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The Meaning of the Establishment of IIPC

The sermon Dr. Hwang gave at the headquarters church on November 23, 2003.

IWOULD like to read from Father's January 1, 1961 speech, "Let Us Be Representatives of our Heavenly Father."

God has the responsibility of leading fallen men to the garden of hope, where they can be one in heart with Him and understand Him. Thus, God's will for man, who is to stand in the position of uniting with Him, must likewise be one; there cannot be two. Unless you embody the reality that God's will is your will, God's affairs your affairs, God's heart your heart, and you are confident that you stand in such a position, you cannot become a representative of God.

If you are to be His representative, you must be one with God. Without becoming one with Him, you can't become His representative. That is why our goal as fallen men is to become one with God. The conditions we need in order to become one with Him is that our desires and situations must be the same as God's and our level of heart must be the same as God's; otherwise fallen men can't become one with God.

Do all of you here understand what God's will is? We have come to know the way that we must go in accordance with this will. We have come to understand the direction that mankind in today's world must go for this will. We have discovered what this will, which mankind desires, is and the direction we must go; we know what this will that each individual must embrace is. We also understand what kind of situation we must be in and furthermore, what kind of heart we must have.

So to be in the same situation, to have the same desire and feel the same heart as God, what must we do? God must be able to recognize that we are his sons and daughters, and we ourselves also must recognize that we are His sons and daughters. We must reach the point where all things that were created in heaven and on earth can recognize that we are, without a doubt, the sons and daughters of Heaven. Until we attain that state, we cannot be representatives of God.

Mankind must be one with God. We also must feel that God is our Father, that He is the center of our minds, and that He is united with us in body for all eternity. Originally man was born to live centered on God. Therefore, we must clearly understand that He is our Father and that Adam and Eve, who were created as the ancestors of mankind by that same Father, did exist.

Right now we who are fallen are placed on a course in which we must know God's will, understand his situation and seek Him. Not even the most devout believer until now has understood God's heart. No matter how devout they were, they only understood one aspect of God's heart; they did not understand the overall situation of His heart. They knew His will but did not understand His will as a whole.

The Era of Settlement

The time has come to build God's nation and the kingdom of peace on earth. That is why True Parents are asking us to renew ourselves for this new age. This means cutting ourselves off from the past, abandoning the habits that we developed in the wilderness and renewing ourselves in order to establish Canaan.

In September, True Parents called representatives from seven nations to come to America to establish the Peace UN. True Parents had ceaselessly prayed for some fifty years for the seven nations (America, Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Korea) that had the providential responsibility of building a world of peace on earth, right after World War II. On this foundation, the time had finally arrived to build the Peace UN. Therefore, Father called those 840 representatives to America, to represent their seven nations and, on a larger scale, all of mankind and history.

But the mobilization this time is much different from mobilizations of the past. In the past, when we mobilized people, after they had accomplished the goals for that mobilization, our members returned to their former positions. This did not happen for the mobilization to establish the Peace UN. Although the rally for the establishment of the Peace UN in New York and the rally for the Korean headquarters of the Peace UN in Seoul were very successful, True Parents kept the mobilization activities going. Among the 840 people, 84 representatives were chosen to work first in Korea then in Japan and then again in Korea.

This is entirely different from the way things were done in the past. Why is True Father doing it this way? The providence until now had been one of restoration through indemnity; it has been a step-by-step process. But after God's coronation ceremony, the providence has developed toward a stage of safe settlement. Centering on God's original kingship over creation, a new age has arrived for the settlement of a new heaven, a new earth and a new order. That is why after God's coronation ceremony, we had the Coronation Ceremony of the King of Blessed Families on the foundation of God's having established Cheon Il Guk and its citizens.

Centering on our good ancestors on earth, Father has engrafted God's kingship to the kingship of the blessed families. Centering on the spirit world and the physical world, God's kingship has been set up as the vertical axis on this earth that connects to the kingship of the blessed families based on their good ancestors. When this expands horizontally, the kingdom of peace will be realized. The Peace UN is the systematic format or institution for world

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Left, Hannam-dong, December 22: True Parents watch the rally in Jerusalem via Internet

Right, A family birthday celebration for Hyo-jin nim, December 25



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THE PROVIDENTIAL MEANING OF

Father's Speech on October 25, 2003



Opening prayer at Pledge Service

SINCE today is Children's Day, heaven should present its sons and daughters with splendid gifts. What are these splendid gifts? They are the authority of the son, the authority of the son as a husband and the daughter as a wife, and the authority of the parents, who are in the position of loving their children. Then the parents who hold this authority must teach their children the responsibility that lies with authority, so that their children will understand the right to become ancestors of future generations. This is one of the things that we urgently need to teach our children, but we are still not fully prepared to do so.

What is today? [It is True Children's Day.] Whose children are they? [The children of True Parents.] You must be clear on that point. Who comes first, the children of God or the children of True Parents? Without True Parents, there cannot be sons and daughters of God.

Even True Parents themselves need an owner. Can True Parents exist without an owner? We must return to the origin, the fundamentals. Returning to the fundamentals of the Unification Church, we call God the Cosmic Parent; and how do we address the True Parents of the Unification Church? [The Parents of Heaven and Earth.] The Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth are the two pillars of the Unification Church. Just like the two pillars [of fire and cloud] that guided the Israelites in the wilderness.

What we want is peace. But does peace involve just one person, or two people, or many people? You cannot achieve it alone. The concept of peace presupposes that a subject has an object. Without an object, peace cannot exist. Isn't it like that? It requires at least two or more for peace to exist.

There is something definitely wrong with a person if he desires peace for himself alone. And since the body and the mind are in a relationship, the body can rest in peace only if

the body and the mind are united. If the body cannot rest, it cannot fight off illness and so may succumb to disease. That, in turn, causes the mind to become unwell. If the mind is not at rest, it becomes sick. You must resist sickness.

Anyone who has the desire to see peace before his body and mind are united is out of his mind! Without an object there cannot be any peace! Peace and unity! What comes after that? Even happiness cannot be achieved alone. You can only be happy if you are in a relationship. Home! When we speak of a home, do you picture a small house in which someone sleeps and eats alone? If you are alone, even the grandest castle filled with treasure and decorated with expensive furniture could never be a home. Homes involve families. Homes are where families can rest together. A person cannot make up a family.

From this point of view, we can see that the ideal aspects of life are always achieved through relationships. [Amen!] Do you think the Unification Church could have come this far if it had not known about peace and happiness? What about knowledge of the spiritual world that you have been taught in the church?

Media people! They are supposed to represent this era, and they claim to be people of the modern age, but they do not know anything about heaven. When you ask them who their ancestors are and where they came from, their answers vary from amoebas to monkeys. Have you ever heard anything so ignorant? They will never yield to anyone where the origin of species is concerned. Do you think a grasshopper and a cicada can mate and have locusts? Even if you prayed for that to happen for millions of years, and even if the whole creation in this world joined in that prayer, that would never happen.

The central figure must take responsibility. The central figures of the Unification Church must take responsibility for the

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whole of the Unification Church. The central figures must be protectors as well. If someone faces death, the parents of that person, the people who are responsible for that person, should be ready to die in his place. If the central figures are ready to do that, the organization, and the nations they are responsible for, will never go to ruin...

An owner must take responsibility. He must take responsibility for everything. If there is a beggar on the street, I must take off whatever I'm wearing and give it to the beggar.

Now! For whom were women born? They were born for their husbands and their sons and daughters, weren't they? Women were born for their husbands and their sons and daughters! Is that right, or wrong? [It's right.]

In that case, if you say you have become a wife to someone, if you have become a wife to the owner of a house, don't you represent the household as well? Who is the most important representative¹ of that household? The only person who can take the place of the father, the owner of the house, is the mother. And it is only the sons and daughters of the mother and the father that can represent them in their absence. If you are not their representative, you cannot inherit anything from them. Do you understand the meaning of the word "inherit"?

Now, speaking from a philosophical point of view, if you are asked who you are and you answer, "I am a representative," that's certainly worthy of a passing grade. You are a representative of your family, nation, heaven and earth—even the animal kingdom. You can stand as a representative of everything in the world. In that sense, you can be a representative of anything and everything; people were the only beings in creation that had the privilege of representing everything in the world.

Whom do people represent? We are the representatives of God, the Creator. Repeat after me, I am a representative of the universe! [I am a representative of the universe!] In that case, you can be a representative of God as well. Now, then, when God, who is the owner, asks for a representative, would He ask for someone who is millions of times better than He is, or would He ask for someone who is worse? What do you think? [He would want someone millions of times better than He.] That's right.

Whoever said that, that was a good answer! Representatives are people who wish to become billions of times better than their owners. Good answer!

Who do you think is the representative of the Unification Church? Rev. Moon is. Since Rev. Moon is in the position of the owner, when the time comes for him to choose a representative, whom do you think he would want as his representative? Would he want someone better

or worse than he is? What do you think? [Someone better.] In that case, how many times better? [Billions of times!] Billions of times multiplied by billions of times, that would be enough, don't you think?

That is the conclusion the whole world would reach in the end, isn't it? Why do we need representatives? You need representatives in order to bequeath what you have to them. If Rev. Moon, after living like this, goes to the spiritual world before deciding on a representative, he would be a truly miserable person. That is because that would constitute a discontinuation of history. There would be no connection to the future. Why do we want representatives? People want representatives who are much better than they are in order to bequeath everything they have achieved to those representatives.

If a national system that educates people to make this a custom existed, sons and daughters would be representatives of the family, the family representative of the tribe, the tribe representative of the race, the race representative of the nation, the nation representative of the world, the world representative of the cosmos, and a holy son or daughter representative of God. This is how it would work.

Every owner wants his representatives to be better than he is. The owner should therefore teach his representatives how to be better than he is. Aren't parents like that? Parents are always telling their children, "Go and study." Why do you think that is? Is it because the parents want the children to be better than they are, or worse? Isn't the first answer correct? Children, therefore, should obey what their parents tell them to do, because it is for their own good.

In the world of religion, there are many different denominations and religious bodies. Don't you think you will stand in the center of all these churches and denominations if I teach you more about God than they can ever learn? God wants as His representative the person who will take responsibility for the position of the central figure, someone who knows more, and who puts into practice what he knows. People who know more but do not put what they know into practice are like trees that do not bear fruit. In the Bible, there's a story of Jesus coming across a fig tree.

He approaches the tree to see if it has any fruit, and when he finds that it doesn't, he curses it so that it withers. Such a tree, even if it looks beautiful, is like a parasite. It is good for nothing.

The most important terms in the Unification Church are "Cosmic Parent,"² "Parents of Heaven and Earth"³ and "Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind."⁴ Among these names, what have you heard for the first time today? The Parents of Heaven, Earth and



Chatiboot Bbabi receives special fatherly attention on True Children's Day

The October 14 banquet at Hannam-dong residence, celebrating 53 years since Father's release from Heungnam labor camp



Humankind! It is not God's ideal to become the Cosmic Parent, or Parents of Heaven and Earth, but to become Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. That was one of God's ideals of the Creation; it is His wish and desire. We haven't realized that. Which is most precious among the three? [The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind] These are very important words.

God, who does not have a form, wants to become the father of humankind. That was one of the aims of the Creation. We didn't know about this until now. That is why I am declaring this for the first time today. Today is the 44th anniversary; 43 years have passed since the first Children's Day. The time has come to teach you all. I have already taught you about the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth, but until now I haven't taught you about the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

That is why I'm teaching you about this on this day of celebration. The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are the hope and desire of God and of True Parents. Now that there is no more that God can wish for, since He has become the Owner of heaven and earth as the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, He has claimed His rightful position and has proclaimed that it is good. After realizing the fruit of reaching the ideal of the Creation, God has seen the fruit and has declared that it is good. After creating the universe, and Adam and Eve, didn't God say when He saw them that they were good? It is the same thing.

We need the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth, but not one person knew about the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. For the first time in history, I am teaching you about it today. Why? Since Adam and Eve could not be perfected centered on love, God could not be perfected, and the Parents of Heaven and Earth could not be perfected. Since love needed to be realized centered on humankind, God alone could not realize this love. Without love, even the Parents of Heaven and Earth cannot become whole, but must remain as only half of a whole, without an object. With God in the position of the mind, the True Parents in the position of the body, and you in the position of the third generation, you can become the seeds of the two sets of parents, and in time you will become fruit that can be harvested and stocked in the storehouse of heaven. That is why Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are the most valuable of all.

When Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind come into existence, God will rejoice, the Parents of Heaven and Earth will rejoice and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind will rejoice as well. And when you become the sons or daugh-

ters of Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, you will enter the liberated era that will last forever and become the heirs to the right to become the lord and master of heaven and earth. And that is why Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are the most important, and the best! Amen!

Think for a moment. What do you have to focus on to become parents? Which organ is central to your becoming parents? What is the wellspring of the parents? You must think in these terms. The central organ is none other than the love organ. Does God have a love organ? Why should He have one? Don't you feel good if someone tells you that you look a lot like your son? Don't you feel good if you're told that you look a lot like your father? If God is our father, shouldn't He have the same things His children have? If a father didn't have the same organs as his children, something would definitely be wrong with him. That is only logical.

Therefore it is also only logical that the men and the women here, in one way or another, take after their own mothers and fathers. Accordingly, if your fathers and mothers did not have sexual organs, you could not have been born at all. There must be a motive, then a process, and finally, a result that corresponds to the motive. If you weigh the two, the motive and the result, they should balance.

Then when did the Fall occur? The Fall occurred when God had gone only midway down the path of love, on His way to finding love. Given that God is the first generation, He should have given birth to children who would have comprised the second generation; and the third generation should have been born to His children. In other words, this was the family framework, originally planned by God. However, He could not claim Adam and Eve, the second generation, as His children. Because of the Fall, Adam could not personify love, could not be a model son. In other words, he could not reach perfection. It was the same for Eve. She could not claim to be God's daughter, because she did not reach perfection; she could not be a perfect woman....

What kind of a husband would you want? The answer is simple. You would want a husband who is very much like your father. That is because a woman knows only one man who has loved her, and that is her father. Is that right, or not? The only textbook a woman has on love is her father. After her father come her brothers. If a woman has a crippled father, though she may love her father very much, there is only so much she can love him. Therefore, a part of her heart would desire to express more love than she can give to her father. So if she were to meet someone who was not a cripple, she would think, "Oh, I could give that man more love than I can give my father." She would feel this from deep within her heart.

It would be the same if a woman had a crippled brother. She would worry about him day in and day out, almost as much as she worried about her parents; and because thoughts of her brother would be so deeply embedded in her heart, she would think of her brother even when she was looking for her own husband, and so would look for someone who was quite like her brother. Do you understand?

Your spouse should be exemplary. He or she should set an example to others from an early age, in both good times and bad. He or she should be able to eliminate obstacles standing in your path so it becomes nice and smooth, and fill in deep holes gouged into your path so that it becomes flat and even. If you find someone who does that for you, someone who will do anything for you, you should marry that person. If you find someone who can do that, if he does whatever you

ask, and if he fulfills the duties of a patriot to his nation, saint to the world, and holy son to heaven and earth, you should marry that person. If you find someone who always guides you in the right way, and tries to follow good examples set by others, you should marry that person without a second glance! Amen!

Since the origin of the Unification Church is God, and since God resides in the spiritual world, the spiritual world is our root. If you don't understand this, you won't be able to understand what the stem, the branch, the bud, the fruit and the leaf are. You must know the spiritual world.

The whole world has opposed me; they were all worked up about trying to get rid of me. Different nations and organizations did everything they could to eliminate me, but in the end they could not break me and gave up. Why? Because if the sun shines brightly, darkness cannot snuff out the light. If the darkness hurls itself against the light, the light remains intact while the darkness dissipates like smoke. It is the same in the presence of God.

The Unification Church was the first to declare the concept of the settlement of noon. At noon, no shadows are cast. When you are standing still at noon, you can see that the sun shines brightly, so brightly that even the glittering of diamonds and jewels would be nothing compared to that light, and yet there are no shadows, no darkness at all. In that light, all that is dark breaks apart, leaving not a trace. It is the same in God's presence. Even the light of fireflies cannot shine out of the blackest darkness, but in God's presence, the light emitted by God, the bright light that is hundreds of times brighter than the sun, absorbs all other kinds of light. You cannot fight it, because it absorbs every kind of light.

That is why you must believe what I say whole-heartedly, and be prepared to cross over the line of death if need be. You must be ready to sacrifice your lives and cross over the line of death to save fallen humankind. When you go fishing, don't you use different types of bait to catch different types of fish? If you wanted something big, you would use bigger bait. In the same way, you should be ready to become the bait to save your nation, to be a greater bait for a greater cause.

You must stand firm and tell the world, "If you want to strike me, strike me!" Even the blackest darkness with strength surpassing all others cannot conquer light. You don't know to what lengths Japan went to in order to uproot the Unification Church. Even in America they did all kinds of things to get rid of Rev. Moon, but to no avail. In the end, following Rev. Moon is everyone's destiny.

Do you like Rev. Moon? [Yes.] Are you just saying that, or do you really mean it? Even I can't tell whether you're speaking from your heart, or faking it. You are the ones who should decide whether you mean what you're saying. Otherwise, you'll be in trouble. You should be able to decide for yourselves. You should also be able to experience the spirit world, so that you can be convinced that it does exist. In order to do that, you should have a bright mind. In the world of religion, being selfish and always wanting more for oneself than for others is dangerous. You will trip and fall on the way.

You will always be successful if you face the light and fol-

low the path of the light, so that you stand perpendicular to the light and the light casts no shadow. How about in the future? The light of God's love does not shine on today alone; it shines on the world of tomorrow and even on the world of infinity. No obstacle can block this light. The light of God's love shines for thousands of miles all around, and so any work that is connected to this light and any work that reflects this light will succeed, even if it is opposed in every way.

On the basis of such experiences, Rev. Moon has declared many important things today. What did I speak of today? [The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!] The first point was the Cosmic Parent. What was the next? [The Parents of Heaven and Earth!] The Parents of Heaven and Earth, and what came after that? [The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!] It was the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Because of the Fall of Adam and Eve, God also fell. You must understand this. The Cosmic Parent fell, the Parents of Heaven and Earth fell and humankind fell. In other words, the whole world fell.

Why is this so? This is because humankind is the physical fruit of the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Why? The answer is that God alone cannot achieve the purpose of love. Since He does not have form, He cannot become the parent of people with physical bodies; He cannot bring those people to heaven and make them citizens of the heavenly nation. He cannot do any of this without the physical body.

That is why God needs the physical body. Without physical bodies, God cannot do anything in the physical world, in the real world. Any warnings and advice He might give would go unheeded. They cannot influence the physical world. For God's warnings and advice to work in the physical world, they must come through a physical entity.

So why did God create the universe? He created the universe to realize His purpose for creating love, by forming His own family. Yet His family cannot be formed unless He becomes the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

Since God's family was not established before, the process of restoring His family has had to continue through the history of re-creation. Humankind has committed many wrongdoings through the years of re-creation until now and so must first indemnify those. Just as a criminal needs to serve time in prison for what he did, people must indemnify whatever wrongs they have committed before they can be restored.

Since people do not know how to indemnify their sins and how to re-create themselves, they cannot return to their original state. In the Unification Church, we have the principle of re-creation.

We have the principles of the Creation, the human fall, and of the providence of restoration. We have principles that teach us how to reverse the fall, to return to our original state, and the law of indemnity. If something good happens, before you are done rejoicing you will be visited by Satan. If there is day, there is also night. That is the pattern.

