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The Significance of the Kingship of Peace

The following sermon was given by Rev. Kwak on August 21, at 5 AM during hoondokhae at True Parents' Hannam-dong residence

Hello everyone. First of all, on this first anniversary, I would like to congratulate True Parents on the success of the coronation of the king of peace.

Not only do we have the honor of being able to congratulate the king of peace on the first anniversary of his coronation, but we have been fortunate to have met him during our lifetimes. About 15,000 people including leaders from various fields, ambassadors for peace and our members attended the celebration of the anniversary yesterday.

This event was especially significant for the fact that not only our members were there but secular leaders and ambassadors for peace, who were central to the celebration of the occasion, were also there. It wasn't a member who started off the celebration yesterday; it was Mr. Kim Duk-kyu, the deputy speaker of the National Assembly, who came up and greeted True Parents before the event began. He had been told the celebration would begin at two o'clock, so he intended to attend it after keeping an appointment he had at one o'clock, but the time of the ceremony was moved up to one o'clock. He was afraid he wouldn't be able to stay for the whole program, so he was waiting for True Parents, hoping to see and welcome them.

He told me that it was to be the first time for him to meet True Parents. I saw him nervously waiting before they arrived. The deputy speaker is not the only person to feel such respect and awe; it is common among leaders in Korean society. This is a tremendous change. It is living proof of the substantial unfolding of the peace kingdom during our lives.

Above all, the substantial significance of yesterday's ceremony is contained in the what Father said. During his speech he said, "Let those with ears to hear, hear! Let those with eyes to see, see with certainty! Let those with mouths to speak give witness to all nations! The Rev. Sun Myung Moon who stands before you now is the savior, messiah, the second coming, peace king, and True Parent!"

In fact, that the True Parents are the messiah has been announced directly or indirectly a number of times since 1990, when they met Mikhail Gorbachev, president of the Soviet Union. Over the last fifteen years, the extent and depth to which they have done so has varied, but True Parents have repeatedly announced to the world that they are saviors and fulfill the role of the messiah. This is a very important fact in the providence.

Jesus lived a remarkable life and taught his disciples many things, but he was not able to reveal that he was the messiah. That is the reason for his disciples trying to testify to Jesus despite their being food for lions and Jesus' having been killed on the cross. Jesus had not stated clearly that he was the messiah, so many difficulties and complications arose. That was one of the causes of historical Christian suffering.

When missionaries were sent out in the past, Father said, "I know very well how dangerous and difficult it is to confront atheistic enemies face-to-face. So by revealing my mission clearly in this way, the sacrifice exacted from those who believe in and follow me will be reduced." What he was saying was that by he and Mother directly proclaiming unequivocally and in detail who they are, True Parents make themselves targets, call down on themselves difficulties from their enemies, and thereby limit the number of their disciples who would have had to endure martyrdom. If we think about it to this extent and from a providential viewpoint, their proclaiming themselves True Parents, saviors, messiahs and the king and queen of peace is an indescribable blessing.

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There are no longer obstacles in front of us. True Parents are approved by God, and that they have proclaimed God's approval to the world can fulfill everything. From now on, thoroughly teaching this represents the end of our path in relation to the will of God, and there won't be any further obstacles in our way.

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Chil Pal Jeol—Day of the Declaration of the Realm of the Cosmic Sabbath for the Parents of Heaven and Earth



Liberation, Amnesty and Freedom

True Parents celebrated the holy day at North Garden in Kodiak, Alaska; this is the speech True Father gave on that occasion

Prayer

Beloved Heavenly Father, today we commemorate the ninth Chil Pal Jeol. On this day, July 7, in 1997, a day which saw the coincidence of eight sevens, the dispensational significance of this repetition was proclaimed, as well as the Cosmic Sabbath of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. We came here today, closely observed by the blessed members and all things in the universe—the spiritual and physical worlds—to commemorate the ninth anniversary and set out toward the tenth. We are truly grateful for Your allowing us this day of commemoration, celebrated here in Kodiak as we usher in the era wherein the Parents of Heaven and Earth can completely clear away the history of indemnity and bequeath to the whole universe the blessing of liberation.

Permit all of us, Your children who have come together here to celebrate this day, to march forward from this month to the next and ever after, so that we henceforth make rapid progress in everything we do and contribute toward fulfilling the providential will. We thank you for this era of liberation and amnesty¹ that is now upon us, wherein all spirits who were sacrificed in service dedicated to God in the course of history—centered on the four great saints of the heavenly world who are guarding and attending the Parents of Heaven and Earth—can receive the blessing of liberation, and the spiritual and physical worlds can be unified and all can be mobilized in full force.

Hoping and praying that You will accept this hour of the proclamation of the liberation, amnesty and freedom of the entire universe as well as the celebration of this joyous day, we would like to commemorate this day. So please accept with joy this occasion that all those here, including the Parents of Heaven and Earth dedicate to You with minds unified as one, and with one body and one heart. We offer You our utmost gratitude, and report and proclaim this in the name of True Parents! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Speech Excerpts

Unable to forget about me, and with the things I've told you embedded deep in your hearts, you should discover from the word that it is you who are destined to be resurrected as owners of the universe.

With this knowledge, your efforts should be directed toward developing loyalty and filial piety. Your families should change through being connected to the path God has walked. They should become families of devoted sons and daughters formed from the union of holy sons and holy daughters, the families of patriots—and finally—families directly descended from God that have been given the blessing of being able to serve Him. Such are the tasks still left for you to complete, duties you need to fulfill before you pass on to the next world. You should never forget this. This is the advice I want to give you. Do you understand?

There still remain many tasks for you to be aware of. There may be some who fly high together with others; and there are many who get going under their own steam.

When wild geese decide to move, to travel a great distance, they appoint a leader. That leader need not be old. All that is required in a leader is knowledge of the path to follow, knowledge of all the landmarks, so that he will know when we have passed through the era of the individual and the era of the family, as well as the landmark that indicates where we should enter as the families of the tribe, race, nation, world, and universe, and thus guide us and the universe to become one with God.

Only when such a person comes to God to practice filial piety toward Him, can the perfection of life be brought about. Not only the family of devoted sons and daughters but also the national family, and subsequently, the nation itself can be perfected, followed by the perfection of the world family and of the world itself, and then the perfection of the family of heaven, earth, and the cosmos. Only then can we attend God.

Christians today think that it only takes faith to receive salvation, but is that true? I wish they would read the messages Saint Paul has sent from the spirit world. The members of the Unification Church fully understand all such messages and have attained a position that is higher than those who have sent them; so they require nothing from the earth. The time for that has already passed, and they can now make requests of Heaven. Those who do not know the truth about the spiritual world will be seen as nothing but fools. Therefore, you should be aware of the fact that if you step forward without any knowledge of the spiritual world, you will not be able to freely travel to and fro between the physical and spiritual worlds.

Cast away those people who are holding their heads high, thinking they are the best. The person seated here before you is the one who is truly great. He stood before God in the heavenly court and turned the kingdom of heaven left to right. Without first having brought the spirit world to submission, unification cannot be achieved on earth.

No matter how hard the world tries to kill off and get rid of me, they will never succeed. Who could possibly kill me off in the era of perfection? We have dressed in all kinds of rags, rags of the individual, rags of the family—in fact, all the tattered clothes left to us from our ancestors in all corners of the world. We need to take them off. Where should we do that? In the house where they were first put on us. We need to take

them off inside that house and fly off from there. That is what the house is for.

