to make decisions of his own concerning matters of rebirth, resurrection and even the blessing. The Cheonseong Wanglim Palace has moved into a different dimension.

True Parents gave Elder Hyo Nam Kim a new title. True Parents gave her the title of "Elder" [nearly one year ago] and then "Hoon Mo Nim" recognizing her mission as a teaching



mother. *Hoon* means “teaching” [as in *Hoon Dok Hae*] and *Mo* means “mother”.

The position of the spirit world has changed. The earth is not the subject anymore; the spirit world is the subject of the blessing, rebirth and resurrection. The role of the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace and of Hoon Mo Nim as the medium has become so much more important.

A blessing for three generations

How is the Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing Ceremony different from past blessing ceremonies? The blessing has been given to couples, men and women, for their rebirth and resurrection. Even the blessing ceremonies for single people were for couples as they brought together single people on earth with those in the spirit world. The Four Position Foundation Registration Blessing is not only for couples but also for their children and their grandchildren. It is for the three generations of the four-position foundation. You are here today with your children. There has never been a blessing that included couples’ children, not even the blessing ceremonies for previously married couples. That is the important difference.

This blessing is also different from the past because it is not part of the restoration course. All the past blessing ceremonies were rituals for our restoration: restoration from the satanic lineage to God’s, from the evil lineage to the good. The three-day ceremonies and the holy wine ceremonies were understood as part of the restoration process. But this blessing is not for our restoration. This blessing is for us to move to God’s direct dominion.

Because the past blessings were for restoration, you needed to set up conditions such as making foundations of faith and of substance. You had to witness to three people and fast for seven days. This time we had a different kind of preparation. We had to have our wives participate in the special twenty-one-day workshop for registration. Women are at the center. Why did Father educate blessed wives for twenty-one days? The most significant reason is that Father created true mothers during this period of twenty-one days.

Mother-son cooperation

Why educate mothers? Let us look at history. Since Christianity failed its mission, Father had to set up a new movement, the Unification Movement. The Unification Movement later helped found the Women’s Federation. Representing the Women’s Federation, right after its founding, from July 6th to 9th 1992, True Mother testified about True Father from the position of John the Baptist.

The Completed Testament age began in 1993. It was an important providential event. What changed after this? In God’s providence, two types of events continuously recur—blessings and various speaking tours. Father said that communism developed through demonstrations, but God’s providence developed through speaking tours. Father had earlier taken charge of all these events. But that changed in 1993. Mother started to take charge of all the events from then on. Prior to the registration workshops, why did True Parents push women into the forefront? To open up the era of mother-son cooperation and thus conclude the providence.

The mission requiring mother-son Cooperation started in 1993 and ended on June 14, 1999. Let me read Father’s words from the Declaration and Celebration of True Parents’ Cosmic Victory, given at the time when Father presented an award to Mother:

Since Mother brought victory by successfully completing her tour, during which she gave speeches to the highest social class in the satanic world in eight cities, she has completed her mission as True Mother. She thereby stands in the place of True Mother, with acknowledgement from God, Satan and humankind.

Because she stands in the victorious position of having gone beyond the standard of the religious world, she is registered now as restored Eve before True Adam. We proclaim this fact before heaven and earth. And I hereby bestow this award on Mother, Mrs. Hak Ja Han.

So, the providence focusing on cooperation between mother and son ended at that time. To whom is Mother’s mission being handed over? The blessed wives. So in order to prepare the Registration Blessing Ceremony, Father had to educate the blessed wives to be true mothers who can open a new age.

The master of the registration blessing ceremony

Past blessing ceremonies were conducted by True Parents. But the master of the Registration Blessing Ceremony is Heung Jin Nim. Do you know how much effort Father made to take care of the registration workshops? Since June 24th, he has been coming here, and each time he spoke for many hours. He has dedicated himself to this degree.

Although he invests tremendous effort in the workshops, he never comes for the Blessing Ceremony. Why not? He avoids the occasion on purpose, because Heung Jin Nim has to officiate at the ceremony alone. Father comes any other time, day or night, but he never comes at the time of the ceremony. He does, though, come after the ceremonies. So we should recognize this providential change and Father’s attitude toward it.

A blessing to allow us to be registered in heaven

Then let us look at the background of the Registration Blessing Ceremony. We became free from the original sin through our blessing. Later, we came to take responsibility as tribal messiahs. We invested in tribal messiah activity for a hundred and sixty families. And then we received forty day’s of education in Jardim. We made the Total Living Offering to transfer ownership and liberate God. On that foundation, blessed wives attended the 21-day registration workshop to make the foundation for the Registration Blessing.

For these three days, you should understand clearly what it means to be registered in heaven, make good conditions, and repent for your past. The blessing will be given to you tomorrow, to all of your family members, the four-position foundation in unity. You will be asked to write confessions centering on the mother in each family. All of your family members will gather together to repent for the past. Why? Because it is time for all the work we have done for our faith to bear fruit and for us to be registered in heaven. We are being registered into the True Family to be like True Parents’ own children.

Earning citizenship in heaven

The most important meaning of the Registration Blessing is to create God’s nation centering on True Parents. True Parents’ final providential mission is to create the nation of the original creation. According to Father’s words [p.45 of the book *Restoration of the Fatherland of the True God*], because we have no nation of our own, our births, marriages and deaths cannot be registered. To have a nation, there should be people, land and sovereignty. Once there is land for a nation, people should set up the nation’s constitutional law. Once

the right constitutional system is established in God's nation, people can be registered there. There originally should have been a nation first and then registration. But Father is giving us the chance to be registered before we have our own land. Centering on Korea, Father is trying to create God's nation through the Registration Blessing Ceremony.

Registration means our earning citizenship in God's nation. It also means the beginning of the age of settlement. Until now, we have been in a developing period from the incomplete to the completed. But through the Registration, we have finally reached the age of settlement. Where? In God's nation. Where is that nation? It is centered on the Korean peninsula. Father gave us these words on God's Day, 1971:

This is the second time for the Unification Movement to mobilize sisters. The first mobilizing was in the 1960s. Didn't I tell you that you would be mobilized again for three years on the front-line? This time, sisters are being mobilized for three years. I will mobilize sisters again for three years in the future. Altogether, you have to pass through a nine-year course. Therefore, you have to renew your determination. For three years, from 1971 to 1974, sisters should be mobilized. When our sisters are mobilized to work their hardest, we can pass through the second seven-year course successfully. This seven-year course is related to Jesus' mission.

The True Family was registered in 1971

Father said on that January 1st in 1971 that sisters would be mobilized again when the time comes. That time is the time of registration. When was True Family registered? Father continued:

This morning we celebrated God's Day. Before the celebration we had a dedication ceremony. Until now, our family was not registered before God. For my family to be registered, we had to establish the condition of Cain's having surrendered to us. Even though I mobilized sisters, who are the center of heart and loving relations in your families, none of you demonstrated against or rejected me. This is indeed honorable. Since, centering on my family, you all have made the victorious foundation of working on the frontline, my family has finally met the victorious condition to be registered before God.