That is why if you do something good, Satan follows you around. The only way you can block Satan from invading you is to set up a condition that you are indemnifying something



Mother with Sun-jin nim and Shin-ae nim in New York

bad that you have done, or that you might do. Before I do something, I make effort to the point that the condition set up is stronger than the test that Satan will bring—so that I do not have to pay indemnify later. If I indemnify something that will happen ten years hence, for ten years I will be free from carrying out any kind of indemnity.

That is why the path of restoration through indemnity involves making sacrifices again and again and again. Do you know how much God yearns for people who can represent the world of religion and indemnify individuals, families, tribes, races, nations, the world and even the UN? Deep inside His heart, God has hoped and prayed for such people, but since His prayer has not come true, He is in a worse position than He was before, and this cycle has been repeating for thousands of years.

Even if the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth are here among you, if three generations of a physical family cannot be established, what God has willed cannot be perfected. So you can see that the Cosmic Parent is the “mind” parent, whereas the Parents of Heaven and Earth are the “body” parents. Because of the fall, the mind and body are in constant conflict with each other. If, rather than fighting, your mind and body become one, you can become the grandchildren of God. The grandchildren of God can set up the formula, be the model and form a vertical line by centering on the trinity. But with just one son and one daughter, you cannot multiply greatly. You cannot have just one son and one daughter if you are the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind wanting the children of God to multiply far and wide.

Consider Adam and Eve who were created as the body of God: as God could create only one son and daughter, only one family could be formed. Based on three such generations, generations can continue to multiply for tens of thousands of generations, but if there is only one generation.... In other words, only if you have at least three children can you become Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

If everyone decided to have just one child, what would happen? If Adam and Eve had had just one son, where would they have found a wife for him? If everyone decided to have just one son, the human race would die out in the end. I am saying that if you want to be Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, you must have at least three children. If you have three children, based on them, you can multiply; so in three generations you will have a big family that can become the center of the world....

In order to become Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind you need to have at least three sons and daughters. Having two sons and a daughter would be fine. With only one son and a daughter, you would be below the standard required to become the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and to form nations and peoples. Since you don't want to be below the standard, it is only logical that you would want to have three or more children.

Only by having three or more children can you become the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. Only then can you stand in the presence of God as a well-balanced family, the three children balancing the top, the bottom and the center. God would embrace you and your children, and become one with you in the four-position foundation.

So, now that you have learned about the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, you must work hard and do your best to bless all of your children, raising them all as if each one were an only child. Those who do so will have descendants to carry their name for tens of thousands of years to come. Amen!

This is the first point I wanted to talk about today. Then, what is the second? Now I have established a Peace UN. And I have also declared the Peace Kingdom. But for this to be possible, we must begin an Abel-type UN from the outset. The Abel-type UN is not intended to beat the Cain-type UN into submission. The Abel-type UN will move the heart of the Cain-type UN, so that the Cain-type UN will follow the Abel-type UN of its own accord. Abel cannot take his position if he does not save Cain. The Abel-type UN must save the Cain-type UN, make it follow to the Peace UN and the Peace Kingdom of God. That is the task before us...

The domain of the heavenly nation is individuals and

families, but since individuals and families have been taken away from the UN, it has lost the owners who can set up the tradition in their nations.

We will not stand in the way of the UN if it follows us. If it follows God's will, we will cross the threshold of a world of peace together. Only when it becomes an Abel-type UN can it cross the threshold to the peace UN. Only when the whole world becomes a peace UN and forms a great family with God as the father can we all cross over into the palace of peace.

So, to put it simply, the second point I wanted to talk about is that once the UN

becomes an Abel-type UN, it will then become a peace UN; and once there is a peace UN in place, the world will become a heavenly nation of peace. A speech I gave some time ago was entitled “The owners of Re-creation?” Do you remember? Who are the owners of re-creation? The individual is an owner, as is his family. Ever since His sons and daughters failed Him and were chased out of heaven into hell, God has been all alone, living by Himself. And so He has never had a chance to address anything as “our” something. Do you realize how tragic that is?

Even Adam and Eve were never able to use the word “our” in their relationship centered on love. How tragic that is! Our family! Now the time has come in which God can finally call His children His own. How can you call your family “our family” if you don't raise children and bless them? It is impossible....

You must realize how sacreligious it is for God not to be able to use the word “our” to address His own family and nation. And so we must work hard to expand God's nation on



earth, with every tribe working hard to witness to and have their relatives, even the most distant ones, go through the engrafting process—be it an uncle, aunt, or so on. All the Kims should work hard to witness to their families, all the Lees to their own families, and so on and so forth.

If we continue to work hard, a day will come when we will be able to call this world “our world.” That term would include everyone. People’s greed is so great, that we want to claim everything as ours. We have enough desire in our hearts to claim everything God created as ours, and once we have become representatives of God and have inherited everything, we will claim everything God possesses as ours as well.

Now it will be like a marathon, for all of you, to see which tribe is the first to witness to all its family members and relatives, and to form a nation that could then be linked to the world. That is why tribal messiahs should work hard to bless their brothers and sisters, by force if need be, and to bless their mothers and fathers as well.

Thirdly, I want to teach you today about some of the themes on which I have been speaking since October this year and even before: The owners of re-creation, the elimination of national boundaries, and the Peace UN and a world of peace. If I were to call that a heavenly nation of peace, people would say, “Oh, the Unification Church, with all their talk of kingdoms and sovereignties, are now establishing a nation of their own with Rev. Moon as king.” So instead, I’ll call it a world of peace. Originally, it should have been the Peace Kingdom.

These three themes mentioned above are the goals we must accomplish in the Last Days. All of you must know this.

What is the point, then? You know as well as I do that you and your families do not have a palace of your own. What is the name of the ceremony I recently conducted? It was the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the True Love, Peace and Unity of the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. From there Adam would climb to the position of the family king, the tribal king, and finally to the position of the God of the cosmos. Since I have paved the way for him, Adam would pass through these stages as if riding an elevator. But he should still know which floor he is on, shouldn’t he? We must work hard to make sure that sovereignty is not cut off by preparing the position of the king of the clan. The footrace has now begun.

I’m sure each clan has a mountain designated as the mountain of the clan, but that is no longer enough. From now on you must be prepared to establish the palace of the clan wherever you are told to do so, be it in South America, the U.S., or even in a nation that is a candidate to become the third Israel.

Only then can you engraft into the whole world. You can

engraft the kingship to the whole world. You do not understand what I am trying to say. You will understand what I mean in an instant once you are in the spirit world.

There are 275 Korean surnames, and that means 275 palace churches of the clans would need to be established. Then I would decide which palace church of a clan would represent me, whether it would be that of the Yoo family, the Lee family, the Lim family, the Park family, the Choi family or some other one. These clans would then be divided into twelve branches, and a person would be chosen as the leader of these twelve branches. That leader would become the heir to the throne of the king of Korea. From there, he would engraft the nation to the world, saying that he was engrafting our nation, Korea, in his name and reporting it in the presence of the Parents of the Cosmos, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, and the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!

You must climb up the ladder. The ladder that Jacob saw in a dream he had during his flight to Haran is the ladder you must climb. It is the ladder of individuals, families, tribes, and so on. Because all of you need to climb the ladder, it will get wider. At some point it will be too wide for my hands to steady it. The whole tribe will have to hold the ladder and steady it as others climb. The tribe will have to be united to do that.

So you must conduct intercultural marriages for the national boundaries to disappear. Two enemies with drawn swords should stop fighting, and say, “Since you have a daughter and I have a son, let’s stop fighting and become in-laws.” Then the fighting would stop, they would toast each other on their grand decision and laugh together. They must bless their son and daughter to live happily ever after; and they themselves would live in harmony. It is the fathers and the mothers who must break down the barriers between nations.

That is restoration through indemnity. Since false parents have set up these barriers, true parents must break them down. No one can oppose this once you are in the Unification Church. So stop boasting about yourselves. The only path that lies before you is the path of absolute obedience! Amen!◆

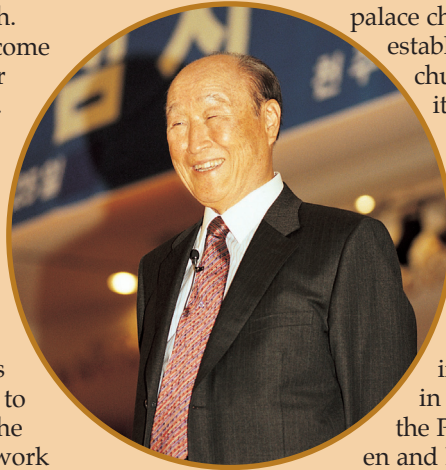
Endnotes

1 In these paragraphs Father uses the word *daeshin-ja* for representative, which means one who stands in the place of and acts on behalf of another.

2 Cheon Ju Pu Mo

3 Cheon Ji Pu Mo

4 Cheon Ji In Pu Mo



Children at the IIPC founding rally, October 3, 2003



A LETTER TO THE PARENTS OF HEAVEN AND EARTH

HEUNG JIN MOON

Beloved high and noble Parents of Heaven and Earth! I am truly grateful to you for opening the era of Cheon Il Guk, where we can live in joy and happiness, and for proclaiming the nation of the fourth Israel. We have now ushered in an era of heavenly kingship, authority and fortune when God can directly work with and lead us with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. In particular, the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk is a joy to the spirit world, the physical world and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Moreover, it is a victorious and liberating joy to the Cosmic Parent.

To break down the walls created by the Fall and to restore the original relationship, according to the heavenly law, you, the True Parents of Heaven and Earth have worked day and night without rest to establish each moment of the providence

successfully, and to lead the whole of humanity to the path of freedom, peace and happiness. Whenever there was a providential proclamation, you emphasized the role of the spiritual world. I'm deeply grateful to you, Parents of Heaven and Earth, for encouraging me, your son, with the special message in calligraphy, "Absolute Victory of Moon Heung-jin, the Commander-in-Chief of Heaven" at the time of the declaration of the beginning of the fourth nation of Israel.

Until now, the spirit world has made continual progress based on the victorious foundation of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, centering on God. I would like to report to you about recent work in the spirit world, focusing on activities of the founders of the five great religions following the recent providential activities you have initiated.

Current Activities in the Spiritual World Following the Development of the Providence

First, I would like to express my gratitude to you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who have been holding events and making proclamations at every peak of the providence in order to liberate God and open a path to salvation for all humankind.

As we entered the year 2002, you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, proclaimed the era of the realm of victory for an autonomous nation, and blessed the spiritual world and the physical world to become one and to cooperate with each other centering on the complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk. Through the Proclamation Ceremony of Total Unification of the Spirit World and Physical World, you have also opened a

way for the ancestors who have become absolutely good spirits to return to earth and support their descendants to realize God's nation, Cheon Il Guk.

In addition, through your declaration of the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, you blessed all the ancestors in the spirit world and blessed families on earth, so that we all can have the original realm of life wherein we can live together serving God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth. You strengthened the sovereignty and power (of God and the Parents of Heaven and Earth) through the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, the Total Liberation of 6,000 Years of History and the proclamation of the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

We have thus entered the age when absolute goodness can hold true power. It is the time when God's omniscience and omnipotence can be clearly shown on earth and in the spirit world, and the age in which we can see with our own eyes that goodness is developing and that evil is gradually perishing has thus been opened.

God used to appear to the blessed families as light. However, since the Proclamation of the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, God appears directly to blessed members using His own voice and original body. When we are called in such a time of grace, we should answer "Yes!" with great confidence, affirming our absolute faith, absolute love and absolute

obedience. Only then can we live in joy and happiness as desired by the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Through the Declaration of the Age of Peace, Unity and Equalization, the realm of life was opened, wherein God can visit and directly govern blessed families. I am truly grateful that we can attend you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, when the spiritual and physical worlds hold equal value and significance. Ancestors who have become absolutely good spirits by receiving the blessing in the spirit world can now return to earth and cooperate with their descendants more than ever before.

In particular, at the time of your birthday celebration on February 6 of the third year of Cheon Il Guk, and in special congratulations for Mother's sixtieth birthday, the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk and the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True



The 600th liberation workshop at Cheong Pyeong took place just days before this message was given

Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth were held.

The Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk was held on a historic day which ushered in a new era after the complete settlement of Cheon Il Guk, centered on God's kingship. On that day, you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, were secured as the Ancestors of Goodness and could register the original marriage. I am truly grateful that through this ceremony, the Cosmic Parent and the Parents of Heaven and Earth could finally register their marriage, and all the blessed families could also register their births with the benediction of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, all blessed families should put more effort into becoming children of God and of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. It was truly a moving ceremony, a grand turning point enabling God's kingship, the substantial kingship on earth, to begin through you. Moreover, it was a great moment in history in that you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, in total unity with God, the Cosmic Parent, could be crowned king of the blessed families.

The foundation made by this Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony and the Coronation Ceremony of the King of the Blessed Families was the starting point for the world of the new culture of the heavenly kingdom.

On this foundation, the Sun Moon Peace Cup 2003 was successfully held, with the participation of eight clubs representing all the continents. The Peace Cup tournament was a great festival of harmony that promoted the harmony and unity of humankind in order to restore God's authority and establish His nation in the era of Cheon Il Guk.

Art, culture and sports exist in the original world and are thus responsive to and express the environment of the kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world. Therefore, art, culture and sports are media through which people create the heavenly environment on earth. The Peace Cup was held to give people the opportunity to experience, through sports, with all their mind and body, the grand nature and the beauty of the kingdom of heaven and our world of dynamic harmony and unity. It conveyed to the physical world the world of unity and harmony in the kingdom of heaven in order to create a base for the unity and harmony of humankind. This event became a great turning point and demonstrated the original value of sports.

At the Summit of World Leaders for world peace held in August, you told us that a genuine change in human nature, temperament and ideology is essential for the realization of a true world of eternal peace. We will work from the spirit world so that all nations and religions repent for their past mistakes and make a new resolution to work for harmony and peace.

Further, you established [the foundation for] an inter-religious council at the United Nations in order for the world to begin a new future of peace and be resolved to eliminate suffering caused by war, disease, and poverty.

Up to the point of the Summit of World Leaders and the Seoul Peace Declaration, in keeping with your providence for spreading world peace far and wide, we have resolved ourselves to create harmony, unity and continuous advancement,

in the spirit world, for God's nation and world peace, and to educate absolutely good spirits to work harder for the movement of reconciliation and unity among different religions.

Activities of the Founders of Five Great Religions in the Spirit World

At this time in the spirit world, the founders of the five great religions, who have received the blessing, and absolutely good spirits are working hard to find and convince their own followers in the spirit world who are not yet restored and engraft them to you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Representatives of each religion, together with absolutely good spirits, are visiting people in the spirit world who believed in their religions while living on earth to explain the Principle based on aspects of their own religious doctrines that are in accord with the contents of the Principle. They have continuously educated and trained those followers, teaching them about the original sin and the Principle viewpoint so they can inherit the true love ideology from you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Those founders and absolutely good spirits are educating people in the spirit world in order that they may be engrafted to you, Parents of Heaven and Earth, in order to reach the goal of recreating the world of the original creation centering on God, who is the one and only Lord of Creation.

However, it is not easy for the founders of the five great religions to educate and convert those people in the spirit world. This is because, just as people living on earth have

barriers in their minds surrounding them—which make it difficult for others to break down such walls, open the door of the mind and communicate heart-to-heart—the spirits in the spirit world also have invisible walls that block them from communicating with one another, and even the spirits with the same religion find it very difficult to break down the barriers between the spirits and open the doors of the mind.

Nevertheless, through the work of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, who have abolished many barriers and liberated the spiritual world, the spiritual barriers between people in the spirit world have begun to break down. As a result, it has become significantly easier to work in the spirit world. Even on earth, in witnessing to people, it is not sufficient to talk to an individual once or twice. We should continue to invest ourselves by giving them our consistent attention. That is how an individual can open his or her heart, the barriers can break down, and the person can eventually commit him- or herself to a life of faith. Likewise, in the spiritual world, getting spirits to open their hearts is a tremendous endeavor—far more difficult than witnessing to earthly people.

That is why you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, have made numerous proclamations, including the dissolving of boundaries in the United Nations, that aided in the breaking down of barriers in the spirit world. In particular, through the Ceremony for the Total Liberation of Resentment—held at the Chuseok celebration in 2000—and the Ceremony for the Liberation of the Spirit World, the walls within the spirit world have collapsed and the way for spirits to communicate



"Absolute Victory of Heung Jin Moon, Commander-in-Chief in Heaven" : Calligraphy bestowed on Heung-jin nim at the declaration of the beginning of the nation of the fourth Israel (Hannam-dong residence, August 20, 2003)

with each other has been opened up. Consequently, it is now possible to witness to people in the spirit world. In the future, if you continually make declarations that can break down the barriers in the middle realms of the spirit world, we can be much more empowered to witness to the spirits there.

In addition, in order for the founders of the five major religions to have a greater effect on religious believers both in the spiritual world and on earth, it is imperative that the ambassadors for peace and religious believers who participated in the blessing be educated on a regular basis about the spiritual world. At the same time, interreligious activities and discussion that is conducive to harmony among religions should continue.

No matter how hard the founders of the five great religions try to work with the people on earth, these people cannot experience the contents of the spirit world because their five spiritual sensory organs are closed and their bodies are packed with evil spirits. Thus, regardless of how much they may desire to show them, it is difficult to do so. In order to open their spiritual senses, education should continue, along with the Cheong Pyeong providence.

The founders of the five great religions are diligently working, so that each religion can be united with the Parents of Heaven and Earth. They deeply respect the fact that the Parents of Heaven and Earth treat everyone equally, showing them the same true love, transcending all religions. The founders of the great religions are truly, truly grateful for your great grace and love. You settled all the problems that their own religions could not possibly solve, such as the liquidation of the original sin through the blessing and the perfection of the four-position foundation.

I came to know that you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, blessed 120 billion people in the spirit world and in the physical world to restore the satanic lineage created by the fall of Adam and Eve into God's lineage of goodness and to cleanse their bodies stained with fallen nature. With your blood, sweat and tears, you invested your lives to enable those people to live with one dedicated heart, body and mindset. In addition, there are already seventy generations of ancestors who have been liberated and blessed and thereby have become absolutely good spirits. Since they became a unified community, as the seventy disciples at the time of Jesus had, they have more organizational power to work from the spirit world. Blessed families cannot stand properly if they do not liberate their ancestors. Blessed families cannot properly take their position if they don't liberate their ancestors and, unless they bless their ancestors to make them absolutely good spirits, they cannot become families who can attend the Cosmic Parent and you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

The blessed families on earth should do everything in their power to attend you and expand the territory and sovereignty of Cheon Il Guk. They should constantly acknowledge the support of their ancestors in the spirit world and consult them often in order to work together in full cooperation. They should deeply realize the great, precious power of the absolutely good spirits and participate as much as possible in ancestral liberation and blessings. They should also attend workshops provided by the Cheong Pyeong Training Center, cleanse the numerous sins and crimes committed by their ancestors and strive to sever the fallen nature and evil spirits within their bodies.

The Importance of the Movement to Break Through in Grassroots Activities

Through the Cheong Pyeong providence opened by you,

the Parents of Heaven and Earth, 120 billion couples have become absolutely good spirits through the blessing, and the world is now making fast progress toward the world of goodness. In the past, there were no absolutely good spirits and there was no one on earth who could make the declarations to open the doors to the spirit world, so evil continued to grow and flourish.

However, you have now opened the way, making declarations, and establishing all the necessary conditions. Consequently, the number of absolutely good spirits has greatly increased and the time has come when the good spirit world, in the realm of goodness, is powerfully expanding its scope of activities.