We are all wearing rags and tattered clothes, aren't we? Are we, or aren't we? I'm telling you this, because I know I'm not being discourteous, early in the morning of the day we commemorate Chil Pal Jeol. I am not treating you like adults; instead, I am calling you things like "rascals," so that I leave an impression you will remember. Listen attentively to what I say today; the expression "You rascals!" needs to go through several stages, eight or nine of them, in the course of training.

I believe some of you may be thinking to yourselves, criticizing me for saying such conceited and arrogant things at the beginning of this meeting, without having greeted you, but I am still going to go ahead and give you this advice because your criticism is unjust. When you realize this, you will start living a whole new life. You need to take your clothes off. Inside your houses, you need to take off the rags you're wearing.

Wives and husbands have committed all kinds of unfaithful acts toward each other, and denied each other lives they should have had, haven't they? They need to cast all that off and begin anew as the sons and daughters of the free God, and fly across the great sky and arrive at the kingdom of heaven of the original homeland. This is the task given you.

You need to study me. That's my advice, but it is your choice to follow it or not. Because I am worried that when you pass on into the spiritual world, you will get no further than that place corresponding to what you have or have not achieved, I am giving you, in the position of the children, these words of advice on this day of commemoration. I hope that deep, deep in your hearts, you will cherish what I am saying and work out this task in eternity. You would not be able to work it out if I did not help you. If after listening to all this, you still go off doing what you want to do...

You need to understand how fearsome the ramifications of what I am saying on this day, Chil Pal Jeol, really are. You are hearing this message for the first time, aren't you? You should discover for yourselves that today's prayer and sermon were spoken from the position of the ideal that can more than clear away and make a clean slate of the satanic world. This is the task I have set for you.

Would you like to follow and watch me? Take a look. Would you be satisfied with just looking at me, or would you like to follow me? [To follow you.] If you are to follow me, you need to start from the position of a servant of a servant—a servant of a servant following a course of the heart—to a servant, an adopted child, an illegitimate child, and finally a legitimate child.

Legitimate children must know their mother. Having been born from her, they need to sit on her lap, be embraced by her. They need to know who their father is. They should be in a position to say, "No one can separate me from or break my connection to my father." The origin was created and made eternal by God, and that beginning will remain there forever. We cannot relinquish our everlasting responsibility to connect that beginning to our own clans to remain for many generations to come.

When you pass on from this world to the next, all you can do is stand before the gates of the kingdom of heaven and wait, for you will not be able to cross over the threshold of the palace. That's the problem. Even though you may have received the blessing through the Unification Church, you

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Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth

Father gave this speech on September 18, 2005, at East Garden in the United States.

Benediction

As of nine o'clock in the morning on September 18, in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, heaven and earth have been completely renewed, all barriers have been broken down and even the national boundaries and rights of ownership abolished in this world wherein live all things both on earth and in heaven, and their masters, humankind, who represent them, both in the heavenly world and the physical world.

The people gathered here are the families who can become the owners in this one garden, one world, one heavenly world and one natural world, and as such, with the minds of owners who can fulfill their responsibilities towards their nation and the world, they should be able to influence and give guidance on earth and in heaven. I proclaim that on this day has dawned the day of liberation and freedom that opens the path for any of our ancestors, and for the saints and sages in the spirit world, to travel to and fro between this world and the next! Amen! Amen! Amen!

Speech Excerpts

The announcement Heung-jin made was a proclamation made on behalf of all of you, the spirit world and physical world. You should unite with what Heung-jin proclaimed and bear in mind that it is a proclamation that allows all the blessed families in the physical and spiritual world, as well as all of humankind, the privilege to be included. At this point in time when the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind can completely exercise their all-transcendence, all-immanence, full authority and almighty power by bringing victorious dominion over all ages on the foundation of Heaven's victory, you should exhibit the utmost sincerity, one heart, one body, one mindset—that is, being of a single mind. All of you, as a group, are offering yourselves as a total living offering.... You should always remember that you participated in this ceremony on the occasion of this day to commemorate the proclamation of the liberation of heaven and earth, and fulfill your responsibilities....

There is work still left for you to do, for you should not allow the vestiges of the fallen race to remain in the physical world. Neither should you allow religions or nations to linger. Everything has come to an end, the nations, the religions, and the family of Satan. Instead, you need to become members of the royal family of peace. You need to

become a part of the family of the king of peace, of the family of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. These are fearsome words. From now on, you should not recite the words of the Family Pledge thoughtlessly.

The rights of ownership you've held till now, and everything you've had in your possession up to the present, do not belong to you. Such things are like stolen goods, taken by Satan, who acted as if he were the owner while the rightful owner was absent. Therefore, now that the rightful owner has returned and His nation has been established with His own citizens in it, you should completely cut from the rights of ownership you hold, which belong to the fallen world. Do you understand?

That is why what you have lost through the Fall is creativity; you lost creativity. The fact that you have lost creativity signifies that you have left your given responsibilities incomplete. By completing your given responsibilities, you can perfect creativity, and what comes next is the perfection of the right to inherit everything. If God fulfilled 97 percent, you need to finish the remaining 3 percent, so that one hundred percent is achieved and you can become the owners of God's love. You cannot become owners just because He completed 97 percent; in order for you to become owners, you need to have sons and daughters who can be the objects of your love. Only then can you serve under God and become the owners. You need to realize this.

If you want to belong to the realm of the family, you need to secure the honor of having been restored in the name of the princes and princesses of heaven and earth, standing in the position where the realm of the perfected family of the Parents of Heaven and Earth has been established. Only then can you be a part of the original royal family. Adam's sons and daughters are the royal family, but they were lost. When aligned with the heart of the realm of the royal family, all forms of existence on earth become the sons of the owner, the sons of the nation, the elder brothers of all. As the seed of the first



love of our parents, you should establish the tradition, take that seed and proclaim it to the ends of the liberated earth and heavenly world and usher in the era of liberation and complete freedom, with no barriers, no national boundaries, and no borderlines. Then we can proclaim the kingdom of cosmic peace. Do you understand?

The entire world will become the kingdom of cosmic peace, or to employ the term we used to use in former times, Cheon Il Guk. After bringing down all barriers and national boundaries from the times of the first Adam, the second Adam, and the third Adam, everything needs to be taken over by Cheon Il Guk, then we can cross over to the era of the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam.

That is why you need to carry out the liberation of the oceanic realm, followed by the liberation of the realm of all things, the liberation of all forms of creation in the physical world, and the liberation of the heavenly world in heaven and on earth. What would come next? We will then enter the era of the realm of heart of the fourth Adam, the era of liberation with no borderlines, liberation with no national boundaries, and freedom with no barriers. We will enthrone God as the king of the original creation, and the kingdom of heaven on earth will mobilize anew all members from the first generation. Today will be recorded as the day that marks the beginning of this great feat. Do you understand?

Therefore your mind and body should not fight, no matter what. This is the issue. The body sowed this seed of love before the mind, and so it did whatever it wanted to do, and that's how the culture of sexual liberation, free sex and homosexuality came about. On top of that, the men and women who think highly of themselves drank, smoked, and took drugs together, got drunk on them and started a chaotic fight to have everything to themselves. The scene of this fight is the world you see today. This must all be done away with.