The condition for the True Family to be registered was the surrender of Cain. That meant mobilizing blessed families. Because blessed families kept their standard of absolute faith, the True Family could be registered. This is very significant. The True Family was registered on the foundation of blessed families having been mobilized for three years and having kept absolute faith.

Why is mobilization necessary?

What kind of conditions should we make to be registered? We need the condition of being mobilized. Isn't it clear? We have to be mobilized again. Since the necessary condition for True Family's registration was mobilization, the necessary condition to open the age of registration for us is also mobilization.

For True Parents, our registration is establishing God's kingdom on earth. For us, it is the way to live in God's kingdom by earning citizenship. For the providence, it is the time of settlement centered around Korea.

What will happen if Korea does not fulfill its responsibility? We will have to move with our children and our grandchildren. Where? To South America or somewhere else. In whatever way it can be done, True Parents must establish

God's nation on earth. Until their birthday in 2004, True Parents have no other choice but to work for the providence of establishing God's nation. Even if all the Unification members collapse and tumble down, even if only ten people remain, True Parents have to advance the providence no matter what.

If they cannot establish it in Korea, they will have to do in another place. It could be in Jardim, Uruguay, the Pantanal etc. No matter how small a land it may be, they have to establish God's sovereign nation on earth.

In this very important providential turning point, we have the Four Position Foundation Blessing Ceremony. It is the fruit of all of our life of faith and the change of God's entire providence.

Our attitude in the age of registration

What kind of attitude should we have? Father said that we should settle since it is the time of settlement. How? First of all, we must set a vertical standard by conducting ourselves in such a way as to cast no shadows with our lives from now on. We must be clear and transparent before God and the spirit world at all times.

Second, we should reach the right standard of heart. To realize God's nation on earth, we should establish a culture of heart. We should actualize lives of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We should put into practice the spirit of sacrificial service.

Third, we must keep our blood lineage pure. If we fall after registration, there is no way to recover. There will not be any more grace ceremonies. True Parents forgive and cleanse you this time, while you promise to keep the lineage of goodness for eternity. The parents in each family should take responsibility to keep your blood lineage pure for their second and third generations.

Fourth, Father told us to be the masters of love, to be God's people. Fifth, we must love all things. Sixth, we must break down all national boundaries.

These are the standards of faith in the age of registration.

Conclusion

This is the first time your entire family has come together in a workshop to confess together and to redetermine yourselves by drinking the holy wine. This is not for the purpose of changing the blood lineage, and not a ceremony for restoration. But it is a new beginning for us as God's people.

You will have three days here starting today. True Parents will visit us, giving us abundant blessing and love. We have a lot of unforgivable flaws. We have committed a lot of sins. Some have infringed upon others' hearts. Some have fallen. Some have misused public money. I have a lot of flaws too. The most worrisome matters for Father is the matter of lineage, of public money and of personnel relations.

But now we can all be totally free from all past inadequacies. It is really the time to begin anew as God's people. The ceremony to be citizens of God's nation will unfold over the next three days. We must all be deeply grateful to True Parents and True Children whose lives have been suffering courses, which made the foundation of today's glory. As couples, we must determine again, after repenting for the past, to start new and to settle as the people of God's nation on earth for eternity. We must make a brand new start.

I hope and pray that these three days will be the time for your rebirth and resurrection along with a profound realization of the truth.

May God bless you.◆

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IIFWP International Seminar in Washington DC



This seminar was one among a series of international seminars for leaders in society. On this foundation, Father is launching a global education program for such leaders, to be carried out in each nation. His vision is to inspire many to dedicate themselves as public service volunteers in their own countries.



Photos: top left, Rev. Kwak comes forward to give his address; top right, President and First Lady of the Marshall Islands Kessai and Mary Note at the podium; middle left, discussion among participants; middle right, Rev. Kwak in the center of things; below, some of the group of several hundred seminar participants



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Youth NOT Wasted on the Young



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My name is Akemi Lee and I am fifteen years old. I live in California with my parents and two younger sisters. As you can see by my age, I am not blessed yet, but someday I do plan to go to the blessing. I have a lot of faith in True Parents and God. I haven't had any major life changing experiences, but I've been to workshops and camps where I have learned and changed a lot.

When I was in about sixth to seventh grade, I didn't go to church often and I didn't have a clear relationship with my parents or True Parents. I couldn't tell the difference from our lineage and from my school friends' lineage. I thought I was the one that led an unfair life with no boyfriends and such. I never thought deeply about things and only judged things from the external view. I didn't think that the daily things I did would affect my spiritual life.

After going to One Heart Camp in 1998, I realized all the value we have as blessed children. This took time, especially opening my heart and understanding the spiritual value we carry. I never realized how precious and lucky we are to be blessed children of God. After listening to my *onnis'* and *oppas'* lectures and testimonies about purity, I was determined to center my life on God and the important things of my life, not the temporary things. I never knew how precious it was to save yourself for your spouse until I realized that that was God's will. With all the things we see and hear in this fallen world, it's very easy to get distracted while trying to go the right way.

After One Heart Camp, I surrounded myself with blessed children (BCs) and spent more time with my family. My heart seemed to grow as my life took on a clearer direction and meaning. Now when I go to church every Sunday, I look forward to learning more and seeing my church friends, who are the best friends I could ask for. We all go through the same troubles and share

a common bond. You know that your church friends will always be there. In a way, I am very lucky to have such wonderful friends who share the same circumstances. Sometimes I wonder what my school friends do all day, because a lot of the stuff they do seems so superficial. I go to camps as often as possible and attend every little workshop Los Angeles (LA) holds. Whenever I am with all the BCs in LA, my spirit skyrockets and my face brightens. You can really feel God dwell when we do

had a connection that we knew would last forever. It was like a never-ending chain. From one BC, I'd meet their friend, who'd introduce me to another friend, and so on. There was nothing to hide, it was so pure—becoming one with all these brothers and sisters. The spirit was high and uplifting. You could really feel God's presence and love dwell with us through everything we did. I'm not very good with words, but it was awesome. My spirit was totally bright and I felt like spreading my love to others. There were about two hundred and fifty blessed children there and it was such an impressive experience to see how we all united as one in what we believe in: abstinence before marriage and fidelity within it.

We went around many cities on the East Coast preaching this. While we were either preaching, marching or asking for signatures, we were all learning a lot spiritually and physically. We all had to overcome any obstacle we faced and break into people's heart to really help them understand us from within.

Of course, with all the BCs on tour, many had different standards. Most were very pure and righteous, while others were not so enthusiastic. That was kind of a shock to me, personally, because in LA the spirit is always so high. There were many different standards, but no matter how strong or weak one's faith was, we still all united to spread the message of purity. I can't really speak for others, but for myself, every single person became a life-long friend. I'm sure many others felt the same. Especially since LA doesn't have too many BCs, it's always nice to know that there are many people like us that go through the same struggle and difficulty to resist any temptation to lose our purity. Deep inside each and every single one of us, there's a spot that just wants love, and to reach inside there and break through the hardness is always an accomplishment that can be praised. It's a bond that God can dwell in and that always feels complete.