This is a hopeful age when dreams come true. This is the time when blessed families can reap what they sow. I know that blessed families have worked hard for God's will up to now. However, they should once again collect themselves and understand the importance of this time precisely. If they and the absolutely good spirits can dedicate their hearts, bodies and mindsets, and witness with zeal, amazing works will be done. With endless love for humanity, you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, have devoted yourselves without reserve to establish the foundation for blessed families to work simultaneously in the spirit world and on earth.

You have declared the beginning of the nation of the fourth Israel, which was the hope of the first, second and third Israels. In these amazing times, blessed families, as owners of Cheon Il Guk, should strive to break through in witnessing activities on the local, grassroots level. The nation of the fourth Israel should fulfill the responsibilities that were not accomplished by the first, second and third Israels and be actively involved in witnessing with the help of those in the spiritual world.

The declaration of the fourth Israel has enabled the spirit world and the physical world to become one in heart, will and body; and we must all do Tongban Gyeokpa in order to establish the fourth Israel and fulfill our responsibility. Blessed families must be aware of and deeply feel the urgency within their consciousness that "I" am the owner of the movement to break through on the grassroots level. As blessed families offer their devoted effort, they must go forward with the attitude that they will absolutely bring victory through their absolute love, absolute faith and absolute obedience.

Blessed families must be deeply aware that you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, are doing away with the world of human diseases, suffering, misery and pain and are building up the world of love, order, peace and freedom. Blessed families should have a sense of responsibility for the providence of restoration and should share the pain of people in their neighborhoods who are sick, suffering, in misery or anguish. Blessed families should take up the cross for those who are in need. In addition, as blessed families see the difficulties of their neighbors, they must feel determined to absolutely solve these difficulties as if they were their own.

Blessed families must approach the movement to break through in grassroots activities [*Tongban Gyeokpa*] with the mentality that they will take responsibility for their neighbors. There is nothing more valuable than witnessing to and changing the blood lineage of one's neighbors. If, at this time, blessed families expand their witnessing activities to make a breakthrough in their local area, the spirit world will strongly support them. For example, if Christians, Confucianists, Buddhists, Muslims, Hindus, and followers of other religions participate in these grassroots activities, representatives in the spirit world of their religions and absolutely good spirits

belonging to those religions will cooperate with them to do great works.

Blessed families should be tithing not only money but also their time and energy in local activities. Accordingly, blessed families should offer at least three hours a day for the sake of their neighbors—consistently conveying the Unification Principle, holding hoondok meetings and educating them about true love. God desires that blessed families educate, witness to, and bless their neighbors in order to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth, where the hearts of all people overflow with peace, joy and happiness. This is God's deepest desire and the way to build a true family. Only when there are righteous families and public order can the foundation for the kingdom of heaven be established.

We members should first lead exemplary lives. If we live correctly, the spirit world can cooperate with us and we will then have a sufficient base to establish Cheon Il Guk through the hoondok home church movement. This is the way we can all build the fourth Israel.

I would like to express my deep gratitude to you for opening the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and Cheongshim Hospital in accordance with the flow of the providence. People who suffer from the spiritual and physical diseases caused by the Fall may now be healed so that they can live in joy and happiness.

Ninety percent of human diseases originate from spiritual problems. Resentful spirits and evil spirits dwell within people's physical bodies. As time passes, their negative influence becomes more powerful. This causes spiritual and physical diseases, which can eventually lead to premature death. During the dedication ceremony of the Cheongshim Hospital, you rejoiced, saying, "Finally, people can now be saved from suffering and disease."

In accordance with your instructions, we will center on the Cheong Pyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center and the Cheongshim Hospital and push forward the spiritual medical work made possible through the work of the absolutely good spirits and the medical doctors and nurse angels. We will do this to enable all humankind to live in joy and happiness. Blessed families must remember that only if they attend you and stand in the position to receive heavenly fortune by living lives of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience can such works to be possible. They should thus live lives of filial piety toward you, our Parents of Heaven and Earth. Blessed families should know that they are the ones holding the key to solve all problems and should, thus work diligently.

Most beloved and honorable Parents of Heaven and Earth, the spirit world has now entered an age where the spirits here immediately respond to the teachings and declarations of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Therefore, the blessed families should understand that we are now living in an incredible time when God's providence is clearly illuminated both on earth and in the spirit world. Hence, blessed families should attend the Parents of Heaven and Earth and do their very best to testify about them to all humankind.

My siblings and I are constantly thinking about how to best fulfill our filial duties and responsibilities, and make God

and you, the Parents of Heaven and Earth, happy. We will do our utmost so you can always rejoice. At the same time, we shall invest our whole hearts and power to assist you in realizing whatever you desire while you are on earth.

I hope that blessed families will attend you, the victorious Parent of Heaven and Earth, and together with the absolutely good spirits and the angels, work together to fulfill their missions as tribal messiahs. That is the tradition of the life you have shown us—the life of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

After the Coronation of the King of the Blessed Families of the Peace and Unity of the Cosmic True Parent and the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, you bequeathed God and your names, words, and accomplishments with your royal Cheon Il Guk seal to the spirit world, centered on the absolutely good spirits and to the blessed families on earth. Through this inheritance, both the spirit world, centered on the absolute spirits, and the blessed families on earth will become one and make more effort towards the complete liberation of the whole. We will encourage our blessed families to hold hoondok home church activities in Korea, Japan and the United States, the central nations of the world-level providence, and to keep in step with the new providential developments centering on the Family Party. We will also encourage them to build the internal Cheon Il Guk and the external fourth Israel by establishing the absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal sovereignty.

My siblings and I, as well as the founders of the five great religions, the sages, blessed families of absolutely good spirits, and the angels will combine all of our strength and work diligently to fulfill our responsibilities to quickly complete the construction of the Original Palace in Cheong Pyeong, where you can safely rest.

Dearest Parents of Heaven and Earth, please believe in us and receive now only glory. May you live long, long lives in good health.◆

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The Tree of Blessing at Cheong Pyeong, at the turn of the new year



The Founding of the Interreligious

Inauguration - New York, U.S.A.



Father addresses the Inaugural Assembly in New York, October 3

The Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC), was inaugurated on October 3, 2003, at the Manhattan Center (attached to the New Yorker Hotel). The occasion was part of a four-day inaugural conference under the theme, "Global Governance for a New Realm of Peace." Later the same day, a rally for "Peace Under One God" was held just across from the UN headquarters at Dag Hammarskjold Plaza to promote the reconciliation of the faiths.

Christian Kracher

Member of 840 Mobilization to the U.S.A.

After five days in New York, I met UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. I was working with a Japanese sister in the vicinity of the UN complex. I was giving out flyers for the UN International Day of Peace on September 21, 2003. It was on the 18th that I saw four people walking toward me; from afar I thought one might be Mr. Annan. I gave him a flyer, but the man next to him [a security officer] pushed me away. They walked to the

stop light. Since it was red, Mr. Annan turned around, smiled at me and called me to him. This time the security guard was very polite. Also, his wife and another woman were very kind. He asked me, "This event is from 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM, only an hour?" I said, "Yes." Then he asked "Who is doing this?" I took my approach book, showed him the logo of IIFWP, and

started explaining. He was very pleased. I invited him to come. In return, he invited me to a private event of releasing doves of peace with Dr. Jane Goodall, the renowned zoologist. I told other brothers and sisters and there we were able to give the spiritual messages to Mrs. Annan. [see previous issue, p. 26]

This, for me, was testimony to the reality of spirit world's work, initiated by True Parents' indemnity conditions. At that time, I did not



The founders light the peace candles

know how intensely those in the spirit world were working with each individual in our whole group.

Every day we would listen to lectures about the UN and go out to visit ambassadors from a total of 185 UN missions. The brothers and sisters who met ambassadors had many beautiful stories to tell. Sometimes it was difficult to get an appointment, but we would meet the ambassador in the elevator, in a hotel, on the street or find ourselves having dinner with the president of a nation. Absolutely nothing was impossible.

Several times True Father told us, "Don't look back, only forward. Don't make the same mistake as Lot's wife. Empty yourself, so God and True Parents can work through you. We are living at a transition time, a turning point in history." ♦



Striking the gong to signify entering a new era

s and International Peace Council

Peace Task Force UN Team

Testimony of Gale Alves, Anna Maria Persson, Christian Fazzari and Jurgen Kirchberger

On Wednesday September 24, we went to the Portuguese and Greek missions, which are in the same building on First Avenue. Our delegation was two Germans, an Italian and an American.

We couldn't get into the first elevator we tried, because, after waiting for the people to exit, the doors shut in our faces and wouldn't open, even when we pushed the button. So, we took the other one. We all got in and soon noticed a distinguished gentleman standing to our right. Our German sister asked him, "Are you from the Portuguese mission?"

"Yes, I am," he answered.
"Are you the ambassador?"
"Ye-es".

We all went wild with enthusiasm and surprise and told him how happy we were to meet him. He thanked us, but then told us he had a very busy schedule. We told him we needed only five minutes of his time.

Once in his office, we introduced ourselves, and he told us he already knew about IIFWP. We offered him the books, which he accepted with a look of gratitude and interest. We reminded

him of the conference from October 1 to 4, and that on October 3, Rev. Moon would be speaking.

We said good-bye and got back into the elevator to go to the 13th floor. As the door opened, there stood the Greek Ambassador! He was leaving to the airport at that moment. We quickly greeted him, introduced ourselves and our organization, and gave him the books. We also reminded him of the conference. It was a brief but pleasant meeting. We all felt

that the unity between those from the Axis and Allied nations was the key to our success. ♦



The rally in the afternoon was well attended



Doves of peace are released at the rally



Religious leaders unite in a hug



The march for peace and reconciliation preceding the rally



On October 15, 2003, the Little Angels Arts Center was the venue for the inauguration of the Korean headquarters of the Interreligious and International Peace Council. The beautiful theater was filled to capacity with smartly dressed invitees and guests, including several ambassadors and other senior officers from diplomatic missions in Seoul, religious leaders

from different faiths and invited guests from all walks of society.

Having newly arrived in Korea, the 84 representatives of the seven nations had a day or two only to visit the eighty or so foreign embassies in Seoul, but despite the time constraints there was a significant response from the diplomatic community. Following the inaugural ceremony these participants became the nascent organization's first luncheon guests, at the Sheraton Hotel.

The program was emceed by IIFWP Korea chapter president Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, who, as always, made everyone feel glad they had come. Exemplary interpreters worked to simultaneously render the proceedings into English and Japanese.

In his welcoming address, Rev. Kwak briefly explained the reasons for the founding the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC). His words were followed by two congratulatory addresses. In the first, former Korean congressman Lee Chul-seung mentioned how the UN had helped South Korea when the Korean War broke out, but that sadly it had been unable to solve the problem of the peninsula's division. He said how valuable Rev. Moon's movement is because of its efforts to heal this long rift, praised its work for peace throughout the world—and specially mentioned the work of the expanding ambassador for peace network.

The Venerable Lee Woon-san, General Director of the Taego Buddhist denomination, expressed his confidence



True Parents inaugurate new ambassadors for peace along with the new organization's Korea headquarters

that Rev. Moon's efforts through the IIPC would bear fruit in the realization of world peace.

Leading up the founder's keynote address was a brief video presentation of True Parents' work throughout the years, and a rendering of Amazing Grace (by the singing quartet Colors of Love) so beautiful that one might have felt like a guest in Heaven.

Appropriately so, for Father then came out to deliver his speech—which he had worked on right up to the previous day. It's title was "Let Us Perfect the Peace Kingdom through the Peace United Nations," and Father attached particular providential relevance to the terms Peace Kingdom and Peace UN (the latter describing his vision for the role of IIPC).

Like many of his speeches in recent years, his words were not ones to make the audience relax into their seats and feel content about life. The content was challenging on a personal level, and required the listener to think seriously about the mission and motivation of the enigmatic Rev. Moon, and how that might relate to each and everyone in this present time.

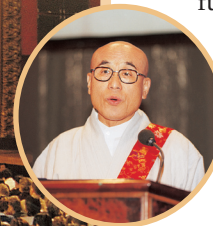
Father clearly envisions IIPC as an organization to engage seriously and practically with the world's problems, and this has already been borne out

by recent redirections of man-power. And whilst he did not hold back in expressing his feelings about the inadequacies of existing structures Father is clearly going to be their greatest ally in the battle for humankind's future.

The keynote speech ended with a presentation of flowers and a presentation of plaques of appreciation to True Parents for their many years of service to the cause of peace. Before three cheers of *mansei* concluded the proceedings, Father and Mother struck a huge gong three times to announce mankind's entry into a new era. ♦

Julian Gray
Today's World

The inauguration of IIPC in Korea; Rev. Hwang Sun-jo is MC; Ven. Lee Woon-san of the Taego Buddhist Order offers congratulations



After the October 3 IIPC inauguration, I felt the main purpose of the mobilization had been fulfilled and that I would soon go home, but things turned out differently. From the 840 mobilized members Eighty-four members were chosen, twelve each from the seven nations to come to Korea to establish the IIPC in Seoul and bring the victory from America to Korea. I was called to be in this group. I had to deal with my family situation, money and things related to my work; my wife and children had expected me back after forty days at the latest.

The money I brought with me was not sufficient to get me to Korea. A lot of organizational work and convincing was necessary to go there. Many of us had the feeling, "Don't worry, just go; everything will be all right." That is exactly what happened.

True Father said we eighty-four members are like twins and we have to unite as one. We have to love and serve each other. Living together, working together and eating together became a great testimony to religious leaders, police chiefs and ambassadors that we met through our work, because we are an example of how people from a collection of seven nations that had stood on either side of a major conflict as enemies to those on the other side could harmoniously unite.

I arrived in the fatherland with an open heart and mind. True Father also told us to learn the heart, language and culture of Korea. I was very joyful in my heart to be in the fatherland. We arrived in the city of Guri and divided into seven teams of twelve members with each team having at least one member from each of the seven nations.

The Korean church took very good care of all eighty-four of us. They gave us wonderful food, invited us to their churches to meet the members, organized and protected us. They showed us the lifestyle of Korea. We went to a market place to get a feeling for Korean people. We

were treated as true ambassadors. True Father invited us to his house, spoke to us, watched soccer with us, invited us to have breakfast with him, spoke personally to most of us, heard reports from leaders and so on. True Father showed us a lot of organizations that serve as his foundation. It is truly huge.

Aside from working for the October 15 IIPC Korean headquarters inaugural assembly, we worked on a more local level as well. Our team leader, Dr. Kim Young-dong organized us very well. The regional leader and the church leader would pick up the members of our team and bring us to a local church. There, we were welcomed by local members and had tea and fruit or sweets after a prayer at the church. Then we would visit a police chief or a mayor and so on.

The local leader was so happy that through us he could finally meet the mayor. One police chief was so moved by our work—giving up our jobs, leaving spouses and children behind for some time and working only for world peace—that he said, "I would like to take off my uniform and join your team, and do the same thing you are doing."

We had rallies in the towns of Pochon, Uijongbu and Cheong Pyeong. At each event, there was an introductory speaker, a reading, a video of the New York IIPC activities and

founding. Two among our Ambassadors for Peace then spoke about our work and, as a finale, we all sang.

On November 3, Father said we could go back to our countries from November 6. Almost everyone was busy getting a ticket for the return flights and so on, but the next day at breakfast we were told that there was a change: we were all to go to Japan for fourteen days. This was a critical moment. How many would stay on? What about money problems, family situations and so on? Each nation's representatives gathered table by table and discussed the situation. Finally, everybody except two were able to go to Japan. ♦



Getting in touch with the international community in Seoul



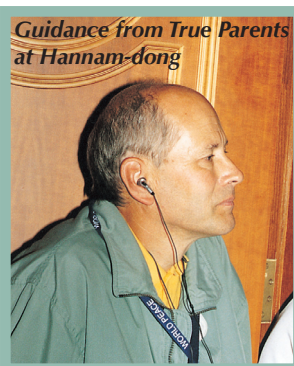
At the embassy of Cote d'Ivoire



A visit to a local police chief



Christian Kracher
Seoul, Korea



Guidance from True Parents at Hannam-dong



Preparing for visiting in Seoul



Ambassadors of peace and hope

The Acts of Ambassadors

Laurent Ladouce

The Book of Acts in the Bible illustrates faith in action. We do not believe in dogmas, but in truths than can be experienced. My motivation for joining this mobilization was to work directly under the Messiah, as his representative. The following anecdotes show how God worked through the ambassadors for peace.

Madagascar and my hometown

In New York, I chose the missions to the United Nations of Madagascar and Laos. As a young child, I had lived in Madagascar for two years, then in Laos for a year. Moreover, I am a national messiah to Laos. In 2000, I went to Madagascar and taught the Principle to a former president of the country. Therefore, I thought it would be easy to meet the Malagasy ambassador. However, I visited the mission several times without success. In prayer, God suggested that I reflect on my whole life, since childhood.

On September 30, the Malagasy mission phoned our office, requesting that I write a short biography if I wanted to meet Ambassador Zina Andrianarivelo. I found this idea absurd, but wrote something and dashed to the mission with Kyoko Sugimoto. The secretary took my biography and asked us to be ready. A few minutes later, the ambassador received us. "There is one reason I wanted to see you, Mr. Ladouce," the ambassador said, "Your biography says that you were born in Rennes, and this is where I completed my studies in the years 1975-78."

Things were clear: Immediately after being born physically in Rennes, my parents took me as a baby to Madagascar. While I was experiencing spiritual rebirth in Rennes in the years 1975-78, he had come from Madagascar to my hometown (and had contact with our church).

After meeting the ambassador, I came back to our building on 43rd Street and got into the elevator. When the door opened, two sisters greeted me; both had just arrived from Rennes to join the mobilization. God's lesson about hometown was explicit.

The Anglican bishop

In Osaka, I was burning to meet the Christian minority of Japan. God loves Japanese Christians, I thought. However, many Japanese members have resentment toward Christian churches and think we should not contact them. As an Ambassador for Peace sent by the Messiah, I respected the

Throughout the month of November, rallies were held on the city, borough and urban-county levels in Korea, and later for major leaders in society, as a means of explaining the significance of IIPC and to celebrate the success of its in founding in New York and Korea.



Hanging up the sign for the IIPC offices in Korea



A welcoming banquet for the 84 IIPC ambassadors assigned to Korea hosted by former congressman Lee Cheol-seung (right); Laurent Ladouce is at left

Japanese members but did not relinquish my desire. Through the Internet, I found the website of the Anglican Church and prayed that I could meet someone there. On November 15, two sisters

and I visited the place without an appointment. We met for ninety minutes with Reverend James Toru Uno, the Anglican bishop and a leading figure of the Japanese clergy. We had a very deep conversation, and he offered a profound prayer for the success of IIPC. I also met an American pastor married to a Japanese woman. He prayed that God would bless IIPC and guide millions of people to this movement. This illustrates why Father never rejects Christians and why he sent us to Japan.

Meeting 30 ambassadors in 25 minutes

In Seoul, I tried in vain to meet the ambassador of Laos many times. On December 2, I suddenly felt hope. It was the Lao National Day, and it was also the seventh anniversary of my first visit to Laos in 1996. Two days later, I decided to return to the embassy with Catherine Simpson from England. We bought a pineapple on the way. This

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gift opened hearts, and we met the ambassador. When we returned to the office, I met Chantal Robertson, who was excited. She said, "All the ambassadors are now gathered in the Hyatt Hotel for a banquet. Let's go."

Many leaders had been chiding Chantal throughout the morning. I was about to do the same, and say, "We are not cowboys," but I remembered the miracles we had experienced in New York. I also considered how much Catherine would be inspired by such an experience.

"All right, let's go together."