Not one particle of fallen elements should be allowed in this world. Then we will establish a peaceful nation whose territory will cover the entire planet Earth. All boundaries and national boundaries



On Chuseok, Korean families traditionally visit the burial places of their ancestors and offer them food and drink. This is also done in Korea at the burial sites of members of the True Family and elder members. Here, on this particular occasion at East Garden, members of the True Family and the wives of five saints sit at tables of food prepared for those in the spirit world.

will have disappeared from the planet. By whose effort? We have brought this about to restore what was lost by the family, Adam's family. God will liberate each and every one of your families in this world, which is hell on earth and in heaven. To do this, God will make indistinguishable from one another all the world's nations that he has made, including the leading nations. He will then embrace them and bring them together as one. Three generations have come about from Adam's family, centering on True Parents. Centering on God, if He is the first generation, I am the second generation and you, the blessed families, are the third generation. And your minds and bodies are in conflict.

Therefore, to restore the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam, your minds and bodies should not fight, no matter what. This law is in accordance with the law of Cheon Il Guk, but contrary to it, the body has been violating the mind until now. What does the mind come before? It comes before the true parents, the true teacher and the true God. That is why God came to fallen Adam and asked him, rather than told him, "You did such and such a thing, didn't you?" though He knew what he had done. It is true that, since human beings are the subject, they are the ones who should achieve perfection, and God recognizes that standard.

First, we cannot acknowledge the presence of couples connected by the bloodline of Satan living in the world, which is our home, as a part of our family. We refuse to acknowledge them. Do you understand? [Yes.] Therefore you need to bless people during the next three months, like the 48 million people of Korea were blessed. One hundred days is a little over three months, isn't it? If my speech tour covers a hundred cities, that will mean three months and ten days. This one hundred will be one unit... It is the number one hundred, the number of unity. I have surmounted this number centering on a hundred nations, and so you should visit more than a hundred nations, more than a hundred locations, and give speeches. Everyone over the age of twelve should be mobilized and hoondok neighborhood associations organized. All who come to take part should be blessed. Everyone must participate, starting from this week.

God's cherished desire to have a foundation on which this world can be cleansed will be fulfilled through us. You can liberate your clans, convert the bloodline through the liberating blessing, and then become tribal messiahs. National messiahs come after tribal messiahs, and then come True Parents. The bloodline is something that must not be defiled. You should never forget that on you rests the heavy responsibility of completing this great task. Understand? [Yes.] If you don't think you can do it, then take a step back. This is very serious.

If you are unable to make your family one, you will be held back when you go to the other world, forcing you to undergo training there in order to succeed. Do you understand? Do you know how to explain this situation? Since we are in such a time, you have to take responsibility for this. You have to be responsible for making your living. You should be aware of how many hardships God and True Parents have gone through based on all these laws of indemnity, and how much humanity has been sacrificed. If you try to take that tomb of sacrifice and replace it with your own tombstone, you will be struck down by lightning. Such people belong to the group that is destined to disappear.

Absolute faith! Say it. [Absolute faith!] Absolute love!



The Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth celebration held at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center

[Absolute love!] Absolute obedience! [Absolute obedience!] Love and faith are concepts. They have no substance. But obedience should be replaced by substantial investment—by investing yourself. You should invest and invest and forget that you had ever invested. By forgetting that you invested you can come back again for the greater good. You should invest and forget that you have invested until you reach the standard by which God created out of His full desire.

It is about Satan's lineage. Therefore, 75 percent of the problem now rests within the religious sphere. 74 percent rests in the realm of religion. People talk about communism and materialism, but that is a small part of it. It is nothing. You have to digest 75 percent of the problem. Do you understand? [Yes.] After that it is about the homogenous race with the Mongolian birthmark. This covers 74 to 78 percent of humanity. These two themes have become the issue ever since the Fall, based on that single lineage.

And then the problem in Adam's family was that Cain killed Abel. This is the Mongolian sphere. That is why, for religion and everything else, the Mongolian sphere was the enemy. The enemy of the religious sphere was nations—nations have attacked religions. Based on those nations, the Mongolians stand in the position of the elder son, Cain, in the family on the world level. The Christian cultural sphere stands in the position of Abel. When Christianity stands at the summit of the world after assimilating the religious spheres, it will become the place where Cain and Abel, the United Nations and the other nations, become completely one. Since the lineage within the Mongolian sphere was stained, all this has remained to this day and the mastermind Satan has visited all the dwelling places of humankind based on the nations, the stronghold of Satan, in his struggle against the church. The borderlines have now been abolished. Thus, the only thing that remains is the realm of the church and the Mongolian sphere.

Therefore, the Mongolian sphere is all about the Cain–Abel problem. When did this become a problem? When God, Adam and Eve saw Cain kill Abel, do you think they thought what he did was good? What do you think? God was devastated at what happened and so were Adam and Eve. They went so far as to wish that they had died. That is why they must be liberated. The religious spheres must disap-



Together with her husband and son, Hoon-mo nim (Kim Hyo-nam) prepares for the special Chuseok celebration at Cheongpyeong

pear. Nations must be disappear. The nations must become one single realm of Abel. Based on kingship the realm of Abel must be restored. What has remained at the very end is Satan's global domain, which covers heaven and earth, down to hell; this is the Mongolian sphere. To the very end, the Mongolian sphere can kill in individual struggles and in struggles between families, and even the world. That is what politics have been doing until now. Do you understand? What remained was the Mongolian sphere and the churches. Which is on the side of Abel? [The religious sphere.] Since the religious sphere is Abel, it should assimilate the others.

Since the blessing went wrong and was turned upside down, the human portion of responsibility must first be fulfilled. Since we have inherited creativity, God is bestowing the right of creation on all the people in the world. Since the environment was created first, Cain naturally came into possession of the environment. Therefore, the right of ownership must be restored. Do you understand? [Yes.] We must restore the right of the environment. To do so the [false] lineage must be severed. National borders and nations should not exist. This is the inevitable outcome.

How much time is left until the end of this year? According to Heung-jin's announcement from the spirit world, if all 250 billion absolute good spirits are mobilized, there won't be any problem. You all stand as my heir and God's heir. A master would never assign a person lesser than him as his representative. Do you understand what this means? If you appoint an heir, he is not just your representative. He is inheriting the whole of your future lineage for all eternity. In order to inherit eternity, understand that you must be better than God and True Parents. The absolute prerequisite is that a representative and heir must always be better than the master who wishes to pass on or bequeath his assets to another. That is the heavenly law—it would never state that a master should bequeath his assets to someone inferior to himself. No such law is stated in the Divine Principle. You must be clear about this.

Now as you go back, with regard to the Cain-Abel problem, whether among Mongolians or among your clan and family, you should complete the giving of the blessing by the end of December. On the national level, we have to complete the blessing of all the Mongolian people within the sphere of Cain. I am busy. The fifth year. We only have the number five.

We should not extend into the number six. That's why I will complete one hundred cities before the first day of the first month of next year. I must cut off any condition that might impede that. Do you understand?

The purpose of my blessing you is to connect you to a liberated and Cheon Il Guk lineage that is completely free from the past.

What does that mean? It means the lineage of the king of peace. Until now you were part of the fallen lineage of the devil in hell. You must be liberated to become God's son and someone in His direct lineage.

