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The Small Group Revolution

From Rev. Kwak's speech at the Central Training Center in Sutaek-ri at the special event marking the "Conferment of Cheon Seong Gyeong and Hoondokhae Launch Ceremony," on March 26, 2005

One of the first events Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan officiated at after resuming the position of International President (and President of the Korean church) was an assembly to launch a new strategy and focus of activities for the movement in Korea. The following is translated from a partial transcription of Rev. Kwak's speech on that occasion.

FROM NOW ON activities will be done by all blessed couples with the central headquarters supporting you, helping to make it possible for you to participate in activities and supplying you with educational materials. This is the time when things related to the sphere of our lifestyle should be settled, so we need to concentrate on bringing good results. Are the Japanese woman leaders here? Japanese women need to actively participate in these small group activities, and since you are many in number, we place much hope in you. Using your cultural insight and inherent skill as Japanese women, please bring people to the practice of hoondokhae.

I would like to explain why we should work on such activities and how we are going to do it. I am going to explain it in relation to the phases of tribal restoration, breaking through in the local community, and home church activities that have been emphasized by True Father for twenty-seven years. Returning to hometown has been emphasized during three periods beginning in 1991, activities to break through in the local community have been emphasized three times since 1989, and the home church providence has been emphasized since 1979. Father has repeatedly directed us to do these things and even included them in annual mottoes five times.

He has often instructed us to do home church activities geared toward breaking through in the local community. The concept of home church is the same as *tongban gyeokpa* (breaking through in the local community). But we have lost our focus with regard to home church, Father has instructed us to work on breaking through in our neighborhood. It is possible to break through in our local areas when we have formed home church organizations. This kind of activity can also contribute to financial stability. If it's done up to a national level, it will be like a magic wand. Father has prepared for this.

Excerpt from a speech of Father's: *If a tribal messiah leads a clan, this is horizontal expansion. If home churches are established, the tribe can be won over. If you are successful in home church, you become a*

messiah. You become a person responsible for saving people. This is an amazing blessing. Unificationists are becoming tribal messiahs. Just because you become a tribal messiah doesn't mean you do not need home church. We have to bring these together.

Comprehensive results are most effectively achieved by a movement powered by small groups. First, historically, successful religious, social and political movements have begun with small groups. Early religious movements also started as small communities of believers.

How effective will small groups be? Small groups are not always visible, but it is not necessary to hide them. Let's evaluate the socialist—communist revolution and how they succeeded in fomenting revolution. Women connected to these movements joined unions for women, and young people, laborers and politicians were each sent to their respective unions to form alliances. They were active underground and above ground. Groups of woman activists and of student activists, labor unions and progressive political parties emerged within the framework of the law; it was a grass roots united front. Through these activities, elite members of society came together, created a nationwide federation and led an overall revolution, which led to their movement's success.

That movement eventually went an illegal route, but because ours is a movement to help society there is no need for an underground organization. We do not, though, need to announce ourselves by wearing name tags. We know that later, when we combine our strength, the overall goal of the providence will be accomplished.

We know that even in Korea the left-wing movement has followed this course. They have developed a movement of small groups through night schools or urban and industrial area associations. They approach factory girls employed in city factories and create a core group by gathering people together through their missionary zeal. On campuses, small group activities are carried out by secret underground societies; under other circumstances, such as among teachers, anti-American youth or politicians, they might set up an organization of cells. They form underground, half-open organizations that grow, then emerge, becoming apparent to society as a national school personnel labor union or a pro-

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The Restoration of Our True God's Homeland

True Parents called members to Cheongpyeong Training Center on March 4, 2005, for a rally to advance the settlement of Cheon Il Guk. Father gave the following speech.

Beloved blessed families, today, in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, we have entered a significant providential time. You are all opening the way to a new heaven and a new earth in the direct presence of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, who stand on the foundation formed by the successful holding of the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity. Today, with the cooperation of the spirit world, you have all been called here urgently as key leaders who have the important role of building the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven. You have been called here to build the ideal world God intended at the time of the Creation—in other words, a world of peace.

We are here today, in the third month of the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace, the original holy ground. At this important time in history, I would like to speak about God's most earnest desire, the restoration of our true God's homeland. I convey this message from God, which you should understand and put into practice in this age. A new spring is upon us—the time after the coming of heaven. Please open your hearts and welcome this deeply meaningful spring day.

Seeking God's Kingdom and His Righteousness

Dear members, God has revealed to us His kingdom and His righteousness, yet the people living on earth have been unable to find them. God's kingdom and His righteousness remain the hope of humankind today and the hope of all those who ever lived on earth throughout history.

How did this hope-filled kingdom, and the righteousness of that hope, come to be our final goal and purpose? It is because of the Fall. God and humankind were to have become the center of God's kingdom and righteousness, but because our first ancestors fell God and humankind were instead alienated from each other, unable to form any kind of relationship. Due to the Fall, human beings lost the heavenly lineage and instead became Satan's children, who inherit the satanic lineage.

The human race fell into ignorance; ignorance of the true fathers and true families that were to be the center of God's kingdom and His righteousness, and ignorance of the true nation. For this reason, God had to labor throughout history to awaken humanity and teach us about the true father, the true family and the true nation. Finding God's kingdom and His righteousness remains our ultimate hope and goal.

Dear members, there are over two hundred nations in the world today. Yet, among these numerous nations, there is not one that God could call His own homeland and that could receive His complete love. For this reason, the purpose of God's providence, spanning more than 6,000 years, has been to com-

pletely reject this fallen world and re-create the kingdom of God.

Throughout history, the purpose of God's providence has been to find His kingdom. Until that kingdom is established, God will not be able to fulfill His will for the restoration of humankind. There must be a true nation centering on a true religion. This is why, during a certain historical epoch, God sought to establish a nation of His own. That was the providential history of the chosen people of Israel and Judaism.

The Nation of Our Hope

What kind of nation do we yearn for? It is not like the nations any of us live in today. We will part with those nations someday. We still do not have God's nation. A person without a nation does not have an original hometown. A person without a nation does not have a nationality. A person without a nation has nowhere to register his or her existence. Therefore, our task in this life is to restore that nation.

Only when we have a nation can the tradition we establish live on through our descendants for eternity. All the efforts we have made with our blood and sweat will remain too. That nation will be a monument celebrating Heaven's labors. Through it, all the evidence of God's glory will remain on earth. Yet if we fail to find that nation, all we have done will be in vain.

For this reason, you should understand clearly that today our most critical task is to seek and establish God's nation. You must always live with the conviction, "Our family protects the nation that True Parents love. Thus, I must become a filial child of True Parents and walk the path of a loyal citizen of that nation."

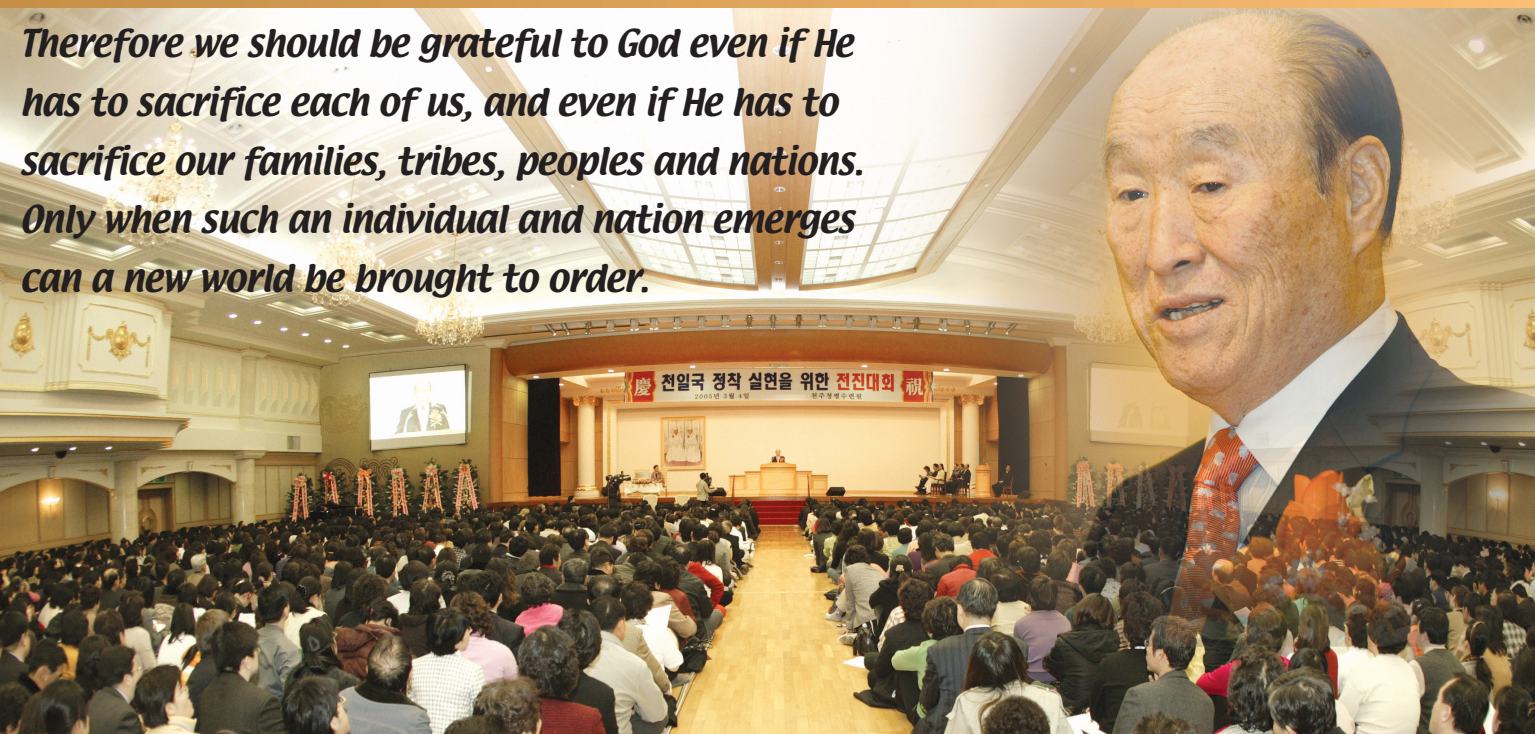
Let us seek the path that fulfills our true desire. Let us establish a kingdom in which we will want to live for all eternity. It should be a world in which everything we possess also belongs to the cosmos; in which whatever we have not only belongs to this age and to the past but also is guaranteed to belong to the future. We should envision this ideal hometown in our minds, establish its righteous laws in our lives, and then live for the sake of that kingdom and its righteousness.

Do you have such a kingdom? As you do not, shouldn't you be trying to establish it? What did I say this kingdom is? It is an ideal, unified and peaceful nation. It is a nation where all six billion people of the world live as one family. It is the Peace Kingdom, embodying the glory of the reign of eternal peace and prosperity. It is there that we attend the King of Peace of Cosmic Unity as our true Lord, true Teacher and true King.

All the world's families, tribes and peoples will offer their support to this nation. The entire spirit world will mobilize. The founders of the great religions and our good ancestors will observe and support every move we make. If, as individuals, we have unified our mind and body, we can unify the family, tribe,



Therefore we should be grateful to God even if He has to sacrifice each of us, and even if He has to sacrifice our families, tribes, peoples and nations. Only when such an individual and nation emerges can a new world be brought to order.



people, nation, world and cosmos.

Heaven's Will Begins on Earth

God must fulfill the purpose of His providence on earth, without fail. What will be the result? God will save all the people of the world and reign over them as parents do over their children. God's will and providence have yearned for this.

If you die without restoring a nation on earth during your lifetime, you will not attain the value of a true person belonging to the heavenly kingdom. You should go to the spirit world on the foundation of having lived under the reign of God while on earth. That is the original standard, which God has upheld since the time of the Creation.

Dear members, to this day I have lived without any interest in worldly things. My lifelong desire is summed up in the following statements: "Let me die in the kingdom that God protects. If I fail to live in that kingdom my entire life will be miserable. Therefore, I will seek that kingdom and live there, even if for just one day, before I die."

I have walked this path with the heart to sacrifice thousands of days for the sake of that one day. I am marching forward, even while you, who are ignorant, are resting. If you do not rise up, I will have to activate people from other nations to accomplish this purpose. If this nation does not move to achieve it, I will have to resort to the tactic of bringing in many members from abroad. No matter the cost, we cannot fail on the heavenly path of bringing the fruits of the age of Cheon Il Guk. There can no longer be any compromise, delay or extension due to Satan's interference. The literal completion and conclusion of God's providence has to take place in my lifetime. We are on the final leg of God's providence to fully establish the Peace Kingdom, which is the ideal God has pursued since the time of the Creation.

Think about the unfortunate situation of a people without a nation. They are always exposed to aggression. Helpless to defend themselves, they can be attacked repeatedly. Where can we find the kingdom God desires? Where can we find the kingdom that can become God's resting place? This is the question.

The reason we shed our blood and sweat for the people of this nation is ultimately to establish the eternal heavenly kingdom. In that kingdom, there will be prosperity for all. Countless generations to come will sing its praises, even unto eternity.

The children of God's direct lineage, those who uphold Heaven's laws and commands, will rule the heavenly kingdom. They will rule the nation on behalf of God, representing His kingship. Its political system will transcend both democracy and communism. Once established, it will endure forever.

Considering these things, isn't it shameful that you have not yet become citizens of that kingdom? You should lament that we do not yet have such a kingdom. You should deeply regret that you are not yet able to live there. We all should repent for not having established that unchanging sovereignty.

In order to establish such a sovereignty, nation and territory, God has established sovereign nations. We are well aware that along the way a great many people have died. Countless nations have perished. Myriads of people have been sacrificed and numerous sovereignties replaced. Among those who were sacrificed for the heavenly cause were many souls on the side of Heaven who no doubt yearned for the establishment of that kingdom and world.

We know that Satan, not God, came to dominate history after our first ancestors fell. Originally, God should have been the master of this world. The children from God's direct lineage, created through a relationship of love with God, should have formed a true family. If this family had been established, the tribes, nations and world descended from that family would have constituted a world under God's dominion, a nation under God's dominion, families under God's dominion and individuals under God's dominion.

However, you should understand that because of the Fall, everyone—as individuals, families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world—came to oppose God. This is our fallen world and fallen history.

If we leave this world as it is, we can never achieve the eternal world of true love based on the ideal of the Creation that God sought to establish. God can only restore His original



Some 30 representatives received a copy of Cheon Seong Gyeong from True Parents. Later copies of the book were distributed to many blessed couples throughout Korea as a renewed effort to practice hoondokhae was launched.

authority by fulfilling the ideal He originally intended through the Creation. Therefore, God set this as the standard for putting in order this evil world and leading it to become a true world. This constitutes God's providence in dealing with the fallen world.

Today, there are more than two hundred nations throughout the world belonging to the fallen sovereignty. It is like an exhibition of nations; yet not one among them qualifies as a nation fulfilling God's hope.

Unbeknownst to man, through history God has been conducting His providence to establish one nation that could fulfill His will. He created Adam and raised him toward perfection in the hope that through that one individual He could establish heavenly sovereignty in the family, society, nation and world. Yet, due to the fall of that one man, Adam, history shattered into countless pieces. The history of the providence of salvation has been about restoring order and reconnecting the pieces.

Since Adam was the first ancestor of the human race, losing him was tantamount to losing all humanity. To restore what had been lost, God had to call and raise other individuals. Each individual whom God called had to be willing to leave his tribe, his people and his nation in the satanic world. He had to be a true person who could even give his life for God's will.

Dear members, all religions ultimately have the common goal of realizing God's will. As an example, let us look at the familiar history of Christianity.

Historical Evidence

Noah belonged to a tribe, but he was not attached to it. He belonged to a nation, but he put aside his concern for it. Instead he sought his own nation of hope. Noah went through all manner of trials and adversity in seeking and trying to establish that nation.

Although Noah had relatives and belonged to a certain race, of greater importance to him was his pursuit of God's kingdom. God desired that Noah overcome his individual circumstances and seek His kingdom and His righteousness. How great were the difficulties Noah faced in surmounting that course of 120 years, as season followed season, without a day's rest? Abandoned even by his family, and despite all the slings and arrows that beset him, Noah persevered for all those years. He clearly understood the principle that if he worried more about eating and drinking than about God's kingdom and His righteousness, he would have to pay a heavy price.

God found Abraham and Sarah and had them leave Ur of the Chaldeans. They journeyed to Haran with a heart of unconditional faith and obedience, not knowing where they were to live. When the Pharaoh took Sarah away, she did not bear resentment toward Abraham, nor did she betray him. In this way, their hearts were unchanging as they headed toward the nation of hope, even amid severe persecution.