The two sisters united in heart on the way to the Hyatt. When we arrived there at two o'clock, we saw all the shining limousines from the diplomatic missions. After a short prayer, we went in and in the lobby met the ambassadors, who were slowly coming out of lunch. Most of them were incredibly friendly and relaxed. We met some of the most unreachable diplomats in Seoul. In 25 minutes, we were able to meet 30 ambassadors and give them an invitation for a banquet on December 10. This did not in itself bring results but helped all of us break through barriers. In the next days, members of our group of eighty-four had even stronger experiences.

We should follow our instinct, provided we remain an object to God.

Meeting a powerful John the Baptist figure

At the end of December, I started to research the relationship between Korea and Israel on the Internet. I wanted to find the exact verse wherein Rabindranath Tagore¹ calls Korea the "Light of the East." Typing Tagore and Korea into the Google search engine, I came across an article by a Korean scholar. The author was not named but referred to the notion of a global, common society. I typed "global common society" on Google and came across another article, still without an author's name. This time, the topic was PAX-UN.² The author suggested that mankind does not need Pax Romana or Pax Americana, but Pax UN. Father talks about the Peace UN, and here was a Korean scholar advocating Pax-UN. Increasingly intrigued, I typed "PAX-UN" on Google and finally found a name and a phone number. A few minutes later, I had Professor Choi Woon-sang on the phone. He began to come and help us in our office. A former ambassador for Korea, he is now a professor at Kyung Hee University.

The founder of this university, Choue Young-seek, is a visionary who has founded the Global

Common Society (GCS), and is promoting the philosophy of "Oughtopia" and Pax-UN. This is a very powerful organization that has been established in forty nations and convinced the United Nations to adopt an international Day of Peace in 1981. We hope to work with GCS from now on. ♦

Endnotes:

1 Poet and philosopher (1861-1941); Born in eastern India, he won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913.

2 Pax is the Latin word for peace.



Roberto Garbo reaches out to the younger generation



The December 10 New Year Celebration Banquet which was held to explain IIPC to the international community in Korea



Linda Triggol explains the purpose of IIPC to a school-principal



Linda with two guests at the December 10 banquet



The Inaugural Assembly for IIPC in Japan, November 20, 2003

For two weeks from November 8 the eighty-four IIPC ambassadors whom Father had brought to Korea were sent to Japan to help prepare for the launching of IIPC there. During this time, they worked closely with the members of FFWPU in Japan.

Reivick Giuliani

There probably isn't any member of our church whose life has not been touched by a Japanese sister. Whether as a wife, a spiritual mother or a missionary worker—we all have been moved by their commitment and unconditional love. So, going to Japan and experiencing the sacrifice and living offering they are making is really overwhelming.

It was very moving to visit Unification Churches in Tokyo. Members there have such pure hearts that it can be felt as soon as one enters the tiny rooms of those churches. On the one hand, our brothers and sisters in Japan carry on their shoulders the responsibility of the providence worldwide; and on the other, they know that the only reason Japan hasn't perished is because of their hard work....

Our dedicated members are rays of hope that break through the fog of immorality. Their hearts are so pure, filled with love for True Parents. It was so painful for us to see such dedication knowing that True Parents cannot enter Japan. But still they don't neglect, even for a moment, to love, to give everything, forget what they have given and give again. God bless them!

Oivind Haugen

Our team received the mission to work with Mindan and Chosoren Korean residents' associations¹ in Shibuya, Tokyo. I was able to work very closely with Rev. Chung Shi-dong and his wife Suenaga Kikuko, who received the mission to bring unity between these two groups directly from Father. They were such an excited couple and they explained to us the history of the Korean people in Japan. In that one week in Japan I came to understand so much more about the Korean situation.

What especially struck me were the meetings with the North Korean representatives. They told us that the parents wanted their children to learn the Korean language and traditions, but there were no schools for them and no support from the Japanese or South Korean governments. It

was Kim Il-sung who had given money to build schools. Many parents were thankful to the North Korean government for that reason; in the beginning their reasons for siding with North Korea were not ideological.

I asked them what the most important factor necessary for reunification was. These North Korean loyalists told me, "Lineage, the spoken language and the written language." I felt such a strong sense of identity through them. Those North Koreans desire an education that emphasizes the building of character more than just an intellectual education. I felt so impressed by their spirit—they spoke directly to my heart.

Christian Kracher

The love I experienced is true and the impression lasting. When I arrived, the welcome was filled with joy—shining faces, waving flags, expectation and sadness, suffering, hopelessness, and longing for hope. The hearts of Japanese members and the members of the world peace task force joined and we embraced with tears. As I write this report, tears are running down my face as if I were leaving my mother.

In these fourteen days in Tokyo I have gained a very basic understanding of the Japanese Unification Church situation. Only a very small percentage of its members can do things other than work for the fulfillment of its financial goals. There is so much harassment from the media that many supporters don't want their names publicly mentioned as being connected to the church, because of the fear of severe persecution. This makes successful mission work in whatever field (religious work, PWPA, Korean residents in Japan and CARP) very difficult. The mission of our team was religious activity. We visited Buddhist temples and various universities; we spoke to professors and political leaders. There is a small foundation with religious leaders, but a large one with professors. It pained my heart to experience Japanese leaders being willing to listen to Western people but not to the Japanese church leaders, who are so sincere, friendly, well educated, humble and logical. To work with them was such a great joy.

To mention one experience, three of us went to Sendai to meet Mr. Hironobu Nishiyama, head monk of the Daiman-

gu Temple. He invited us to stay at his guesthouse overnight. Our mission was to take care of him and to travel to Tokyo with him for the inauguration of IIPC. His temple is on a huge hill northeast of Sendai, with a beautiful view of the city.

Mr. Nishiyama is a straight and direct man of great wisdom, acquired through heavenly inspiration; he has an open heart and no attachments blocking him. Early in the morning he gave us a personal lesson in Buddhist *zazen* (meditation) and in chanting a mantra. Of course our way to *Satori* (enlightenment) is still long, but the atmosphere and readiness to learn and the embracing of another tradition are ways toward world peace.

Salvatore Ingresso

We took the risk of calling the leaders of the North Korean Association and South Korean Association in Japan on stage to shake hands. It took a few seconds for them to decide, but they were able to overcome decades of division, come up to the stage and embrace each other. The hall exploded in endless applause.

This was not only a victory for Nagoya but for Japan. It was a step toward unity between North and South Korea, suggesting that perhaps the unexpected and joyful day will come when the division of the 38th parallel will collapse.



Miriam Trachez

The day came when our small delegation went to the Seikayu church for Sunday Service. As I stood there in front of the Japanese congregation, ready to sing *Furusato* (Hometown), all of a sudden I was overwhelmed by an unbearable and so incredibly powerful emotion; although I tried very hard I just could not control myself and kept crying and trembling all through the song. I think as a representative of the West and of one of the seven providential nations, I felt and received the desperate longing and suffering heart of the whole Japanese spiritual world... Those were tears of incredible suffering but at the same time tears of Pentecost at the profound unification of the two worlds, Eastern and Western; they were precious tears of liberation. I had a similar experience when visiting the Edogaya church. At some point I was afraid to stand in front of a congregation of Japanese brothers and sisters, knowing I would open up too much and receive their suffering heart.

Again, when the Japanese members came to say goodbye at the airport in Tokyo and at Fukuoka ferry I felt their heart of deep appreciation for what we could accomplish in Japan and also their hope. So much unity, so much love and precious tears were shared between them and us when we sang *Furusato* together just before departing.

Truly I will remember our Japanese church as being "the church of tears." To conclude I wish to leave a mes-

sage to my dearest and unforgettable brothers and sisters from Japan: "You are the ones who should be praised and honored; you are the ones who work so hard in silence, carrying your burden day by day, month after month, year after year; giving everything to fulfill the goals and to indemnify Japan's past sins with a heart of total submission and acceptance, and without a single word of complaint. Do not forget our Heavenly Father records and



remembers everything you have endured and sacrificed. One day, when the time comes, you will be openly and fully honored and glorified for all you have endured and gone through for God's will!"

Henri Blanchard

We visited an amazing couple. The wife has been a member for many years, and she gave many donations to the church. Her husband is a rich businessman. For a long period of time his life was focused on money, alcohol, women, smoking Despite her husband's habits, the wife kept faith in God and remained faithful to her marriage. At one point, he became seriously ill and was on the verge of death. He agreed to go to Cheong Pyeong, obeyed Daemo nim's advice to stay forty days, found new health and discovered the value of the Principle.

Both happily attended the inauguration of the IIPC in Osaka. His dream is to give everything to save North Korea from starving. His dream will surely become a reality in the coming years. I bow down to this outstanding couple, who are opening the way for millions of couples to follow. ♦



Eric Richardson with Japanese members at the FFWPU headquarters in Tokyo

Endnote:

1 Associations of North (*Chosoren*) and South (*Mindan*) Korean residents in Japan. South Koreans refer to North Korean residents' association in Japan as *Chochongnyon*.

Mission of Peace & Reconciliation

Our movement's work with ministers of different churches and mosques throughout America is now bearing fruit in the initiative for the reconciliation of religious differences in the Middle East. Religious leaders from the United States (and other countries) are working with their counterparts in Israel and Palestine to resolve the painful differences. This excerpt is from a testimony by Rev. Jenkins (who has been instrumental in developing this interfaith ministry) about the October 22 march and rally in Jerusalem. (On December, a still larger rally was held.)

Rev. Michael Jenkins

President, FFWPU, U.S.A.

A **GAIN** we saw the power of God open up all gates and remove all barriers every step of our journey on the third pilgrimage to the Holy Land, October 22, 2003. This time not only were the sons of Abraham in the vanguard of bringing liberty and reconciliation but also representatives of the seven former enemy nations¹—representatives of which had worked for forty days in New York to establish the Peace UN—marched side by side through the Old City in Jerusalem. Their presence together proclaimed that God's kingdom is coming on the earth now that the internal causes of division between these nations have been solved through the forty-day course which concluded with the rally in Jerusalem.

Brothers and sisters from seven nations walked directly under the guidance of our True Parents, marking a covenant with God here in the Holy Land in a rally where 2,000 gathered representing Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

From the U.S., imams, blessed members and over 140 members of the clergy came to the Holy Land. They were joined by over 260 brothers and sisters from Europe, Korea and Japan; so our core group of over 400 members, having gone through the forty-day course, were united as one. Archbishop Stallings, Rev. Jesse Edwards, and many chairmen of the ACLC fearlessly returned to the Holy Land for the third time, pledging to God that with True Parents' love and guidance the problem of the Middle East will be solved.

We were also joined by Taj Hamad, Frank Kaufmann, Andrew Wilson, Michael Mickler and many others, each having prayed sincerely about whether this was their time to come. Many had to consider the fact that just days earlier there had been an attack on Americans that claimed three lives in Gaza, the same area that we had traveled to a month previously, and the very place where we traveled again today. Because of that reality, many did not come with us on this journey.

Some of those who did come because they felt the call of God were still nervous and concerned, yet with our opening night of prayer—in which Archbishop Stallings preached the word of God—the atmosphere became one of feeling God's anointing and the Holy Spirit all around us.

The message I conveyed was that everyone should be clear in his or her mind about this decision:

We are in a spiritual war, the outcome of which determines how quickly God's kingdom will come. Therefore, it may require that we give our lives on this pilgrimage in order to fully set the conditions necessary for God to work a miracle and end the strife.

Recently Father Moon gave us guidance on the occasion of the sacrifice of Alexi and Kwan Jung, two of our young people who died in a car accident. He said that because they died during the forty-day providence

to establish the Abelt-type UN and allow the proper order of religious and political cooperation anointed by God, it became a condition upon which God could claim territory back from the darkness.

Father warned us at that time that blessed members and members of the Christian clergy should strengthen their resolve. Historical figures have always paid dearly, often with their lives, in order to demonstrate the total commitment necessary to change the world's direction from evil to good.

He warned us also that even in his own life, though he has sincerely devoted his whole heart and life to God without hesitating to sacrifice himself, the providence has been such that additional sacrificial conditions were needed to completely open the way to the kingdom. Therefore, four of our True Parents' children have died during the course of Father's mission.

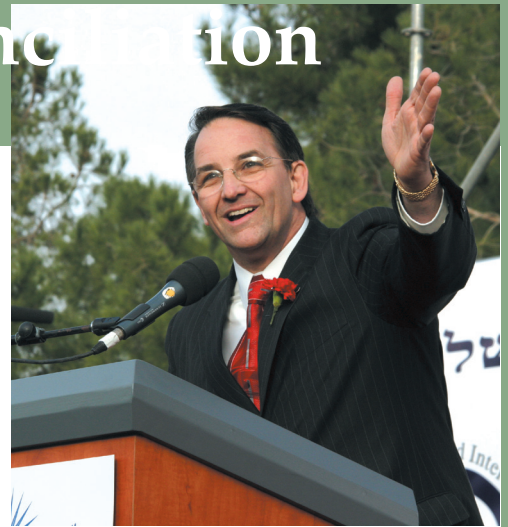
Blessed members, Christian ministers and imams, we must make our minds that strong. We don't know what sacrifices may be required to usher in God's kingdom. When we expect to sacrifice and give our lives, we're ready.

This spirit was conveyed to the holy people of God that chose to risk their lives to come on the third pilgrimage. From that moment there was no more fear.

On October 22 our march began at the Jaffa Gate, the old gate to the City of Jerusalem that has been there for two thousand years. Our ranks were strengthened by support from Nazareth. Rev. Nartoum brought over a hundred Christians from that holy city. Leaders of the Druze, whose spiritual heritage can be traced back to Moses' father-in-law Jethro, and whose people have lived in the Holy Land for four thousand years, have completely given their support to Father and Mother Moon. Sheik Al-Burni, one of the key Druze leaders, brought many, many people to the last march and to this one.

We moved together as one and started to walk through the Holy City. As the faithful chanted, "Peace, shalom, salaam-alai-kum," there was confusion—just as last time—among citizens who didn't understand the march and were worried it would cause violence. Suddenly our march came to a stop. Fortunately, due to the great work of Dr. Glaubach, former Jerusalem city council member, Dr. Shuki Ben-Ami, Jewish scholar, Shelly Elkyam, Miri Kamal, and our beautiful Israeli family, who have built a sense of trust with the Israeli authorities for our work, plus the success of the last walk for peace, the Israeli authorities again supported us and the march continued. Again we were welcomed at the Western Wall.

On the day before we brought our interfaith group to the Al Aqsa Mosque, we had visited the imams there. Just as during the second pilgrimage, this proved to be critical in allowing our 600 marchers access to grounds. We have built a sense of deepening trust with the imams there, who have a very sincere respect for Father's life of faith and genuine understanding of Islam as a cen-





The Crowning of Jesus

During the December 22 rally in Jerusalem, a special coronation for Jesus was held, symbolized by the presentation of crowns. Leaders of all the major faiths participated in this ceremony to welcome Jesus home as the king of his people.

It was also a ceremony to proclaim acceptance, respect and love for the founders and teachings of each of the Abrahamic faiths, thus to reconcile the differences that have divided them from each other.

tral religion created by God. We have to thank Rev. Kwak and Dr. Thomas Walsh for the development of IIFWP, because the leaders that have been educated through many conferences over the years are now ready to take the action that is required. Taj Hamad came on the pilgrimage out of a heart of concern for the Middle East, not because of any direction or responsibility other than his own personal initiative. I am truly grateful for this attitude of faith. Amazingly he arrived just five minutes before Imam Khan from New York, Imam Jaami from Texas and I were to set off on this preparatory visit to Al Aqsa. The support he gave us was very significant, because there is certainly no teacher who speaks Arabic as his mother language who can teach about Father's life and heart the way Taj can.

We had a very fruitful visit. Friendships were strengthened, and even the security staff of Al Aqsa has become more confident of our genuine support and protection of their faith as believers. Interestingly, one of the key imams was leaving the mosque in his car at the same time we were departing, and he drove us home. These were occurrences that could not be planned....

On the morning of the march, after the marchers visited Al Aqsa Mosque, a small delegation, including Donzella James, a former state senator from Georgia and Howard Stephenson, a state senator from Utah, went with twelve clergy representatives to the Knesset, where under the able leadership of Dr. Glaubach, Dr. Baruch Shalev, and Shelly Elkyam, the door opened for us to meet the president (speaker) of the Knesset.

After lunch, also on the day prior to the march, some representatives from the seven nations, other members and the 140 ACLC clergy had visited the Upper Room. Rev. Jesse Edwards reported, "This time something happened in the Upper Room that had not happened before. As our pilgrims prayed for God's anointing and presence in the very room in which Jesus had the Last Supper and in the same room that the Pentecost occurred after his resurrection, profound confirmation occurred in our believers. People were overwhelmed with tears. Many representatives of the seven nations began to speak in tongues, which they had never experienced before in their lives. Several clergy from mainline denominations who had never spoken in tongues also were touched with the gift of the Holy Spirit." Our guide shared with Rev. Edwards

that in eleven years of doing tours of the Upper Room she had never witnessed such an phenomenal outpouring of the spirit as this time. She mentioned truly this is a sign of the Last Days.

The Rally

We could see the support of the broad foundation of IIFWP and the Family Federation, which touches scholars and religious leaders alike, in the rally, when over two thousand came together at a place and time when rallies are basically unthinkable.

We walked together in the Old City, called upon the name of the Lord, and then rallied together in Independence Park under the protection of Almighty God. Through this process our strength is edified, but more importantly the hope of the people of the Holy Land is also strengthened and edified.

One police officer spoke about how we can't imagine what this does for them, to see people coming from seven nations, from all over Europe, Asia and America, fearlessly defying the possibility of bombings and of turmoil, standing up with them and proclaiming that Israel will be healed. This gives them real hope. It gives them strength to continue and go beyond their despair.

One Palestinian participant in the rally, who lives in the eastern part of Jerusalem said, "I've never felt such hope that this endless struggle could be resolved."...

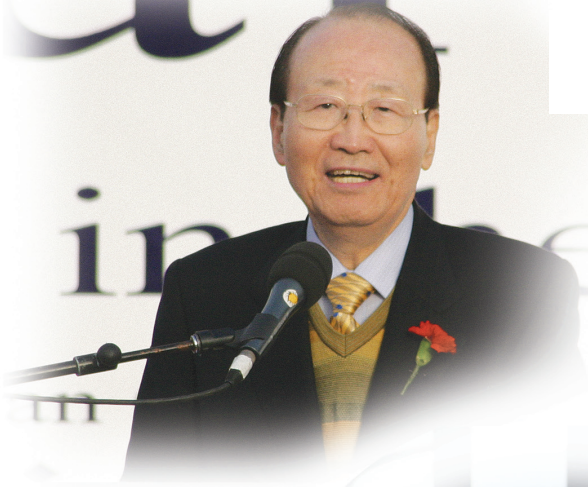
These are not staged events. These are not shows. Many times our rallies are following a heavenly spirit that shows the natural coming together of God's people. One Israeli woman who attended the rally shared with me that she had never believed she would ever see the day in Jerusalem when Muslims, Christians, Jews, American Indians and the Druze would dance together in joy, and when God's word would be read from the Koran, the Torah and the Bible, in a land where those faiths historically have been deeply divided.

"This is a day of the Messiah." ♦

Endnote:

1 Rev. Jenkins is referring to Korea, Japan, the United States, Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and France, among pairs and groups of which there have existed enemy relationships at various times.

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The Meaning of the Declaration of the Beginning of the Nation of the Fourth Israel

The following very brief excerpts are taken from the transcript of Father's words at Hannam-dong residence on August 20, 2003, when he declared the beginning of the nation of the fourth Israel. In light of the providence in relation to "Israel" we include them here in the hope that they will convey True Parents' heart.