Anybody from the Kim clan should go over the mountains, cross the seas to bless his clan. You should call back any of your relatives who are living abroad and bless them. If that happens, it's a winner-takes-all situation. A world of peace will inevitably be realized. Do you understand? The question now is who will complete the hoondok churches with the teachings I have given. If you complete that task, you can be directly registered into the heavenly

nation. On earth you can become God's ambassador plenipotentiary. You should know this. Do you understand?...

What is the second most important issue? It is completing the blessing of your tribes. By when? By the end of this year. You can do this. You should place ads in the newspaper telling people that there is a deadline by which they have to come to a certain plaza on a particular day. If they fail to show up, so be it. You should have tens of thousands of people gather in a park and bless them, even if it means starving for a week. Then will you get the job done or not? That is why you must proclaim this in the newspapers. Wasn't my speech placed in the *Washington Times*? You should also mobilize the media. You should mobilize your family and clan to pay newspaper companies even if it means selling your land and house. You should cover all the expenses for this education....

Are you going to do a forty-day fast or will you finish giving the blessing? Are you going to do a forty-day fast or are you going to complete the blessing? [We will finish giving the blessing.] If you do a condition of offering three bows for forty days and do activities for 120-days, there will be nothing you cannot do. The time has come when blessing thousands and even millions of couples will be possible.

If your uncle or relative becomes the president, all you need to do is stand on their foundation and with just three people you can give the blessing to everyone, even if you have to be importunate. A time of liberation has come in which your position is clear. To say to me that it is impossible will not work. Do you understand? [Yes.] Will you or will you not do it? [We will.] Those who are sure that they will do so, raise your hands. You should give the blessing wherever you go. [Amen!]

Please completely fulfill this for sure, so that you may call God "Father," and call True Parents "True Parents." Then from among the families of your children, a family that can become the ancestor before all nations will emerge. From your family. Amen! Okay. So, let us be determined once again. How many times have we made a resolution to do this? Three times? Those who make this third and final resolution raise your hands, feet, legs—raise them all up, even your bottom—for all three resolutions. Stand up. I've said enough—so much that it cannot be a lie. (Applause) ♦



A Message from Heung-jin nim

**Your son Heung Jin offers this
to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind**

This message from the spiritual world from Heung-jin nim, commander-in-chief of the spiritual world, was conveyed to True Parents at the celebration of the Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth held at East Garden on September 18 (Lunar: 15th day of the 8th month), 2005.

Most high and noble True Parents! As your son, I cannot help feeling ashamed and sorry to see True Parents working night and day for the fulfillment of God's will, taking full responsibility for the entire providence both on earth and in heaven.

In an effort to assist True Parents who are working without rest to save the suffering human race even one day sooner, I am doing my utmost, going back and forth between the physical and spiritual worlds.

I am so grateful to True Parents for their permitting the Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth Ceremony, which is a special grace and blessing for the five great saints and their disciples, past kings and presidents of Korea, Japan, the United States, China and Germany, as well as past kings and absolute, good spirit ancestors from more than 180 nations of the world. The ceremony was splendidly held at the Cheonseong Wanglim Palace (Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center) on Sunday, September 18, 2005, at seven o'clock in the morning.

True Parents, you had already brought about the collapse of the different classes in the spirit world and paved the way for equalization in the spirit world through the proclamation of the Chuseok of the Liberation of All Resentment, on September 12, 2000. On this foundation, you have proclaimed the Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth today, flooding the heavenly world with your boundless grace and love.

The grace True Parents have bestowed on the five great saints, their followers and past kings at this time through the Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth is truly a great and amazing blessing. They convey their gratitude in the following words:

King and Queen of Peace, and True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind!

We are profoundly grateful for the great grace and blessing bestowed on us today, which we had never even dared imagine we would receive. The truth is that we have been preparing ourselves in earnest since January 2005, and biding our time, for descent to the physical world. Considering this, we are deeply moved with gratitude to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for allowing us to come down to earth on the harvest festival holiday.

While living on earth, we tried to find the heavenly way and fulfill the dutiful path of saints and holy sons and daughters and to live for all people; however, since coming to the

heavenly world, we have come to realize the wrongs of our earthly lives and that we failed to live in accordance with the laws of Heaven.

Though we fall short, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have awakened us and made us aware of the heavenly path, forgiven us for our past sins and mistakes and blessed us as absolute, good spirits. Until now, we have lived with constant feelings of shame, but on this day the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind have opened the door for us to descend to earth.

We will come to the nations and religions we were responsible for while we were on earth. Under the guidance and leadership of Commander-in-chief Heung-jin nim, we will do our very best to inspire all peoples and nations in the world to attend you in the position of the king while you are still on earth.

We do have one earnest request. Since we are spirits, we are limited in that the people on earth cannot see us or hear what we are saying to them, which is frustrating for us. Therefore, if all blessed families throughout the world carry out activities for three hours a day as hoondok church leaders and regional leaders, in accordance with the instructions of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, we will work with them, and we will show them miracles without fail.

Once again, we would like to express our gratitude to the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind for blessing us and giving us this opportunity to assist in God's providence on earth as absolute, good spirits.

True Parents, that was the message from the earnest hearts of the five great saints and past kings, which I have conveyed to you on their behalf.

For the next year, as Dae-mo nim and I tour the world, beginning with Japan, I will have them accompany us. We will do great works in every nation we visit, thereby restoring the kings of all nations on earth and having them serve True Parents.

Beloved True Parents, many changes have been taking place both on earth and in the spirit world since True Parents' King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity on February 14, 2005. The entire spirit world has been mobilized for True Parents' providential work on earth. I would like to report about all of the important particulars related to this transformed spirit world and True Parents' providence.

Ever since the Fall, humanity has been under the dominion of Satan. He induced his followers to commit evil deeds, thereby bringing the created world over to his side, and continued to expand his territory in a concrete way.

Throughout the 6,000 years of the history of restoration, Satan obstinately and yet ingeniously carried out acts of evil to prevent the fulfillment of God's will, resorting to all means and utilizing every resource. Consequently, by the time True Parents appeared on earth, the power of evil had spread to cover more than 80 percent of the world.

Only a little while longer and the world would have been completely taken over by evil and the realization of the ideal God envisaged at the time of the Creation rendered impossible to achieve. It was at that critical moment that God sent True Parents to a small nation in the East and has been carrying out His providence to intercept Satan's work.

Being incarnated on earth, True Father proceeded to carry out two great providential tasks over the course of his eighty-six years of life and work to block the power of Satan.

The first was to liberate God and perform the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God.

After the Fall, evil spread further and grew stronger, so God had to move from His original position, from where He had created the universe at the very beginning, to a more secluded location, and cover Himself up with several layers of light. From the depths of light, God was liberated by True Parents through the Coronation of God's Kingship on January 13, 2001, and He was enthroned as the king and parent of all humanity.

True Parents have performed every necessary task and completed everything they had to do to liberate God through the coronation of God's kingship, but many crises remain for fallen humanity to overcome. True Parents are continuing to work hard to make the path easier for fallen humanity to travel down.

The second task is the elimination of the original sin that humankind carries.

The original sin, which is passed on through the lineage, can only be cleaned away through the lineage. That is why True Parents have performed the Blessing Ceremony, which is the ritual to convert from the lineage of evil to that of goodness.

Furthermore, the way is now open for not only the people on earth but also for spirits in the spirit world to receive the blessing centered on Dae-mo nim and me, standing in True Parents' stead, through the work that is taking place at Cheongpyeong.

Through that work were born the more than 250 billion absolute, good spirits currently participating in the providence of Heaven.