With friends on a fishing trip (Akemi is below, middle)

activities together. Last year, I went on the Pure Love Alliance (PLA). That was an amazing experience that brought me closer to the East Coast BCs. I never realized how many BCs there are in this world, and all that we share.

PLA '99 was an awesome experience. On the first day, all the LA people (around 10) arrived late at the Washington DC church, just as everyone was getting ready for bed. Personally, I didn't know too many BCs from the East Coast, so that first night when we got there, the LA girls and I just found a spot to sleep. The next day was when I started meeting a lot of other BCs. I knew some elder *onnis* and *oppas* that introduced me to other BCs. The experience was amazing. When first introduced to one person, we automatically

I've been to many different camps and every single one has been a new and different experience. In most camps and workshops we have a topic or theme that the workshop centers upon. For example "Living for the Sake of Others" or "Responsibility." I've been to so many workshops that it's hard for me to describe them all. The atmosphere is filled with love from God and our elder *onnis* and *oppas*. Camps are a little different from PLA, because you have more bonding time with each other and you are learning to become a better blessed child and more about our movement. Camps are more directed towards a certain subject. Since the camps I attend are usually small, it's awesome to just hang out with the BCs that live near you and develop a deeper relationship with them.

The daily schedule at camps or workshops are pretty basic and repetitive, but never boring. We usually have morning exercise to get us pumped up for the day ahead of us and then move on with morning service. We have about three or four lectures a day about True Parents' course, blessed children's responsibilities and purity. The list is endless. With all these lectures, we always start it off by singing. Singing is an awesome way to bring up the spirit and welcome God into our presence. Then of course there's always group discussion to share opinions and understand the topic more clearly. In the evening, we always do some activity, either a sport or game. This helps us get closer to one another more comfortably.

Honduras was an awesome experience. [A group of blessed children including Akemi took part in a summer IRFF program in the central American country of Honduras—Ed.] When I first arrived in Houston to meet up with the BCs, I was surprised there was such a small number. When we arrived in Honduras, you could totally tell that the country was totally different from America. Everyday for about eight days we worked from breakfast to lunch doing community service. It was really hard work, especially with the hot and humid weather.

On the first day, I was personally really negative about being there. I was complaining a lot about the weather, the dehydration, and work. (We were supposed to help build a hospital, but the supplies hadn't arrived, so we were transferred to do so many other different things.) I'm not exaggerating at all when I say this, but the unity and

love all these BCs had was amazing. When we had had a little introduction about IRFF and were introducing each other, my motivation totally changed. I really wanted to help the country and do my best to live for the sake of others.

There were only thirty BCs so we were split into three different groups when we worked and did certain activities. I really loved my group. We had a goal of the day and mine was to serve others. One way I looked at things was to look at every single person like he or she was a representative of God and to serve them unconditionally. So with some of the little Honduran kids, I treated them like they were God's children, and I totally changed my heart by looking at them from a parental point of view. I'm nowhere near being a mother yet, and I can't say that I totally understand a parent's heart, but I really challenged myself to love and serve unconditionally.

There were a lot of *onnis* and *oppas* that I admired there. I looked up to them as examples when it came to working and serving. Honduras was an awesome experience. Since the group was so little, we bonded so much like a family. There weren't a lot of rules to follow, so we had to judge ourselves by our own consciences, which was a great learning experience in being responsible.

With all the camps, workshops, and PLA I have attended, you can probably see that True Parents are a huge part of my life. I don't remember to pray every night and at times I can be very selfish, but my goals in life are to help True Parents accomplish their goal of building the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. Since I am still young, there are things that limit me from helping out. Sometimes I feel restricted, but that doesn't let me make excuses for



A divine demolition squad poses in the ruins of a house it is about to tear down



Honduran children join the painting crew that restored the beauty of this local basketball court



Hanging out and eating fruit in the jungle

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not doing *hoon dok hae* or other inspiring things to grow internally. I have two younger sisters that look up to me very much, so I sacrifice a lot to be a good example. If anything bad happens to

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Message of Abstinence Goes Virgin



PHOTOS: PURE LOVE ALLIANCE NEW YORK

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HAVING started in Chicago in mid July, the U.S. portion of the Pure Love Alliance 2000 summer tour ended two weeks and seven cities later in Times Square, New York City (having covered eight cities in all). From the Midwest to the Northeast, three hundred and sixty teenagers rallied, marched, studied and taught other teens about abstinence until marriage—that it is not only possible, but also the best lifestyle choice. In the words of one participant, “Abstinence is your own personal Declaration of Independence. It is your guarantee of “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” On August

1st, about half of the American contingent went on to Europe (on Virgin Airlines no less). They were joined there by an equal number of Europeans, and together they traveled through England, France and Germany over the following two weeks.

More inspiring even than the size of the group and the tour’s inter-continental nature, there were numerous important breakthroughs:

Churches opened their doors to welcome us. Imagine being responsible for a building and opening it up, not to one or two teenagers for an overnight stay, but to a group of three hundred and sixty unknown teenagers to stay for three days and nights. During the course of the tour, it happened not once, but four times!

In America and in Europe, Christian ministers let us sleep in the sanctuaries of their churches and in their banquet halls. They fed

us from their kitchens, hosted us on their radio broadcasts, featured the Pure Love Alliance (PLA) on their TV programs, and wrote about us in their newspapers. They invited us to church services and to revivals. More importantly, knowing that most of the Pure Love Alliance members were children of Rev. Moon’s marriage blessings they joined us at our public programs.

For the purpose of promoting abstinence, doctrinal differences were set aside. Baptists, Evangelicals, Catholics, Mormons, Muslims and Baha’i marched with us on the streets and spoke at PLA rallies.

In addition to public awareness programs, the Pure Love Alliance has

always promoted community service. Abstinence is more than just keeping one’s virginity. Abstinence is preparation for marriage. Why? There is an element of abstinence even within successful marriages: When you say, “I do,” to that one special person while making your wedding vows, you are also saying, “I don’t” to everyone else. In other words, after marriage, instead of calling it *abstinence* we use another word; it is called *fidelity*.

Abstinence is also preparation for marriage because it builds character and teaches unselfishness. Refraining from sex until marriage puts the safety and well-being of others above personal sexual gratification. Basically, it is self-control and public-mindedness, not sex-control. Therefore, community service is a part of the abstinence message, since both require learning to live for the sake of others. It is this willingness to sacrifice oneself for the benefit of others—more than being a virgin on your wedding night—that will create strong marriages and successful families. More than having sex, husbands and wives must create love between them. This can only be done through self-sacrifice.