Let us take Jacob as another example. He believed in the blessings God gave him, and he believed in God's promise of a nation and people of hope. Nobody could bend his firm conviction. Through him, God's will expanded from an individual to a family to twelve tribes. From them prophets would come forth, raising the banner of hope before the world.

God's Providence Centering on Jesus

What kind of life did Jesus lead? Facing the disbelief of the Jewish people and persecution from Israel, Jesus lived as a wanderer. In the end, he perished as a sacrifice on the cross; but even this could not fulfill God's hope to save both spirit and flesh.

The Messiah comes with the mission of breaking down all the walls in heaven and on earth and creating a unified world. God's will was to establish a nation whose ideology accorded with heavenly principle, even if nations of the fallen world had to cease to exist.

When God created Adam, His desire was not just to dwell within Adam as an individual but to establish a family, tribe, people, nation and world through Adam. As the Messiah and second Adam, Jesus tried desperately to establish such a nation in Israel, yet could not due to the people's disbelief. The consequences for Israel were tragic.

Hence, at the Second Advent, the Lord comes with the responsibility of becoming a perfect Adam and completing the mission of the Messiah. Once he becomes the perfect Adam, he is responsible to complete a family, tribe, people, nation and world in keeping with the role of the true Adam.

Time and again in history, God sent central figures to earth and worked through them to establish one absolute nation; yet each time those people failed. The history of restoration is continuing as God once again endeavors to find such righteous people. He seeks people through whom He can administer, advance and fulfill this task.

We should therefore be grateful to God even if He has to sacrifice each of us, and even if He has to sacrifice our families, tribes, peoples and nations. Only when such individuals and nations emerge can a new world come into being. On the other hand, no matter how many individuals are sacrificed, if such a nation is not established, such sacrifices of individuals and even of families, tribes, peoples, nations and the world will continue.

Our Mission

Dear members, what is your purpose for being alive on earth today? It is to love the nation and the world. God's purpose also has been to love the nation and world. Yet if we remain citizens of a nation without sovereignty, we are pitiful indeed. That is why Jesus said, "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness; and all these things shall be yours as well." (Matthew 6:31-33)

God sent Jesus to earth as His incarnation and as the representative of the heavenly lineage to fallen humankind. In other words, Jesus was the first person to come to earth who could ful-

Rev. Yu Jeong-og, president of FFWPU-Japan, read out the Resolution of the Rally for the Realization of the Settlement of Cheon Il Guk, through which all pledged to establish God's fatherland, the Cheon Il Guk Peace Kingdom, by incorporating hoondokhae in their daily lives and blessing their tribes. As each item of the resolution was read, with raised hands, the audience loudly expressed their determination.



fill the hope God had nurtured throughout history. Four thousand years after Adam, God raised Jesus on earth as His Son, the true seed emerging from Joseph's family within Judaism.

Yet Satan had already established nations and was attacking the heavenly side. Therefore, the heavenly side also needed a firm foothold on the national level. For this reason, God toiled for four thousand years to establish one nation within this evil world. Israel was prepared for that purpose, through Heaven's toil.

Dear members, Jesus came to earth in search of God's nation. He came in search of one nation, but, due to the disbelief of Israel and Judaism, he could not establish that nation. He came to establish a nation on the physical as well as the spiritual level, but he could only establish a spiritual kingdom. Therefore, Christianity today still does not have a substantial nation of its own on earth.

This means that God does not have a nation on earth that He can call His beloved homeland. He does not have a people that He can call His beloved people. The foundation for God's kingdom has not yet been established on earth.

Consequently, Christians even now are a people without a nation or sovereignty. As Christians witnessed for their faith, they were subject to death wherever they went. Christianity developed through the blood shed by its martyrs. That was how Christianity began and that was how it grew.

The days of persecution requiring bloodshed may have ended, but they did not easily die away. The Christian belief in the Second Advent of Christ arises from the deep yearning for a true nation. It anticipates that—based on Christianity's worldwide spiritual foundation—the Lord will restore and establish the substantial nation that was lost.

Dearest blessed families! Humanity has entered the time after the coming of heaven, when we are receiving heavenly fortune anew. The vortex of disbelief and betrayal that troubled earth is giving way to a new heaven and new earth. Spring in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk is approaching full bloom. The time has come for all blessed families to arise with firm resolution.

Let us fulfill our providential responsibility to join all six billion people of the world into one family. We shall do this by lifting up the Interreligious and International Federation for World

Peace, which stands in the vertical position of Abel. Through the marriage blessing, we shall bind together, as one clan, the Mongolian peoples, the root of some 70—80 percent of the world's population, to stand in the horizontal position of Cain. This will completely break down the walls between races, the barriers between religions and the boundaries between nations. In this way, we will build Cheon Il Guk.

God has given His full authority to me as the Savior, Messiah, returning Lord and King of Kings. These titles are summed up by the terms "King of Peace" and "True Parent." Cross-cultural, international blessed marriage is the only way to bring humankind together as one global family that transcends races, nations and religions. What other way is there to make one's enemy of yesterday into one's blood relative of today and to make people of different traditions and cultures into one great family?

Dear members, first and foremost I ask you to give the blessing to your family and tribe, and to establish a tribal hoondok church. The success or failure of the Family Federation movement, the reunification of Korea and the creation of one global family depend upon this initiative.

We must quickly break free from the customs and mindset belonging to the era before the coming of heaven. By practicing a life of alignment with noon (in vertical alignment with God, casting no shadow of sin), offer yourself in absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God and True Parents. You will then enjoy eternal peace and freedom as a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. Your descendants will pay tribute to you and take pride in your achievements for eternity. You will live eternally in attendance to True Parents, even in the spiritual world.

Please engrave in your bones the message I have given you today. As you depart, resolve to be the elite soldiers of Cheon Il Guk who will open a new heaven and new earth. The fire of true love ablaze in your hearts will guide you. Have heavenly courage, and push forward on the path of a true master, true teacher and true parent.

I pray that God's blessings will be with your family. Thank you very much.◆

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Father speaks at Cheongpyeong on January 3



From Father's speech on the fourth anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God and the birthday of Jesus Christ

Since the era is changing now, it is time for people's faces, minds, bodies, greeting styles and lifestyles to change. You should not live for the sake of yourselves but for what is around you, for the nation and the world. That is more valuable than your own family. When we speak of a nation, it comprises many families, tens of millions of families. Also, there are many nations in the world.

A person who can exert himself for the greater good can become a great person. Why? It is because he is sowing many seeds. The one who sows the seeds of a nation will reap the nation, the one who sows the seeds of a world will reap the world, and the one who sows the seeds of heaven and earth will reap heaven and earth. This is a rule and law that is as reliable as the law of natural world in a practical manner.

The lifestyles of Unification members are changing from now. I have to go into the realm of conflict and reconcile them; if they follow me where I would settle the disputes peacefully as an example, knowing the separate existence of the mind of reconciling nature and the world behind it, then they will meet with the individual environments.

Such a person stands in the center of a family, and he is the one who sowed the most seeds among the family members. Such person is a good one. If he becomes a better person and makes such a family then there will be a family that will become the seed among numerous families in the external world, a tribe that can be a seed of tribes, a seed for a people, a seed for a nation, a family for a person who can become a seed for the world and for heaven and earth. If such a family comes into being, then tribes, nations and a world will appear.

So it is a time for us to transfer to another world now. Until now it was all right for you to focus on following, but now you should

not just follow me but also attend your parents at the same time. Things are changing.

The name Unification Church is meant to disappear. God does not need the names of religions. He does not need the names of nations. Would there have been the need for Christianity when God created Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden with the hope of realizing the world of dreams? Would Buddha, Confucius, Mohammed, or Sun Myung Moon have come? They would not. There would neither be religions nor nations.

Why has this world become like this? For what do we need religions or nations? Do you need a religion? I removed the signboard of the Unification Church.

Cheon Il Guk means a nation where two people become one. *Cheon*, meaning Heaven, represents two people. Cheon Il Guk, the nation where two people have become one! More than two people—whether a hundred or a thousand in this cosmos based on the pair system—if they do not become one then the world will be gone....

Today the scientists say that the cosmos developed through energy. Then how does motion occur? How does energy appear? Energy cannot develop just by energy itself. For energy to be produced there should first be action. An electric charge results from the attraction between plus and minus. When actions unite, bind together, and move in an orbit, then energy is produced.

Then the question is whether action can take place by itself. When we say that action is taking place, then we are dealing with at least two things. The minimum number of units is two. In this manner, everything in the world is in the pair system. I am the one who first spoke of the pair system. Then why are things in a pair system? This is the question.

Do your body and mind fight? Why would they fight? They are supposed to be interacting, but why is that action one of fighting?

This is a contradiction.

Then how does action take place? Action never happens by itself. Action always takes place in a relationship between subject and object partners. If there are no subject and object partners then action does not take place. This is a fact that cannot be denied.... Why were people born in the first place? They are only alive if they know the purpose of their birth and act according to that purpose. If they follow a different purpose then it will all stop there.

Then for what did God allow them to come into being? It was for them to become His son and daughter, the best thing. What is the best thing for God? God would like His wife best if He had one, and He would like His children best if He had any! But He has nothing like a wife in this world. What should be done so that a wife can appear? She should start from being a baby and go through babyhood then childhood. And it does not apply to one person only. In a relationship of subject and object partner people go through babyhood, childhood, youth, and adolescence together. It happens this way. There is a certainly an important gate, and this is the gate of adolescence!

What is the gate of adolescence? It is the time when a man realizes that he cannot live as a man, and a woman realizes that she cannot live as a woman! What will they do once they realize that? I live for you—the man lives for a woman, and the woman lives for a man. This is not bad, but good. Centering on what? [True love!] That is at once the conclusion and the beginning....

What is the beginning of true love? True love is the original root of your beloved object partner, what your partner likes, what you eternally and unchangingly like, and what we can enjoy by living for the sake of others. If they have true love then the man is always joyful, the woman is joyful too, and everyone is joyful. Every human being has the same heart of love.

Today is the foundation day of Cheon Il Guk and I am about to say something to the people gathered here about how the world has changed. What is that? Until now we have lived as we pleased. While living as we pleased, some people lived as the body pleased and others lived as the mind pleased, so there were two ways. Yet no one has ever lived with a unified mind and body.

We should know where the human Fall began from and through which route the virus entered us. The Fall was the loss of chastity to Satan at a time of immaturity. Because that relationship took place before maturity, it was not on God's side. They were adulterers; that means enemies of love....

In their last days all people who are about to die should offer a report. They have to announce their sinful deeds to the cosmos before they pass on. Everybody suffers when they die. Do they overcome it? There are many who don't. At that time you should report your worst deeds first rather than the best ones. In the spirit world you have to report beginning from the worst deeds.

Members of the Unification Church won't all be able to go to straight to heaven. One in three will go to hell and then there will be a way to rise back up through a special process. I am saying that not everyone will just go to heaven. At whatever level you are, there

will be Cain and Abel. There will be the enemy. There will be those who oppose you. That is the conclusion....

There is nobody on God's side who can be the object partner. The satanic world had taken them away. Therefore, God raised those outcasts anew, brought them to the traditional position of the original parent that represents the world of the heart, and patched them into that position. In between He added strings called Buddhism, Confucianism and Christianity. The question is how this will turn out in the future. We have to find out way back. If we want to return no one should live a single life, whether he or she be Buddhist, Confucian or Christian....

Do not be resentful that both good things and bad things happen in your life. Bad things are the preliminary conditions for bringing good things. You always experience misfortune before receiving blessings.

Is there an owner of Korea? There is no owner of your mind, no owner of the husband or wife in a family, no owner among siblings, or no owner of the father. This is a world of chaos in which everyone believes that he is the best.

If the teacher and pupil are completely one, even when one of the pupils earns a doctorate degree and becomes greater than his teacher who wants to learn from him, he will say no. The doctor will not want to be a teacher to his own teacher. A teacher is a teacher. This is the reasonable way. Can the pupil say "Hey, you!" to his teacher just because he earned a doctorate? His teacher is still his teacher, isn't he?

If you want to go to Heaven then two people must become one. Cheon Il Guk! This is our signboard. If a signboard should stick to the forehead of Rev. Moon of Unification Church, it is the King of Cheon Il Guk.....

Now become True Parents!... Since you have reached here winning over the sons, students and servants now you have to become True Parents.....

Well, everybody gathered here, do you want to become

True Parents or not? Do you envy or want the position of True Parents like Rev. Moon who was chosen by God and can live traveling all over the world and be wild and free in his activities? Which one is it? [We want to become true parents.] Do you envy me and want that? [We want that.] You should want it. Anything you envy has no relation to me even if you are envious for thousands of years. But once you want something, it becomes possible.

Then do you want to become true parents? If you follow my instructions then you will surely become one. When I say that if you follow my instructions then you will surely become one, I mean if you want to do it. [Yes, we want to do. We will try.] Not only trying; isn't it possible to fail even when you try? Those who seek to die will live, and those who seek to live will die. You have to do it with such sincerity as if your life were at stake...

In our Unification Church four children of mine have passed away and have become messiahs of the second advent in the spirit world. Just as Christianity sent the returning Messiah to earth, they are sent by Rev. Moon to do the same work as messiahs of the second advent in the spirit world.

Those who live to an old age cannot do such works. Our second

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At East Garden on April 17, Hyung-jin nim serves his father-in-law, Rev. Lee Seung-dae, and his family

Grace of the Heavenly Garden



Dae-mo nim gave this speech on January 15, 2005, the first day of a five-day joint celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Cheongpyeong providence and the 700th two-day workshop

The truth of the matter is that the ten years' of development in the Cheongpyeong providence was made possible through the efforts of our members. Because the members had faith in Cheongpyeong, and put in lots of effort whenever they came here, we were able to foster more than 200 billion absolute, good spirits. And the angels had not been working on behalf of God and humankind after the Fall, but we have changed that. Now they are aiding us in all possible ways. Even in the spirit world, all these miracles are seen as the result of the incredible conditions our members have fulfilled and the prayers they have offered.

Allow me, then, to explain what we are going to do in the five days, from January 15 to 19, of the Special Works Commemorating the Tenth Anniversary of the Cheongpyeong Providence and the 700th Workshop. This morning, at 8:00, I received an answer from God through prayer, and as I did so I felt as if I could dance and sing with joy at the Tree of Love Square. God was very pleased and told me, "You have worked hard during the last ten years." He went on to say, "As of today, you have completed all the work you were supposed to finish over the last ten years." Moreover, God has allowed those who have worked for the providence in the past [referring to providential figures such as Noah, Abraham, etc.] to come down to earth from January 15 to 19, so that they can carry out works during this time. In addition, He has also made it possible for the 200 billion absolute, good spirits and angels to come down here and carry out works during the five days.

Even if you'd only decided to come to Cheongpyeong this morning and had started preparing to come here earlier today, those in the absolute, good spirit world already knew which of the members were coming, and for what reason. The 200 billion absolute, good spirits and angels have been instructed, in advance, as to how they can aid those members who are coming.

Five-day providence, in which ailments and pain can be relieved

Spirits who caused mental illness in the past have been blessed and transformed into absolute, good spirits. These absolute, good spirits, in turn, can now come to those members who are currently suffering from mental illness, or who are in danger of developing mental illness in the future, and separate from them the spirits who are the causes or are likely to become the causes of mental illness. In the past, they caused mental illness because they were resentful, but now they are willing to separate spirits from the bodies of our members with love, because they are now absolute, good spirits. Also, spirits that used to cause atopic dermatitis have now

become absolute, good spirits. These absolute, good spirits, in turn, are working to separate those spirits who are causing atopic dermatitis now.

You members here are healthy now, so you have no clear idea what kinds of illness you may have in the future. However, when I look at you spiritually, I can see that everyone, regardless of who you are, has small tumors growing inside you. That's why the absolute, good spirits need to come to you and rid your bodies of these potentially cancerous growths.

This time, the absolute, good spirits brought the medical angels who are working at Cheongshim Hospital together for many hours to study what causes cancer and how it develops. Cancer is one of the most difficult diseases to cure, so they carried out research in advance. They also studied a great deal about how to relieve people of different types of ailments and pain. I'd like to ask you to make good use of the five days you are here, in curing terrible diseases and ridding yourselves of pain and suffering.

About the fulfillment-of-wishes papers

Did you complete fulfillment-of-wishes papers? At the time of the Special Works for the Inheritance of Heavenly Fortune and the Fulfillment of Wishes, held in June 2004 [see June 2004 issue], I heard testimonies from many members about how writing out fulfillment-of-wishes papers had been a great help to them. Let me explain to you what these papers are.