In this way, through the blessing that liberated God and cleared away the original sin, True Father, during his life course of eighty-six years, has extended the territory of goodness centered on God to take over the evil sphere of influence that Satan had been expanding for six thousand years. As of September 2005, True Parents have succeeded in bringing their work to fruition, in that goodness has completely surpassed evil.

True Parents have also proclaimed the providence of the hoondok churches and their regions as the providence that will determine Heaven's territory in the era of the peace kingdom. The work of establishing hoondok churches and regions centering on Korea and Japan, the central nations of the providence, is very important in the providence of determining and claiming Heaven's territory.

Therefore, only when blessed members carry out activities for

three hours daily for the establishment of hoondok family churches will they be able to receive heavenly fortune.

At this time, when God is spurring on His providence on earth by mobilizing the 250 billion absolute, good spirits, Satan, who is fully aware of the providence of God, is mounting a final attack. All blessed members should now live with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience toward God and True Parents.

The absolute, good spirit world is carrying out its works on the victorious foundation created by True Parents, and at this point, all blessed families and church members should be on their guard for Satan's final counterattack. Dae-mo nim and I are already aware of this strategy of Satan, for which reason we are reeducating the blessed members and church members through the Cheongpyeong special workshops and our visits to countries around the world. We will continue to arm everyone anew with the Word expressed through the Principle and to guide them to lead their lives one in heart, body and mindset with True Parents.

Beloved True Parents! Now that the time is upon us wherein goodness will completely replace evil, the living God can now freely exercise His omniscience and almighty power. Consequently, evil will weaken and finally collapse, and goodness centered on God will grow stronger until the time comes when God can carry out His works under His complete transcendence, omnipresence, full authority and almighty power.

With the completion of the construction of the Original Holy Ground Palace, and with True Parents' entry into it in 2006, the circumstances of the spiritual and physical worlds will change completely. The heavenly fortune of God and True Parents will overflow both on earth and in the spirit world. Further, God's providence will make rapid progress, hastening the establishment of God's peace kingdom. Hence, all blessed families and members throughout the world should devote themselves to the construction of the Original Palace and fulfill their responsibility as sons and daughters.

Most high and noble True Parents! The absolute, good spirits that have received the blessing up to now are firmly prepared and determined to come down and cooperate with the blessed members on earth to establish the kingdom of heaven on earth and in the spirit world. At this time, the blessed members and church leaders on earth must take the lead in fulfilling the will of God and True Parents by becoming one with the absolute, good spirits who have received the blessing.

We are now living in a time of great transition, wherein everything can be done according to God's will; it is a point in time when God's omniscience and almighty power can be manifested. In the spirit world, inspiration of the heart fills each and every moment. The realm of goodness in the spirit world, which includes the absolute, good spirits, has been mobilized and is taking part in True Parents' providential work.

I, too, will endeavor to fulfill God and True Parents' will and return joy and glory to them.

True Parents, please take care of your precious health!

And may you receive joy and be glorified! ♦

September 18, 2005

*Chuseok of the Liberation of Heaven and Earth
Offered by your son, Heung-jin, at Cheongpyeong*



Left to right: Heung-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim at Cheongpyeong during the 1970s



Not So Very Long Ago at the UN

By David Beard

That it is a Korean man whose clamorous insistence that the United Nations reform is shaking heaven and earth seems fitting, as few nations have engaged in so intimate a struggle with and been so profoundly affected by the UN as has Korea. A brief overview of the history of the contact between Korea and the United Nations and an introduction to some of the key figures who, in the years before Korea was granted UN membership, dared engage the international goliath, might afford readers a glimpse of the internal battle that Father now wages.

It's an item buried under sixty years' of history, but the term "United Nations," prior to the end of World War II, was synonymous with "the Allies." The Press clearly preferred the latter term, but the leaders of the nations that stood against the Axis Powers of (mainly) Germany, Japan and Italy had taken to calling themselves the United Nations by 1943. Thus, several significant conferences were held in the name of the United Nations before the organization we sometimes refer to today as the UN ever existed.

Though the name suggests a family of harmonious equals, it can be helpful to remind ourselves that limited self-interests—not necessarily ill-motivated, but limited nonetheless—have been a key factor in the workings of the United Nations since its roots.

At the Yalta conference, a meeting of the leaders of the Allies in February 1945, America, Britain and the Soviet Union decided to sponsor, together with Nationalist China, a conference to found what was originally known as the United Nations Organization (today's UN). On behalf of those countries, the U.S. invited national delegations to San Francisco, California, to attend the United Nations Conference on International Organizations from April 25 to June 26 1945 to put in final form the United Nations Charter. Bear in mind that the meetings began before war's end and though Hitler was dead in his bunker and Germany had unconditionally surrendered before the conference came to an end, the war in the Pacific continued.

Fifty delegations representing the nations that became the original signatories were on hand for the conference as was a lone representative who signed on behalf of Poland. A delegation from the Korean Provisional Government in exile, which was based in Chungking, China, also attended. They had arrived uninvited. As Peter Hyun of the Los Angeles based *Korean American Times* later put it, "[I] happened to be stationed at San Francisco during the first, historic meeting of the UNO, and can attest to the fact that of all the smaller, uninvited nations seeking admission to the United Nations Organization, Korea's case was the most brilliantly and dramatically presented. This was due to two people principally: Dr. Syngman Rhee¹ and Colonel Ben Limb². There was hardly a day passed that didn't find many newspaper articles, pictures, announcements, etc. regarding Korea's legitimate claim to a seat in that great body."

IFFWP launched with the intent to reform the UN

A new organization was inaugurated on February 6, 1999, in Seoul. The Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace's mission is "to implement a system through which the highest expressions of religious wisdom are brought to the table at which the world's most serious and urgent problems are being addressed ... by creating a council of religious leaders within the framework of the United Nations." The Reverend Moon sees the IIFWP as a body which will campaign to re-create the United Nations as a truly bicameral institution.

—Professor Massimo Introvigne



Colonel Limb had attended one of the predecessor conferences in September 1944, from which he made a shortwave radio broadcast to his "countrymen in Korea and in all the Far East." He told them, "I am speaking from Montreal, Canada, where the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration Council is holding its conference.... It is an honor for our country to attend this gathering of forty-four united nations, who are now in deliberation on the humane problems of the post-war era. To sit here with them gives me a thrill, because this body is a model of a still greater international organization that will come into being to guide the destinies of mankind. Indeed, the very atmosphere in which 400 delegates from all parts of the world cooperate in the most friendly spirit is inspiring to me. If this same spirit prevails in the meetings of the world organization to be established after the war, our fondest hopes for the future of the world will be fully realized."

One would expect that Korea's not being admitted into the United Nations at the San Francisco conference was a great disappointment to Colonel Limb. Peter Hyun wrote, "The Colonel returned to Washington with the other members of the Korean Commission³, determined not to let this temporary set-back daunt their spirits."

Koreans bewildered

Another member of the Korean delegation, Rev. Yoon Pyeong-koo, engaged in some rather heated post-conference written exchanges with the U.S. government's Office of Far Eastern Affairs, which alleged that the UN Charter signatories "all have legally constituted governing authority, whereas the 'Korean Provisional Government' and other Korean organizations do not possess at the present time the qualifications requisite for obtaining recognition by the United States as a governing authority." In fact, as *Time* magazine made clear before the conference began, "The list of guests showed that, at best, Europe's representation will be weak. All of its governments are provisional or exiled." Rev. Yoon could not comprehend why those European governments in exile were recognized while Korea's was not. The European governments may have actually governed on their native soil before the Axis Powers invaded, something Korea's had not, but in 1945 you could hardly expect the Korean government in exile to comprise those who had ruled the nation prior to 1910.