Now is the time for a new start. What do we need in order to make a new start? We need to have the spirit world with us when we go out. The problem today is that young people have no interest in the spiritual world. What would you do if tomorrow you suddenly happened to go to the spiritual world without even knowing what it is like? Even though you do your best to report every little thing you have done, if you don't know about the spiritual world you will be caught there at some point. You have to read the messages sent from the spiritual world a hundred or a thousand times and even memorize them. You should feel that you are as familiar with them as you are with a part of your own body.

You have lived your life as you have desired, but you should know how shameful the way you are living is. What support have you given to God's will? You have to really rethink the way you are living and renew your commitment to God.

When you know about the spiritual world, you can move forward without hesitation. How long do you think the road is? It's a thousand-mile trip. God's providence is waiting for us in a far distant place, and if you know this truth you will come to know that there's no time to spare in your lifetime.

The time for me to take responsibility is now over. I have taught everything to you and now is the time for you to lead and follow the way. That is why, "As the owner of Cheon Il Guk..."—what follows? [Our family.] Centering on what? [True love.] What is true love? It is living for the sake of others, with love. That is, going back to our hometown with true love and finding and rebuilding the original ideal of creation, which is the heavenly kingdom on earth and in heaven.

Even the first line of the pledge, what is it about? If you recite the pledge even once you should be able to practice put it into practice. But what is important is whether you are reciting it every day with a sense of responsibility, or whether you are just a spectator. You should be ashamed to think you are reciting the pledge every day but not living in accordance with it.

What did I say was the significance of the third year of Cheon Il Guk? What day is August 20th? [The day the beginning of the nation of the fourth Israel was proclaimed] That came later, but what day is it the anniversary of? It is the 18th anniversary of Father's release from Danbury prison.

What is the motto for this year? ["Let our family perfect a true family of filial children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk, through true love."] Is perfecting a true family of devoted children, patriots, saints and divine sons and daughters in Cheon Il Guk a simple thing to do? Until now you've lived your lives the way you've wanted to.... That has been a big problem, which is why I have been

praying about it. Times have now changed.

The beginning of the nation of the fourth Adam! Whether you like it or not, with a sincere heart you now have to dedicate your life to supporting this nation. You have to understand that this nation is something you should consider more important than your own life. This is not a simple thing to say or do. That is why throughout my whole life I have never ignored the 1st, 2nd or 3rd Israels. What is Israel? Isn't it one who has prevailed? Israel means the chosen people who have been victorious over the fallen world. ...

Two thousand years after the start of the realm of the Abel-type chosen nation, when Jesus came, when the Messiah came to earth, born as the substantial son of liberated heaven, was he able to live within the realm of that chosen nation? How was it that he was born in a manger? Seen as an illegitimate child how complicated was his life within Joseph's family and between Jesus and his half-brothers! ...

When I think of Jesus, I feel truly sorry for him. Knowing the shameful truth that remains as part of history, when we consider that the normal path to inherit the realm of Israel and to solve the problems of the family, tribe, people, nation, and world exists, how can we live the way we want? You really have to understand how shameful this kind of life is.

I have gone through many crucial moments, risked my life and overcome, and on emerging have made proclamations. If I had done all of this on my own power would it have had anything to do with the spirit world? I am saying that it would have

nothing to do with God, even. You have to memorize the letter God sent me and also the resolution made by the five great saints.

Even if you memorize those, you ought to still worry that there would still some places where you would be caught in the spiritual world. Do you think everything will be solved just by coming to hoondokhae and living life without thinking about these things? Hoondokhae is not everything. There are so many challenges you have to overcome.

When I give a speech, I don't just give it the way I want to. I don't pick a topic and read it out of a book. I don't have a topic even five minutes before I begin speaking. Think about being a person who is responsible for so many lives. When you go up to the platform, what kind of mindset do you have to have? That is why my speeches are different from all of yours. If you do hoondokhae, you will be in resonance with me. Knowing this, are you the owner of the newly emerged Cheon Il Guk? Raise your hand if you can say that you are truly the owner!...

Are there materials with which to build this nation? From now we have to establish the tradition with which to make this nation. It is not the individual but the family that must do this. In a family there are the grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, your couple, and your son and daughter. All these

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eight members of the family must unite and dedicate themselves body and soul.

The spiritual world is not a place you can enter alone. If you are not one with your family, even in that world you will be running round and round in circles. You will be like one of the clouds in the sky. You will not be able to penetrate through anything....

How much do you know about me? To know me you would need to have read my speeches and the resolutions from the spiritual world. Dr. Lee has sent many messages from the spiritual world, so that you can understand me, not so that you can understand Dr. Lee or what the Unification Church is like. The time when it was important to understand the Unification Church has passed, but the time when it is important to understand who I am has not yet passed. You should know this. All of the things I have said will remain forever.

I am not ashamed of myself in front of the members. If I were in a position to feel ashamed, God wouldn't have indicated that He was Jehovah, Lord of Hosts, three times when he called me. Nor would He have sent a letter saying how proud He is of me. God has made a proclamation. Because he did this in the spiritual world the four great saints have had to announce that resolution....

We have to deny this world. We have to sacrifice ourselves. We can't go ahead if we do not deny this world and sacrifice ourselves. Sacrifice paves the way for anything....

Do you know how great Cheon Il Guk is? It is a nation. God can register His marriage and birth. A country, the world—even heaven and earth—can register into this nation. God can register His marriage and birth only when we find our ideal partner and can go back and forth freely throughout the universe in heaven and earth.

The spiritual world is the root. You are not the root. Your ancestors are the root. You have to know this and live accordingly. The European members, especially, should know this. Because you have lived your lives not knowing about the spiritual world you could not make any relationship with that world. This is a serious matter.

You have to know about the reality of the spirit world. Without knowing the reality of the spiritual world, heaven cannot cooperate. In the morning when you wake up, say, "Today I will be a person through whom the spiritual and physical worlds can become one."...

God has sent me a message, and it was a proclamation. It was the first time God has written a proclamation. It is the first time in history that God has sent Rev. Moon a proclamation. That is why the the spiritual world had to proclaim that resolution. The spiritual world has to straighten out the earthly world so that it can unite with Father according to God's will and then deny everything so that it can stand on its own....

You must travel around and wherever you go you have to gather people and read the resolution from the spiritual world at least once a week. Right now in the spiritual world, everyone has been mobilized. Hundreds, thousands of education centers are being built, and they are spreading the messages. Go to a church or anywhere, and even though they object to what you do—because they don't understand—you have to teach them....If there is a village you walk past, even though you haven't even eaten yet, you should take the responsibility of going to the village during a party or a special celebration for someone's 60th birthday, introduce yourself and tell them about these things. ...

You will become partners of the saints, so they will be grateful to you whenever they follow you to all the places that you go to. All the relationships in the spiritual world will be aligned to the direction of goodness and light, and this world of darkness will disappear. Since that is the case, let it be known that misfortune will surely fall upon those who know this and do not act! Say "amen." This will be decided today. ...

Would you want to stand in the elder brother or the younger brother position? Since you are in the elder brother position you must go into each village that you see and convey these things. If it is a feast day you must go there and convey these things. Even if they say you are crazy just say you're happy to be crazy and quickly spread this news....

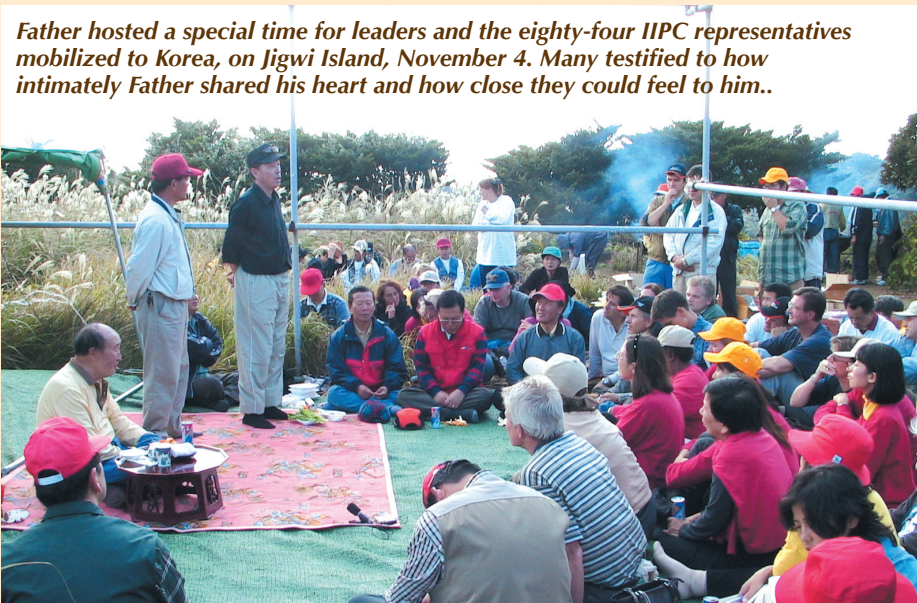
Today is a new day. I would like you all to go back and clearly convey this to the church members under your guidance. Become leaders who can guide members so that they can all fulfill their responsibilities. It is not only about you. If you do this the dark side of the earth will brighten up. It will be full of hope and ambition. You have to think of this with joy and regard it as an honor to be able to convey these words to that place where that bright foundation of your life, your ultimate aspiration beckons you to come.

The nation of the fourth Israel is such a wonderful term. There has been nowhere for God to dwell up until now. Now we have proclaimed this and Cheon Il Guk will become the internal foundation and the nation of the fourth Israel will become the external foundation. ...

How many years have it been since we started *Tongban Gyeokpa*? Do the European members understand what I am talking about? You have to work hard out there. You have to be able to love your homeland so that it does not fall behind Korea, Japan, America or any other country. Then you have to dedicate yourself for God's nation. That is our responsibility. You must clearly understand this. I have clearly heard you all say yes.

Israel, America, and Korea were not able to fulfill their responsibility; that is why we have to do it, do you understand? [Yes.] The responsibility of the blessed families remains to be fulfilled.◆

Father hosted a special time for leaders and the eighty-four IIPC representatives mobilized to Korea, on Jigwi Island, November 4. Many testified to how intimately Father shared his heart and how close they could feel to him..



Heart to Heart: The



The march for peace reaches Al Aqsa Mosque



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AN urgent call went out in mid-November of 2003 to all those connected to the Inter-religious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) to participate in a three-week mobilization in the Holy Land. The purpose was to advance the Middle East peace process and to lay the groundwork for a great peace rally to be held on December 22 in Israel. The basic idea was that peace would not come through political or military means but that the religious and spiritual side of the people had to be tapped, that religion at its best brings man outside of himself and the confines of his nationality to see the brotherhood and oneness of all people as God's children. Although this may appear overly idealistic it is gospel and common sense for us Unificationists; simply put, religion cannot be overlooked as a major component of the peace-war equation.

Considerations for safety aside and after discussion with my wife, we decided that I should go. So on November 30, I joined most of the forty or so American participants who'd gathered in Newark airport and departed on an El Al flight to join the task force that would consist of about 125 Family Federation members from around the world, including some ministers and imams from the States who were associated with the

American Clergy Leadership Conference. We worked in teams of four and later in teams of two. In the beginning, I had a French sister, a Japanese sister, a Slovenian brother and a black American Imam on my team. We got up at 4:30 every morning, had prayer and reading at 5:00, organizational meetings at 6:30 and, after breakfast, went by car to visit just about anyone we could find all through Israel's major cities and smaller towns, including rabbis, imams and people at churches, community centers, schools and the offices of various peace groups and other type of organizations. It was a very intense and emotionally condensed time. Each day required very serious prayer. There was much assistance from Heaven in the form of amazing encounters, connections and so forth.

Overall, contacts were made on all levels and some truly exceptional people were found. A good foundation was left for future development, and the rally, although lacking in some respects, was deemed a success by the IIFWP organizers. The following is an account of some of what transpired during that three week whirlwind.

Rather than write a simple chronology I chose to convey a sense of the mission through recounting some personal experiences under a number of categories or topics. There is the side of Israel/Palestine that is a land of tears. Tears come easily and for so many reasons. I had my share of them when in Israel.

The wailing wall

There is first of all the Wailing Wall, the western wall of the

The Peace Task Force

great Temple. There, the Jewish faithful go to pray. The orthodox can be seen fervently rocking back and forth while holding their prayer books. The cracks of the wall are stuffed with prayer requests written on paper. I can only imagine the many tears shed there for the loss of the Temple and the kingdom of the Jews.

Upon first arriving in Jerusalem, the members of the Peace Task Force were challenged to drive to the wall and offer up their prayers. In a state of exhaustion from travel, I simply wasn't ready to deal with the twisted and unknown streets of a thousand-year-old city, even if provided with a map. I declined because—more than seeking to avoid what I suspected would be an unpleasant driving experience—I felt such an overpowering and urgent need to pray for the mission that I simply couldn't wait to find a distant wall, no matter how sacred or holy that wall may be. I made haste to the walls of my hotel room, and there I fell on my knees and tears flowed as I beseeched God to allow me to be His ambassador for peace. I repented, in great heaves, over my life's unworthi-

public scolding or humiliation but mostly an inner accounting of one's conscience. And although only three days had passed, our team had no result. I felt that I had come to the offering table empty handed and, as the team leader, whether unreasonable or not, I felt utterly ashamed before Heaven. I could not continue in such a state, I could barely endure sitting through the meeting. After it ended I immediately went into one of the adjacent, unused meeting rooms and fell on my knees in heaving sobs. It was prayer in its most extreme form, a supplication of biblical proportions, an outpouring of grief and regret: I pounded the floor, my body wrenching up and down, my head uncontrollably bumping into the floor. Such a prayer could not have been mine alone but somehow felt as if it were the outpouring of numerous ancestors, their voices previously trapped within the depth of my being. For a time I forgot entirely where I was, and it didn't matter if the world were watching and thought me a fool. When my apparent madness subsided I recalled the biblical phrase "rending his garments." Now I knew, not just intellectually but experientially, what was meant by that phrase. I felt that myriads had been praying with me, souls and spirits from Jerusalem seeking release from their failed offerings. I left the room with a sense of having been set free and wrapped in a blanket of God's love. I was beginning to think, "Jerusalem is a great place to pray."

Jesus over Jerusalem

It is said in the Bible that Jesus anguished in prayer over Jerusalem. There it says he yearned to gather the people under his wings as a hen would gather her chicks. No doubt he, and many prophets before him, shed tears in not being able to do so.

One day our team went with Ibrahim, a Palestinian man from the Mount of Olives¹, to visit an orphanage there. Who knows?—it could have been in the very area where Jesus had stood. The side of the Mount of Olives on which the orphanage stood had a splendid view of the city of Jerusalem. As we



ness and inconsistencies before Heaven. As my prayer ended I realized that I had found *my* Wailing Wall and that any place where one pours out his heart is a Wailing Wall—even the unlikely walls of a hotel room.

Rending one's garments

After we had gotten several days into the campaign, I had another pivotal prayer. We task force members had been going out in teams of four in search of contacts and key people who could mobilize buses for the December 22 rally. A great chart had been made to report, team by team, daily progress with respect to bus commitments. To report buses was essential to the success of the rally; to have none meant its failure. Numbers were reported at the morning prayer meeting. It was a time of judgment. There was no



Palestinian Imam Haïthan Bundakji (living in the U.S.) leads a prayer during the march

entered the compound I noticed a statue of Jesus—about eight feet tall with arms raised to Heaven in prayer—to my left. I felt a strong and immediate need to pray at the statue, which was somewhat surprising given my Protestant sensibilities, which normally steer me away from statues, icons and so forth. In any event, I followed the nun inside and planned to return later.

After tea and some story telling, we found ourselves outside admiring the grounds. Somehow the subject of the statue arose. The nun recounted how the statue had been brought to her school in the first place. She said that at its former location vandals had broken its fingertips and slashed its face across the chin. She consented to take the statue and had a place of honor prepared to receive it; stairs leading up to a flat area had been constructed adjacent to the orphanage and the statue rightfully placed facing out over Jerusalem.

Sometime thereafter, the nun recounted that there arose a stir. It appeared that there were those who had begun to take offense at the statue's presence. Somehow it came to be known that the tiny figure on that distant Mount of Olives' hilltop was a statue of Jesus, standing, no less over, the city of Jerusalem! There were those who could not tolerate the statue and their indignant outcry reached up to the highest levels of the local government.

As a result, one day city officials showed up on the doorstep of the orphanage with a bulldozer and, according to the nun, asked which she preferred to have removed—the statue or the school. She could not answer. The statue was then uprooted from its central location, in the process suffering some breakage, and placed to the side of the property next to a wall where it could not be readily seen, and turned away from Jerusalem.

I could not listen any longer and walked to the statue as if it were the actual person of Jesus standing there. I leaned on his side, grabbed his robe, and sobbed, deeply apologizing to him that still, two thousand years later, there was no appreciation of his life and efforts to love his people. Ibrahim thoughtfully put his hand on my shoulder.

Tears for the Palestinians

I had never previously imagined that my heart would embrace the Palestinian people, yet, it was my mission to embrace all the children of Abraham, and so when appointments were made for my team to visit a couple of Arab community centers, we went; and an education of sorts began. It was a world that few Israelis would think of visiting but as ambassadors for peace, we had license to go everywhere.

There, at Al Tur, I met people just like all others. I met the staff and heard of their concerns with respect to child care, the handicapped and elderly. I heard of city budget cuts and so forth. I met Nazee Ansari, the director. I gave a presentation about the Peace Rally and the importance of religious leaders and people of conscience coming together to create a new climate. "Heart to Heart" was the non-political theme. I challenged them to get involved and to think about bringing some buses. The 91-year-old village elder, Mohamed abu Al Hawa, was present and

gave his blessing. Tea and snacks were served. On another day Nazee took us around to visit some local mosques and to see the alleged site of Jesus' ascension to heaven. Nazee bought us falafel sandwiches and asked when we would like to come to his home for lunch.

Later, at the suggestion of Nazee, I would call up Imad Karain, a school teacher, who immediately drove to meet us downtown to discuss the rally. Without a whole lot of conversation he consented to undertake bringing a busload of people. Then, with what I was beginning to note was a cultural trait, he invited Benedicte and me to have dinner at his home a few days later.

At the Beit Haninna community center I made another Peace Rally presentation before the local elders. They listened with respect but did not fall over each other to get on our bandwagon. The *mukhtar* (an acknowledged leader similar to a mayor) apologized for the lack of enthusiasm and then stated that there were good reasons for the hesitancy. He elaborated by pointing to one of the men, a burly, bearded fellow, saying that not too long ago he had had his house of eleven years demolished by Israeli bulldozers. He asked me why they did not stop him from building it in the first place. Then the mukhtar let it all out—not only had that man's house been demolished but his pregnant wife had been knocked aside by soldiers, which resulted in the loss of her child. He then mentioned how the gentlemen's children came home from school to the shock of finding that their home no longer existed. The mukhtar's words hit me like a sledgehammer. He pointed to another man, approximately sixty years old. This man, he said, had gone to the West Bank to pick up his elderly mother and bring her to his house. However, at the checkpoint, upon seeing her Palestinian I.D., the soldiers turned her back and confiscated the man's car for thirty days, imposed a fine of 20,000 shekels (currently about \$4,500) and held him in jail until it was paid.