To you, fulfillment-of-wishes papers may look like pieces of ordinary paper, but contained in these papers is the light of God. So when members write their wishes on the wish papers, this light contained in the paper establishes a connection directly with God. That is how I can offer the fulfillment-of-wishes papers to God, right after you have written them. On the condition that the members have come here and written the papers with faith, these papers can be submitted to God along with the light.

For instance, if you have written on a wish fulfillment paper, "I have trouble doing such and such a thing," or "I have difficulties," the paper sets in motion more than the settling of the problems

you have written down. If you have difficulties, it is because there are spirits in your bodies that are causing these problems. That's why, based on what you have written on the fulfillment-of-wishes papers, while you are here, the absolute, good spirits are instructed to separate from your bodies the spirits causing these problems during holy song sessions. You must know that the fulfillment-of-wishes papers help to resolve all problems by examining minutely what your problems are spiritually, in order to solve the prob-



Members in Britain liberate their ancestors during Dae-mo nim's recent visit to Europe



lems written on the papers on the fundamental level. That's why I am truly grateful to God and True Parents for bestowing on us this amazing grace and blessing, through which our members can write fulfillment-of-wishes papers and carry out purification ceremonies.

Also, during this time, the record of all past wrongdoings committed by each absolute, good ancestor of the members here will be effaced. For example, the bodies of these ancestors are very clean at present, as if they have just stepped out of a bathtub. The absolute, good spirits are all wearing very clean white clothes that look like holy robes, but if an evil spirit decided he wanted to know how an absolute, good spirit lived on earth, he could call up the record and see.

What that means is that, though our ancestors have been transformed into absolute, good spirits, the records of the lives they led on earth still lingers. During this special period, however, the records of the wrongdoings from their past lives can be expunged.

Dialogue with God

This morning, at 8:00, I offered a prayer to God: "Heavenly Father, our members may not believe that something has occurred if you prevent incidents and make things good in advance, because they cannot see what would have happened if You hadn't. They would not be very grateful if you were to prevent in advance what would otherwise grow worse in the future, because they would not have seen what You had done. Please put right all that is wrong at present, all that the members can perceive right here and now. Only then will they be genuinely grateful."

God answered, "Yes, what you say is true."

I also reported to Him in prayer: "Heavenly Father, fallen nature and spirits are in people's bodies, so it would be very difficult for you to enter them. Whenever I have entered the body of a member to solve certain problems the member has had, I did so with my eyes closed. Though my eyes were closed, I could find the causes of problems, get hold of them and solve the problems easily, because I looked for the causes with love rather than with sight. So, what I would like to suggest You do during this period is, in solving our problems, come into our bodies and minds with Your eyes closed, get hold of the problems with love, and straighten them out."

God replied, "Yes, I will try entering with my eyes closed," and with His eyes closed, He tried putting His hand into one of the lecturers who had been praying along with me. He then said, "Yes, I can do this." So during this period, God will be able to enter the bodies of our members with His eyes closed, in order to solve all their problems. I am sure He will definitely do so.

In working in the Cheongpyeong providence, not once have I heard God lie. What I mean is that we should have complete, 100 percent faith in what God and True Parents say. That was something I realized while working in the Cheongpyeong providence for the past ten years. Even if it is midnight, if God tells you, "Go to

such and such a place," you should go. Don't think about it from a human viewpoint. Once you obey and go to the place as instructed, God and True Parents will then carry out the work. Don't look back. Don't think you can't do it. Absolutely obey with the idea in mind that it can be done. Because they are Almighty God and True Parents, if you follow them with an attitude of absolute faith, everything can and will be done.

Beginning of the absolute, good world

The Cheongpyeong providence, which has fostered 200 billion absolute, good spirits, is truly amazing. What God and True Parents have been trying to achieve up to now is to make absolute, good spirits and absolute, good earthly people. It has become possible to make 100 percent, absolute, good earthly people. Because True Parents established the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, we are able to separate spirits from our bodies here. Thus, we will be able to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

When you go to the spirit world, you can see that the evil world takes up 80 percent of it. The Kingdom of Heaven only occupies 20 percent. You must bear in mind that we should have caused at least 50 percent of the spirit world to be occupied by the Kingdom of Heaven by the time those of our first generation pass into it. Even the physical world should not be left as it currently is. Based on the ten years of the Cheongpyeong providence, we should, by all means, be proud of and boast of God, True Parents and the Divine Principle, along with the absolute, good spirits.

This morning, Heung-jin nim told us very clearly, "Don't think even for a moment that you have successfully fulfilled the tenth anniversary of the Cheongpyeong providence. Though you have fulfilled your responsibilities, this is only the beginning." He went on to say, "January 19 is the starting point. The work done until now has been preparation for making the whole world a world of goodness. So in one sense, all members should work even harder than they have until now for the Cheongpyeong providence."

Now there are, as of today, more than 200 billion absolute, good spirits, and from 2005, these absolute, good spirits will be a great strength to us in doing providential work. With this in mind, I would like to ask all of you, all members of the Unification family, to do your utmost best to become joyful and happy people, who can establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth and in heaven.

Take care of yourselves at all times. I promise you that I will work even harder from now on to make sure that the members receive more joy and happiness through Cheongpyeong workshops.

I would like to conclude by thanking all those members who have, during the past ten years, believed in us, come faithfully and cooperated with us in our work.

Thank you.◆

gressive political party. These are influencing our society.

Large churches in Korea are also experiencing hardships. There are splits over money; they slander one another, and there are many rumors going back and forth. Within established churches a trend where leaders are moving in a direction counter to tradition is emerging. Their churches were built as places to gather people, but they are changing direction to one where churches spread people out. They have branched out centering on lay believers, working in society, moving toward the experience of grace.

Thus the church mission paradigm is changing. Father is directing our way forward, ahead of the wider society.

There are countless books related to home churches. The cells multiply. The core of Cheon Il Guk is an ideal family unified and living in cosmic peace. One family centered on God generates the power to grow and then to multiply to branch families. This can be carried out in various ways in the midst of our daily lives. Gatherings such as class reunions, anglers' clubs, early morning meetings, and meetings for people sharing the same tastes are all in this candidates for where this work can take place.

If we think about Father's intention for the hoondok small reading group activities, we can do many activities, we can organize clubs, informal circles or interact with organizations in the community at large. There are also political associations, which often were formed of people who are strongly united and who have a desire to confront the existing political order. Political groups generally have a centralized decision-making process and are well organized. There are also discussion forums, religious support groups, and small religious communities. There are hobbyists who meet together and friendship groups among people who share a common interest in art or culture. Our mountain hiking clubs and ambassador for peace organization are good model associations. We are in the process of setting up a forum for those concerned about the reunification of the Koreas, which we expect will exert great influence.

The final and strongest purpose for becoming involved in or creating a small group is for it to become, at its core, a home church. It is good to have a group leader and an assistant leader. The ideal number of members for each small group is thirty. If the number exceeds thirty, the group should divide to create two. Record successful experiences and share them. From now on there will be many successful cases and they are very important. Within three months, we'll see visible results. We'll be able to take responsibility together, raise people we have connected to our groups, and lead them to blessing.

All blessed members should participate in establishing small hoondok groups. In case it is beyond your ability, or the activities are not being done effectively, several couples—centered on an elder or experienced couple—can begin first. But remember that all of you have to be hoondok church leaders. Cell division should take place later on. The hoondok groups should multiply through this process. There will be education at the beginning. Through this education the witnessing process must bear fruit. Revival teams can operate on the provincial level and Divine Principle lecturers can arrange to tour and offer encouragement. Imparting understanding of True Parents' historical value is not possible without Divine Principle. Only after giving people the blessing can they become sons and daughters through true love, the true lineage and true life. Among those blessed, we have to focus on raising the perhaps 10 percent with real Abel-type character.

When people really become members, bring them to a hoondok service in the local town or region, and connect them to one particular church. We need to find the best method of developing the hoondok small groups to the level where they are able to sustain themselves and grow on their own. They should be small groups that spawn an active movement.

When members face reality there will be difficulties, and we may feel far from the center of things. However, this work is not the end of

the road; Father's idea is after you establish small groups he will then call you and meet you directly. The reason Father is instructing all the blessed members to participate in small hoondok groups is because there is a need to set up hoondokhae as a part of daily life on the Korean peninsula. Small hoondok group activities are absolutely necessary in every household in the land, so we have to permeate every corner of it. We should be developing personal relationships based on heart. Fundamentally, we need to be looking for people with hearts that are moved by the same love that we have received from God and True Parents. We should all become leaders and such leaders should multiply from us.

The first step is to build friendly relationships so that people can open up their hearts. Arrange opportunities and let people open up. Follow that up with education. Why are such encounters valuable? It is passing on an idea through, for example, discussing your impression of a book, educating someone after watching a movie or a play together, or teaching them the secrets of how to organize a movement. God's true love must be testified to. Since hoondokhae is necessary, anything we do must begin with reading from Father's speeches. This should be an activity embedded in the daily lives of small group members. We have to consider the whole picture in relation to our structure, organization and foundation.

All activities, all our foundation, and all of our time should be concentrated on small group activities. This is what Father wants. His words "Close down all institutions" can be interpreted variously from the rear, center and front line in light of Father's deeds and foundation, but there is only one direction in front of blessed members.

At the core, based on three foundations—the Family Party, the Family Federation, and the Peace UN—the HSA-UWC became the Family Federation, and the Family Federation became the Ideal Family Federation for Cosmic Peace and Unification. Father also established IIFWP and IIPC on the international and global level as a vehicle for unity among those in the upper levels of society. The support and strength of the central headquarters and other providential organizations should be directed toward these three organizations.

In the background, the Unification Foundation as well as organizations related to visual and print media, publications, research institutes and the electronics center affiliated with the Foundation have to operate in unity. The rear should support the front. Ours will be a single-structure movement. All blessed members need to activate themselves through study of the word at hoondokhae and increase the number of people in their small group to thirty. This can be done in conjunction with the multi-dimensional influence of hobby club activities, home meetings, friendship groups and cultural or volunteer activities.

There will be a headquarters for these activities. Rev. Song Young-seok will be supporting and directing hoondok activities in all local provinces, cities, counties, districts, towns and wards. A center to help embed this in our daily lives will be set up at the central headquarter as well as in regional and city headquarters. All providential institutions will unite and support this initiative. There is only one direction.

With a focus on visiting one's relatives and actively working as tribal messiahs, while reaching out to others based on one's occupation, political affiliations, area of interest or specialty—particularly making use of the Internet, such as through blogs, we will be connecting others to us through their interests. If we have all of these ongoing activities how will we organize education? How can we guide people to receive the blessing? If all blessed members are determined, by the end of July, to bless two single people as a couple and to bless a couple who are currently married, the breakthrough in the local community will have been successful and hoondok will have successfully been integrated into daily life.

Without receiving help from other members, the current church leaders should be working on model small group activities and organizing group leaders, so that all blessed members can lead hoondok churches and activate them from April 1. We will be able to offer the

son Heung Jin also died away from home. So those who do not offer their lives cannot become central figures in the spirit world. Those who shed their blood sit in a high position in the next world. You should know that it is those who were sacrificed as an offering, dying for God's side, who are standing in the front line—rather than those who lived their lives in full.

It is Greek philosophy that guides humanism, and Hebraism, the ideal of familyism, that guides theism. This confrontation has been at the forefront of history. It has reached Korea, and they are colliding with and fighting against each other there. The theory of evolution and the theory of creation is the issue. We have to resolve this on the Korean Peninsula, on the 38th parallel.

When I was riding in a car and we were to turn left I said "Turn right" without knowing it myself, even though I was dozing. Who was it who spoke? It is like broadcasting what the original mind is communicating from God. If God says "Turn right!" then it comes out through my mouth, and so we go the right way, in the right direction. In that way I am a man who defended himself alone,

and who has survived for fifty years without dying in the battle grounds, and now I am giving commands. So I must be a credible person. Regarding my personal history, if I were to reveal it, no one else's story would match that. That is, if I talk about the suffering.

That is why everyone is saying the word True Parents and calling me "Parent." I did not teach them that I am their parent. I did not tell them to bow. Everything was taught by Heaven.

So what is my request? Up to now 299 congressmen, plus 61 more this time, makes 360 people who have been given *Cheon Seong Gyeong*. And if just 80 percent of these 360 become one in heart with me in doing hoondokhae, Korea will never perish. You will not need to worry about this nation. Do you understand?

Then the nation will revive and from now on your wishes will come true. Things like those one dreams of are happening on earth. The era of liberation is coming in which we can keep the rhythm, sing and dance together with God within the realm transcending religion. ♦

results of three months' effort to True Parents. Growth should occur through this organized system. For growth to proceed well there must be Divine Principle education the blessing of couples. Blessed members have to become the leaders of small groups. Anyone who has attended a seven-day, twenty-one day or forty-day workshop should take part in the small group activities. We have to connect the people who have been witnessed to and received the blessing to the ward, town or county hoondok churches.

Connecting our outreach to the sphere of daily life means connecting people who've been blessed to hoondok organizations in their ward, town or county or to an interest-based specialized group or tribal group in their vicinity. Automatically, tribal restoration will integrate with breaking through in the local community. If we base our outreach on activities that are components of daily living, our efforts will bear fruit different levels—city, town and county.

Church leaders should give presentations at workshops. If membership increases through the division of cells, they should connect new members to the hoondok home churches. If they do so, there will be a foundation in the wards, towns and counties. That is what True Parents wish to achieve. We have to activate small hoondok groups and achieve results through hoondok home churches. We should keep and eye out for and record successful experiences, share grace through testimonies or conferences, and firmly establish our organization. We should lead new people to attend hoondok services and help them become leaders. Seven-day, twenty-one-day and forty-day workshops will be held throughout the year.

Why should we create these interrelated organizations? We need to think about that in relation to the time of the providence. The completion stage come to an end by 2012. Father has been mentioning 2012 for a long time; the time until then is divided into formation, growth, and completion stages. Father's eighty-eighth birthday falls in 2008, in January of which a newly elected president of Korea will assume office. In November that year, America will hold her presidential election, and the Olympic Games will be held in Beijing. While working toward such an important year, we have to move forward based on what Father has taught us. Korea will have another presidential election in 2012. We have to prepare for that to be a combined North—South Korean election and for Korea to emerge as God's chosen nation. We have to have a vehicle for broad unity through these interrelated small groups and other hoondok organizations on the grassroots level and a vehicle for unity among the higher levels of society through a national federation.

You should know that your starting these interrelated small groups is a first step that can be likened to laying the cornerstone of a

saved nation and world. The foundation for ward, town and county hoondok churches is based on the village, community and neighborhood. Hence its accomplishment will result in an impressive national foundation. You should know that without tribal restoration and breaking through in the local community, the unification of North and South Korea will be something unrelated to God.

Cheon Il Guk comes on such a foundation, so my desire is that by 2008 there will be a nation where the president and prime minister educate people based on Father's teachings.

We all start with small hoondokhae groups. The small groups should be led by us. We have to become leaders of the Family Federation and public officials in Cheon Il Guk. Please understand that if you do not resemble one of the nerve cells, you cannot become a public official.

Are you determined to accomplish these things? If we complete this course, we will meet True Parents and we will live within the love of God. May God's blessings be with you all.

Benediction

Heavenly Father, True Parents, thank you for searching for us and never forsaking us along the path of indemnity you have walked down. According to our relationship into which you have called us, we have received the grace of your having taught us everything and encouraged us to become practitioners of true love. What are we to do with the sorrow of not being able to wait, when the unforgettable homeland, all things and all nature are waiting for True Parents? I pray that we become determined to offer all our power and our lives for the hoondok small group activities and that we will inherit Cheon Seong Gyeong as a family treasure. Please bless and lead us through the steps of developing hoondok activities, which is the heavenly way. We know that if we follow this unique path, you are waiting to see the emergence of predestined victory and results. We are going to witness to and bless all the prepared people, so please allow your strength to be with us. The brothers and sisters here have worked hard without being recognized and without being in the spotlight. What should we envy externally? What does it benefit us to gain the world but lose True Parents? What meaning would there be to owning the whole world but losing our Heavenly Father? We are going to be the heavenly soldiers who run along this unique path and leave behind a model. We will remain strong and carry on with small hoondok groups; so please guide us.

I pray in my name, Kwak Chung-hwan, of a blessed central family. Amen. ♦

True Mother's Father

Han Seung-Woon

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True Mother's father, Mr. Han Seung-woon, was born on January 20, 1909, in the village of Yongheung in Anju county, South Pyongan Province. He was the eldest son of the five children of Mr. Han Byeong-geon, a teacher in a village school, and Mrs. Choi Gi-byeong.