In addition to constantly picking up after ourselves (you know how hard it is to get a teenager to clean his or her room), we cleaned football fields, parking lots, playgrounds, the undergrowth in national parks, and the banks of the River Thames. We painted school lockers, and painted over the graffiti on pedestrian underpasses.

Seeing hundreds of teenage volunteers work so hard deeply touched the hearts of government officials in many cities. In Columbus, Ohio, representatives of the PLA were brought into a meeting of the city council and publicly thanked. The Harrisburg, Pennsylvania City Council supplemented the costs of our accommodation so we could stay at a 5-star hotel instead of camping out in a park (we had budgeted \$5 per person). In Greenwich in East London, England, a member of the city council set up five different service projects, visited the site of each one and brought the local press with him. He was so inspired about the

work of the PLA he invited us back to teach abstinence in their public schools.

Some sex educators are selling our children short by telling us that abstinence is "impractical." These teens, and many thousands more, are proof that sexual restraint is possible and beneficial. Our abstinence and character education curriculum, CLUE 2000, has been taught in public schools in six states of the United States and in many other countries throughout the world. The acronym CLUE stands for Creating Love and Uplifting Esteem. This is a character and abstinence education curriculum created in compliance with the guidelines of the US Congress. Federal lawmakers passed abstinence education legislation in 1996 because the decades-old policy of condoms-for-kids had failed. Hundreds of school principals, counselors, teachers and parents have endorsed the CLUE 2000 program.

In addition to marches, rallies and social service, we planned a teacher-training workshop in each city we visited. The program was so welcomed that in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, we were invited to use the city council chambers to hold two abstinence seminars, one for teens and one



for teacher training.

More than any previous tour, Pure Love 2000 was genuinely the result of the absolute investment of the Second Generation, starting from the very top. With the change in the advisory leadership roles, Hyun Jin Nim's support was indispensable. From his success, experience and educational background in the business world, he brought a sense of fiscal responsibility to the tour.

He took time from his schedule, and from his family, to be with tour participants on two occasions, once during the U.S. tour in Washington D.C. and again on the European leg in Frankfurt, Germany.

Following his example of total investment, tour directors Bow Jones and MoSook Park, along with other PLA volunteers organized, planned and directed the entire tour. These leaders slept the least and invested the most. In the end, many of their younger brothers and sisters renewed their commitment to abstinence and, more importantly, wanted to fulfill the last point of the Pure Love Pledge, to "encourage others to do the same." ♦

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them, then I can easily be blamed for not watching out for them. Being a good *onni* is very important to me. I can't express to you how lucky I feel to be in a blessed family and to follow True Parents. When I grow up, I seriously plan on working somehow with the church: witnessing, doing volunteer work, or even something higher like working for *The Washington Times* or becoming a CARP leader. I want to be involved with the movement and in any way show True Parents that I am very grateful for their hard work and that I am behind

them in anything they do.

This movement is growing rapidly and Father is capturing people's hearts everywhere. I think that years from now, it will have taken over Christianity and more and more people will understand the message True Parents are trying to share with the world. I know that I have a very confident view of the future, though it may not be realistic. But when I hear about BCs falling or leaving, it hurts me so much to know that God has to deal with the pain. If people can continue to support True Parents, then things will eventually fall into place. It's really a matter of life or death. And

spiritually, it's more than that.

I don't mean to present myself as more than I am worth. I have many flaws to work on. Taking responsibility for all the things I have said here about the movement is a pretty big step for me. I will try to do the best I can to live up to all these words. Thank you for reading my little testimony. ♦

Akemi is currently a high school student

God Has Always Opened Doors

Interview: the National Messiah Couple to Sierra Leone

Rev. and Mrs. Dong Chul Kim are not a couple that seeks publicity. Moreover, until Father called the Korean national messiahs back to Korea they had rarely been seen outside their mission countries. Thus, although they have quietly dedicated themselves to public life for three decades, this is the first time they have been interviewed or written for a church-related publication.

Today's World: How did you come to be in Africa for so many years?

Rev. Kim: On December 27, 1985, I arrived in Zaire, to where I had been assigned, and where I eventually spent eleven years. Then I was appointed the national messiah for Sierra Leone. I went there first by myself and my family joined me later.

Mrs. Kim: My husband majored in agriculture at a community college, and then he studied theology in the Unification Seminary. He started off as an agricultural consultant on our farm in Zaire and then later he became a full time missionary.

TW: How have you managed with the different languages?

Rev. Kim: My children learned English in Zaire, so they didn't have so much trouble adjusting. Although my wife and I didn't know English, we knew French. We could adjust after a year in Sierra Leone. Our English isn't perfect, but we don't have any problem communicating. When I went there the first time, I had a translator. The translator was a Zairian sister who used to work for me in Zaire and moved there after being blessed to a Sierra Leonean. So I gave sermons in French and she translated into English. Things developed from there; not so long after, I began speaking directly in English to the congregation.

TW: Can you describe the situation of your current mission country?

Rev. Kim: A civil war has been going on for ten years in Sierra Leone. The original population of the country was about four million. Owing to the civil war, about a quarter of the population, one million people are gone: some of them left the country, some are missing and others were killed.

They have had three big wars since I settled there. The wars were attempts to overthrow the sitting government. The

we are poor missionaries, it was very hard for all of us to leave the country then. So I went to Guinea and asked the church to help us. Rev. Kwak sent tickets for my wife and children. As soon as they arrived and settled in Guinea, I returned to Sierra Leone. On the day I arrived back in Sierra Leone, the government military was attacked by rebel bombing.

Your original question was about the mission in Sierra Leone. Church activity is very difficult. We don't have any financial resources ourselves and

no help comes from outside either. We barely make a living by running a transportation business. I cannot predict when there will be any kind of development there. Inflation is very high. Actually, the fact that we are still there surviving is itself a miracle.

We did not have rice. We have lived on cassava. It is really hard. But on the other hand, it is okay. I'm just a simple missionary. If I were rich, I could have been in danger. But I have no money. I'm a poor missionary. In some ways, that was a secret key to my survival.

Sierra Leone was ranked as the poorest country in the world in 1999. Our members cannot make a living. Some joined the church because they thought it was a way to get out of the country or to get a stable job. When their expectations were not fulfilled, they left. Only a few stayed. That handful of members survived through the wars together with us.

TW: How many members are there in the capital city?

Rev. Kim: About 100. But only 40 to 50 of them come to services regularly.

Mrs. Kim: We had congregations of 5000 or 6000 in the church service in



Rev. and Mrs. Kim during the interview at the International Headquarters national messiahs' office in Seoul

UN froze the country's economy and politics; the country was in total isolation. No imports; no exports. Planes could neither come into nor go out of the country for a year.

Only Freetown, the capital, came to be under the government's power and the rest of the country has been under the rebels. If the capital is the head and the rest is the body, it was as if the head and body had been separated. Naturally, all political and economic activities stopped. The economy has enormously high inflation. Witnessing has been impossible. Other church activities have also been virtually impossible.