This was a difficult situation. These people lived on the flexible edge of East Jerusalem, where Israel meets the West Bank, and were subject to the whims of authorities and the winds of detente and war. I was at a loss as to how to open their hearts, how to give them hope. I proposed that the mukhtar and one representative come to the Thursday night dinner program



Lloyd with other volunteers at the Al Tur Community Center

for a more in-depth look at the IIFWP Peace Initiative. They said there would have to be some discussion and a decision reached. We then had a group photo taken; the burly, bearded man putting his arm around me. I suppressed a desire to cry.

We visited the large mosque in Beit Haninna, second to Al Aqsa in size, and found the imam, Muhmoud abu Falah, who welcomed us in. I showed him our approach book and talked of religious leaders coming together and creating a new climate and a movement toward peace. He didn't buy it. He couldn't believe the Jews, especially the rabbis, would get behind it. We encouraged him to respond based on what is right and not on what he thinks others might or might not do. He was unmovable, and when he said that he was once with Arafat's Fatah Party and had spent six years in an Israeli jail, I understood his intransigence. He stated he no longer trusted political leaders. He trusts only God, who he said would soon establish a new caliphate. He believed that Bin Laden was not a criminal and so forth. I had to put my personal feelings aside, for at that moment I was not an American but Heaven's representative.

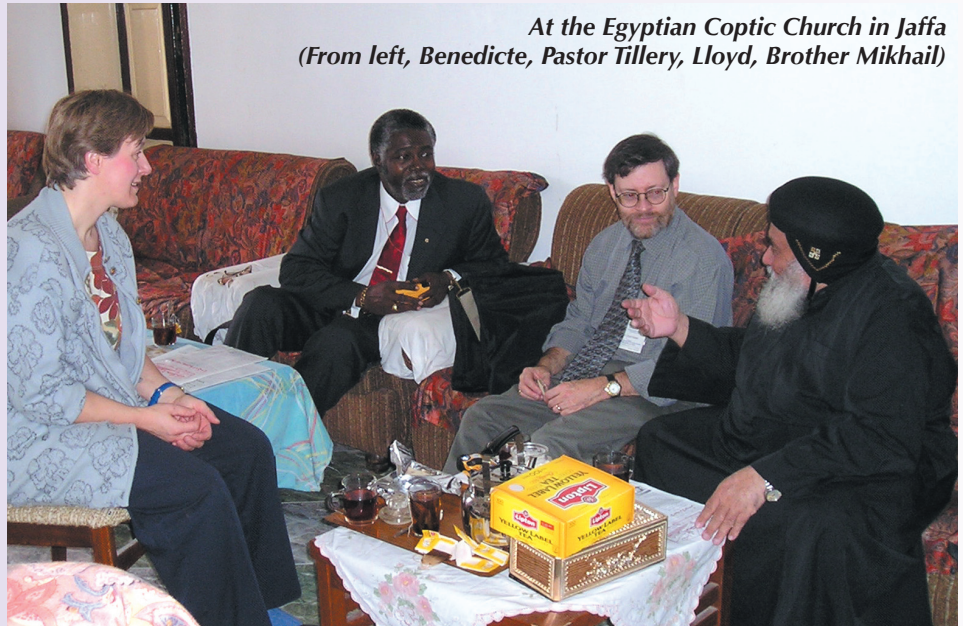
A Japanese woman on my team, feeling that we were wasting our time, was nudging me to leave. I ignored her and talked a while longer, in order that this man might have some chance to feel the parental heart of God as represented by us task force delegates. I could not simply let him believe that we would easily accept such negativism. However we eventually had to leave to visit another, smaller mosque nearby, where, much to our surprise, Muhmoud showed up minutes after we had gotten there. No imam was to be found there though, so we decided to move on. Driving away, we saw that Mahmoud had gone up to the roof to wave goodbye to us.

Shortly thereafter, I was lost on the unpaved streets of the Arab subdivision, and who should come up behind me in his car but Muhmoud! We just couldn't shake him off. Indeed his heart must have been touched after all as demonstrated by his inability to simply cut us off and go on with his activities. He directed us to follow him, led us out to the main road, where he again stood waving goodbye.

Even now my heart wants to cry that there are so many roadblocks to peace. My only hope is that true love can emerge from the heart of God touching the hearts of people through other people. What other hope is there? A billion dollar wall, an arsenal of Apache helicopters—can they solve the problem?

On one of my team's outings we went to the old city of Jaffa, situated below Tel Aviv. Jaffa is an ancient city and is recorded in the Bible as Joppa, the port through which the cedars of Lebanon were brought in to Israel. Now it is a mostly Arab city. Wandering through Jaffa's streets we came across the walled compound of St. Paul Jaffa Coptic Church. We rang the bell and an old monk appeared and slowly walked to open the gate. He was brother Mikhail, a Coptic Christian from Egypt. He was in his late 60s, had trouble walking and only spoke Arabic. Nonetheless, he could understand, through his minimal English and with the help of our approach book, that we were Christian people on a mission of peace. He invited us in and soon appeared with some tea and cookies. The property was in decline from lack of funds and congregants. We

*At the Egyptian Coptic Church in Jaffa
(From left, Benedicte, Pastor Tillery, Lloyd, Brother Mikhail)*



gathered that he had been holding the fort for the past twenty years. His loneliness was great, but his faith and love, I surmised, kept him from departing for friends and family in Egypt from where he came. We struggled in vain to communicate the breadth and depth of our work. And although not much could be said, he was happy to see us of Catholic and Protestant backgrounds and called us "Jesus' family." Later I asked to see the chapel where his few people gathered for Sunday services. He took us there. I was anxious to see the hymnals and Bible—I was caught by surprise to see the Arabic type! Although I had studied church history, the major emphasis had mostly been on the "successful" Greek thrust of the early church. Then, upon seeing the Arabic type, the forgotten efforts of those early Christians who moved into that other part of the world came to my heart. Although I did not know the details of that mission I could sense the tears and disappointment of those involved to see that work eventually come to a virtual dead end. I was dumbfounded, speechless, that I had not grasped the hope of God for the Arab people to receive Christ.

After we partook of the atmosphere, I felt the need for us all to gather in prayer and thereafter depart to make the rally known to others. We—Etsuko from Japan, Benedicte from France, Rev. Tillery from New York, brother priest Mikhail and I—made a circle and joined hands. But when I began to pray a wave of profound grief came upon my heart. I felt the disappointment of God that His providence through Christ had, for whatever reason, not been able to sweep up the Arab people and how that had necessitated the rise of another religion, Islam, by which He could seek to bind the people to Him. I felt as if so many souls were somehow apologizing to God for the complications involved as a result of the impasse Arab Christianity had reached. And here was this faithful man holding down this outpost of Arab Christianity on a dead-end side street. I felt that, without knowing it, he was somehow paying for past failures all but forgotten except by God. I asked that his faithful attendance and perseverance be accepted by Heaven that he be set free from such a past.

Peace be upon you my Muslim brothers

Two times, several of us did some mass leafleting outside the [ancient] Damascus gate to the old city of Jerusalem. This was one frequented by Muslims to and from prayer at the appointed times at the Al Aqsa mosque on the Temple Mount.²

On Friday thousands of men would come pouring out after the morning prayer. All one had to say was the Muslim words of greeting *Salaam alaikum* (peace upon you) and extend the flyer announcing the rally to them. They would always respond *W'aliikum salaam*. I came to understand the power of those words; they evoked some universal feeling of community and friendship; once uttered they demanded an equal response and opened a door that made personal interaction with a stranger possible. Almost everyone would then accept the flyer and many would stop to read the entire text.

Reactions were expectedly varied and were, in my opinion, a fair barometer of the state of people's hearts toward peace. I have to say that most people I met were fed up with politicians and welcomed the idea of heart-to-heart peace. Some said to me that God had given the land to Abraham's descendants, specifically to people of faith. Those that had faith in God be they Jew, Muslim or Christian should be welcome to live in the Holy Land. Many were happy to learn of the event and gave a nod of approval. Of course there were a good many that were skeptical and disillusioned, and with these I had some engaging conversations. I was occasionally questioned as to why America was supporting the Israelis, why "we" were giving them bullets to shoot their people and helicopters to attack them? Those were sincere questions and often difficult to answer to their satisfaction. Most were strongly against the war with Iraq.

Among those leafleted only a few openly expressed anger and usually for good reasons such as having been driven out of an ancestral home during fighting between Israel and Lebanon. Certainly I could grasp that the passing throngs respected our commitment to be out there leafleting in the first place, this even more so when I did it on one cold rainy day. Then they knew it was a serious thing and the fact that I, an American, had come to do this work was also not without some positive effect on some people. That is grassroots ambassadorship.

One day I visited a number of shops and businesses on the Mount of Olives—an area that has been severely hit as a result of the *Intifada*³ and the subsequent drop in tourism to Israel in general and to Jerusalem specifically. No more were throngs of tourists to be seen. Where once there had been busload after busload of foreigners seeking to photograph Jerusalem from the

peak of this favorite spot or to visit the alleged place of Jesus' ascension or to see the street on which he rode the donkey into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday or to visit the Garden of

Rev. Michael Jenkins is interviewed by the Israeli press; right, a German newspaper covers the march



Leaders of various traditions gather near the Western Wall during the march

Gethsemane at its base—now there are none. Hard working vendors and other people, on the verge of desperation, might descend upon a stray visitor with a desperate spirit bordering upon a counterproductive, relentless assault.

What amazed me was that in spite of the barren financial climate many were ready to overlook money to demonstrate their support for peace. Indeed, it was their only hope. Let me give a couple of examples: once Benedicte and I sat down and had a coffee and a tea in a smoky Mount of Olives coffee shop amidst what must have been half a dozen unemployed men. We showed the proprietor our approach book, spoke the simple English he could comprehend and got his permission to put an Arabic poster on his shop window. After I asked how much we owed him for the coffee. He said not to worry; we were working for peace.

On another part of the Mount of Olives, we went in to a hotel that felt like it belonged in a ghost town. Nonetheless, there were two people in the office; one was, like me, a mechanical engineer, who could not find work. They talked of how they had no guests and that business had been dead for almost three years. They too consented to our hanging a poster for the rally on their exterior window. As we left the manager said, "Come back and stay here some time," which sounded like any normal business promotion until he added, "at no charge because you are working for peace." I was choked up by such graciousness in the face of financial depression.

My overall conclusion was that most likely more Arab Palestinians would respond to the invitation to rally. My concern, if success was to require significant numbers of both parties, was just what percentage of the rally attendees would be Jewish Israelis.

Miracles and spiritual phenomena

That this peace project was one that Heaven was behind was manifested in the many spiritual phenomena and extraordinary experiences that took place through the task force activities.

I too had my share. Certainly among these was the many intense and profound prayers I personally experienced a few of which were recorded above. Also, and not unrelated, we often found that we could not sleep much at night. This was not just a result of the mental stimulation that comes from being in a new environment but was a function of



Putting a poster up in a shop on the Mount of Olives



goal was to find a mosque and approach the imam before the prayer time began.

Someone in Petzha Tikva gave us rough directions to an Arab village, but it was not to be so. We drove and improvised and simply could not see the minaret (prayer tower), which is the trademark characteristic of a typical mosque. Finally, we saw some distant minarets only to get to the top of a hill and discover that they lay on the other side of what looked like a Berlin Wall. I was shocked. So this was the wall I'd heard about. The wall that Israel thought would end its problems with the Palestinians

Heart-to-heart—our visit to Tiba

In any event, we stopped and got some new directions and soon thereafter entered the Arab village of Tiba. What a different atmosphere from the Israeli towns and cities I had seen. The roads were in need of repair and the atmosphere was charged with a sort of spontaneous energy that seemed to show anything could happen at any moment. We simply drove toward the first minaret, parked the car among the many vehicles lining the nearby streets and hastily made our way toward the mosque. Unfortunately, we were a tad too late; the prayers had already begun. Not entirely confident of how to conduct myself in a mosque, I hesitated to enter. One of the latecomers told us it would be over in an hour. We decided to grab a bite to eat and return by 12:30 PM.

However when we did, we were shocked to discover that every single person had gone; and moreover the doors of the mosque itself were locked shut. How could this be? It was as if everyone had instantly evaporated. Unlike Christian at churches, there is no coffee hour of mingling after a Muslim service. Being desperate, I pounded on the door as if to awaken some sleeping cleric.

This brought the attention of a passing vehicle that slowed down as if to say, "Why are you, a non-Muslim, knocking on the door?" A group comprising Westerners and an Oriental certainly wasn't something that people in the village were accustomed to seeing. Desperate to make something happen, I ran down the stairs and showed the man, who spoke little English, the approach book with its glossy photos of imams, rabbis and ministers together. He got the idea we wanted to see the imam and directed us to get in his truck. Not altogether familiar with the culture of the world I had entered, I hesitated for a

the spiritual energy surrounding the mission. This was a manifestation of the invisible force behind our mission, call it the spiritual world if you like, which had pushed us to Israel in the first place. It was present in the very air manifested as a sort of anxiousness that would not let us rest. This was also born out by the experiences of many, one of whom was Rev. Hartom, an orthodox Christian leader in Nazareth, who reported that one morning he was awakened from his sleep at 3 AM to find that he was having a dream wherein Rev. Moon was waking him and asking him why he was sleeping when he had a mission to save the nation. As for me, to find a bit of rest, however brief, I found the following appeal to the spiritual world somewhat helpful. I would explain that I appreciated their support and investment, but reminded them that I lived in the physical world with a physical body that needed a period of rest to be able to function productively and thus requested that they back off to allow for a period of sleep. After I began doing that, my nights became more restful.

And beyond those inner and personal prayerful epiphanies and the energized pace of life were other phenomena that told me that Heaven's angels were working overtime to bring things to pass.

In search of a mosque

One such event transpired after the morning direction was given to visit a mosque that day. I took it quite seriously that Heaven had willed for our teams to meet Muslim leaders prepared to work in the peace process. The question was how a connection would be made. That, my faith told me, had to be left in the hands of God—we only had to do our very best to make it happen. I was making an offering and would go where asked. Unfortunately, as usual, there was an almost total lack of organization and no specific towns or mosques were assigned. Still God had His plan.

Our team was given the rudimentary instruction to simply go to Petzha Tikva, a small city outside of Tel Aviv, more than an hour's drive from Jerusalem. When we got there, much to our surprise, we found it to be a Jewish city. There were no mosques in sight. The clock was ticking; we knew that the big Friday morning Muslim prayer time was a little more than an hour away. Our

At Al Aqsa Mosque, where the marchers were welcomed and held a prayer meeting before continuing on to the Western Wall



moment, actually wondering if he had some sort of connection to the infamous Hezbollah terrorist group. Then I pushed that thought aside and waved everybody over to hop in his vehicle. I didn't know where he take us or when and how we would get back, but we had to go forward to accomplish our goal.

He brought us to the home of Muh'mud Mansure, who, it turned out, was the man who appointed the local imams. An hour before we had no idea that we would be meeting Muh'mud, we couldn't have imagined how it would happen and we could not have planned it out if we had sat up all night. Yet, Heaven was steering us despite ourselves and Heaven knew that Muh'mud did not speak English and Heaven had made an arrangement: Little did we know that about an hour north of Tiba, in Galilee, lived the niece of Muh'mud. Her name was Hannah and she had lived some years in London where she was trained as a lawyer. That morning, she and her husband Fuad, also a lawyer, who had studied in Germany, had gotten a spontaneous urge to go and visit their relatives in Tiba. So while our team had wandered lost and while we waited for the service to end, another plan had been set in motion. Hannah and Fuad were being mobilized to play a role in our meeting with Muh'mud.

As if by clockwork, they arrived at the doorstep of Muh'mud only a minute before us and thus were on hand to connect with our visit and its purpose. In fact, if we had arrived a little earlier the meeting with Muh'mud could have come to a quick conclusion given his lack of English and his difficulty in embracing the notion of peace.

However as fate would have it Hannah arrived, right on time, as a Heaven-sent angel. So we walked together to meet Muh'mud and sat down with him and Hannah's father and some other relatives who lived next door to Muh'mud. I had heard of Arab hospitality and now saw it kick in to action. Dates and other fruits were brought out, as were Arabic coffee and tea; I began to talk of the mobilization and the rally and the need for imams and rabbis to work together.

Hannah wore the traditional Muslim woman's head covering wrapped closely to her face, but her garments did not matter. I felt so close to her in a very natural way as if she were my sister. In my mind, I envisioned her as a member of the Women's Federation for World Peace. As it turned out Hannah jumped right in by interpreting everything I said just as if she were a team member; and although Muh'mud seemed to be shaking his head, Hannah encouraged me saying, "Don't worry, Lloyd. I will work on him." Yes, Muh'mud had some good reasons for being skeptical. He had heard about and



seen the harsh treatment Palestinian friends and workers were receiving from Israeli authorities. He had become convinced that there was no good faith or desire to make peace in Israel. And although he could not quickly change his position and mental state, I felt assured that he would be left in the competent and caring hands of Hannah. How precious she was. I could see that Heaven had plans for this dynamic professional Arab couple. Having reached an impasse with Muh'mud, we were invited next door to her father's house for the big Friday afternoon meal. It was a beautiful family gathering, actually a feast.

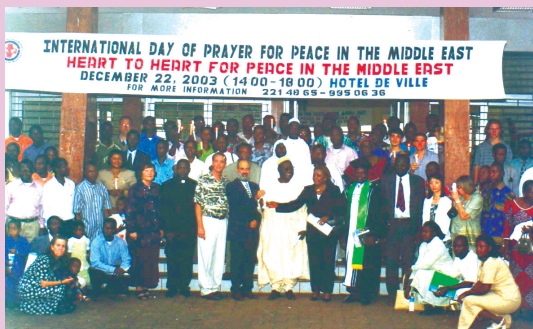
To my surprise Muh'mud, who had said he had some things to take care of, actually returned to continue our meeting. I think he actually wanted to find some inner peace now that we had stirred up his heart. So after the meal the discussion continued in the parlor. Some good points were made, and Hannah's father got quite inspired; more than anything else, heart-to-heart time was spent together and that was a true investment for peace. In the end two good things had taken place: Muh'mud had consented to send a representative who could speak English to the rally, and we had met Hannah and Fuad, who had informally accepted the ambassador for peace mission.

For me the day was a miracle that all the planning in the world could not have arranged. Praise God, praise Yahweh, and praise Allah!◆

Lloyd and Donna Howell were blessed with the 2075 couples in 1982

Solidarity for Peace Initiative Across the World

More than two hundred joined in the Heart to Heart International Day of Prayer for Peace in the Middle East event in Cameroon, supporting the events taking place in Israel the same day. The Israeli Ambassador to Cameroon, the Congo Ambassador, a representative from the



Prime Minister's office, the president of the Presbyterian Churches of Cameroon, Imams, Pastors and many Ambassadors for Peace spoke in support of the peace process. Many were moved to tears by the IIFWP chairman's call for everyone to pray that Father's work for peace would continue. Closing prayers were offered after the peace candles were lit by an Imam, a Rabbi and a Christian.

[From a report sent by Michael Lamson]

Endnotes:

- 1 A mountain ridge running north and south on the east side of Jerusalem
- 2 This is in the eastern part of Jerusalem, which is known as the "Old City." Temple Mount is known to Arabs as Hara esh-Sharif and is a walled enclosure of Mt. Moriah, on which are the Dome of the Rock and the Al Aqsa Mosque.
- 3 (Arabic for "uprising" or "shaking off") The revolt that was initially sparked off by the deaths of four Palestinians in an auto accident in December 1987 and largely abated following the peace accord between Israel and the PLO in 1993. A second intifada began in September 2000.

Service For Peace in Israel



In support of the peace initiative in Israel, in particular the Heart to Heart rally, Service for Peace initiated a series of (mainly one-day) service projects. These were organized by Akiko Ikeno, international coordinator of Service for Peace, with the support of the International Relief Friendship Foundation under the

direction of Massimo Trombin, its international field director.