According to the recollection of Mr. Han Wee-il, who was the eldest son of the family Han Seung-woon raised after coming to South Korea, his father used to feel homesick during holidays every year. He'd stay alone in his room, meditating, praying or writing in calligraphy and wouldn't allow anyone else to come into the room. In the evenings, he'd call his sons into the room and make sure they'd memorized his home address in North Korea and the names of the family members that had been left behind there.

He'd especially tell them about the beautiful farm back home, which had many fruit trees. He'd say their grandparents were still alive and that they had an elder sister there. He told them that when the nation reunified, they ought to go and find her. Thus, his children grew up vaguely missing home whenever they heard news of North Korea.

Mr. Han entered Manseong Public School in 1919 when he was eleven but dropped out in the fourth grade. He entered Private Education School and graduated in 1925 at the age of seventeen. Afterward he passed the Teachers Certification Examination. He then worked in the Private Education School as a teacher from 1930 to 1939. In 1941 he was appointed as a *hoondo*, the title given to teachers during the years that Korea was occupied by Japan. He worked in this capacity until October 1945, and thereafter for a few months, he worked as what would today be an assistant principal in Manseong Public School.

He'd been a good student when in school and had aspired to become a teacher since he was young. He also had deep Christian faith, which flourished in the New Christian Church of Rev. Lee Yong-do. In the early days of that church's existence, he was one of its most active members.

He was a reform-minded person, so he kept his distance from family members and others who stubbornly maintained a particular point of view or lifestyle. And, due to his teaching duties and his religious activities, he was rarely at home. His character was very precise. He was frugal. He had a strong physique and uncommon physical strength. Once, when he saw people struggling to remove a large rock from the midst of a rice field, he voluntarily stepped in and easily removed it.

New Christian Church activities and marriage

A period of intense spiritual activity in Korea originated in a prayer meeting of seven Methodist missionaries centering on Rev. R. A. Hardie (1865-1949)¹, in Wonsan [now North Korea] in



1903. This inspired revival meetings, first in the Wonsan vicinity and as word of the great works spread, in other parts of northern Korea, arriving in Pyongyang in 1905 and culminating in the Great Pyongyang Revival² of 1907, the spirit of which was subsequently transplanted throughout the Korean peninsula by Korean evangelists. It inspired members of the public with religious vitality for overcoming their trying circumstances.

In November 1933, Han Seung-woon and another man were placed jointly in charge of the Education Department of the New Christian Church. Mr. Han, at that time, was working as a teacher at the Private Education School. At the same time, Hong Soon-ae (1914-1989, True Mother's mother, to whom, after her ascension, Father

gave the name Dae-mo nim), seemed to have led a life of faith at the Anju Christian Church, as did her mother, Mrs. Cho Won-mo. Hong Soon-ae was born in Jeongju in North Pyongan Province [in North Korea today], the only daughter of Mr. Hong Yoo-il and Mrs. Cho Won-mo (1889-1962), who had deep Christian faith. After moving to Anju, she graduated from Anju Public School and Pyongyang Bible School. Until she was 19, she was Presbyterian.

At a later point in her life, she did a one-hundred-day witnessing tour on foot with Evangelist Hwang Gook-joo's group. She concentrated on cultivating her faith in the Second Advent with a straight attitude; this involved three years from around 1933 at the New Christian Church of Rev. Lee Yong-do, eight years from around 1936 at the Holy Lord Church of Mrs. Kim Seong-do, and six years from around 1944 at the Inside Belly Church of Mrs. Heo Ho Bin.

While Mr. Han Seung-woon and Hong Soon-ae were earnestly devoting themselves in the New Christian Church, Hong Soon-ae received the revelation, "When these two get married and have a son he will be the King of Cosmos, and if they have a daughter she will become the Queen of Cosmos." They were married in March 5 1934, under the officiation of Rev. Lee Ho-bin. At that time Mr. Han was 26 and Hong Soon-ae was 21. Thereafter, after nine years of waiting in life of faith passing through the Holy Lord Church and Inside Belly Church a precious heavenly princess was born, whom we know today as True Mother.

While Hong Soon-ae was pregnant with True Mother, Mr. Han felt unable to stay with his wife at her parents' home. One reason was because they wanted him to take their family name, and the other was that he was working far away in Yeonbaek, Hwanghae Province. True Mother was born in 1943 at 4:30 AM on the sixth day of the first month of the lunar calendar, which was February 10 in the Gregorian calendar. She was born in her mother's home in Anju, in what today is North Korea, where she grew up under the care of her mother's family and began developing her faith.

When True Mother was four years old, the mother of Mrs. Heo Ho-bin of the Inside Belly Church saw her and testified, "This person will be the bride of the Lord," and then offered a benediction over her. Grandmother Cho Won-mo and Hong Soon-ae wholeheartedly brought up True Mother according to the will of Heaven and established a three-generation foundation for the motherly bride through deep faith in overcoming all obstacles with chastity and clean life. Hence, Han Seung-woon and Hong Soon-ae lived separate lives and independent of their families from early on. This was the path called for by the will and the heavenly providence.

Teaching work after moving south

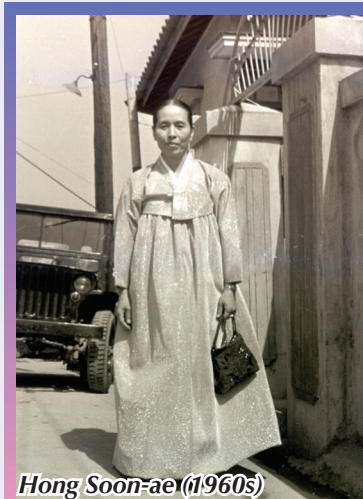
Worried about the danger posed by the communists, Mr. Han went to South Korea in April or May 1946. According to the researcher, True Mother recalls that her father traveled to their home at that time and asked his wife to come with him. But she said that she could not go with him, and that she must follow the way of faith in preparation to meet the Lord. Mr. Han then crossed into South Korea along with his brothers and settled in Seoul.

Mr. Han taught first at Gyodong Primary School in Seoul in the borough of Chongno from that May until October 1946, when, with the aim of involving himself in rural reformation, he moved to Gyeong-gi Province, outside of Seoul. There, he worked as the principal of Jangheung Primary School from October 25, 1946, to May 30, 1947. In December 1946, with the death of his father, Han Seung-woon became the head of his family.

In 1947 he was transferred to another school in the same general area. That year, he married Jee Hee-sun, a woman who was teaching at the same school. On March 1 of the following year their first son, Wee-il, was born.

Mr. Han was again transferred to Yeosu in Gyeong-gi Province and worked as the principal in one elementary school until October 1950 and then another until July 1952. During his stay in Yeosu, the Korean War broke out and he fled to Busan with his family, where in February 1951, his second son Wee-yong was born.

Afterwards returning to Seoul, sometime after 1952, he worked at yet another elementary school until 1957, when he was transferred again this time to Miwon Elementary School in Seorak-myeon (the village just a few kilometers from the present-day Cheongpyeong training center, from which members often board a shuttle bus to the training center). He was the principal there until 1960, and while he was there True Parents' Holy Wedding took place in the former headquarters church in the Cheongpa-dong area of Seoul. Mr. Han's living for over three years near the Cheongpyeong holy ground is a remarkable coincidence that Han Wee-il mentioned in a letter to True Parents after he met them in



Hong Soon-ae (1960s)

March 1997.

A description of Han Seung-woon has been found among the records of a former student and later teacher at Miwon Elementary School, Mr. Lee Gwang-heon, who wrote:

"Mr. Han Seung-woon's voice was very sharp and had a clear quality about it. When someone disagreed with him, he would call that person and seriously try to persuade the person to agree with him.

He was close to the heads of local government and leading figures. He had a special aptitude for and interest in literature, so he occasionally contributed his own articles to magazines or newspapers.

During his stay in Cheongpyeong, the scenery was so good that his younger brother used to come for recuperation from health problems.

Every time he came, his nephews, Wee-il and his brother, used to go to the old couple who caught and sold fish in a hut next to a river near today's Cheongpyeong Training Center and bought two big carp that they'd carry on their shoulders on a skewer and cook for him."

Mr. Han was transferred to several schools after being transferred out of Seorak-myeon. At the time of his retirement, he left behind a forty-one year record of having taught in fifteen different schools. After their marriage, his second wife had been able to teach in the same schools as her husband in all but one or two instances. At the time of his retirement he and his family were living in Incheon, just west of Seoul.

Lighthouse of education for rural children

After Mr. Han Wee-il, the first son, joined our movement in 1997 he provided valuable materials related to his father at the memorial services in 1998 and 1999, and during several interviews in 2002 and 2003, and he testified about his father's life. Also, as the best pupil, Rev. Jang Gi-taek who is the senior pastor in Seongdae Presbyterian Church in present Sangdo-Dong, Seoul provided a written testimony on the teaching life of Mr. Han Seung-woon in March 15, 2000. Following is the summary of testimonies of these two people:

"Mr. Han Seung-woon was a patriot to the bone. He put the nation and other people before him or his family. He grieved over the partition of Korea into North and South and prayed for reunification.

He was the model of a New Village³ campaigner. In whatever place he'd been transferred to, he would give enlightenment lectures, which he did, all in all, around five hundred times. He was handsome, spoke in a loud voice and was well-spoken. His lectures moved people's hearts. Because he used his living expenses for such activities, his household was always poor. The teachers under him followed his example and became involved in lecturing and took part in patriotic activities.

Mr. Han was also a church pioneer. He was a faithful elder in the Christian church and lived a true life of faith. He always had a small prayer room on one side of the school residence and prayed from 4 AM everyday and meditated and prayed in the evening. When he was transferred to a place without a church, he took charge of building one; and in those places with a church but without a pastor, he tried to invite one by all means.



The March 18, 2005 memorial service marking the 27th anniversary of Han Seung-woon's passing



Han Wee-il, Mother's younger brother

The churches were made of mud bricks; the labor and carpentry work was contributed by the local residents. Mr. Han invested in missionary work more than any missionary, revival speaker or pastor would have done.

He was a dedicated educator. When schools had been burnt down during the Korean War, he conducted classes on the lawn. At times when government support was low, with the cooperation of the students' parents, he undertook to have schools constructed in several places. He defended justice and truth and did not compromise with unrighteousness, which tended to cause friction between him and other principals. His upright character and conviction is also what motivated him to work in rural schools.

He had outstanding ability and personality, but firmly refused to have anything to do with corrupt bureaucrats. He devoted himself to educating and serving the children of poor and needy rural areas as his duty in life. Also, he had a strictly regimented life with no drinking or smoking.

He devoted himself to welfare work and the encouragement of learning. He even drained his small salary to help orphanages. He gave food and tutoring to students from poor families. He loved young students as though they were his own children. He even washed dirty children and cut their hair and applied medication to boils, which in those days many children had.

Such a merciful and gentle an image taught much about life even to his own children, and many of the scholarship students who were impressed by his noble character joined the Christian church. Rev. Jang Gi-taek, who was a teacher when Mr. Han was working in an elementary school in Yeosu, went to theology school and became a pastor after observing his devoted life based on Christian beliefs.

For such a devoted life, Mr. Han received a letter of commendation from the governor of Gyeong-gi Province on March 1, 1954 and the Order of Service Merit Green Stripes on January 1, 1960. In addition, he received a distinguished service badge from President Park Chung-hee in November 1973, a letter of commendation for distinguished service from the director of the Federation for Education in Korea on January 28, 1974 and the Order of Civil Merit Medal on the day of his retirement."

Peaceful remaining years and eternal blessing

Mr. Han Seung-woon was usually very healthy, so he did not go to doctors. He always walked with powerful strides without bending his back. He woke up early every morning and woke up family members, folded up the family bedding and cleaned while singing hymns. His children grew up watching, learning and practicing their father's customs of always cleaning and keeping things



tidy.

After retirement, he moved to a rural area in Gyeong-gi Province, where he spent his days gardening, reading or meditating quietly at home. He was admitted to Incheon Christian Hospital in 1977 with cirrhosis of the liver, but due to his worsening condition he returned home. On March 18, 1978, at around one o'clock in the morning, he passed away in peace, while his family members were watching over him. He was buried in the Northern Seoul Park Cemetery in Bundang, just outside

Seoul. His grave was decorated with a few aromatic trees like those near his rural home. His books and artifacts were donated to a nearby high school.

The reunion of Mr. Han with Hong Soon-ae [by that time known as Dae-mo nim] was realized only in the spirit world. They received the first spirit world blessing in history on August 23, 1995, at the Hannam-dong house in Seoul together with [Father's parents] Moon Gyeong-yoo (Choong-bu nim) and Kim Gyeong-gye (Choong-mo nim), and [Father's elder brother and his wife] Moon Yong-soo (Dae-hyung nim) and Jee Chee-sook.

The will of Heaven was realized through the foundation laid by True Parents, especially True Mother's love and devoted heart, and Dae-mo nim's devoted service.

So it was a new beginning from the unfulfilled marriage on earth to blossoming unity in the eternal, spiritual world. At their blessing ceremony, True Parents renamed the Dae-mo nim Memorial Hall in Seoul as the Hall of Loyal, Righteous Love and made it possible for members to attend the three couples there.

In the mid 1960s, Mr. Han Seung-woon met several times with 36-couple member Rev. Chong Su-won, the elder son of Mr. Chong Seok-cheon of the old Holy Lord Church. After his retirement, Mr. Han met Hong Soon-ae's younger brother, Mr. Hong Soon-jeong. But he did not speak about anything relating to his first wife until the end.◆

Endnotes

1. Canadian medical missionary, whose public confessions—first at the 1903 missionary conference at Wonsan and later to Korean congregations particularly in Pyongyang—have been cited as a key element in sparking the Great Pyongyang revival of 1907.

2. Though it lasted just ten days, the intensity of the revival left a deep, lasting impression on the nation. An American participant described it in this way: "Then began a meeting the like of which I had never seen before, nor wish to see again unless in God's sight it is absolutely necessary. Every sin a human being can commit was publicly confessed that night. Pale and trembling with emotion, in agony of mind and body, guilty souls, standing in the white light of their judgment, saw themselves as God saw them."

3. Sae-maul, the New Village Movement, was an effort during the Park Chung-hee administration to bring modern scientific methods to rural areas, where, by the mid-1970s, only a third of the households even had telephones. A key effort of the Sae-maul movement, whose motto was diligence, self-reliance and cooperation, was to enlighten the villagers themselves on modern ways of thinking and behavior.



The Minwon Primary School in Seorak (the village near the Cheongpyeong training center) where Mr. Han was principal forty-five years ago



Mr. Han received the Order of Civil Merit Medal and Order of Service Merit, Green Stripes

Hyo-jin nim in Japan

Speaking to members at Oohashi Church

What is important is how we expand the foundations built by our True Parents. If you wish to succeed in something, it is most important to enlarge it. If you cannot, you should be clearly aware of the reason. We should make ourselves overcome our limitations and replenish what is lacking in ourselves. We should be aware of our position. We must grow within reality. The world is in terrible shape. However, we shall prevail.

Everything begins from a single point. When those who gradually accomplish things, one-by-one, can increase in number and excel in various fields in society, we will be able to move the world◆

A Testimony by Frank Kaufmann

Editor's note: Hyo-jin Moon recently toured Japan, giving seven concerts between March 6 and 29 after being welcomed to Japan at a banquet on March 1. The title of the tour was "The Station." Reportedly, the title comes from Hyo-jin nim's desire to serve as a locomotive pulling people from a dark place to a light place.

I could hardly count my blessings to be among those attending Hyo-jin hyung nim's 2005, Chiba concert.

Just before the concert I spent a day or so in Japan, to me a land of endless fascination and curiosity. I believe that what we love about our Japanese brothers and sisters is best seen in Japan itself, where its culture and beauty appear in full bloom.

At last time for the concert arrived. I raced to my seat along with 9 or 10 thousand brothers and sisters ranging literally from three-years old to eighty! Each more excited than the next. This is the way rock concerts should be, I thought.

The show opened with one of Hyo-jin nim's own bands produced by MC Korea, a four-man, successful, Korean, rock and pop singing band. Great songwriters, great lead singer, backed by a tight and disciplined team; a lot of energy and a great complement of vocals and instrumental execution. Hyo-jin nim has an almost prophetic eye for talent and has signed a number of good bands in Korea including a pop-rap band that dominated the Korean music scene for months.

The point of it all of course, however is Hyo-jin hyung nim.

Few realize the intensity and demands required by such a tour. The time leading up to the tour requires protracted and consuming labor by the band under Hyung nim's leadership—writing, arranging, and strenuous rehearsals.

During the tour this searing pace intensifies, as Hyo-jin nim sustains a pressing, month-long schedule of rehearsals, concert performances, speaking at churches, and standing as the anchor and central responsible figure of a complex and large scale period of sacrifice on "the road."