Most of the foreigners left Sierra Leone during the insurrection. Since

Zaire. When my husband came to Sierra Leone, there were only 15 members including the Japanese Women's Federation members. It was hard in the beginning because of such a huge difference between our past mission and the present one. But we made a new determination. We employed all the methods that worked in Zaire. And we started workshops.

When we first went there, we bought a taxi and two vans. With them, we started our transportation business. We made about \$1500 in the first month. We invested our income to hold workshops. We continuously invited people to the workshops. In Zaire, we could harvest results to the degree that we invested, since Zairians have a good spiritual foundation. We could communicate with people there through the Bible. But Sierra Leoneans generally have less interest in finding out about truth. There is not the same spiritual foundation.

Rev. Kim: Due to poverty, the people are focused on external things. They naturally think of food before finding the truth. The Japanese national messiah and I bought some land. We bought quite a lot of land, about 10,000 *pyung* (about eight acres), little by little. We will build a school. When students come, I can teach them the Principle and I can guide them to attend Sunday service.

Before I came back to Korea, I built walls on the property. My project is to build a kindergarten, elementary school, junior and senior high schools and educate young people for fifteen years. If I educate them in the Principle for fifteen years, since their population is small, I think I can make a solid foundation in the capital city. If we do, the government will not interfere with our mission work.

Here in Korea I am meeting people I know and trying to mobilize money. But Korean members are themselves having financial problems. Knowing their situation, it is very hard for me to bring up the subject of money. I am not really comfortable talking about money. Everybody seems to have financial difficulties. I have not been able to find any well-to-do members!

The population in the country is about 3 million. So if we have 3000 students, which is 0.1% of the entire population, we can have enormous influence. Not only the president, but also the prime minister, knows about our school project. The area of the city in which the church is located does not have any

private schools. They only have socialist public schools. The government welcomes our project very much. They assume that True Parents are behind the project. Frankly, True Parents are not supporting it directly. But they think that they are behind it.

It's quite burdensome for me to go back there this time. I'm really worried and my heart is troubled. So when Julian asked me for an interview before, I refused. I'm sitting here because somehow the conditions and feeling are now right, but my heart is quite heavy. I'm praying for the country's restoration.

I am planning to build a church that can hold two thousand people. It will be the biggest church in the country. Once we have that church building, then I can teach. I can instill the Principle in their minds. I can teach them the new teaching of God.

Although we have such a grand project in mind, we cannot make it a reality as yet. Our church is poor. People think that our church has a lot of money. But missionaries do not have

real financial support. I'm really agonizing over the country's restoration and providence in general.

What is going to happen if I return to the country empty-handed? Perhaps I'd do better to stay in Korea and become a minister here! My heart is in contradiction. I promised them that I would help them, but there is no way I can keep my promise at present. My heart is in real pain. I made the very basic foundation and it cost about \$50,000. In fact, \$50,000 for a missionary is a lot of money. I'm wondering what to do. But I believe that God will show me the way.

TW: The country has had a difficult history overall...

Rev. Kim: It takes a long time to explain the situation there. The country produces the best diamonds in quality and quantity. It was the first satellite state for the U.K. Before the US freed their black slaves, the UK shipped their own slaves to the place where Sierra Leone is now and built a country. It was the first state built by the hands of the slaves—slaves who had lived in the UK. [Freetown was founded by the British government in 1787.] From then on, Britain came to have a very close connection with the country, like a master

and a servant. When the rebels carried out a coup d'etat, the UN sent troops. There was very intense fighting. Now, the capital is under UN control but the rural area, where the diamonds are, is under the anti-government forces. Although they are not fighting at the moment, they could start at any time. They will try to make a temporary deal. But it will take a really long time to find a permanent solution.

I know the brutality of the war was broadcast worldwide. The rebels cut off little children's arms or legs, or men's heads, which they displayed on sticks. Such examples of brutality are fortunately rare anywhere in the world. When the intense fighting was over, I walked around the streets. No other foreigners would go out, but I went out anyway. It was the first day after the fighting had ended.

I could hardly walk because of the smell of the dead bodies. You could also see many amputees walking around on the street. The rebels burnt many

houses. Most of the houses were destroyed. I saw this with my own eyes. All the cars on the streets were destroyed, too. You cannot imagine the financial loss and the loss of life. The reason the UN sent troops so urgently is that the inhuman brutalities committed became known to the world. It was an enormous catastrophe. The UN has come to

be more involved in African problems since then.

Even in that situation, however, we never felt any real danger. We witnessed humankind's fallen and brutal nature. It is like Sodom and Gomorrah in the Bible. It's so easy to see not only human brutality but also results of the sexual fall and corruption. Even in such circumstances, I was never worried or anxious. I think this was because God was with us all the time.

When minds are not mature enough to search for goodness, there is no way such wars will stop. I realize that words alone cannot work in such a place. Educating people with a good and organized system is a long-term solution to stop the war. I believe that is the way. I don't see how they can realize peace by merely making political deals.

Why do they fight each other so intensely and brutally? Because of the diamonds. You can see fallen human



Sierra Leone and neighbors

nature very clearly there. The only way to solve this problem is systematic principled education; making them people of integrity. Trying to find God in his or her mission country and find what he or she should do is a missionary's job. Now, I'm trying to find a way to actualize it.

TW: Are there other underlying factors behind the conflict in Sierra Leone?

Rev. Kim: People in big countries like Zaire don't have so much consciousness of which tribe they belong to. But in Sierra Leone, they have such a strong collective, tribal consciousness. There is hostility between tribes. The bigger problem is that the UK and other nations use this situation to their advantage. When Japan liberated Korea, it meant complete independence. But in Africa, many nations were liberated externally but not internally. A lot of colonial style influence persists. Externally speaking, Sierra Leone is independent but internally it still is a colony. Fighting and resentment are inevitable. People call this the Diamond War. If there were no diamonds in the country, there wouldn't be any reason for them to fight.

TW: Your children are attending school in Sierra Leone...

Rev. Kim: Yes, three children: two daughters and a son. They all go to private schools which closed during the war and opened again when it was over. It is difficult to compare the education level with Korea's. We're trying to find a way for our children to come over here to Korea. They are behind in some areas. Even our oldest doesn't really know how to work with a computer. But there are things we've gained from the education over there. They speak French and English fluently. I think once they come over here and learn some more Korean they will not be that far behind. They might even be ahead in some ways. That's what we believe.

Mrs. Kim: Since they are in a foreign country and their parents have always been in frontline public missions, living together with members all the time in the center, their minds are free from any prejudices against other races or cultures. They are far advanced in that sense. It's natural for them to see the world as one big family—exactly the way True Father teaches us. In Korea, most of the families are nuclear families. Many times, they only think about their

own families and their own children, which I might call family selfishness.