Rev. Yoon responded by writing, "Even though the Korean Provisional Government had no 'administrative authority' in Korea because of Japan's tyranny, it was organized in Korea on March 1, 1919⁴, by the thirty-three Korean national leaders to whom the Korean people had delegated their rights and power

to organize.... Thus the Korean Provisional Government was constituted, and the sweat and blood of the 1919 Korean revolution became its backbone and soul."

Several writers attributed the failure to gain UN admittance to the number of Korean groups other than the government in exile that had likewise shown up uninvited at the San Francisco conference. Peter Hyun observed that though the others were well-intentioned, "their presence there only served to further notify the world that Korea was still unsettled and undecided as to who did represent the will of the majority of the Korean people.... The smaller groups, in some cases even individuals, hammered away at the Admissions Committee of the UNO, demanding that they, and no others, had the support of the majority of the Koreans and were therefore qualified to be seated. What was the result? Unfortunately, we all know that no one got to represent Korea officially."

Politicians smell a rat

No one today is likely to paint the irascible Syngman Rhee as a saint, though his patriotism is indisputable. He had a legendary temper and an adamant opinion of his own self-worth. He was the first president of the government in exile, but he didn't get along well enough with his fellow Koreans in China to stay there with them. He'd been in America for decades representing the Korean cause. He labored hard to qualify to lead a nation. In his years in the U.S. he had earned degrees from George Washington University, Harvard and Princeton.

Many Americans revered Syngman Rhee. It appeared that once the Japanese surrendered, with just a little support from those with power, Rhee ought to soon become president of his country. Yet, those internal causes that resulted in a divided Korea were already active. Rhee was ignored at the UN conference, where the Korean government in exile could have been granted legitimacy. Later efforts for a Korean voice in their own nation's reemergence from colonization were ignored as well.

Those who were aware of Korea's plight had harbored suspicions for two years that something tragically wrong was taking place. In November 1943, following a conference in Cairo, the Allied leaders announced that once Japan surrendered, the nations she'd conquered in the war would be immediately freed, but Korea would only become independent "in due course." Something was strangely askew. What happened in San Francisco heightened those suspicions. Betrayal was in the air. And because what caused the Allies to turn their backs on Korea was not apparent to the naked eye, the response from numerous people, Korean and non-Korean alike, was vitriolic.



The Interreligious and International Peace Council jointly began in New York (October 3, 2003) and Seoul (October 15)

In eliminating boundaries, we must address the boundaries within the United Nations. We must also eliminate religious boundaries, ethnic boundaries, and the boundary between hell and heaven. Boundaries were originally created by false parents, so no one except the True Parents can eliminate them. Even God cannot do it, because He did not establish them. Satan absolutely will not do it. Who can bring an end to the conflict between Satan and God that has continued throughout history? Because this is something committed by the false parent, only the person who comes as the True Parent of humankind can set it right.

—True Father, at the October 3rd event

To his radio audience on the day the San Francisco conference concluded, NBC commentator Earl Godwin said, “They completely ignored Korea, which has been in Japanese chains forty years, and which seems to me to be alone out of the entire world... The way the allies are giving that splendid country the cold shoulder! Why is this so? Representative Paul Shafer of Michigan in Congress asks the State Department openly to come right out and be truthful—“Why is Korea being shunned and shunted?””

In fact, three days before, Shafer had fulminated at length in the House of Representatives against the State Department and the unjust treatment given Korea. He called upon the American people “to demand the Americanization of their State Department,” where he asserted the spirit that loves liberty had died. He referred to Syngman Rhee as “unnoticed, unaided and rebuffed,” and asked, “Is this cold and ruthless treatment in accord with the desires of the 250,000 young American men who have already been killed on foreign soil in defense of American ideals and human freedom?”

Another friend of Korea was a rascal perhaps not unlike Syngman Rhee. Senator William Langer of North Dakota, a person *Time* described variously as “beady-eyed,” “hawk-nosed,” “raw-boned,” “cigar-raddling” and as “one of the most shunned men in the senatorial club,” stood before the United States Senate and boldly stated, “Ever since the spring of 1942, press reports alleged to have emanated from Moscow have circulated a story that Russia would advocate the establishment of independent Soviet republics in Manchuria and Korea. During the San Francisco conference, the existence of a secret understanding was disclosed through a highly reliable source. This arrangement was allegedly made at Yalta between President Roosevelt, the British Prime Minister and the Soviet Premier to the effect that Korea and Manchuria would be within the orbit of Russian influence, and that the United States and Britain shall remain non-committal to Korea until after the defeat of Japan.”

Yet all was said in vain. Korea was not among those that

signed the United Nations Charter at the San Francisco War Memorial Opera House on June 26, 1945. Just twenty days later, from a port of the same city, in total secrecy, sailed the U.S.S. *Indianapolis* laden with two atomic bombs. These later found targets in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Post-war at Lake Success

From 1946 until 1951, the temporary headquarters of the United Nations was located at Lake Success, a village on New York’s Long Island. It was to there that Syngman Rhee dispatched Louise Yim⁵, an eloquent spokeswoman, in an apparent attempt to stand up to the UN. More than a year had passed since Japan’s surrender and Korea was still a divided nation denied self-government when a November 1946 article in the *New York Times* appeared, stating that “Miss Yim has telegraphed all the United Nations delegations to ask their aid in enabling her to plead Korea’s case before the General Assembly.” It added that a document entitled “Korea’s case” was distributed by Miss Yim during a press conference.

A month later, the same paper carried an article with the subtitle *Resolution Drawn Up to Present to UN If Case Is Admitted*, in which readers learned “Miss Yim declared ‘some of the larger nations’ were preventing the ‘urgently needed’ discussion of Korean independence at the General Assembly meetings.” Though apparently she was never permitted to deliver it in the General Assembly, even at a remove of nearly sixty years, “Korea’s case” still rings with power and sincerity:

The arbitrary division of our country with the military forces of the United States in the South and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics in the North is paralyzing our economy and the people of Korea.... Please tell us: Why are we, the Korean people, still denied our freedom? Why are we forced to suffer the humiliation of seeing our nation torn in half and ruled by two powerful nations—nations with opposing ideologies?

Japan, which proved herself so treacherous an enemy, has already been allowed her own civil government, but not Korea. Japan has been permitted a free election, but not Korea. Only Germany, the despoiler of small nations, is subjected to the treatment which peaceful Korea is still forced to endure.

Denied the right to and privilege of a government of our own, the Korean people take this means to appeal to your great Assembly. Peace in our time—peace at any time—will be impossible while Korea, a nation of thirty million of your fellow human beings, is divided and enslaved.

The leaders of the Korean people respectfully but solemnly warn this Assembly of the increasing difficulty of maintaining order in the midst of a disheartened population which reposed faith in the promise of the great powers that the defeat of the common enemy, Japan, would bring the restoration of Korean national independence.