More than 700 foreign volunteers were joined by locals in service-action projects that sought to promote mutual understanding, peace and reconciliation in the area. The projects were carried out among communities of Israelis, Arabs and recently immigrated Ethiopian Jews, and in both economically thriving and destitute neighborhoods. From the local community, school directors, high school and university students, community and religious leaders and orphans helped make the projects a success.

A brief outline of some of the projects:

- On land belonging to Emilio Mogilner, a local artist and peace activist, volunteers worked to develop a farm that could serve as an example of the careful use of resources and ecologically-friendly methods of operation.
- After spending the morning of December 19 in a Palestinian refugee camp in Bethlehem observing the situation there after three years of economic stagnation, volunteers worked at the S.O.S. Children's Village, an orphanage in Bethlehem. They painted, planted trees, cleaned the area and fixed what needed fixing. The focus was on encouraging the orphans to feel responsible for Bethlehem and its revival.
- Bethlehem is a city without a park. The International Center for Bethlehem is working on a long-term project to build a park there. Our international volunteers worked

with students from Dar Al-Kalima High School, a project of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in clearing the area where the park will be. The local young people are committed to seeing that the park project succeeds.

- Young people joined the foreign volunteers in tidying up the Lutheran cemetery in Bethlehem, and in Jerusalem, the SFP/IRFF crew joined an ongoing community cleaning project.
- Also in Jerusalem, our willing and enthusiastic peacemakers spent four hours working together with Muslims, Christians, Jews and Ishmaelis in creating a volleyball court, planting a garden, rebuilding and repairing stone walls, cleaning up garbage, pruning ancient olives trees and filling in soil where erosion made it necessary—all to aid a park building project on the Mount of Olives.

The results of service to others can be hard to gauge. It is difficult to see from the perspective of those who live in circumstances far different from our own. In a letter of appreciation, Naila Kharroub, the principal of the Dar Al-Kalima High School expressed the effect of the work on the lives of her students:

"Our children, like all the children of the world, are our hope and future. Your joining hands with them today was a bridge towards that hope and future. In so doing, you have brought a smile to every face that has long seen sadness; you have filled hope in hearts that have long witnessed despair; you have brought a sense of togetherness to those who have long seen disparity; and finally you have brought peace to the souls of many who have long got used to war and aggression." ♦



Going to Gaza

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Stephen Gabb lived and worked in Israel for several years, during which time he sought to understand the problems faced by the people there and how they might be addressed. The Middle East Peace Initiative recently brought him back there in an organizational role. In this article, he shares insights and experience he has gained.

FIVE different events were held in the December 19-23 period: There was an interreligious, international conference held at the Sheraton Hotel (right next to Independence Park, where the main rally was held), which ran from the December 19-21 and culminated in many of the participants volunteering for the Peace, Shalom, Salaam Alaikum March on the first morning following the conference and the main rally from two o'clock that day. There was a symposium in Gaza on December 19-20 and, on December 23, another one-day symposium in Ramallah. I hope that understanding this, you realize that the coordination of so many activities simultaneously, or one right after another, was quite a responsibility for the headquarters' staff. On top of this, there were more than 120 Peace Task Force volunteers, including many highly placed ambassadors for peace, who had to be guided and whose activities had to be coordinated to bring about a successful campaign. Even following often late nights, the traditions of hoondokhae and morning prayers were still observed. I was impressed by the standard that was maintained by the leadership. I think this definitely contributed to the success. We felt guided every step of the way. Another remarkable attribute was the spontaneity and flexibility that both leadership and task force volunteers showed throughout the campaign. Actually I really experienced God's governing spirit and True Parents' guiding hands most through daily "small miracles." Just one example was that on the day that I had been given the task to duplicate lecture materials for the main lecturers, I was in desperate need of advice from the computer

specialist. He was due to leave for the airport that day, yet as I walked into the hotel lobby, he was just leaving. I gave him my phone number and asked him to call me from the airport. With this, he could advise me even as he was waiting at the airport for two hours to leave the country. There were hundreds of instances where God and the good spirit world helped us on a moment-by-moment basis.

Now let me explain about Gaza. There was a lot of debate about the Gaza event, and it took almost two weeks to finally decide what event should happen there. The situation in the Palestinian Territories is extremely volatile and to hold an outdoor rally would be asking for trouble. Originally, three rallies were planned, one in Tel Aviv, one in Ramallah and one in Gaza.

The city of Tel Aviv was resistant to the idea of holding a rally in one of its parks, but we were supposed to sign a contract for the rally the day after I arrived. The day I arrived, however, the first major rain of the winter months fell.

The staff visited the park a final time and found about six inches of water exactly where the main stage, with the cables running under it carrying thousands of volts of electricity, was to have been for the rally. They realized Heavenly Father was giving a very clear warning, so a decision was made to approach the government of the City of

Jerusalem. Amazingly, at that late date, the city welcomed them completely. Thus, the main rally ended up in Jerusalem.

Even though we had the support of the Palestinian Authority to hold rallies, we felt these would be too difficult to control and too much for Israel to swallow. We finally decided to hold two conferences in hotels, one in Gaza before the main rally and one in Ramallah afterward. The final decision was made only three days before the Gaza rally was supposed to be held. Instead of ten days to prepare for a conference with potential 200 guests, we had only three. On top of this, our mobile phones from Israel would not work in Gaza, so we had to depend on phones in the hotel until we could finally borrow a Palestinian's phone for three days. When Rev. Jenkins finally could communicate with me in Gaza, he was certainly relieved.

Our team consisted of Henry Christopher (who by a miracle had been given permission to be absent for twelve days from directing the Western blessed children's program in Seoul), my wife Connie and myself. On the first day, an imam from America and I went to meet the IIFWP volunteer who was responsible for organizing the Moon Culture Center, a youth education center that had been started on a previous pilgrimage with a donation of sixty computers. The IIFWP representa-



Conference participants and staff visit a poorer part of Gaza

Dr. Hwang Sun-jo and other leaders visit a family in Gaza



tive introduced us to a senior adviser to President Arafat. This meeting went extremely well, and enabled a conference organizing committee to be immediately set up.

The Palestinian National Association of Youth (PNAY) was asked to take responsibility for inviting appropriate participants from Gaza and to be involved in helping create the content of the program.

The adviser, who had spent over twenty-three years in Israeli prisons, thirteen of which were in solitary confinement, made the interesting comment that in all his time as a government official, on principle, he had only received a normal salary, and actually did not have a house of his own.

We felt the adviser had been chosen by God to meet us. He had suffered the loss of almost all the male members of his family—from three generations—in military action when he was only eleven years old. Yet, he was still working for and advocating a peaceful solution to the problem. We explained about True Father's prison experiences and how Father had not only responded non-violently but had gone out of his way to help those who had previously tortured him—in other words, he had loved his enemy. The adviser was truly moved; he had also done extensive research on the imam, so he felt that he could completely trust us, and so received what we had to say with a welcoming heart. This was also reflected later when he spoke on behalf of President Arafat at the conference, praising True Father's work as so important to the situation.

I spent more than three years, from 1996-2000 traveling all through the

West Bank and occasionally in Gaza, and I was almost always greeted warmly, invited to drink coffee or share a meal if people were eating. One evening, I was stuck after dark in a city in the West Bank when there would be no more taxis until the next morning. A taxi driver took me to his home, invited

me to eat with his family and gave me a bed for the night. I don't think that I would have received the same hospitality in the U.S. or UK. The next morning he took me to where I could catch the correct taxi and only charged me a few shekels—a dollar or two—for the journey, without expecting anything for his hospitality. This type of welcome is not unusual amongst Palestinian and Arab-Israeli families. Unfortunately, such facts are not written in the media, where they portray them all as terrorists. They are basically a very moral-minded people, and quite generous in giving donations, considering their economic plight.

I would say that 90 percent or more of the people just want to get on with improving their lives. They know that the economies of Israel and Palestine are completely interwoven and dependent on each other for success. Of course, they are upset and disturbed by the arrests, the intrusions into their homes, the taking of their land, and the Israelis who are continually "settling" on the small territory that they have. Yet, beyond all of this, they just don't understand why they can't be left alone, so that they can travel to their jobs in Israel when they need to. The Israeli economy is devastated because of the lack of tourism and the absence of workers from the West Bank and Gaza.

So the majority suffer terribly because of a minority that won't stop causing problems. The Israelis themselves are also suffering because of all these troubles. There are no new jobs, and nobody wants to invest his capital; everybody loses from this. I was surprised to see many areas are deteriorat-

ing in Tel Aviv, even, because there is no money to make any improvements. Also the Israeli soldiers' families never know if their sons or daughters will return home alive or dead. The only families that can be said to gain anything from it all are those that receive up to \$25,000 compensation when one family member blows himself up or dies as a martyr. In this backward economy, this is equivalent to being set for life.

In one recent case, the Palestinians explained that a certain family had been persecuted by their neighbors and unjustly accused of collaborating with the Israelis. It was entirely untrue, but they could do nothing about it. One day, a member of the family decided to become a suicide bomber, just to show everyone that their family was not collaborating. Even though money (millions of dollars) has been poured into Palestine, it never seems to get to the refugees, who have been existing in the same meager way for decades.



When you travel through the West Bank, it becomes clear how unequal the situation is. On one hilltop, there will be an Israeli settlement under construction, which when completed in concrete and brick with all modern utilities and finished roads, will likely resemble a modern American neighborhood. On the next hilltop or in the valley next door, there will be a Palestinian village that has existed for hundreds of years in exactly the same way that it does today—with no running water, an inadequate sewage system and an insufficient electricity supply. The inhabitants often still carry water bottles all the way down to the local well, which contains contaminated water that a normal person would not think of drinking. Polluted water may even be seen running down the hillside. In one particular case, I saw a stagnant area with foam in a small side stream upriver from where people were collecting well water.

Now walls and fences are being built that do not reflect the proper boundaries. Farmers are thus being separated from their land, often only being allowed to pass through padlocked gates and only at certain times. In some cases, they are blocked from their work for days. In other situations, the wall or fence passes down the middle of a village, and the inhabitants have to walk for twenty or thirty additional minutes to go around it and gain access to what lies just across the road.

There is a bully mentality amongst the security soldiers, and often they are very rough and disrespectful toward those who are traveling; they hold them up for excessive lengths of time. Journalists, too, are not treated particularly

cordially, and in extreme cases, photographers have been shot without warning for taking photographs.

On the other side, the extremists amongst the Palestinians, who largely are responsible for this reaction from the Israelis, do not care if innocent victims are murdered by their bombs. Their actions do not appear to be patriotic actions to champion their cause and fight against oppression, rather they appear to be desperate acts against defenseless victims who themselves usually have played no part in that oppression. There are, even in a war, rules of engagement, yet both the Palestinians and the Israelis are ignoring these commonly accepted rules. As a result, very often, completely innocent victims, on both sides, are caught up in the crossfire.

There is no future in this type of conflict; neither side will win in this type of engagement. On top of this, both sides are fast losing any support from the rest of the world. When actions are seen as inhuman, without regard for innocent citizens and without clear purpose or strategy, no one can believe they will lead to a peaceful resolution. The main problem is that both sides have lost hope of finding a solution and are therefore resorting to desperate measures that don't improve anything.

On the contrary, they actually make the situation worse, as we have seen over the last three years during which time 2,500 Palestinians and almost 1,000 Israelis have been killed. In terms of percentage of the population, it is equivalent to an all-out conflict on American soil with 150,000 dying over the last three years. SARS claimed just 800 lives, and yet look at the outcry it caused. The September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks

in America claimed 3,000 victims and triggered a worldwide reaction.

I hope you can also see how crucial True Parents' intervention is with these reconciliation pilgrimages and demonstrations of solidarity between the two sides toward ending the conflict. They have given hope to the hopeless and injected a new spirit of cooperation where it had been lost or forgotten. The spirit of forgiveness, compassion and empathy is so important to rebuilding trust that has been almost completely lost. It is also difficult to remain balanced in our approach when there are so many innocent victims, and so much abuse, but it is vital to reviving the hope on both sides that there really is a solution that is possible and fair for both sides.

There is a diversity of economic situations within Gaza that in some ways reminds me of the discrepancy between the Israeli settlements and some of the West Bank villages. On the one hand, we sat and ate in beautiful outdoor garden restaurants and took pictures with the local residents in a very relaxed way. Then we traveled through dirty unfinished streets and saw ragged children playing with a worn-out, misshapen soccer ball. We visited a new university complex with thousands of students, whose buildings had been donated by various governments; yet there aren't enough computers to serve the student population, so they have to pay for time in PC rooms just to type their papers. Also, quite often the Israeli checkpoints won't allow them to return to their homes, so they have to stay overnight in the classrooms, since there are no dormitory facilities. When we visited the refugee camps, we saw poverty-stricken families. When we



The down side of Gaza



The conference in Gaza



traveled into the city, we saw very nice-looking, modern apartment buildings that have been built by Palestinians living in America. There are both the rich and very poor areas. There is almost no means of earning an income in Gaza, so most of the money must be coming from outside.

Back to the conference: There were over 80 clergy, imams and those who came from America or other countries. There were more than 120 from the full spectrum of Palestinian society. It looked as if all the Arab TV networks were there to cover the event. The former president of Indonesia, Abdurrahman Wahid, arrived with Rev. Kwak and a top representative of the Palestinian Authority. They held a spontaneous press conference, which delayed the beginning of our conference schedule. The delay upset the PNAY emcee who wanted everything to be perfect, and worried some of True Parents' Korean representatives, most of them major leaders around the world. Rev. Jenkins was able to smooth things out, though, and we were able to calm down the emcee, all in front of 200 guests with cameras rolling.

The next problem was that we were an hour behind schedule and lunch had to be served. We adapted the schedule and delayed the next session until after lunch, which was shortened to accommodate the time loss. We had prepared holy nectar for a celebration drink to bless all those in the audience. This we managed to give out and thus concluded with a toast to peace. This also included a celebration cake with one peace candle on top. Dr. Yang Changshik led us all in a toast to family and world peace.

Palestinian Authority officials, who were riding in cars and four-wheel drive vehicles, ahead of our two buses. We traveled initially right along the beach and saw a beautiful setting sun. It seemed ironic to see to our right this amazing, masterful creation with its idyllic painted sunset and then to be constantly observing to our left ruined buildings, which had been shelled by the Israeli military, either because they were suspected of harboring suspects or simply because they were situated where they overlooked Israeli settlements in the middle of this Palestinian territory (this being deemed a threat to security.) Gaza is a constant battle between the determination to construct buildings and the determination to demolish them. It is hard to imagine what daily life is like under this barrage of hopelessness and the stress it engenders.

As we entered into the Rafa area, we traveled upon less and less finished roads until there were often just dust- and dirt-filled tracks for the bus to ride on. It only rains here for about two months in the year, but I imagine these roads are almost un-navigable when it does. As we passed the houses and shops, we began to sense a little of what life has been like over the last 20–30 years. The buildings are brick or concrete but very roughly built, apparently little improved over many years. It is not exactly a tent camp, but nevertheless the buildings are very haphazardly built and unfinished.

We were driven to what must have been the edge of the village, where an area had been cleared, presumably by Israeli bulldozers. We stepped down from our buses, looking like a bunch of tourists viewing the area. The min-

After the symposium was ended, all the foreign participants were invited to take a tour of the Gaza Strip, which would include Rafa refugee area, the “boiling pot” for much of the unrest.

We were escorted by

isters' cameras began to snap pictures as we walked the last hundred meters to the cleared area. By the time about half the group, about forty or so, had reached the clearing, the PA officials were already pointing out the bullet holes in the buildings and explaining the risks of living here. One local resident became upset at our presence. His children had died in an incident not long before.

It began to get darker as the sun was setting, and many camera flashes were exploding into the still night air, when suddenly we heard a crack-crack and something whizzing above our heads.

One lady minister, in the panic of turning to flee from the shots, fell right on her face. We helped her up and tried to calm people, encouraging them to go back toward the buses. I couldn't believe it, but still some people were taking a last minute photo opportunity. Again flashes of cameras—again warning shots overhead! I really felt that we have to have proper orientation meetings before we embark on this type of sightseeing adventure—Ah, well, the innocence that comes from growing up in a country where freedom is taken for granted!

It still took us some time to shepherd everyone back to the buses; some people delayed along the street looking into the homes. Once back on the buses we felt some sense of security, but soon realized, as we began slowly to leave,

A quiet street area in Ramallah; attractive architecture overlooks the quaint scene of a horse-drawn plough



that with the lights on in the bus, we were a fine target for anyone to take a pot shot at. We tried to communicate with the bus driver and finally, after what seemed like an endless delay, the interior light was turned off. This was only the half of it, however. As we followed behind the other bus, it became slower and slower and finally stopped. The driver asked some local people what was happening, and the reply was that some Israeli tanks were moving up ahead, and it would be unwise to continue further. Another pause of endless minutes, and then finally the decision to turn around and go another way was made. This, however, is not easily accomplished with an entourage of vehicles and two large buses messing around in the narrow side streets of a disorganized refugee village. We were treated to a "tour" of the maze of small streets. We all wondered where this was all going to end up. We hoped at least that our hosts felt they had shown us all they wanted to and that we would be on our way back to the crossing point.

Then we were out in open space again and suddenly moving on some properly finished roads. "What next?" we wondered. The lights of the bus revealed a nicely finished parking area and what looked like a brand new building. We had arrived at the Gaza Airport. It was like an extraordinary oasis in an otherwise devastated, bombed-out area. We were entering a small, yet modern airport, with one difference—it was deserted except for a few security guards. We were soon shown



why: Directly adjacent to the beautiful new building, where the road came to a halt and a runway should have begun for planes to land, there was a ploughed up area where no pilot in his right mind would ever attempt to land. It was explained that the runway had been destroyed and that the airport was now unusable.

Here many from our group were able to take a much-appreciated bathroom break; and we sorted ourselves out into those who could go directly to the crossing and those that had to return to the hotel for luggage.

My wife and I wanted to stay another night, so that we could meet some contacts the next day, so we returned to the hotel and bid farewell to our conference guests. It was a little of an eerie feeling saying goodbye to them after the experiences of the last few hours, but I had had a good experience at the hotel before, and didn't feel any great hurry to leave. Nevertheless, there was a lot of packing to do since we had left everything from the conference to go on this tour. The hotel staff was very hospitable and brought a beautiful meal to our room, along with some large pieces of the four-layered cake that had been left standing when we all streamed straight out of the conference to the buses for the tour.

For those going to the border, this was not the end of the adventure, however. One of their group had decided to stay in Gaza without asking anyone's opinion. For the Israeli security, this is absolutely unacceptable. So the all the rest of the group was delayed at the crossing point for almost the whole night until this person was found. With over a million inhabitants in Gaza, you can imagine what a nightmare this task must have seemed. Nevertheless, by some miracle he was



The conference in Ramallah: top, leaders from Ramallah and elsewhere listen to the presentations; above, Dr. Andrew Wilson representing Judaism, expresses his heart in the heart of Palestine; left, sunset over the beach at Gaza



Many members and participants visited holy sites in Israel to try to connect with the history of God's providence, and to pray for the success of the events. Here: the site of Jesus' birth in Bethlehem

eventually located and woken up at 3 AM or so to be escorted to the crossing. The group could finally cross over and travel back to their hotel for some well-earned rest.

This is how life is in Israel and the Palestinian areas.