In the environment they live in, my children don't seem to have any walls between themselves and others. I think that's a great point. Having seen their parents working for True Parents all the time, they seem to have naturally learned what a life of faith is. Real education for children cannot come out of some theories or words but from concrete action. They seem to have learned unspoken lessons. I'm truly grateful to God for that.

After having witnessed their parents overcoming all sorts of hardships in the mission field, they learned to have a vertical life of faith facilitated by strong spiritual power so that they can overcome any difficult situation. Even though they have to live under such difficult circumstances, they never complain. They are happy to follow us. We always communicate our thoughts with each other. Through communication, we have built up trust in and understanding of one another.

We always decide on family matters together. We don't force things on them. We talk to them first, explaining our situation and asking what they think. We listen to what they have to say. They shed tears when they listen to their own father's sermons. It seems like they've built up a very strong heart to heart connection with their father. It's not easy or common. In Korea, there is too much of an emphasis on the academic side of education but not enough on spiritual side. Our children have that spiritual side of themselves strongly and I'm truly grateful to Heavenly Father for that.

Rev. Kim: They have no bias against people of other colors since they have grown up together and always been surrounded by them. But as a matter of fact, sometimes, as Asians in Africa, they feel quite alone. Our loneliness has strengthened our family bond in some ways. If we lived in Korea, we would not have been able to build such a strong bond. We feel the preciousness of each family member. The children value us as their parents and we value them too. We also value each other as husband and wife.

I asked my youngest what I should do about my situation. I asked him if I should come to Korea or not. He told me to go. I asked him what he thought about the possibility that I might have to change my mission again. He told me it would be all right.

TW: You recently visited your hometown for the first time in a long time...

Rev. Kim: I met my family for the first time in about fifteen years. I had not contacted my relatives for the ten years I lived in Zaire. Since I have been in Africa all the time, it wasn't easy to come to Korea in the first place.

My hometown is Milyang in Kyeongnam Province. I felt that I needed to come back to my family. My parents were unhappy about my not having contacted them for so many years. Now I feel that it's time for me to do something for my family, to witness to my own family. I went there in the busiest farming season, so I helped them out. The village people were impressed with the deep bond between my brother and myself.

I had not done any farming work for eighteen years. I had forgotten everything. So I really did my best with the greatest sincerity. My brother's daughters came to see me. They really treated me well. I've never been treated that well by anyone!

I went there to restore my hometown and I had good experiences. People came up to me asking me to find good spouses for some people. People's general responses were quite good. I came to understand there isn't anyone to give vision to the people in the countryside. They just work for a living without any vision. I felt that I was really needed in the countryside in Korea. The countryside is really in a predicament especially since the financial crisis began.

If one has good ideas and material there is so much potential for the development of Milyang. But now all the farmers know is how to dig the soil without any vision for their lives. I feel sorry for them. They have no idea about spirit world. They live as if they know nothing else but work, getting drunk and fighting. What's going to happen to them when they go to spirit world? My heart breaks when I think about them.

I had a chance to talk to my elder brother's younger daughter for about two hours. She was really attentive and understood things well. My sister-in-law seems to understand quite well too. We haven't met in fifteen years so we were really happy to see each other. Plus, I made a special effort for them. The neighbors recognized that. I think of it as being somewhat like Jacob's return to his brother.

TW: Could you say more about your experience of God guiding you?

Rev. Kim: For the past fifteen years, I've always been in really difficult situations. Although it was difficult in Zaire, we had congregations of thousands at Sunday services. And 20 or 30 Christian ministers came for the ecumenical church services. Many congressmen and cabinet ministers were coming to our church. The church in Zaire had considerable power. After ten years of work in Zaire, True Parents visited us.

Zaire was difficult, but Sierra Leone was even more so. But God has really helped us. Without God's help, nothing could have happened. God always guided us down even to the details. I met Jesus in the spirit world. I also saw Heaven. God always directed me in everything. My life isn't mine. I have been intoxicated by God's grace. I don't know how I could get this far, and I am continuing without knowing where I'm going.

One day, a Korean businessman came up to me and offered to help me. He gave me \$10,000 on the spot and encouraged me to start a business. He gave me a house and a car. At that point, I realized that God had never abandoned me. We had a house and money. God always opened doors.

When I heard about the national messiah workshop I came to attend it. Since I became the national messiah of Sierra Leone, I went through a lot of very dangerous and difficult moments. At one point, for example, our house was right in the middle of a fierce fight between the government army and the rebels. For the entire week bullets were flying over our heads. I never really felt the danger. It seems that we were surrounded by Heaven's power.

God revealed the providence regarding the national messiahship even before I came for the workshop. It's not because I'm in anyway special. God just tells me things in advance. So in some ways, I'm not really worried about my present situation because I believe that God will open ways for me. God has guided me for fifteen years and He will continue to do so in the future.

When I'm not around Heaven reveals things to my wife or my oldest daughter. God really guides us so directly. I don't really remember how I've lived for the past fifteen years. I never felt that I had been through an impossible course. My experiences on foreign soil strengthened me.

Heaven has taught me a lot. For

now, I don't really expect anything big. I just want to visit my hometown in the countryside. I really don't long for any important positions in the church. The most important thing I've learned so far is that God never abandons me and always guides me.

Mrs. Kim: The farm in Zaire where we were first working was seventy kilometers from downtown. We were really alone. It made us think about things very deeply. God seems to come closer to us in the loneliest moment of our lives. When we really try our best, God always guides and help us.

When I was in Korea, I wasn't so sure that God was with me. But in a foreign environment, God's presence became so clear to me. I could always be certain that God was with me all the time. God has guided us, who know nothing, from A to Z. God has always revealed Himself through our dreams, through the members and other ways. Through public life, I could really understand how a husband and a wife should be. It wasn't just a theory. When a husband and a wife achieve complete unity and connect to God via their hearts, all the practical things we need to attend to are taken care of somehow.

We didn't need to worry. I also realized that God is a God of numbers. He works through a numerical system. Even in such a short time, God allowed us to gather such an enormous harvest in Zaire. Every week two or three hundred new members joined Sunday service. That did not happen because of our ability. We just went through our own indemnity courses and on that foundation, God's blessing came could bless us. When True Mother came to Nairobi, the Zaire church received a grant of \$100,000 for its mission work. Like that, when we do things with a clear public purpose, things work out and help is always on the way.

I also learned that we had to separate our public and private lives clearly. When we handle public money, we have to be really clear and careful. When people are in a public mission, it is easy to think that money spent for the family is also included in public activities. But our family always separated our family expenses from the public expenses. Jesus said that we should follow him, bearing our own crosses. That means that even if we are doing a public mission, we should carry our own burdens, take care of our personal things by ourselves. We should not pass our own crosses to others.

Even if both husband and wife are involved in a public mission, one of them should make money and take responsibility for their own family by themselves. We have lived such a strict and clear life in terms of public money. God is great and grand. So living in such a dangerous and difficult situation, I've had no real worries. I know I have my own responsibility as a parent. But I trust God to take care of my children even at this moment.