It was not long after this, but in total isolation from Louise Yim's passionate appeals, that the United Nations did move on the issue of a divided Korea. The American military's governing of southern Korea—while wrangling with Russian-governed northern Korea—had proved a nightmare that the U.S. must have been anxious to extricate itself from. Thus, in October 1947, the U.S. proposed the creation of a temporary commission on Korea to "facilitate and expedite" the country's independence through elections.

Canada was a nation that provided members for that commission. The Canadian *Globe and Mail* newspaper reported that even as it was being created, the Soviet bloc announced its boycott of the temporary commission on Korea and that speculation was rife that the commission would never be allowed to set foot in the northern, Russian-occupied, part of Korea. If reporters were aware, before the commission had even arrived in Korea, that it would be barred from working in the north toward one Korean election, surely, separate elections was already something diplomats had come to expect. As predicted in the pages of the *Globe and Mail*, Korea became the "gravestone over...projects Russia and

the United States ha[d] set out to develop together."

At the age of seventy-three, through an election conducted only in the south, Syngman Rhee became the Republic of Korea's first president. Five months later a letter was sent to the United Nations Secretary-general requesting UN membership for South Korea. Nine of eleven Security Council members supported South Korea in a vote that was rendered meaningless by a Soviet veto. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea applied for UN membership by telegram the following month. That application received two favorable votes out of eleven, with one abstention.

Though after the San Francisco rejection, Korea's exclusion from the UN hinged on Soviet (and later Communist Chinese) vetoes, you are either in or out, and Korea—North and South—was out. One of the more interesting aspects of Korea's tumultuous relationship with the United Nations is the extent of UN involvement in a country that it for so long excluded from membership. In the wake of North Korea's invasion of the South on June 25, 1950, the UN quickly convened the Security Council. Within two days, the Security Council was asking member nations to lend military support to the South.

Why Russia's seat was vacant

At the time of the formation of the United Nations, Nationalist China was one of the Allies, and Chiang Kai-shek was the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in the China Theater. The defeat of the Nationalist Chinese that forced them to flee to Taiwan took place in 1949, soon followed by the establishment of the People's Republic of China on October 1. By December 6, Mao Tse-tung was in Moscow conferring with Joseph Stalin. His visit lasted an astonishing seventy-four days.

The PRC took over all of mainland China, but they did not take over Nationalist China's seat on the UN Security Council until Taiwan was ousted from the UN in 1971. And so it was that on January 10, 1950, the Soviet Union and Communist China were close comrades and Mao was an honored guest in Moscow when the monthly rotation of the presidency of the UN Security Council came around to Dr. Tingfu F. Tsiang, the member from Nationalist China. In the long Communist tradition of applying

Hope Rides the E line

From a participant in the Universal Peace Federation's inaugural convocation

The convocation was very timely because it happened during the anniversary of 9/11, so we had a meeting that evening. One or two buses were provided. It was suggested that we should give up our seats to those who were infirm or disabled, but everybody, I think, preferred to take the subway. It was a most



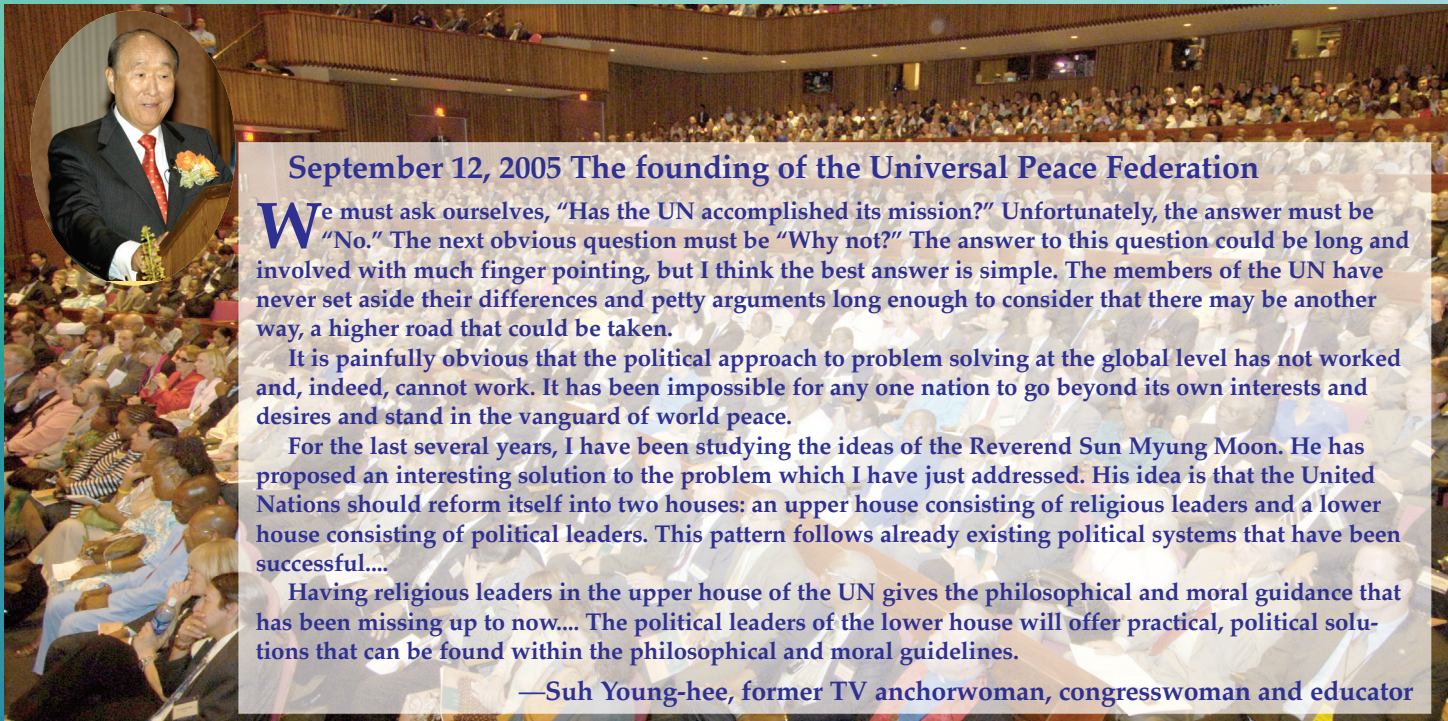
unusual sight to see all these clerics and important people in all forms of attire—some of it ceremonial—all crowded into

the E line subway train that took us from 34th Street to downtown. They were behaving like a bunch of kids—a family. It was a sight to behold! This is what it's all about. Father's ideal is visible. I think this is what Father wants to have through the Universal Peace Federation. We could see it; so everyone feels such confidence. It could not fail to make people think. It had a positive influence. We attracted a lot of attention and crowds—What are they doing here?—all the way to the site where the World Trade Center had been, where we had an interfaith prayer. It's time to walk the walk; and they were literally walking! ♦

Photos: Prayer at Ground Zero, New York City



—Victor Lim, British IIPC representative



September 12, 2005 The founding of the Universal Peace Federation

We must ask ourselves, "Has the UN accomplished its mission?" Unfortunately, the answer must be "No." The next obvious question must be "Why not?" The answer to this question could be long and involved with much finger pointing, but I think the best answer is simple. The members of the UN have never set aside their differences and petty arguments long enough to consider that there may be another way, a higher road that could be taken.

It is painfully obvious that the political approach to problem solving at the global level has not worked and, indeed, cannot work. It has been impossible for any one nation to go beyond its own interests and desires and stand in the vanguard of world peace.