The next day went very productively for us back in Gaza. We met a friend, who took us for a tour of the university in Gaza, which itself is a remarkable achievement. It was started only ten years ago from some worn out single-story buildings (which are still used for student activities) and has blossomed into a multi-complex of many ten-story buildings that would be the envy of any campus in the world. Some of the buildings were donated by foreign governments and other benefactors.

We took our host to a restaurant that she guided us to. It was by the sea-shore and offered once again a beautiful view of the ocean. If these were different times and circumstances, it would not be difficult to imagine that this war-torn strip of land could be a beautiful Mediterranean resort with tourists liberally soaking up the sun and spending their well-earned money in expensive restaurants. That, too, is Gaza.

All in all, it was an experience not to be forgotten, and according to True Parents' hopes and dreams for this area of the world, not the last one we will have. ♦

Stephen and Connie Gabb were blessed with the 2075 couples in 1982



Mountain Hiking Fever

Out of a strong desire for peace and unification, the Sansuwon Mountain Hiking Club, which includes many ambassadors for peace, held a series of 2003 Great Autumn Festivals from November 10 to 14, in five different locations around Korea. This follows their tradition, begun a year ago, of holding combined hikes and rallies once each

autumn and spring. The theme of this year's hikes was *Our club is an emissary of true love, true families, peace and unification*. A total of 18,000 people took part in the festival. From Seoul and Incheon 3,000 people gathered for a rally at Youngmoon peak. From the provinces of Gyeonggi and Gangwon 3,300 hikers attended a rally at the Youngpyeong Dome Stadium. A third rally was held in Chungcheong province at Sokri mountain. The next rally at Mt. Jiri drew 4,000 people from southwestern Korea, and the final rally took place in the Gyeongnam mountains for those who live in the southwest. That rally and hike attracted 4,500 people. The name Sansuwon was chosen by True Parents.

Branches of the hiking club now exist nationwide and have created a natural forum for the exchange of ideas and for education in the principles that make for peace. Moreover, it brings ambassadors for peace into contact with one another through a harmonizing, healthy and enjoyable activity so that regional networks are boosted.◆



Mt. Youngmoon, Nov. 10

Fishing World Cup

The World Sport Fishing Federation held its second Fishing World Cup from October 21–23 in Yeosu, a small city on the southern toe of the Korean peninsula. A few days prior to the competition, various events were held among Yeosu citizens to prepare the city for the great excitement of the fishing tournament. These included a Yeosu walkathon, a children’s fishing competition, an essay-writing competition and a rap and dance contest for youngsters.

The fishing contest, which is an effort to promote goodwill between people with fishing as the medium of communication, follows on an event held in October 2001 on Hirado Island off Nagasaki, Japan. This year, 350 anglers from 70 nations along with Provincial Governor Park Tae-young and City of Yeosu Mayor Kim Chung-seok were on hand as Father proclaimed the tournament open before 2,500 Yeosu citizens.

Competition during the tournament took place on several levels. Two types of fishing were included—surf casting from shore and fishing from boats. In each of these categories, first through third prizes were awarded based on individual performance and that of national groups. While both individuals and groups received trophies, only winners in the individual category walked away with cash prizes—\$20,000 for first place, \$15,000 for second and

\$10,000 for third. Mr. Jeong Yong-su, a member of the North Gyeonggi Province branch of the Korean Professional Fishing Association, took first place in the surf-casting category, and Mr. Minamino Nobukazu from Japan took first place in boat fishing. At the awards ceremony, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, who actually comes from Yeosu, introduced the spiritual messages that testify to Father and Mother as the Messiah, Savior and True Parents.

As Yoon Tae-gun, president of the sponsoring body explained, they faced many difficulties in hosting the competition, such as having to invite participants from across the world and solving cost problems. This year’s event had the added hurdle of having to be canceled and rescheduled when an area that included Yeosu was declared a special disaster zone after Typhoon Maemi hit on the night of September 12. At least 117 people were killed and there was an estimated 4.1 billion dollars worth of damage to property, including the destruction of more than 5,000 homes.



One angler points to his name on the competitors chart, which shows Yeosu’s idyllic situation

soldiers, members of a communist cell whose leader had been arrested a week earlier, staged a raid at Yeosu police headquarters in an attempt at freeing him. This core group was able to enlist the support of about two thousand other soldiers and an equal number of sympathetic civilians. A train was hijacked and towns in the surrounding area were attacked. What followed was described by United Press as “a threat of nationwide rebellion aimed at overthrowing the infant Korean Republic.” The mutiny, which came only five months after the country’s first elections, cost hundreds of lives and lasted seven days.

A city of history

This is not the first tumult to hit Yeosu. The city perhaps first grabbed worldwide attention when early on the morning of October 20, 1948, a group of

A more positive historical connotation that arises for Koreans when they think of Yeosu is that it was there that Admiral Yi Sun-shin, a naval hero who played a major role in repelling a Japanese invasion in the sixteenth century, conceived of the world’s first iron-clad vessel, which he named the “turtle ship.” The Japanese had requested safe passage through Korea in order that they might attack China and were angry that it was not granted and so invaded and overran much of the peninsula. Admiral Yi’s innovative strategies and cleverly designed ships



The winners’ celebration

are said to have been the keys to finally repelling the Japanese invaders. Admiral Yi died in the final battle of the war. It seems Yeosu is like a reused canvas: the beauty of the painting we see obscures what lies beneath.

An idealistic view

The 2003 Fishing World Cup took place in relatively calm seas following the devastating storm. The natural beauty of the area certainly made an impression on those that participated in the tournament. It is hoped that holding a fishing championship that is international in more than name, drawing contestants from many countries, will capture the imagination of the world's 500 million fishing enthusiasts. As Mr. Yoon explained, "It is my hope that the Fishing World Cup will inspire fishermen from across the world to join together in protecting fishing locations of the global village, and that more people will take an interest in conserving the environment as a result. Fishing is a form of sport that can build character, because it allows a person to become one with nature and to cultivate oneself spiritually, through meditation and self-examination and learning to be patient and tolerant."

On the evening following the presentation of the awards, the Little Angels danced, giving foreign participants another beautiful memory to carry home with them. ♦



SARZEAU

Patrick Drévici, champion de pêche sportive au large

La Presqu'île de Rhys compte un champion de pêche sportive au large : Patrick Drévici. Habitant depuis dix ans sur la presqu'île, il a terminé troisième des championnats du monde, récemment en Corée.

Il a des souches polonaises, et il a vu le jour en Lorraine mais Patrick Drévici habite depuis dix ans à Sarzeau, non loin du château de Suscinio. Il a 47 ans, est marié à Miéyu, d'origine chinoise. Son prénom signifie « Jade précieuse ». Ils ont sept enfants. La Bretagne a vu s'épanouir cet homme passionné par la mer.

Poissonnier ambulant
Rien ne le laissait supposer quand il faisait ses études commerciales en diététique à Paris ni pendant ses deux années à New-York. Mais en arrivant au pays

de Rhys, la pêche professionnelle à la palourde est devenue le métier de Patrick Drévici. Aujourd'hui, il est poissonnier ambulant. Il achète son poisson à Quiberon et fait les marchés. Il est possible de le rencontrer comme ce mercredi aux halles de Vannes mais aussi sur les marchés de Sarzeau et de Muzillac.

Le respect de la mer
Son métier le passionne à plus d'un titre car il a le sens du respect de la mer. Respect qu'il cultive également dans ses compétitions de pêche sportive au large, de part le monde. Il a concouru en Alaska, où il a séjourné cinq fois pour la pêche du flétan et du saumon sauvage.

En fin d'année dernière, il était en Asie où se déroulait le second concours international. Après le Japon en 2002, les 450 participants se sont retrouvés en Corée



Patrick Drévici a reçu la médaille de bronze des mains du maire de Yeosu (Corée du Sud).

du Sud, à Yeosu exactement où, le mois précédent, un typhon

avait occasionné la mort de 117 personnes. « Tant attachés à cette compétition, les habitants et les autorités ont tout fait pour un remarquable déroulement. Nous n'avons vu aucune trace de cette catastrophe », explique Patrick.

Seul Européen sur le podium en Corée
Il a participé à six séquences de deux heures, remportant à chaque fois le poids le plus important du groupe. La finale s'est déroulée entre six concurrents embarqués sur un même bateau. Patrick est monté sur le podium final, obtenant la troisième place derrière deux Japonais. La compétition regroupait 60 pays du monde.

Sur les terres de Rhys, Patrick Drévici nourrit bien des objectifs car il veut partager sa passion et son amour de la mer à qui il voue le plus grand respect.

Above, a French newspaper covers Patrick Drevici's success (taking third place) in the Fishing World Cup. Patrick is a member of FFWPU.

IIPC ambassadors participate in the bicycle rally, an event running concurrently with the Fishing World Cup



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www.todaysworld.org

We have begun a Today's World web site to help people find us more easily and to gain a general understanding of Today's World's purpose. It is a small beginning but the site already has some interesting features, such as a section on the ongoing work with North Korea (including articles previously published in our magazine) and other sections looking back to major stories of ten and twenty years ago. As time and occasion permits, we will also post articles of general interest that were not included in the magazine due to limitations of space.

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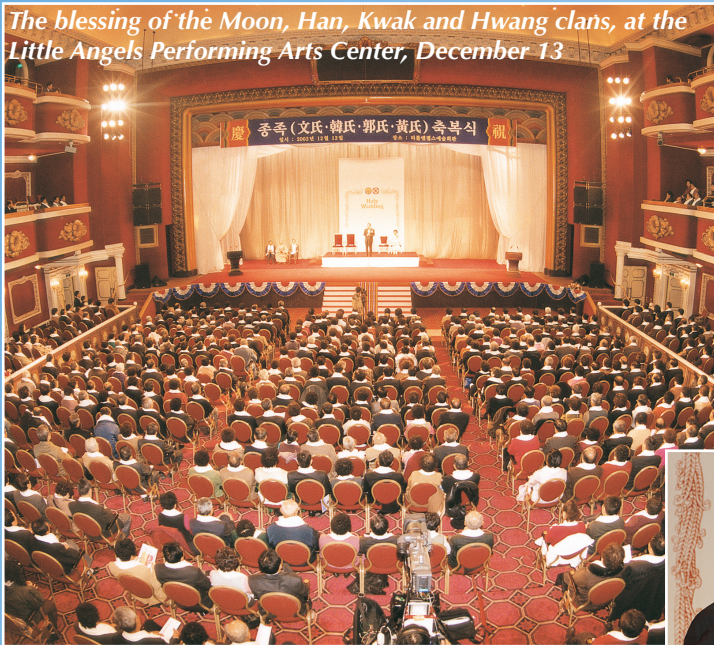
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Please also look at www.FFWPU.org, the official web site of the FFWPU International Offices, through which breaking news is being brought regularly to members throughout the world. The web site has a number of unique features such as a pilot beginners-level Korean course with video instruction, and a history of the Unification movement and its founders.



Today's World covers the main themes of the providence through Father's speeches (translated from the original Korean), analysis by the International President, and features and testimonies on significant projects and events—and the people who are involved in them. We make Today's World to help leaders gain ideas and draw inspiration from the creative efforts in the global movement in all its diversity. It is a full color, historical reference for the benefit of future generations.

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The blessing of the Moon, Han, Kwak and Hwang clans, at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, December 13



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governance that will build this kingdom.

The Meaning of the Establishment of IIPC

The sphere of God's kingship and that of the kingship of the blessed families are now expanding horizontally and have now created the providential conditions necessary to realizing the kingdom of peace and the original world of good governance where God can directly have dominion on earth. For this, Father is establishing the Peace UN as the unified institution that will build that kingdom.

In the past, after successfully doing what they'd been mobilized for, the people involved would disperse to be called again when necessary. This was repeated in each stage, but now after we having been successful, the people involved are settling down. No longer will we disband. We are now bringing about complete settlement in stages.

At this time, Father is leading this work of building the kingdom of peace on earth on the foundation of the Peace UN that was established. We can see three directions that the efforts he is leading now in order to build the peace kingdom are going in.

The first direction is the movement for the elimination of boundaries. If we literally interpret the word used for "boundary," it means the borders between nations; in providential terms, it means the divisions created by the Fall. If you read what Father has said, he speaks about not only the borders between nations, races, political groups, religions and cultures but also says that borders exist between parent and child, among siblings in a family and between mind and body within an individual. The first course in this providence is to eliminate all boundaries that exist.

Among all boundaries, the most fundamental is the one between mind and body, but there are two key borders that are obstacles to the building of the kingdom of peace. One is the border that divides the central providential nation of Korea into north and south. From a historical perspective, this is a political boundary, one that has divided the east from the west. The other one is the boundary in the Middle East.¹ Throughout history, religious, ethnic and political conflict has created all such boundaries.

Because of these borders, people all over the world are living in fear. Who will solve these problems and with what will they do so? History has shown that you can't solve them through

religion or politics. That is why True Parents themselves are sacrificing everything to remove the borders between the Koreans and in the Middle East, which represent all borders.

This year during March, April and May, True Parents laid many indemnity conditions² and recently made a significant statement about the providence, "The renewal movement for the peace and unity of the first Israel is the ideal of the building of God's fatherland."

The movement to renew the first Israel means solving all the border issues in the Middle East area. From that time until now Father has accomplished many providential tasks. Also as the final achievement of 2003, True Parents instructed us to hold a large peace march.

The second providential direction is the establishment of the Peace UN. We now have to establish a new order on earth. Like the Israelites who entered Canaan and brought down the Baal culture in order to build a new cultural sphere centered on God, so too, must we implement a new order and new life style through a new faith movement. We must learn from the failures of the Israelites and bring about the safe settlement of a world based on a culture of heart centered on God on earth.

After establishing the Peace UN, Father has now dispatched ambassadors of Cheon Il Guk throughout the world and is leading this great effort to establish proper order on earth. For the completion of this, Father is promoting the building of Peace UN embassies in 120 nations worldwide.

Father had chosen 840 ambassadors of Cheon Il Guk. Among them, 84 are currently in Korea. These people have begun the work of real ambassadors at the Peace UN offices, which originally had been True Parents' living quarters in the headquarters office building. Following this example, we will also install a Peace UN office in True Parents' residence at the New Yorker Hotel in New York. In this way the Cheon Il Guk ambassadors are being sent to each nation of the world with the mission of fully establishing the Peace UN.

The third providential direction is to break through in outreach activities in our neighborhoods and communities.³ In other words, through grassroots outreach the heart of Heaven will become settled in our daily lives. In concrete terms, this means blessing your tribe. Secondly, it means becoming a leader in daily life of your ward and neighborhood block area. Thirdly, it means building hoondok organizations, and lastly, it is the work to establish churches in your districts.

Representatives in the Age of Peace

Brothers and sisters, now the tribal messiah is in a central position, we have come to a point where we have to clearly set up the sovereignty of heaven. In this remarkable, great transition point in the providence, in this age of bringing about the safe settlement and establishment of the peace kingdom centering on God's kingship and the kingship of blessed families, what kind of life must we live?

One of the most powerful messages Father gave this year is that we should "become representatives of God." Father made the same point numerous times in Father's speech in 1961, which we read at the beginning. I think that the providential situation is the same now as it was then. The level is different, but just like then, this is a time of change and the beginning

point of a new age. At that time, Father emphasized that we had to become representatives of God. Father gave other speeches on this subject. Then, as now, a new age of restoration through indemnity was beginning, and Father was giving all members the mission of becoming representatives of God.

At that time, being a representative meant becoming a fighter. The person most needed at that time of the providence of restoration was a fighter who was not afraid of evil and Satan, but now we have passed beyond the age of restoration through indemnity and reached an age of peace. True Father is emphasizing, as he did in the early days, that we must become representatives of the era of peace.

Becoming a Representative

After fulfilling their own blessing, True Parents have given us the blessing to inherit the good lineage. Are True Parents a blessed couple like we are? True Parents are the foundation for everything. Matters concerning blessed families are also included in this foundation. Here lies the reason we have the same qualities as True Parents. "The same qualities" refers to true love, true life and true lineage. This is the identity of a blessed family. True Parents are the cosmic messiah and we are tribal messiahs. Just as True Parents are cosmic true parents, so too, must we become the true parents of our tribes.

Our church emphasizes this "sameness of quality." We emphasize that we can be a messiah as Jesus was and that we must follow True Parents and become true parents. Emphasizing sameness in qualities is an example of how advanced we are as a religious society. That is because the final conclusion of modern theology is about achieving these same qualities. We have already reached the level where these qualities have been realized. That is why, on the foundation of our having the same qualities as the messiah, Father is encouraging us to become God's representatives.

Other religions see it differently. Most Christians believe that Jesus and man can never be the same. Man fell completely, so he lost the inner foundation to meet God, and only through grace is he able to establish a relationship with God.

In our church we emphasize that man was not completely destroyed by the Fall but still retains his original nature. Our consciences are still alive. We are taught that if we cultivate our original nature and change our bloodline, we can have the same qualities as God. That is how we establish the basis for the word "representative." Father told us that we must be representatives of kings of the kingdom of peace. In other words, a representative means "a person who has inherited not only True Parents' duty but also their qualities."

Then what must we inherit from True Parents? First of all, we must inherit their way of life. Their way of life means existing in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This means we have to have the foundation of an absolute, unique and unchanging eternal heart-centered life that will never change at any time or in place or situation. We must be able to inherit this from them.

The second thing we must inherit is Father's teachings. True Parents have a unique, unchanging relationship with God. That is why Father's

teachings are the visible expression of God's heart. Moreover, Father has actualized every word he has said in his life. His life is his words and his words are his life. That is why we must inherit his life and embody his teachings. Without Father's teachings we can't become a representative. The reason we are different from society is that we possess God's truth. Only by inheriting this can we become a representative.

Thirdly, we must inherit Father's actual results. In order to become a representative, we need clear, actual results. In order to become a true representative that goes beyond being a steward that receives salvation through Jesus' crucifixion, we must have Satan submit to us in the same way he did to True Parents. This is the course we must take.

With religion generally, but notably with Christianity, salvation is based upon what Jesus accomplished. Believers are not trying to be saved through the results they have achieved but are depending on the results of Jesus' crucifixion for their salvation. We are different. Not only must we ourselves accomplish actual results but we also must strive to save our tribe as well. In this way, the depth of our faith is the measure of our having become a representative.

Father has emphasized that to become a representative, not only our will but also our actions—and the results of those actions—must have the same qualities that those of Father have. The time has come for all Unificationists to have access to the throne of the king of peace on earth. This is only possible when you become a representative of God. Becoming a representative means becoming an heir. What we must inherit is the way of life of True Parents. We need to inherit absolute faith absolute love and absolute obedience. The providential theme of this age is for us to be representatives of God, by inheriting True Parents teachings and results.

Now is the time to harvest the fruit of our labor. Let us check once more what we can do to eliminate national boundaries, bring about the settlement of the Peace UN, succeed in grassroots outreach and the restoration of our tribes. I truly hope you all can lead a victorious life during the remaining days of this year. ♦

Endnotes

- 1 Presumably Rev. Hwang is referring to the boundaries that separate Israel and areas of autonomous Palestinian rule
- 2 Father encountered and overcame serious challenges to his health during these months
- 3 Tongban Gyeokpa

Editor's note: Dr. Hwang recently received a presidential award from the Ministry of Unification in Korea for his work for the reunification of North and South Korea and for world peace.

Photos: Pre-blessing of Korean-Thai and Korean-Filipino couples for the 5th phase of the 400 Million Couples



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The Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind are the hope and desire of God and of True Parents. Now that there is no more that God can wish for, since He has become the Owner of heaven and earth as the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, He has claimed His rightful position and has proclaimed that it is good.

**Reverend Sun Myung Moon
True Children's Day
October 25, 2003**