Because we were in economically difficult countries, we have gained something special because of the very environment. When we give up comfortable surroundings and go to more difficult places to do God's will, God really helps us a lot. When Moses, who gave up the life of a prince, led the Israelites to Canaan, God helped him so much. That is what we experienced.

When we have the right attitude for the public mission, God empowers us greatly. God gave my husband great spiritual power. At one point, he could cast away evil spirits. He could heal diseases by casting spirits out. I was able to actually experience those stories in the Bible as my own and see how truthful True Father's words are. When a husband goes out as a missionary to a foreign country, I think his wife should go with him and share the same experience. Otherwise, it is very hard to create unity between husband and wife.

Rev. Kim: We could survive in Africa because my wife takes care of financial things while I'm taking care of the spiritual lives of our members. We could be financially independent thanks to her. When a husband and wife create wholesome unity, God can really help.

There are two main things to consider when living a public life. Don't fall, and don't misuse public money. I have never really taken care of my own family directly. If my members do not eat, my family does not eat, either. It's that simple—no woman problems and no money problems. That's it. The reason I could survive in the most difficult situations is that I never misused love or public money. I never treated my family in any way special compared to other members. They lived exactly the same as other members. Only because we lived in this way could we survive as missionaries up to this point. ♦

Rev. and Mrs. Kim were blessed in the 6000 Couples Blessing.

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Extending Asian Friendship to Ulaanbaatar



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MONGOLIA, this land of steppes and hills, birthplace of the legendary Genghis Khan, was the host for the 7th Asian Friendship and Service Project of RYS (Religious Youth Service). This inter-religious service and learning project for youth was held in the capital, Ulaanbaatar, from August 14th to August 24th.

There were 32 participants from five Asian countries (Mongolia, Korea, Japan, Taiwan and China) and from a variety of religious backgrounds (Buddhist, Seventh Day Adventist, Latter Day Saints, Unificationist...). Despite the considerable language difficulties the participants were able to develop a strong unity and a close friendship by living, working and meditating together.

RYS supported the construction of a two-story kindergarten for about forty children in a poor and remote area of Ulaanbaatar. Until then, there had been no kindergarten at all in this small village, and this required the children to walk several kilometers or take the bus to reach the nearest school. Construction of the kindergarten nearby their homes would contribute to the safety of the children and would enable more children to attend school. The second floor of the small building will be used as a meeting room to provide educational programs for mothers and housewives of the local community. The RYS participants were doing light construction work (with wood, cement and paint) inside and around the building, creating an outdoor toilet and making various toys for

the children. The kindergarten will be operated by the Women's Federation for World Peace of Mongolia and is sponsored mainly by donors in Japan.

During the first half of the day, the RYS participants were working at the worksite. After the lunch break we would visit the most remarkable cultural and religious sites of the city. The monks and pastors of various monasteries and churches warmly welcomed us and gave us a brief introduction to their tradition. Through these, we could learn about the different views of life, without entering into sharp theological discussions. The Khambo Lama of the biggest Mongolian monastery received us in his office and expressed support for our project. We heard from an Indian UN official who spoke about Hinduism, and from the director of UNESCO who spoke about the importance of education.

The educational program of the project was under the supervision of Dr. Ron Burr and Dr. Sherry Hartman-Burr, both professors at the University of Southern Mississippi, and of Mrs.

Fazida Razak, a Muslim journalist from Singapore. They led the participant-designed discussions and activities.

There was also time to discover Mongolia's cultural and natural beauty with a visit to a Mongolian National park, where the participants could engage in horseback riding and rock climbing. We could experience the comfort of a Mongolian *ger* (a large tent used for the nomadic existence traditional in Mongolia) and get a taste of the Mongolian traditional food—roasted sheep meat and *airag* (fermented horse's milk).

The project concluded with a day of reflection. Participants maintained silence for several hours on a mountain-side, meditating. We wrote down our reflections, along with our determination on how we might apply the RYS experience in our daily lives. We then folded the paper into a little boat and let the river carry it away.◆

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Korean-Mongolian couples at a preliminary blessing ceremony held in Seoul on Sept. 20



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Conflict Resolution through Service

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Although some months have passed since this project was completed, we are including it in Today's World as one example of Unificationist activities geared towards conflict resolution and reconciliation in some of the world's most troubled regions.

SRI LANKA is a lush green island nation of breathtaking beauty, which has been at war within itself for nearly two decades. The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) made up of the minority Tamils (Hindu), have been fighting the Sinhalese (Buddhist) dominated government, seeking to establish their own nation in the northern and eastern parts of the country. Part of the country is under the control of the rebel LTTE. Hardship and disturbance have become an everyday part of people's lives.

The religious and ethnic grievances between parts of the Tamil and Sinhalese populations in Sri Lanka have provided the fuel of this tragic civil war that, since 1983, has led to thousands of deaths and massive destruction. Numerous areas of Sri Lanka are not safe to travel through because of the threat of violence or kidnapping. Yet, it is also a fact that the island is full of deeply religious and kind people with a strong urge for peace.

RYS is a model of how ethnic, religious and even political differences can be bridged. The RYS program brings

young adults from all races, cultures and faiths together for the purpose of living for the sake of the larger community. The RYS community is an environment in which participants remain faithful to their religious and cultural traditions while they are given the opportunity to share and learn from those of others. This experience expands the horizons of each participant.

In the process, relationships of trust are built between people of various faiths and cultures, and the walls of isolation and mistrust that strangers construct are torn down through acts of caring.

The exchange of goodwill, ideas and the substantial service offered by RYS is an important antidote to communal mistrust. In a sense, the RYS becomes a way for people with long held grievances to see others in a new and refreshing light. Former enemies and aggressors undergo transformations so that they become simply neighbors and friends.



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RYS has the goal of building peace through interreligious dialogue and action and so chose to have a project in Sri Lanka that would pull together youth from the warring communities as well as representatives from other Asian nations. During the week of the project's opening, travel in and out of the capital, Colombo, was halted because of terrorist threats to the president (she had lost an eye the month before in a bomb blast). RYS hoped to show a better way to move towards the hope of justice for all.

We were six thousand two hundred feet above sea level in the highest elevation tea-growing district of the country, Nuwara Eliya, on the Boghawatte Tea Estate. The community there is comprised mostly of tea workers. The women have spent most of their lives picking the green tea leaves and hauling them to the factory. They requested our help in building a nursery school that would provide better opportunities for their children. We also repaired and set up playground equipment. Organization of the project was a joint effort of one Sri Lankan Tamil, Rev. R. Thillairajan, the project director, and one Sri Lankan Sinhalese, Ravi Galhena, the project coordinator. We were there to show how ethnic, religious and political differences could be bridged through creating a community dedicated to the service of others.

Photos: top, at the worksite; left, RYS director John Gehring with participants from the various Asian countries; overleaf, the RYS project group pose against a background of Sri Lanka's famed tea-growing hill country.