From rock concerts to Sunday sermons (he spoke and gave stirring discourses in thirty churches!), Hyung nim's time in Japan spans and invites to harmony distant and diverse Unification factions. The "machine," the entourage, during this time must move and perform smoothly through exacting execution of elaborate logistics including travel itineraries, housing, major performance hall contracts, rehearsals, equipment, sound and lighting details, and all other

conditions designed to result in great performances.

Preparations erupt into seven explosive concerts. Every performance must meet and surpass expectations time and again. Hyung nim wants perfection. He is hardest on himself, and those in close attendance feel the heat. No one rests easy on these tours. But great energy, power, love, and beauty are the result. Thousands trek distances with hearts full of dreams, hopes, and longing all aimed just at Hyo-jin nim! This means in city after city Hyo-jin nim must re-access the edge from somewhere within to create driving and passionate performances, superior, memorable, and worthy of his own perfectionist, musical impulses.

Hyo-jin nim writes and arranges all the music and lyrics for these tours. Concerts last from 90—120 minutes, comprising 16—18 passionate, stirring songs. This year the band traveled with twelve new songs spanning an impressive range of genres and styles.

I went to the concert with a bias. I already like Hyo-jin nim. I learn a lot from him. I consider him a good personal teacher, and a righteous man. For these reasons, I was bound to love the show based on my bias alone. But something happened to me during the show that I did not expect. I ended up in a genuine, true-to-life, killer concert. I thought I had peaked out by the time I ran out of videotape, taping song after song, but the concert had not event taken off by that time! The rest I just had to savor in the moment; perhaps this too was God given.

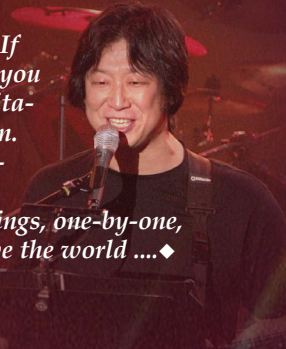
"Rebirth," which came up late in the set, was genuinely transcendent, rivaling even the great signature pieces from the decades-long history of rock. I can think of very few if any rock moments—studio or live—which cascade, as "Rebirth" does from the depths of art, reverence, rage, devotion, love and beauty, which somehow serious rock is the sole proprietorship of.

Each performance was followed by a celebration gathering, cake cutting, and a speech of encouragement to leaders and members.

Perhaps you were there yourself, or perhaps you have heard that Father and his family watched a live transmission of this Chiba (final) concert in East Garden, together with members. Father called immediately after the concert to congratulate Hyo-jin nim. "I was moved," said Father, and went on in the call to push and encourage Hyung nim on his path to transform art and culture. ◆

1. Hyung-nim: a respectful term by which to address someone in the position of an elder brother

Hyo-jin Moon Concert 2005
JAPAN, March 6—26



True Parents' Day Goes Public

By Rev. Thomas Field



Last year FFWPU in Chile decided to invite outside friends and contacts to our Children's Day evening celebration. We held the event in our church headquarters and treated everyone to a beautiful concert of instrumental baroque music. This year we made a goal of celebrating two holy days in a public setting. We chose Parents' Day as the first, and arranged to use the prestigious National Library Theater in the center of Santiago. Then on April 9, 2005, we accomplished the first half of our goal by celebrating Parents' Day in front of an overflow audience of some 250 members and friends of our various federations.

Omar Halasa (Executive Director of the Unification Movement in Chile) did an excellent job as our Master of Ceremonies. We began with an opening invocation by a Christian pastor. As the national messiah to Chile, I then gave a PowerPoint presentation on the meaning of Parents' Day. This was followed by an award ceremony, during which we gave a medal of honor to two elderly couples who have been married for fifty years. The award was bestowed on the couples by a popular congresswoman named Lily Perez. Finally we had a lovely musical recital by home member Carolina Munoz (soprano) and two young tenors, accompanied by another home member who is a concert pianist. Through their music everyone got a real taste of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. From the beginning of the celebration until the end, the spirit just kept getting higher and higher.

In my presentation, I explained God's original ideal of true parents and how each of us should strive to become true parents through perfecting the four great realms of heart. I emphasized the role of Rev. and Mrs. Moon as the incarnation of the ideal of true parents. I concluded my talk saying, "This celebration has three main purposes:

1) *Re-determination:* From today

Mr. Omar Halasa,
Director, FFWPU—Chile

Award Ceremony (from left to right: Cecilia Machulas, president of WFWP; Lily Perez, congresswoman; two VIP couples with their medals; Thomas Field, national messiah, Jae Soon Field, director of WFWP in Chile)

on, let us strive to live as true parents through practicing a life of living for others.

2) *Recognition:* Tonight we recognize and honor two couples who have triumphed as faithful spouses and exemplary parents for over fifty years, and we bestow on them the 2005 True Parents Gold Medal.

3) *Celebration:* Parents' Day is the day to celebrate the fact that God's long-cherished ideal of true parents has at last been fulfilled by Rev. and Mrs. Moon and that the way is now open for each of us to be engrafted into True Parents' lineage."

After the celebration, refreshments were served and nobody wanted to leave. They were all asking when the next celebration will be. Two days later a nice article with photos of the event came out in one of the leading newspapers in Chile.

In conclusion, we have found the public celebration of the holy days to be an excellent way to witness to people about our beloved True Parents—their love, their vision, their example and their victorious foundation. ♦

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Cecilia Machulas, presidenta Federación de Mujeres; diputada Lily Perez; Hernán Fischer y su esposa; Eugenio Córdova y su esposa; Thomas Field, director internacional de la Federación de Familias para la Paz Mundial, y su esposa Cristina Yoo.

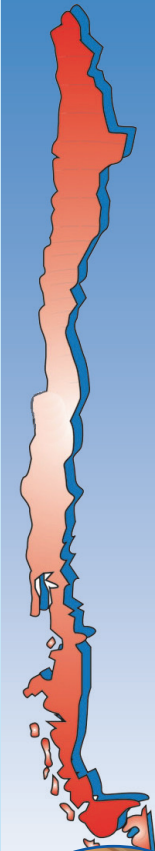
Celebran Día de los Padres de Familia

En un solemne acto realizado en la Biblioteca Nacional, la Federación de Familias para la Paz Mundial celebró el Día de los Padres de Familia 2005. En esta oportunidad, se premió a dos destacados matrimonios. Ellos son: Hernán Fischer y Clara Elorza, y Eugenio Córdova y María Angélica Ossa, con 48 y 50 años de vida conyugal, respectivamente. A través de este reconocimiento, la Federación de Familias reconoce la fidelidad y el amor que debe existir en la vida matrimonial para que ésta sea la base sustentable de una familia verdadera.

Thomas Field, durante su discurso centrado en el valor del amor en la vida matrimonial.

Cerca de 300 personas asistieron a la Celebración del Día de Padres de Familia 2005, realizada en el Salón América de la Biblioteca Nacional, que concluyó con un concierto de canto lírico y piano a cargo de la soprano Carolina Muñoz Coloma.

Article in La Segunda, a prestigious newspaper in Chile



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A New Generation in East Africa

By Lee Yeon-kyung

Daughter of Rev. Lee Sang-jin, Africa Continental Director
Writing from Nairobi, Kenya

The Testimony of a Korean second generation member in Africa

December 2004 is a month I will never forget. We held Kenya's first large-scale workshop; and I took part in almost everything—from planning, organizing, coordinating and lecturing to reflection. Of course the purpose of the workshop was educating our young people, but it was also the ritual handing over of my responsibility as the Big Sis to the other young people, who would play the role of Big Bro and Big Sis when I am no longer there.

From December 13 to 18, we held Sunday school and a youth seminar in Nairobi at Sasamoto Training Center. The actual planning and organizing began in November. The previous workshops we'd had were limited to younger second-generation children; many young people had been left out.

When I mentioned that we needed to bridge the gap between the blessed and non-blessed children and hand over the responsibility of educating the young ones to the older ones, the teachers willingly agreed. We came up with the theme *Let Us Connect to God* and the leaders' motto *There's No Such Thing as Number*

Two, Only Number One.

The most difficult challenge was the finances. The major issues were the workshop fee, resources, and financial support. First of all, many families in Kenya find it difficult even to pay for transport to Sunday Service, so would they pay for their children's workshop fee? We had doubts, so the first step was to cut down the workshop fee. We had to have many in number to fulfill the purpose of the workshop, so I wanted to make it free-of-charge. But my father advised against it, and I agreed he was right. So the workshop fee was set at 150 shillings (roughly 2 USD) for the six-day workshop.

The next concern was resources. When we came up with the budget, it was enormous. We were planning to have at least forty participants, so the meals for six days would cost a fortune. I asked Daddy, my advisor and source of everything, for financial support, and he willingly agreed. First, though, we wanted to come up with as much as we could, so we gave members and parents the opportunity to donate whatever they would. When we counted the donations from

parents, that alone amounted to over 7,000 shillings (almost \$ 100). Still, we had a shortage of funds, so the rest was taken care of by my father.

In Africa, it is easy to feel excluded. We are so remote from True Parents and from the major sites of the current providence, which is why this workshop was essential. Proper planning of the timetable was important. Divine Principle was the core, so I asked all the leaders I possibly could find to give lectures: Rev. Lee, the continental director—who is my Daddy, my advisor and major source of everything—Rev. Kililo, the provincial leader in East Africa and Rev. Wakhisi, the national leader. They willingly accepted and I was grateful. Due to the Summit Conference in America and traveling, Daddy and Rev. Wakhisi were out of the country. So Rev. Kililo gave us PowerPoint lectures on the Principle of Creation, the Human Fall, HIV/AIDS Awareness, the Messiah and the Second Advent. My father came back home on Friday morning with influenza but drove us to the Training Center and gave two sessions on Divine Principle in general.

The others were CARP lectures. Mr. Bak In-chul, the CARP consultant to Africa, was with us from October for a month, and when I told him about the workshop, he advised us to train the participants as leaders. I wished he could have given the lectures at the workshop himself, but he had to go back to South Africa. He presented the lectures to me, while I busily took notes.

Later, he even sent me the notes on the Completed Testament Era, but reading and understanding alone was difficult. So when I lectured in three sessions on Culture of Heart, Core Values, and Cheon Il Guk, it was a struggle due to my lack of conviction and understanding. However, when those that had been in the audience later told me it was inspiring and they were making checklists of the seventeen behaviors under Core Values and grading themselves every day, I was just too grateful.

Apart from the lectures, we had "service for peace" activities in a home for ninety-three children with HIV. We had made a prior visit, an appointment, a phone call confirmation and arrangements for transport, but things did not work the way we'd planned. We had selected twenty representatives of different ages just to be able to fit in a van that never came and ended up making two trips in our Ssangyong Musso. When we arrived, the person in charge, who had invited us to a birthday party that happened to be on that day, was out. The others did not invite us to join the party, so after presenting a little something we had carried for the party, the big people helped in the kitchen and the young ones played on the playground by themselves. The trip was exhausting and disappointing, but when we came back to the center, those who'd remained behind had finished cleaning inside and out and were

waiting for us. It comforted my troubled mind—a lot.

Another event that excited the young people during the workshop was our "Special Task Force." It was Mr. Bak's idea that we do something physically challenging. We again divided into two groups, twenty big people and thirty-two small ones. The former group would climb the Ngong Hills, and the latter would take a thirty-minute walk to Bomas of Kenya (a folk village).

Again, we faced problems. Lack of communication resulted in some who hadn't brought walking shoes climbing the steep hills in slippers. Those of us who hadn't been getting enough exercise developed muscle aches all over. My fingers swelled fat from the altitudinal pressure. But there were pleasures too. On our way up, we stopped under a big tree to share some popcorn and play games. I asked everyone to wave and say hello to everybody we met on the way. At first they must have thought it was a crazy idea, but when I did it—with or without their support—they joined in. I told them it would be a good exercise to get rid of shyness. On our way down, I asked some young brothers to dance for us. To my surprise, they danced right there on the road, where three other vans were full of the watchful eyes of strangers. Well, they'd seen our boys dancing; and when they passed us, we waved and said hello. They laughed and waved back, so we knew that we'd made the world a brighter place by an inch. Talk about killing two birds with one stone—a special task force and service for peace—both in action at the same time!

When we came back to the center, I asked the little ones about their trip. They were excited and told me how they'd anointed Junsu Moses. Junsu was the biggest boy in the children's group, and he

and two other teachers led the group. Big children had been paired with small ones so that they could take care of the little ones. Other big ones walked behind in order to protect the younger ones. When I heard that, I felt warm inside; I was grateful. Our excitement wound down in sharing reflections and a prayer. It was a great experience for all of us—sweaty and stinky—yet great.

Each morning began with hoondokhae and each evening ended with reflection, internal guidance, praise and worship. I commuted to the center each day, so I always asked about the morning and late evening sessions, which I missed. The teachers told me that through the evening sessions the youngsters were learning how to conduct a life of faith. They gave me the reflections the young people had written; as I read I felt their depth.

Friday night we had a campfire. The next day they excitedly talked about it. I hope the memory of that campfire lives in them for a long time.

We also had two Tong-il Moo-do sessions. Unfortunately, these did not excite the participants much. Perhaps there should have been some lectures to help them understand their importance. It did not occur to us, but having reflected on it, we will have to work on how to encourage all of them to participate whole-heartedly.

Dividing into groups was a task in itself. We separated best friends and siblings from one another. It was the first time they had ever been teamed up with someone of a different age in a workshop, and at first it didn't go smoothly. We had fifty-two participants in total, ranging in age from five to twenty-three. They were divided into three groups, whose leaders were Fredie (23), Diana (20) and Martin (20).

One of the most important aspects of



Helping in the kitchen in a center for HIV-infected children



Morning exercise during the youth seminar

this workshop was teamwork. Though we emphasized its importance, some people refused to lead others in singing or to do cleaning or wash dishes in a group. Day by day, though, this gradually settled and toward the end of the workshop, each team leader was busy boasting about the great teamwork. Well, what can I say? I was grateful.

On Saturday the 18th, after one morning lecture, we had a Divine Principle exam and closing ceremony. For this closing ceremony, my cousin sister and I had spent the previous night wrapping gifts. Apart from the stationary I'd bought for the young ones, I wanted to give something special to the bigger ones. I asked Mrs. Wakhisi for five *Level 4 Divine Principle* study guides. I also asked my advisor and source, Daddy, if he had anything for the youths. He gave two new *Exposition of the Divine Principle* books, a book of Father's speeches and some new holy song books. He signed the inside covers, and we wrapped them. Mom gave some stuff like little bags, socks, and handkerchiefs for a raffle. So the closing ceremony began with messages from those on the organizing staff—the two teachers, Mrs. Aketch and Mrs. Omware, and me—followed by a raffle. Then we presented the prizes and certificates. It ended with group photos.

I believe the best part was our unity. The older ones, especially the team leaders knew the purpose of the workshop very well. They told me that it had been the first workshop intended for youths. That made me repent for all the times I had asked myself why I should do anything for others when I had not been privileged to have things myself. We did not have workshops for children or youths, even during holidays when I was growing up in Kenya. We never had older brothers and sisters to guide us. We were told to behave so we could be role models to the little ones, though we ourselves had never had role models



The participants, spanning quite an age range

to follow. It was not fun growing up so lonely and under unnecessary pressure. I had been thinking that at least the youths of today had each other, so they should feel lucky. Because of this kind of victim-mentality, I had never fulfilled the responsibility of the Big Sis properly before. What a shame! All I could recommend to the team leaders was that they be better role models to the younger ones than I had tried to be for them. When they promised to organize a workshop just like this one in April, I was grateful.

The unconditional support from all our leaders and parents was just ideal. Perhaps they had doubts at first. Perhaps even Daddy and Mommy had doubts about me. Organizing a workshop without prior experience, casting every big person in the church as a lecturer, setting the goal of forty participants while prior workshops had had less than fifteen, collecting the minimum workshop fee possible and intending to feed provide three meals a day, imposing leadership skills on unskilled youths and so on—everything must have seemed too dreamy and impossible to most of them. It felt like that to me, too, but I am glad we had faith in ourselves as the organizing team, and having the faith in others was great

fun, although not everything was enjoyable.

The workshop ended all too soon. During those six days we had ups and downs, challenges and problems, enjoyment and regrets. Whatever form it took, we knew it would be an experience we would remember for a long time. Even two months after the workshop, we still reflect on it as we plan for the next one.

Following the advice of Mr. Bak, we had a staff and team leader meeting in order to reflect on the workshop. As a preparation for the next workshop, we had a Youth and Teachers Special Workshop on February 12th and 13th. In addition to Divine Principle and CARP lectures, I introduced the Korean education system as a model. It was a brief workshop with only seven participants, but this time the number was not the major concern. To me the three Sunday school teachers and two youths—the organizers for the next workshop—plus two upper-primary school children being there to discuss the education and future of the youth and children of Kenya was valuable.