Rev. John Gehring's orientation focused us on our goals. Those participants that were skeptical started to open up. A Sinhalese Buddhist monk and a Hindu Tamil became very friendly, for example. The investment and example of the RYS alumni inspired everyone to work hard, shed a lot of sweat and even a bit of blood at the work site. The community and the tea plantation's management were very touched by the contribution of the young people from different ethnic backgrounds, who lived and worked together in harmony.

There were ten participants from the eastern part of the island, where the civil war is going on. They seemed very enthusiastic about finding ways to bring the war to an end. They are something of a marginalized group, with fewer opportunities because of the war. They appeared happy to have the chance to associate with their countrymen, with foreign people their own age, and to taste something of the good things happening around the world—bringing a bit of optimism into their



Rev. Dr. Henry Victor, senior lecturer of comparative religion at Eastern University, near Batticaloa, part of the area claimed by LTTE, wrote this of his students that had participated: "Listening to their experiences, which they related to me individually, I gather the RYS program had a great impact on all five of them. It looks like what we could not communicate in the last three to four years, your program has done in a few days."

education on how a future RYS project might be organized. Several have the desire to have one in the eastern part of the country, which is heavily controlled by the military and where there are sporadic incidents with insurgents. The people there are undergoing immense hardship and do not feel very much hope at present.

No matter where we go or what challenges we encounter, we believe RYS has a formula that can be adapted to bring an everlasting solution to ethnic, cultural and religious conflicts in a multi-racial community, and we are marching forward toward the goal of true world peace.◆

lives. Having their participation was a great achievement for RYS.

At the conclusion of the project, parting company led inevitably to the shedding of tears. People felt respected for their ethnic origin and their religion.

After the project, twenty selected participants went to the Koggala Beach Hotel to have leadership training by the seaside. It was a relaxing time of

WFWP Receives New International President



Mrs. Lan Young Moon (middle, in pink), wife of Rev. No Hi Pak, was installed as the International President of the Women's Federation for World Peace at a ceremony held at the Segye Times International Convention Center on September 6. Mrs. Moon, who came to know our church when she was a child, and who has been working as Secretary General of WFWP in Korea, is taking over from Mrs. Gil Ja Sa (wife of Re. Hyo Won Eu) who will develop her work to educate women lecturers. In her inaugural address, Mrs. Moon said that although she felt inadequate to the task, with the support and strength of WFWP members she was determined to do her utmost to honor the investment the Founders have made in the education of women.

Shooting Stars

Christine Hempowicz, with
Eduard Escoda & Martin Bock
Jardim, Brazil

AFTER a two decade hiatus, the town of Jardim in the state of Mato Grosso do Sul, Brazil, has a vibrant new professional football team, CENE (Centro Esportivo Nova Esperanca, pronounced "sey-ney"), founded by True Parents in December last year. One of eighteen teams in the state-level league, CENE's players were recruited and trained in time to enter the team's first competitive season, which ended in June. This unknown, 25-member team has quickly gained a reputation as a serious opponent, finishing the season ninth out of eighteen among long-established teams. The present team goal, to finish first in the state, will serve as a foundation upon which to achieve its final goal: to contribute to an international-level team.

Head team manager Paulo Telles is a Brazilian church member who worked with an amateur football team in Jardim for three years before serving as a missionary to the cities of Niaque and then Porto Murтинho, as part of the 33-city missionary effort in the region surrounding New Hope East Garden (NHEG). Paulo worked with Eduard Escoda, a staff member at NHEG, to research and write a proposal for forming a team. Rev. Jung Roh Yoon, President of NHEG educational activities, met with Paulo and representatives of the Campo Grande Football Association in November 1999. Later, Rev. Yoon showed the proposal to True Father and Father gave his blessing for the project. Rev. Yoon became responsible for its development, and he currently serves as president of CENE. Team vice president Jung Sun Cho oversees daily activities and training.

Football is the most prominent sport in Brazil. Prior to the creation of CENE, the nearest team of comparable level was about 250 kilometers away. Launching a team for this popular competitive sport in Jardim has thus brought new life to this town, as well as to surrounding communities. Crowds of several thousand regularly attended home games this past sea-



CENE's logo is the same as Il Hwa's

son, in a stadium that had been empty for a long time. The local radio station broadcast games live and also created a forum for the fans to speak to the team through call-in shows. Both Jardim and Campo Grande newspapers have printed many articles on CENE in their sports sections. Forty-day Ideal Family Workshop participants attend home games, something that further boosts the enthusiasm and inter-

est of the Brazilian fans. Although the mayor of Jardim, who is not a serious football enthusiast, had hoped to renovate the then-dormant football stadium for rodeos, CENE was given a five-year lease to use the facility as its home base. The team has already upgraded the locker and shower facilities.

Rev. Jung Roh Yoon, who also directs missionary activities, has created opportunities for the 33 cities to both contribute to and benefit from the presence of this new team. Weekend workshops for young people who are interested in football from those cities are being held at NHEG, with lectures throughout Saturday. On Sunday, workshop participants group by city and compete against each other. The winning team takes a trophy back to their city, where they gather with their families at the local church center to celebrate. CENE has also been able to recruit a few of these young players. More than 250 young people have already attended the workshops.

Pre-season practice for professional football teams starts in November and the season spans the months of mid-March through June. The CENE team is

housed in a training center in Jardim for practice and competition. There, they are trained by the head coach and staff. Sports trainers and a massage therapist are also employed to keep the players in optimal competitive condition.

CENE recently created an additional team of twenty-five members, who are between 15 and 20 years of age (photo). During the junior-team season, they live in the professional team's training center. Since junior team members are young, they are also tutored in academic subjects during the training season. The junior team played their inaugural, pre-season game in July against the neighboring state's junior champion team. The game resulted in a draw, demonstrating the potential of this fledgling team.

During its first season, Father met with the professional team for a few hours at the airport in Jardim, where he was seeing Mother off for her speaking tour in South America. Father spoke to the team very seriously about matters vertical and horizontal and the beauty of the mixed races in Brazil. Always the matchmaker, our True Father also asked how many of the team members were married. True Father told the single members that he would be happy to find a wife for them if they desired. He also talked extensively about football, which he likes to watch on television. After speaking, Father boarded a second plane and departed for the Pantanal where he was making providential conditions during True Mother's tour.

Since the formation of CENE a national league football team based in Sao Paulo has been acquired.

True Father's vision is to create an international-level team, elevating the game of football by combining techniques from Brazil, Europe and Asia. There have already been some exchanges of players between CENE and the Korean Il Hwa Cheonma team. ♦



The Junior Team

CENE is currently seeking one or two major sponsors. For more information on the team, or about sponsorship, please contact Paulo Telles at the team's training center: Rua Miranda, No. 652 Vila Angelica, Jardim, MS, Brazil CP 79240-000. E-mail: cene2000@zonnet.com.br.



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