The wind is changing, and I love it. We are always told that young people have the power and strength to do anything, yet so far very little has been done. This is changing. Young people are rising. School projects are coming up as demanded by young people and fully supported by leaders. Finally we will see a Unificationist school—the school I dreamt of when I was young but which never came true—standing right here in reality. Well, what can I say? Humbly, and again humbly I say in confidence that I am grateful!◆



A seminar presentation



Parliamentarians for Peace

IIFWP Oceania

In 1992, Father visited Oceania and wrote in Chinese calligraphy, "The unified world begins from Oceania." The following adapted account is of a project that drew a regional response.

Fifty Members of Parliament from thirteen nations in Oceania came to Korea to attend IIFWP's second Parliamentarians for Peace seminar from April 18—23, 2005. The visit included two days' of touring preceded by a three-day seminar with presentations given mainly by IIFWP Oceania personnel.

The legislators listened to lectures on HIV/AIDS prevention and the need for character education. These emphasized Father Moon's "one man, one woman" system as the ultimate solution to the spread of sexually transmitted diseases. They also attended presentations on the family as the school of love and the root causes of human conflict.

One day was spent on presenting an overview of the Divine Principle as the underlying principles of IIFWP. IIFWP clearly states that peace and good governance begin in the individual and expand outwardly. As one prominent participant said, "The Principle unlocks the door to understanding how to overcome our personal and collective selfishness. This has been the missing link in my quest for personal and world peace."

Between lectures, the seminar delegation was officially welcomed to the Korean National Assembly by the Vice Speaker of the House. In his welcoming address, the Vice Speaker extended his gratitude to the Pacific Island nations for their "unflinching

support" for South Korea's policy on North Korea's nuclear standoff.

After visiting the National Assembly, the Oceania delegation traveled to the *Seyge Times* newspaper plant. There they received a very informative guided tour and a presentation by the CEO, Mr. Sa Kwang-kee, who explained that Father Moon's original mission in establishing the newspaper was to hasten the reunification of the Koreans. They were told that the company was only one of eight national dailies and that there are plans to open a branch of the company in North Korea.

On the final day of the seminar, our continental director, Dr. Yong Chung-sik, delivered a sermon on the role of the ambassadors for peace, in which he utilized extracts from Father Moon's speeches on Satan's four main weapons—alcohol, free sex, cigarettes and drugs. Unless one can stop these practices, he explained, one cannot hold one's head up with dignity and call oneself an ambassador for peace. Good governance begins with managing one's body well and maintaining the correct order in the mind—body relationship. The three days' of presentations all began with a talk at 6:30 in the morning by Dr. Yong.

It must be added that the lectures were given on the foundation of a lot of sincere, personal conditions (; § ◻ ◻) by our Japanese missionaries, lecturers, general members and most especially Dr. Yong. This internal aspect of vertical and horizontal unity creates a vibrant and spiritually clear atmosphere. When the Second Advent lecture is given and True Parents are pro-

claimed the Lord of the Second Advent, there is rarely any objection. In fact some receive the news with a sense of awe and gratitude.

Following the presentation on the Second Advent to the legislators, Dr. Kwak arrived to give a presentation on marriage, family and the peace blessing. He later officiated at a blessing ceremony, which for many was the highlight of the entire seminar. One Samoan couple, in particular, the official chaplains of the Government Prayer House of Samoa, were surprised and touched.

Dr. Thomas Walsh spoke to the parliamentarians about creating the Interreligious International Peace Council, a Peace UN, first from the stage and later, with Karen Smith, IIFWP's Director of Relations with the UN Office, personally to selected delegates, with whom they discussed a proposed IIPC charter and ways to implement regional branches.

The highlights of the final two days consisted of touring Sun Moon University and the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center along with Cheongshim hospital and Youth Center. Here, seminar participants could witness Father Moon's vision taking root.

At the closing banquet, each delegation came forward to present songs from their nation. The spirit became such that one song ended up being a medley of songs as everyone joined in a chorus of singing and clapping. This was island culture being planted in Korea as titles and positions gave way to the Holy Spirit and a spirit of family.

The engine to achieve whatever success we have has been the ongoing prayer and *jeongseong* (; § ◻ ◻ : sincere devotion) that our leaders and missionaries are practicing every day. Like Dr. Yong, some are rising between two and three o'clock in the morning and offering prayer and doing conditions of as many as 500 bows. Some who are practicing this lifestyle are testifying to deep experiences with Heavenly Father. We look forward now to the third and final Parliamentarians for Peace seminar in May. ♦





A Gathering of the Clan

By Caroline Betancourt

The Betancourt clan began the new year of 2005 with a family reunion from January 2—5, hosted by Dr. Antonio Betancourt and his wife, Kyoko, in Colombia, South America. Over 120 relatives from many cities in Colombia and America gathered at Dr. Betancourt's farm, nestled in the mountains of LaVega, Cundinamarca, about an hour from Bogota, Colombia's capital.

For several days, family members streamed in from towns as far as 1,100 miles away. They came from Medellin, Monteria, Cali, Manizales and Pereira; some traveled for two days through the winding mountain roads to reach LaVega. Family—aunts, uncles, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews—that had not seen each other for as many as forty years enthusiastically greeted each other with hugs and tears of joy. They came to see each other, but—more importantly—they came to witness the crowning of the King and Queen of Peace and the Blessing Ceremony of Cheon Il Guk for the Betancourt clan.

What drew so many people together? "I felt something special was going to happen. I have been searching for something, a change in my life, and I felt I may find it here," said Marta Corraera from the mountain town of Pereira. "We had many difficulties getting here—it took two days—but my mother, my sister and her husband and their little girl and I were determined to come."

Fernando Betancourt, who had been blessed by his uncle Antonio in 1997, came because he loved the blessing and the Unification Church. "I felt my life changed for the better when I received the blessing. It is very important to me." Dr. and Mrs. Betancourt and two other Betancourt brothers, Michael and Carlos, had blessed many family members in prior



visits to Colombia. These blessings laid the foundation for this crowning ceremony.

As guests arrived, they quickly found many things to do. Some swam and bathed in the pure waters of the river that tumbles through the land; others fished from the man-made lake stocked with carp and red snapper; some played Rana, a game unique to Colombia, while others simply walked, picking fruit from the many fruit trees on the land or enjoying the wild orchids and other exotic flowers. Some guests slept in tents outside. And of course, there was the endless sharing and talking with each other as family members caught up with each other's lives. As Ruben Dario Betancourt from Manizales declared, "This is so much better to get together centered on life, not death. Most clans only get

together for funerals."

Others worked in committees to prepare traditional Colombian food like *sancocho* or blood sausage. Sleeping arrangements had to be modified daily as more and more guests arrived. *Esteras*, sleeping mats made of dried banana tree leaves, and thick wool blankets were laid out on the floor. By the third day, every single bed and every inch of floor space were occupied with still more people sleeping outside in tents. The place began to look like Cheongpyeong in Korea.

The day of the crowning witnessed a flurry of activity. Brothers with special carpentry skills built a small stage, second-generation girls created a hand-made banner, others prepared ground corn, coconut, milk and spices to make a Colombian pudding called *natilla*, others created huge floral displays and still others prepared the meal to be served after the ceremony.

The final touches to create the ultimate scene of ceremonial beauty, according to the True Parents' standard, took the longest. An oriental carpet was laid over the stage and their chairs and picture were carefully placed on the stage with five flower arrangements behind and the banner above.

A cloth embroidered with a crown was placed on the offering table; two red velvet pillows with gold tassels, made by a niece, Martha Cecilia ("with a lot of love," as she said), were positioned on two pedestals in preparation for the crowns. Finally, everything was perfectly in place in the staging area outside, when one of those famous tropical downpours fell from the sky. Everything was hurriedly brought onto the covered veranda and repositioned. Finally the ceremony could begin not in the open as originally intended, but in the covered veranda.

Dr. Betancourt gave an overview of the Divine Principle to explain the meaning of Cheon Il Guk and the crowning and blessing as central to this new age of liberation. Each and every member



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The Second Segye Times Seogwipo International Marathon

It is not unusual for corporations to sponsor sporting events; for one thing, it gets them noticed. On this occasion the generosity of the Times was noticeable, as despite it being a Korean language newspaper, it took special care of members of the international community by paying for their travel and accommodation. All that was asked in return was that they run in a marathon!

By Robin Debacker

The second *Segye Times Seogwipo International Marathon* took place on February 27, in Seogwipo, on Jeju Island.

Sponsored by the *Segye Times* and the city of Seogwipo, the marathon brought people of many nations and cultures together in a spirit of sportsmanship, with the goal of contributing to the realization of a culture of peace.

There were a full course, a half course, a 10km and 5km course. It was a three-day excursion for the 165 foreigners from Seoul who took part, many of whom were invited by the IIPC representatives here. The trip included a boat ride to Jeju Island, and a guided tour of some of its most famous and scenic spots, which along with the excitement of the marathon itself made for a fantastic experience for everyone. Foreign guests included university professors from America, graduate students in Korean Economics and Pan-Pacific International Studies from Afghanistan, Pakistan, Gabon, Sri Lanka, Morocco, Egypt, Columbia, Ukraine, Costa Rica, Vietnam, Malaysia, Bulgaria, El Salvador, Romania, and Russia, and businessmen from Nigeria. The youngest of the international runners were a group of middle-school students studying at the Little Angels World Student Garden (GOP)

in Seoul. A group of Japanese university students from Sun Moon University in Cheonan also came for the run. Over fifty nations participated, and it was a beautiful sight to see as they each crossed over the finish line. One of the guests of the IIPC, Olatunji Ismaila from Nigeria, won 2nd place in the 5km, much to the satisfaction of his countrymen and all the internationals running in that race. "I am proud and happy to have had this opportunity," he said, "It was something I never dreamed I would do."

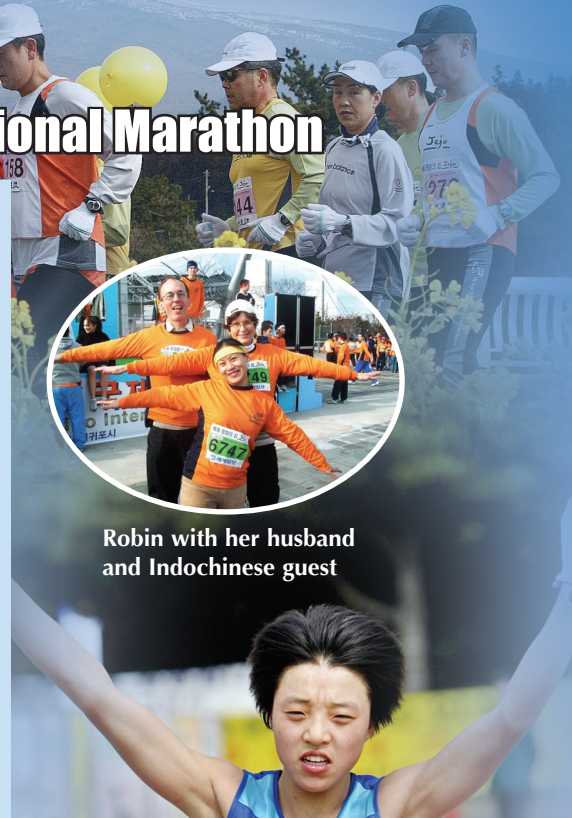
At the IIPC weekly one-day seminar on the following Saturday, some twelve participants from the marathon were again guests of IIPC, listening to the principles that make for lasting peace. ♦

More reflections from participants:

"It was a great chance to meet many people from Korea and different countries and learn about each other. The look on many faces after reaching the finish line and during our time together certainly reinforced the fact that although we are different, we share a common desire for peace and friendship. The marathon wasn't only good exercise but also a great initiative to remind us of the importance of future cooperation. Great trip and very memorable."

- Graduate student of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, from Laos P.D.R.

"I was impressed to see old and young people get together to participate in the marathon. In the end, everyone was a winner. My thanks go to the IIPC for giving me this life-time opportunity and to the *Segye Times* and the Jeju-do government for their kind gesture. It's



Robin with her husband and Indochinese guest

so beautiful to see all the nations get together under one umbrella of peace, harmony and understanding. And that's what the IIPC represents. Thanks again." - Nigerian business owner

"The IIPC's attitude taught me that there are no limitations and no borders in the world. We are all one human family. Thank you." - Afghanistan graduate student

"It was a good chance to try my hardest. Sports are that kind of thing. Especially races, since you have to keep pushing yourself on and not stop. I think it was a really great opportunity." - Alexander Beebe, Middle School

of the Betancourt clan listened with total concentration and fully supported the presentation of the crowns by the two eldest members of the clan. Then a special toast was offered with holy wine and a mighty "Eog mansei" concluded the ceremony. In memory of the occasion, each family group had their picture taken with the crowns.

As various family members gathered to share about the ceremony and their feelings about this special gathering of their family, several announced their desire to be matched and blessed. After the

ceremony, they could understand the value of being married and having children centered on God.

Later, some reported dreams of new baby shoots of plants poking through the fertile land of Colombia for as far as the eye could see. Others had visions of thousands of angels hovering over the farm at LaVega.

With this crowning and blessing ceremony, Colombia has been fertilized with the love of God. ♦

The Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT)

Teens Take The Lead in Fighting AIDS

A remarkable project that will save lives



by *Kate Tsubata* – Director of WAIT

In response to the terrible plague of AIDS, a number of young people have decided to take action. Beginning in Washington, D.C., teens have joined in a radical approach to fighting AIDS, by using performing arts to convey the message. The Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT) use hip hop, break dancing, rap, singing, martial arts and acting to teach young people how HIV is spread, how it attacks the immune system, why getting tested is important, and the best way to protect yourself and those you love—by choosing to save sex for one lifetime relationship that is faithful.

The all-volunteer WAIT team performs at schools, health fairs, churches and public events. In the past two and a half years, they have done more than 400 performances, and have trained new teams in eight states. A project of the Washington AIDS International Foundation (WAIF), which was initiated by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, WAIT has rapidly become the most active AIDS prevention outreach in Washington D.C., and has worked closely with many other health education organizations, such as the American Red Cross, Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and other national and international groups.

While it is deliberately independent and unconnected to any faith-based group or organization, WAIT serves many faith organizations, including churches, synagogues and mosques. We teach that, scientifically, HIV can only be successfully stopped by every individual choosing abstinence and faithful lifetime partnerships, that is, marriage. We also teach that each person should develop and use their talents to convey this message to others. Also, because we use youth culture, kids all over the world can relate to it. So we are able to serve every nation and faith, as a humanitarian health-educational organization, in a way which empowers their traditions and families, but which is exciting and "cool" for their youth.

The Concept of WAIT

Dr. Yang founded the Washington AIDS International Foundation in September 2001. In March, he brought me on to be co-director. My family had just concluded a project organizing a talent showcase of abstinent kids from twenty-one schools, churches and youth groups; I had reported the huge success of using performing arts to convey the abstinence message. We agreed at the time of my coming on that

I would organize a teen performing arts group to teach HIV/AIDS prevention, so from day one, WAIT was in the picture, although only in the embryonic stage at that moment. Dr. Yang had received my name to lead WAIF in prayer, and I had been praying since September 11 to have a chance to teach kids, parents and teachers abstinence and successful life choices, so we both knew that God had brought this together, and we have been united on every point since that initial covenant we made before God and each other.

WAIT is largely self-supporting; every week, the teens go out raising funds on street corners or other public places. Funds are spent on necessities only, and for the actual activities—food, gas, transportation and performing equipment are the major expenses.

Internally, WAIT has three levels of attainment. To join, a candidate must be living an abstinent lifestyle and be committed to helping others. On the first level of membership, the teens learn the facts about HIV and AIDS, perform in the skit and game show, and develop their skills and talents, as well as do the fundraising. The second level involves taking personal responsibility for expanding the message: creating a website, starting an abstinence club, developing some new literature, etc. The third level involves having total ownership and ability to train others.

Teens having reached the second level are eligible for interstate travel, and those on the third level are able to travel with the team to other countries. WAIT involves living the message, both of saving sex for lifetime marriage, and of developing one's own dreams and talents as the path to helping others. Teens who are involved have developed existing skills to a very high level, through performing in so many venues, but they also have learned that these gifts find their highest expression when used for others.

In one exciting project, WAIT has developed an exchange project with a similar group in Jerusalem. The Multicultural Dance Troup of the Municipality of Jerusalem hosted WAIT for a two week visit, and WAIT will host them this July in Washington, D.C. [see page 28]

With youth from Jewish, Muslim, Christian and all ethnicities joining together, and with the support of Service For Peace volunteers, creating positive activities to combat violence and AIDS, this is a model of youth putting ideals into action.

Last summer, a similar partnership took place at the

Interreligious and International Peace Sports Festival (IPSF), where WAIT performed, educated and trained others from fifty-three countries. The team also joined the CARP Convention's opening ceremonies, to share their HIV prevention message through music and dance.

The Possibilities for Development

At IPSF, we conducted many orientation sessions, put on performances and held some training sessions. We had eight nations invite us to come to their country to train teams in their countries. We have been able to arrange two trips—to Israel and England. Malaysia has invited us to send a trainer or two to be hosted by a Sikh community to train a team there, but we need to come up with the airfare—they will cover the lodging and food. Sri Lanka, Cambodia, Thailand, India, Taiwan, and Russia also asked us. There are areas with high rates of HIV-infection, so it would be great to go, but the support we have from WAIF covers the payment on our van and insurance, plus a modest stipend for me and one youth coordinator. All the costs of gas, food, printing, equipment, communications, and most of our travel are raised by us in weekly fundraising. We have no support from government or public agencies, other than the occasional honorari-

um from a state or city for presentations at a conference, etc.

WAIT is happy to partner with other groups in the U.S. and around the globe, and they invite those who wish to find out more about its ongoing programs to check the website: www.waitteam.org for all the current and past activities and programs.

In the U.S., WAIT has supported campus organizations, high school clubs, and international NGOs and humanitarian organizations. We are now trying to figure out ways to create WAIT training materials that could be sent to various nations. Also, Dr. Yang said we should have a twenty-one-day workshop to train interested people who want to start WAIT in their countries. At the moment, the limiting factors are financial and logistical. I have twelve to fifteen kids capable of training teams.

And, Yes! We do hear a lot of jokes about our name. The WAIT team is confused with the weight team or WAIT training with weight training. Also, people love to yell out, "WAIT!" when they see us, to get us to stop and turn around. A lot of people say, "What should I wait for?" and that leads to our explaining our message: wait for sex in a lifetime marriage to protect yourself and those you love from AIDS.♦

Amidst the shock of wars, terrorism and natural disasters, it is easy to forget the biggest threat to human existence that the world has ever seen—a threat which is spreading rapidly and silently to more people than were killed in all the wars of the last century. Even as you are reading this, some teenager is being infected with HIV, which will go undetected for several more years, and will therefore be transmitted to others before it destroys the immune system and becomes full blown AIDS.

Even highly-educated people are unaware of some of the most insidious aspects of this killer virus.

Did you know that....

- within a day after being infected, you are highly contagious and are able to pass the virus to others?
- blood contact through medical instruments, such as needles used in vaccinations, has been a significant source of infection in developing nations?
- AIDS follows poverty, and 95% of infections are in the poorest of the poor nations?
- AIDS follows war; any civil war, coup, tribal fighting or other violence is almost always followed by a huge increase in HIV infections.
- sexual contact of any kind is by far the greatest means of infection?
- condoms have never had a high rate of protection, with failure rates ranging from 10 to 45 percent?
- the number one factor in the spread of HIV is having more than one sexual partner?
- young people are the single greatest risk group, around the globe?

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Regarding condoms, even a significant reduction in the failure rate still represents significant numbers being infected. The implied philosophy of the barrier methods is a certain number of infections is acceptable, or inevitable, while our stance is not one life should be lost to HIV.

Those promoting condoms comfortably ignore the reality that most condoms are not used within a brightly lit laboratory, with scientists checking the quality and correctness of the procedures being followed. Proponents claim a 98% rate of protection—if the condom age of effectiveness has not expired, if it has not been stored incorrectly, subjected to mechanical stress or used with oil-based lubricants or other products, and when there has been no slippage, breakage, leakage, or other common blunder.

As the facts show, however, condoms fail to protect either from pregnancy, HIV or other STD infections, for a wide variety of reasons. Some are cultural, psychological, or situational (groping in the dark in an unfamiliar, cramped space is obviously not the same as what is experienced by a married couple in a locked bedroom, able to turn on the lights and see what they're doing). As Uganda has shown, condoms work best within the larger framework of abstinence before marriage, fidelity in marriage, and then using condoms within the faithful partnership for additional protection...this has created the only decrease in HIV infection prevalence in any country in the world—from nearly 20 percent to 6 percent.

The fact is that it's not only youth who need to practice abstinence and fidelity, but adults, whether heterosexual or homosexual. The fact is, this is the only thing that works. Unless we admit that sexual integrity is a must for every human being, we are just doing damage control.♦

The Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT)

WAIT IN ISRAEL

by *Kate Tsubata* – Director of WAIT

The following excerpts from Kate Tsubata's account of the WAIT team's two weeks in Israel show how committed groups working together to confront the most serious problems facing humanity in the present time can succeed out of a desire to serve, despite significant barriers of language and culture.

Twenty-four young volunteers from the United States recently visited Israel at the invitation of the Municipality of Jerusalem Youth Department, where they completed the first phase of the new Jerusalem—US Multicultural Project (JUMP). The US team consisted of a mix of volunteers from Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT) and Service For Peace.

This initiative tested a new approach to youth problems common to both Israel and the U.S.A., including ethnic and religious conflict, unequal educational access, and AIDS prevention, through a combination of international cultural exchange, performing arts, and community service.

The Municipality of Jerusalem's At-Risk Youth Department has a program teaching kids horseback-riding skills, arts and crafts, martial arts and belly dancing. They also sponsor soccer teams and a dance troupe.

The inspiration behind this, ironically, came from an experience that the director had while working in New York with social workers under Mayor Rudy Giuliani. Shabtai Amedi, the At-Risk Department's director, and the brother of the deputy mayor of Jerusalem, developed the idea

that they should go out to the kids, and involve them proactively, instead of just working with them when they are in trouble; intervention and prevention rather than putting out fires afterwards.

For instance, the department runs a series of coffee houses in neighborhoods with high risk populations, where the wait staff is comprised of social workers. Kids come in to hang out and drink coffee, and they get to know and trust the social workers, who hook them up with some of these positive programs. By the way, one of the key at-risk populations are North American or other English-speaking immigrants whose parents had emigrated to Israel. The parents become ultra-religious, but the kids feel alienated, and end up imitating the thug behavior of the American inner cities, getting into intravenous drug use, promiscuity and lots of other problems. The coffee houses attract such kids, and they get connected to programs to help them with life goals.

The kids involved have a wide variety of family problems or cultural struggles. Recent immigrants from Ethiopia, Russia, Morocco, France or South Africa are all transitioning into the language and culture of Israel, and class issues are as serious as cultural ones. In such a way, the American experience and the Israeli one are virtually the same.

Of course, this was an excellent arena



Jerusalem Deputy Mayor Igal Amedi receives a WAIT t-shirt from Kate Tsubata

for WAIT; our experience with inner-city and struggling youth prepares us to work very well with such kids. The fact that "American" kids had come, doing cool stuff like break-dance and hip hop and music, was a huge drawing card. The standard we had broke a lot of concepts. They expected us to be smoking, drinking, pairing off and piercing every available patch of flesh. When they saw how straight we were, they had a double-take reaction. Many said "How refreshing to hear American young people promoting abstinence. This is our message (the parents') but we don't usually hear this from America." It really helped create more trust in the motives of Americans.

Also, they were very inspired by the reaction of the young audiences to the WAIT performances. To see their own kids jump up and dance with us really moved



The Bedouin leader thanked WAIT director Kate Tsubata for bringing the team to Rahadt, and invited the entire group to share a meal together in the time-honored tradition of their people.



The teens were awed by the ancient arches and new excavations of the Western Wall of the Temple, hidden for centuries by successive layers of construction

the teachers and parents. It was intercultural, but spontaneous and they were amazed. Many offered their complete support for a team to come and teach in their schools, districts, etc....

We walked over to Yad VaShem, the memorial and museum dedicated to telling the story of the holocaust. It was a searing and heart-wrenching experience for many on the team, and we were re-reminded of the foe we've taken on, the genocide posed by AIDS. To balance the depravity of the Nazi mass extermination of the Jewish people, as well as the gypsies, the handicapped and other minorities, we were refreshed by the many trees planted to the memory of those called "The Righteous," who risked their own safety and survival to protect or save Jewish lives. Afterward, we shared some of our reactions to these memorials, and once again we recognized that AIDS is taking out people in even greater numbers today, so that our work is a lifesaving mission.

Later that day, we went to the Kagan Centre in the Katamonium area of Jerusalem, a neighborhood of recent immigrants, largely from Ethiopia. After a short rehearsal, we met briefly some of the kids from the At-Risk Department sponsored Multicultural Dance Troupe, who, we quickly discovered, spoke almost no English, with only a few exceptions. Yet, when our joint performances began, we quickly saw that we had dance and movement as a common language.

During supper, we were addressed by Dr. Inon Schenker, of the Israel Medical Association, head of the Jerusalem AIDS Project, the most active AIDS organization in Israel. He shared some facts with us: Every day in Israel, one person is infected. The immigrant populations (Ethiopian and Russian especially) are the most at-risk. Drug use is a significant factor. He provided posters and literature in both Hebrew and Arabic for us to use, and he praised the team for their dedication to help stop the pandemic. He also offered to connect

us with people in the Education Ministry and elsewhere to share our methods of education....

Meanwhile, it was arranged for us to visit the Knesset the next day, where we met with four members of the parliament, including two who have been working actively on the AIDS issue, Ilan Leibovitch, Secular party; Eti Levni, Secular party; Gila Gamliel, Likud; Naomi Blumenthal, Likud. They were extremely encouraging and welcoming. We again wanted to dance for one of them, but due to the security procedures, we didn't have our CD player. However, one of the city officials who had come with us at the last minute happened to bring his laptop, and he jumped up and said "I can play the CD!" So we put a mike next to the laptop and the girls did "One Girl Revolution" in the parliament! The photographer was going wild, taking shots that certainly were more interesting than the ones she normally takes of the meet and greet sessions. Also, people started coming in from the hall, etc. A lot were reading our shirts, asking the kids what they were waiting for, and when they told them it was to wait for sex until marriage to stop HIV, then they were very happy, saying "That's great! Keep it up!"

Then we had to rush over to the Begin Center, where we performed as one of many acts at a Rising Star performance, where kids from the city compete for a sort of Israeli Idol type thing. Our breakdancers were one of the last acts, and we got a standing ovation from many in the audience. Impressive in another way, the deputy mayor made a point of mentioning WAIT in his speech and praising our joint project with the municipality, and the efforts of our young people to stop AIDS.

One article written about the event mentioned "a group of performers from America teaching about AIDS through breakdancing" and called the event "the most moving experience I've had all week." We also were pictured in some of the television news footage....

We did a total of nineteen performances

Service For Peace's Mike Balcomb (left) and Baruch Shalev worked closely with city and national leaders in Israel. The Service For Peace participants helped create positive service activities for the JUMP exchange, including activities with hospitals, schools and the restored bomb shelter where the Multicultural Dance Troupe practices



during the two-week stay, and three service projects in addition (dancing at a children's cancer hospital, planting trees in Beit Shimesh, cleaning and re-organizing a former bomb shelter into a studio for the Dance Troupe). We experienced several of the outreach programs mounted by the municipality for at-risk youth: the sea project, the horse ranch, the soccer teams, and the various dance groups, including belly dancing, capoeira, modern dance and traditional Arabic Debka's. We connected with several dozen organizations including schools, peace groups, AIDS organizations, governmental bodies, and humanitarian groups.

Most importantly, we demonstrated that American young people care deeply about the suffering of the world, and that service and joyful cultural outreach can break barriers of all kinds. We were able to empower their traditional structures with the abstinence message, given through the current performing arts enjoyed by the young people of both countries.

Internally, this project was successful as well, utilizing the strengths and assets of various organizations without trampling on the autonomy of each. Service For Peace provided volunteers, structural support, and the vast network of contacts, and the entire project was largely the result the hard work of Baruch Shalev, the Service For Peace coordinator in Israel. Virtually none of this would even have been possible were it not for his extensive connections in every area of Israel society and the work to promote peace he and his wife have been doing over decades. ♦



Deputy Mayor Igal Amedi applauds the dance WAIT performed in the elegant meeting room of the City Hall



Druze students on a school trip enjoyed a spontaneous WAIT performance at the En Gedi National Park—then led the entire audience in one of their traditional dances

Working with Christian Ministers

Feeling the Spirit

Archbishop Stallings at San Diego ACLC Dinner

By Marcus R. Beresford

It began for me in the week before God's Day. We had already decided to hold an ACLC dinner at a regular place and time every month, when our regional director, Rev. Ku Baek-jung, told us Father had directed us to bring 8,000 ministers from America to Korea for True Parents' birthday celebration. San Diego's goal was fifty. When we heard that there had been a change of plans and it wouldn't be necessary to bring ministers from San Diego or elsewhere to Korea, we decided to go ahead with our ACLC dinner on the January 27 anyway; so we started calling ministers.

After work on the day before the dinner, five of us met to make the final plan. I was designated Master of Ceremonies. We all had the realization that instead of the 8,000 ministers going to

Korea, Father had sent his ministers out to evangelize the 8,000 in America.

After our meeting I went out to Bible study¹. I was leading a United Church of Christ group on Romans 15, Paul's message for unity between Jew and Gentile. How appropriate, I thought.

The day finally came; the program was to start at 7:00 PM and end at 9:00 PM. Ministers we hadn't expected to come were arriving. Soon the room was full. Somehow a newspaper photographer was here taking good photos. I felt so much that all of God's hope in Christianity, in Judaism and through all of history was being fulfilled on this day. I felt this was our birthday present to True Parents, that Father must finally be happy; his suffering and sacrifice, his tears and blood were bearing fruit



The Divine Principle in Evangelical Hands

By Kevin McCarthy



On Saturday, January 15, 2005, at our Martin Luther King, Jr. commemorative breakfast, I had a vision. It was a powerful vision that brought me to tears. It was a most meaningful vision, because it was not only spiritual but actual. In fact, it was unfolding right before my eyes!

I observed three ACLC ministers come to the stage and give the deep, life-giving, traditional content of the Divine Principle. Rev. Arnold Howard of Enon Baptist Church, Rev. Ronald Brown of Christian Love Baptist and our ACLC regional co-chairman, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson. It was awesome! Just as important, these three minister-presenters were more excited than anyone.

Our regional director, Rev. John Paul

Hong, has been a constant proponent of helping members of the clergy understand and teach the Divine Principle. We hoped they would share the basic Creation, Fall, Restoration paradigm at the MLK commemorative event and link the content with the idea of "the Dream" Dr. King had spoken about.

In Baltimore, Rev. Matsui and Lynn Sofinowski had been holding a regular Tuesday night Divine Principle study session with Rev. Howard, Rev. St. George Cross, Rev. Wilkerson, Bishop Bey and many others. Rev. Howard gave the Principle of Creation at our MLK event.

In Washington, a growing number of clergymen are getting excited about Father's core teaching. Bishop C. Phillip Johnson has been leading the way and is developing a powerful repertoire of Divine Principle



in this moment. I felt this is what the last twenty-nine years of my life had been for. The PowerPoint and the video were so powerful.

As Master of Ceremonies, I tried to convey God's happiness and love to our guests. I knew they were having the experience of a lifetime and being touched by God's love. The spirit world was descending, changing each of them. As I introduced Archbishop Stallings, I was crying with joy. In Rev. McCarthy's words, this was not about conversion but about salvation. Archbishop Stallings was absolutely True Father's representative there. John the Baptist had finally united with Jesus. He knew exactly what to say to the ministers. He skillfully delivered the message of Divine Principle

and testified to True Parents. He reached out to the heart of each of our twenty-three guests, who responded eagerly and led him on. He went from God's creation of man to the need for atonement, asking, "If we can save a life by giving blood and not dying in the process, why did Jesus have to give his life when he gave his blood to save us?... Would Martin Luther King and Malcolm X have accomplished more if they had lived, or were their deaths necessary to fulfill their work?... We say one thing, yet our theology says the opposite. Will someone please explain this to me?"

The message took on a life of its own as the Holy Spirit guided him. He finished speaking and the program ended around 10:30 but people stayed past

eleven.

I doubt they accepted immediately, but I know it's in them, prompting them to think and question and wonder and seek new answers.

The future's so bright you've got to wear shades. Praise be to God and True Parents. ♦

Endnote

1. On some occasions when the pastor has been away he has asked me to lead the Bible study in his absence. Melissa and I have been attending the church's weekly bible Study for about three years, and attend Sunday service at least once a month, as well as other events they have. They enjoy listening to my insights and Principle point of view. I regularly prepare handouts for them to take home.



content. Bishop Johnson gave the presentation on Jesus and the Second Coming of Christ at the King event. Rev. Ronald Brown was deeply moved by the Fall of Man content and gave that presentation. It was his first public presentation of the Divine Principle.

Clergy members very rarely find themselves in a lecture-giving mode. As a result, ministers were not sure how to incorporate lecture-style study of the Divine Principle into their own educational methods. With a more Bible-centric method of study, ministers are better able to quickly incorporate the content of the Divine Principle into a sermon and Bible study format. The benefit is that they can share with their congregations the rich content gleaned through their personal Divine Principle studies.

Another benefit of this process is that ministers begin to understand Father on a much deeper level. They can begin to understand what motivates Father to do all that he is doing. They begin to see him, not just as a hero, a great man or even just

within the traditional concept of the Messiah. Instead, they begin to understand Father as the liberator of God. By offering to God a lineage of his very own, True Parents attend God's deepest hope and ideal.

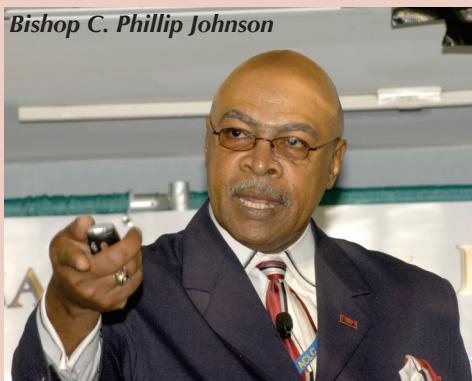
It also opens the door to understanding the historical grief of God and the grief of Jesus. They understand how much Jesus, as God's devoted son, longed to offer to God his very own lineage, yet could not. In that understanding, the grieving Lord

of Gethsemane becomes known to them in a new and most profound way.

Our theme focused on understanding the dream and remembering Dr. King's contributions toward realizing the dream. Over 150 members of the clergy and friends were in attendance. The program began with a stirring rendition of Dr. King's "I have a Dream" speech given by representatives from the group Women in Ministry. Mrs. Sennie Johnson, wife of Bishop C. Phillip Johnson, stirred the crowd with not only the words of Dr. King but also with the very same spirit of God that was present with Dr. King when he spoke those historic words. For a moment, time stood still.

Rev. Arnold Howard then gave a masterful presentation using the content of the Principle of Creation to shed light on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., affirming that Dr. King's dream was God's dream at the time of the Creation. Here is a brief excerpt:

For those who still dream, these words of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. spoken



Bishop C. Phillip Johnson

at the March on Washington August 28, 1963 reverberate with the power of truth and hope. These words help fuel the Faith that still keeps the dream, our dream alive.

These words are a repeat of the word of the Lord to Abraham concerning his search for a new city, a new community. Not one made by hands, of brick and mortar, but one which is eternal in the heavens. These words reflect the mind of the Lord as to His original intention for all of humanity. These words resonate with the heart of the Lord and His desire to see it all come to pass. These words reverberate with the spirit of the Lord, of His life, His love and His longing for a lineage of His making. . . and I know that my Heavenly Father's heart is broken and torn to shreds, because it is not yet realized.

Everyone was deeply moved. Next Rev. Ronald Brown of Christian Love Baptist presented the Fall of Man. In keeping with the theme, it was billed "The Dream Lost." Just as Rev. Howard asserted that the origin of the dream was the ideal God envisioned at the Creation, Rev. Brown revealed that the dream was lost by our first ancestors in the Garden of Eden.

This was Rev. Brown's first public Divine Principle presentation. He was also very excited to challenge himself by incorporating PowerPoint slides into his presentation. Honestly, I was a little worried. We had spent several hours helping Rev. Brown prepare and although I was amazed at how rapidly he was gaining ownership over the content of the Fall of Man, I was just a little concerned that maybe we was moving too rapidly to the forefront.

One thing I am quickly learning is never to underestimate the ability of ACLC clergymen to grasp the essence of the Divine Principle and start flying! Rev. Brown was off and running. He was completely at ease and nailing all the major points while making his presentation topical, deep and immensely interesting and inspiring.

The table was set for the keynote presenter, Bishop C. Phillip Johnson. Bishop Johnson has had the most experience with the Divine Principle. I was expecting a good presentation. I was not ready for what was about to happen.

When the Divine Principle gets inside a minister. . . it will not leave him alone. It will keep pushing him to higher and higher manifestations. Bishop Johnson had been a marvelous Divine Principle

presenter before, but on this Saturday, something unprecedented was unveiled. He took off and flew to unparalleled heights. The rich, life-giving core of Divine Principle flowed out of him like a mighty river. It was a holy wave of God's power.

He confidently walked us through the Scripture, showing us that to bring the



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Kingdom in Jesus' day was God's original will. He showed us what the words of the prophets predicted on that day for Jerusalem. He beautifully explained how God fulfills his will and the pivotal role of human responsibility and thus the tragic implications of Israel's failure to recognize their King. He opened the door

into the inner world of Jesus, the suffering heart of he who sorrowfully had to put away Kingdom dreams to take up the cross of sacrifice. The audience was caught up in breathless silence, literally feeding on every new word that ushered forth from Bishop Johnson. They had never heard anything like this before. And Bishop Johnson was not done.

He lead them to the foot of the cross and revealed that the blood shed by Christ, though the rightful root of our Christian faith, was less preferred and not essential in imputing authority to Christ to forgive sin. Jesus already had that authority on earth! He explained that because Jesus came to the earth to bring the Kingdom 2,000 years ago, it only stands to reason he would return to the earth in this age to carry out that original vision.

As if that were not enough, Bishop Johnson then dropped the ultimate Weapon of Mass Inspiration: Jesus has appointed a successor on the earth to carry out that plan and the "new name" rendered in the Book of Revelation is none other than Father Sun Myung Moon! Sensational!

Brothers and sisters, let's be confident that the core teaching of our True Parents can be evangelized by great men and embraced by the great masses. Now is the time for our ACLC ministers in every region to step up to the plate and bring the nation and world to the message of complete salvation as promised by the prophets who declared that Christ would come again, "not to bear sin, but to bring salvation."

I Peter 1:5 affirms that believers will "be shielded in faith until the coming of the salvation that is to be revealed in the last days." That is our job and that is the job of Christian leaders. That is not about trying to convert them; it is about salvation and the manner in which salvation is revealed. Salvation has always been, and will always be, revealed through evangelism. Now is the time for the evangelism of the Divine Principle.

Assisting ministers who wish to become Divine Principle evangelists takes time and a long-term investment. Each minister has a different path to gaining ownership over the material. Some will take to it like a duck to water, some will stick their toe in and move more slowly. Most important is the hands-on training, guiding and encouragement offered by a skilled mentor (that's you!). ♦



Feeling Blessed

Testimony of Emilie Debacker, Blessed to Joachim Schuler

"How did you know you were ready to get matched?" This seems like the most common question people ask me when I tell them I just got matched. It might seem like a very complicated question, but for me, the answer is quite simple: I was ready when I realized that the matching was not a question of "Can I love this person?" but rather "How can I love this person?"

A couple of weeks before the matching, I had an unusual dream. I dreamt that I was matched to a younger-than-I, shorter-than-I, aloof, full Korean. For me, that would have been a real nightmare, except for one thing—as I stood looking at the young boy who was more interested in his Game-boy than in me, I thought, "Now, how can I love this boy?" When I woke up, I realized that I hadn't tried to break the match; the thought had never even passed through my head. So I knew I was ready to get matched, ready to accept anyone, ready to love anyone.

The matching and blessing themselves were crazy, amazing experiences. Everything happened so quickly; we barely had time to breathe. Four hours after I arrived in Cheongpyeong, I was already sitting in True Parents' personal quarters with all the other candidates listening to Father say "If your spouse has two eyes and a mouth, it's good enough!" Less than an hour later, I found myself standing awkwardly next to a man whose name I still could not remember, but who would stand by me for the rest of eternity. And as if that wasn't enough, in a little over sixteen hours, my spouse was slipping a golden ring onto my finger; I just beamed with joy and excitement. I was blessed.



In spite of the speed with which everything happened, I felt comfortable and at ease after I met Joachim (my spouse). From the moment I was matched to him, I knew I was right where I was supposed to be and that everything was good and right. It seemed as if my whole life had culminated in that one day. I would like to thank God, True Parents and my own parents for making this blessing possible, for guiding me, for teaching me, and for giving me such a wonderful man.

I only pray that I can live to deserve such a blessing. ♦

Testimony of Joachim Schuler, Blessed to Emilie Debacker

I'm almost twenty-one years old and from Germany. I'll just write a few lines, in particular about the matching. Before going to Korea we had a blessing workshop.

Though on one occasion we discussed the possibility of getting blessed after being matched in a span of only a few days, we never thought we'd get matched on the same day we arrived in Korea and get blessed only a day later. It all happened within a time-frame of only twenty-four hours!

On the day of our arrival, when True Parents called for all the participants to meet in their room, we hurried down the stairs to quickly change into our suits. At least we tried to do it fast, but it soon got pretty cramped in the basement, as most of the brothers were trying to get to their luggage in the small luggage room. It didn't get much better when people started changing clothes in the midst of everyone pushing to get to their suitcases. I could hear people whispering about getting matched this evening as I was putting on my tie, but I couldn't really believe such a thing. I was only expecting some guidance.

To make a long story short, True Father did start matching that evening after having talked for a while; I could feel my heart thumping so hard I thought it would burst through my chest. When he told the rest of the Europeans to stand and line up in a row, I saw I would quickly be at the front of the lines, so I quickly changed places with the person behind me. I just didn't want to be first. When it was my turn, True Father looked at me for probably only a short time, but it seemed very long to me. I don't think I'll ever forget that moment. Finally he chose the person who would be forever bound to me, Emilie Debacker. ♦

Sea Trials

By Shuko Yamada



Blessed wives with True Father at the hoondokhae on January 12, 2015, at Blue Sea Hall, Jeju

I joined the church in October 1974. At that time, True Father was in the United States. He was busy with a bewildering schedule of events in preparation for the rally at Madison Square Garden, in New York City. After the rallies in America, he started the tuna fishing providence. I was entirely ignorant of the ocean providence. My understanding was so minimal that I used to just think Father was going to sea as a place to overwork himself in order to set some condition to expedite the providence.

And even though, since my reblessing, I have lived on Jeju Island, and True Parents came a few times to fish the ocean off of Jeju Island, I had so little sense of the importance of the ocean work that I only thought they had come to prepare for some other providential work or to rest. Now that I have gone through the workshop at Yeosu, I have finally come to realize that True Parents were setting many conditions that were necessary to make Jeju Island a central place in God's providence and toward that end they had been investing themselves sincerely. I came to recognize my ignorance and indifference through this workshop.

I realized through our study of the word at hoondokhae and through what Father said in person when he visited us here just how important and central to True Parents' last providential goal of building God's kingdom on earth the ocean providence is. I came to understand that Father had called the Japanese wives of Korean-Japanese couples to have serious determination, to have deep belief and to prepare themselves, because there is no way forward but through achieving victory in this providential situation. I still do not fully understand why True Parents are making weak women responsible for such a crucial, final providence, but out on the boats I came to recognize that this requires of us a much higher degree of preparedness and a much greater sense of responsibility than we've ever needed in the past. Hearing, too, that we would be reborn and become fresh again by washing away the past in sea water, I was deeply touched.

I also have to repeatedly thank God that I came through these forty days safely. I never imagined that I would be able to drive

a boat on the ocean, when I have no license to drive a car on the road. If we had studied boat piloting theoretically before going out on the water, it would have been okay; but from the very beginning we had to practice actually driving a boat, while some young boat captain, from South Jeolla Province, where the people speak with a thick accent, tried to tell us what to do and was always scolding us even though we couldn't decipher the Korean he was speaking. We just didn't know what was going on. Under such heavy pressure, we had to frantically drive boats.

In my mind I was complaining that this is how things are always done in the Unification Church, but after a while, through continual training, I came to enjoy moving the boat through the water as I developed a sense of how to drive.

Training on the sea is no joke. It's fighting with real swords. If you fall overboard into that cold water, you die. Likewise, not consciously looking out for one another, allowing disharmony to develop on your team could lead to a tragic accident. There is no other way to live in such a circumstance but to fight to overcome one's fallen nature. I felt it was so good for us; living a life of faith on a boat quickly helps your personality mature.

True Parents visited us three times during the workshop, and he spoke personally to me twice. "You'd make a good police-woman," he told me. "If you hadn't come to the Unification Church, you're the kind of person who would be so against religious people that you'd take want to drag them off to a police station."

Another time Father asked me, "Your husband has beaten you, hasn't he?" I'd had to go through many difficulties because of my husband's alcoholism, so I answered Father, "I suffered for my husband for eight years." Father looked at me with warmth in his eyes, and what seemed like admiration, and he said, "That's right. You did a good job."

From now on, I will do more to mature and to achieve unity between my husband and I, and between things internal and external. I will do my best to have a testimony in this final providence that will make God and True Parents happy. ♦



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A Quarter-Century of TODAY'S WORLD



For twenty-five years, TODAY'S WORLD has sought to convey the most significant achievements (both internal and external) of our movement and its founder to its readers—now in 160 nations. As publisher, Rev. Kwak's vision for the magazine includes developing its role to convey understanding of our life as blessed families, and of our tradition. If you would like to contribute an article about any aspect of your work, family experience or spiritual life we warmly invite you to contact us. Please e-mail us at todaysworld@tongil.or.kr or use our current postal address (bottom of page 3).

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When Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan was first the publisher of TODAY'S WORLD, he was responsible for the Western missionaries, who, in 1975, had been sent out to lonely, far-flung outposts all over the world to confront disease, poverty and hardship in their mission countries far from their homes. These were people he came to know and love, and a central aspect of the magazine's mission in those days was to record the deeds and facilitate the work of these early pioneers.

In years since, as the international president of IIFWP, Rev. Kwak has traveled extensively to many of these same mission countries, where IIFWP has held seminars for prominent government officials that have inspired direct engagement in IIFWP projects and events. As a matter of routine, Rev. Kwak would officiate at blessing ceremonies held for seminar participants including government officials, sometimes in countries where the missionaries he oversaw three decades ago suffered to gain a foothold.

The landscape of the Unification movement has changed dramatically over the years. As we extend a Welcome home! to Rev. Kwak as publisher of TODAY'S WORLD, we look forward to continuing to address the changing needs of our readers. ♦

I am so glad to write this Publisher's address introducing TODAY'S WORLD. This is the first issue of our magazine which will be published monthly by the World Mission Department of the Unification Church International. TODAY'S WORLD is the title which our True Father himself gave this new publication. Mr. George C. Edwards, former director of HSA-UWC Publications Department in America has been assigned as editor. Miss Lori Ragusa of the World Mission Department will join George in the compilation of articles for publication and assist in typing. Joy Pople, former missionary to Mexico, will be a frequent contributor. As many of you may remember, Joy was the editor of the WAY OF THE WORLD, published by HSA-UWC some years ago. Several other brothers and sisters will work together with this core staff to publish TODAY'S WORLD. Our Heavenly Father is the one who controls the dispensation of TODAY'S WORLD. Our magazine will try not only to present the events and happenings in the mission world today, but will also convey to you God's desires and the intricacies of His mind's eye. My hope is that this magazine will become a mirror of Abel. The moral fiber of this world has declined because crime, corruption and the pollution of human values have increased. God needs a righteous people who will rise up and assume their responsibility as Abel to lead the peoples of this world



back to Him. As His representatives in service to the world, you are the only ones who can be such a group — willing and ready to accept this challenge. All of us who are involved in producing this magazine pledge to assist you by providing direction, news, feature stories, internal guidance and, of course, our Father's words. Again, we pray that you will find this publication a

rich source of news and inspiration and will reflect the ideals presented within to all the people whom you meet. One of our aims is that this magazine will not harshly judge the people in the Cain position, but will rather serve to remind those who are fulfilling Abel's responsibility of God's true standard. In other words, we hope this magazine will influence and instruct the people in Abel's position in whom Heavenly Father is investing Himself. As you read TODAY'S WORLD each month, remember our main role of assisting Him to resurrect this world and to embrace all mankind through our tears, sweat and blood. He uses His invisible hand; you should use your heartel allowing it to become apparent to people and a bridge to complete restoration. I hope you enjoy this first issue of TODAY'S WORLD. May it be a new source of inspiration and hope to each of you.

CHUNG HWAN KWAK



Celebration of Shin-joon nim's first birthday, April 24

The ideal world does not have autocrats demanding authority and issuing commands. Rather, it is a world where our hearts move of their own accord, responsive to and in communion with God's love. It is a brotherhood and sisterhood that encompasses all of humankind. Wouldn't we all like to live in such a world?

**Rev. Sun Myung Moon
April 13, 2005**