For the last several years, I have been studying the ideas of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He has proposed an interesting solution to the problem which I have just addressed. His idea is that the United Nations should reform itself into two houses: an upper house consisting of religious leaders and a lower house consisting of political leaders. This pattern follows already existing political systems that have been successful....

Having religious leaders in the upper house of the UN gives the philosophical and moral guidance that has been missing up to now.... The political leaders of the lower house will offer practical, political solutions that can be found within the philosophical and moral guidelines.

—Suh Young-hee, former TV anchorwoman, congresswoman and educator

their "principles" even when it's tantamount to shooting themselves in the foot, the Security Council member from the Soviet Union, Yakov Malik, expressed solidarity with his Red Chinese brothers by walking out. The Soviet boycott of the Security Council in protest of Nationalist China's membership in the UN lasted from January until August, when the role of the presidency rotated to Mr. Malik himself. That is why there was no one present from the Soviet Union to veto the first act of military intervention by the United Nations, which brought about Father's liberation from Hungnam Special Labor Camp and prevented the darkness of communism from enveloping all of Korea.

Korea finally gets in

In the years that followed Yakov Malik's expression of fraternalism, the relationship between China and the Soviet Union deteriorated into one of bitter rivalry. After they had split into two camps, when North Korea tilted toward China, Moscow might become concerned enough to offer aid to Pyongyang; friendlier relations between Pyongyang and the U.S.S.R. might draw military equipment, rice or oil from Beijing. Kim Il-sung slyly played one side against the other, much as a child of a broken home might manipulate his parents.

All of this began to change when Soviet Premier Gorbachev visited Beijing to mend the rift between the two countries in May 1989, by which time China had quiet, rapidly expanding financial ties with South Korea. The crumbling Soviet Union was in dire need of money and their opening diplomatic relations with South Korea was reportedly one of the topics discussed in Beijing. Significantly Gorbachev refused an invitation to visit Pyongyang at that time. Once Russia and China had developed a closer bond to each other and deeper financial and diplomatic ties with South Korea, the North was relegated to abandoned-child status and neither China nor Russia have been particularly anxious to take responsibility for such a needy offspring.

Coincidentally the final run up to Korea's entrance into the United Nations began in San Francisco, where in June 1990, South Korean President Roh Tae-woo and Russian President Gorbachev held a quiet summit in Gorbachev's room in the Fairmont Hotel.

Quiet as their initial meetings were, photos soon appeared on the front page of the Russian newspaper, *Tass*. North Korea was forewarned.

With a veto no longer expected from China or Russia, South Korea was bound to finally become one of the United Nations. In a speech to the UN that was mostly about Iraq's invasion of Kuwait, George H. W. Bush (American president, 1989–1993) mentioned his support for South Korean UN membership and that the U.S. had no objection to "simultaneous membership of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea." The two Koreas became the 160th and 161st entrants into the United Nations on September 17, 1991. Eighty-five percent of the UN's member states were admitted to the world body before Korea was. Finally, the long national-level struggle that Korea has undergone with relation to the UN had come to an end.

In 1923, for the benefit of those of its readers that had no idea where it was, *Time* described Korea as "that part of Japan situated on the mainland." It's hard to see things today as they were then, but effectively, following annexation by Japan in 1910, Korea had ceased to exist; she'd been swallowed whole by the Japanese Empire. For decades Korea was a nation seen only in hearts of patriotic Koreans who loved her too much to let her die.

Father, too, sees a nation not many others see. He has called us, and our response to his call is central to his present work to move the United Nations to the level where it more fully serves the will of God.♦

Endnotes

1. Korean name 이승만, representative to Washington of the government in exile; later president of the Republic of Korea (1948–1960).
2. Korean name 임병직, a graduate of Ohio State University; later South Korean Foreign Minister (1948–1951)
3. Based in Washington D.C., where it represented the Korean Provisional Government, which was in Chungking, China at that time
4. Dae-mo nim and her mother participated in this event. See *Today's World* July 2005, pg. 17 endnote and article content
5. Korean name 임영신 ; she founded Chung-ang University. In 1948, she became Korea's first Minister of Trade and Industry

Celebrating Families: The UN and FFWPU-Thailand



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The main Asian UN office is the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), located in the UN Building, in Bangkok, Thailand. For two consecutive years, FFWPU-Thailand, UNESCAP and the Thai Ministry of Social Development and Human Security have co-organized a seminar to encourage people to celebrate the UN's May 15th International Day of Families. We held this year's seminar at UNESCAP Hall on May 9, and despite it having been a Monday, the event attracted more than six hundred people from various government departments, NGOs, religious organizations and academic and private institutions, as well as university students.

Among the distinguished guests were retired General Saiyud Kerdphol, a former supreme commander of the Thai armed forces; General Singha Saovapap, vice-president of the Social Welfare Association and Colonel Khunying Asanee Saovapap, ministerial advisor to the Ministry of Defense.

Dr. Lek Thaveetermsakul, vice-president of FFWPU-Thailand, welcomed the guests, and opening remarks were made by the President of FFWPU-Thailand, Professor Emeritus Pradit Charoenthaitawee, who is also the National Human Rights Commissioner. A message from Mr. Kofi Annan, the secretary-general of the United Nations, was read by Mr. Kim Hak-su, the executive secretary of UNESCAP, who is also an undersecretary-general of the UN. Mr. Kim then delivered his own speech, the keynote address entitled "HIV/AIDS and Family Well-Being," which is the UN's theme for 2005, the International Year of Families. His message highlighted the need to help families remain resilient and called for greater commitment in supporting the family to fulfill its mission as one of the first lines of defense against HIV/AIDS. It was Mr. Kim's first experience attending our event at UNESCAP Hall. He appeared impressed by FFWPU's commitment to dealing with family issues and emphasis on the importance of this day.

To stress the urgency of this most important and critical issue, a group of sixteen resource people and a moderator were invited to state their views under this year's theme *Family Development Strategies*. The moderator was Dr. Sairudee Vorakitphokatorn, a famous associate professor who has a popular family television program on raising good children.

By the time the session ended, participants had gathered a great deal of information and become aware of resources through the discussion. Many representatives from the government, private institutions, NGOs and associations expressed their wish to work hand in hand with FFWPU-Thailand to help strengthen Thai families.

The International Day of Families is a joyous occasion when people in any part of the world can come together to observe and celebrate the significance and profound value of the family. It is a day when God is joyful to see all His children beginning to recognize the importance of and embrace the true value of the family. ♦



Insights from a Man at Father's Side

Dr. Peter Kim is Father's private secretary and special assistant. His work naturally requires him to spend a great deal of time with True Parents. Despite his extraordinary schedule he consented to be interviewed for Today's World on the eve of True Parents' departure for their global speaking tour to launch the Universal Peace Federation worldwide.

Do you think new initiatives such as the Universal Peace Federation or the world speaking tour always come to Father as a direct instruction from God, or is Father continually driven from within himself to set these kinds of conditions?
I cannot give you an exact answer. What I feel is that as Father manages his providence all over the world, following God's directions, he'll have issues in mind that he continually focuses on. In this case, for example, a speaking tour and the Bering Strait project.

Because of his effort and prayer, usually early in the morning, like 2 am, he wakes up and prays. And suddenly something clicks and he says, "Yes!" Vertically, he answers God and says, "Yes, I will get it done." Then he calls, even sometimes at 2:30 AM or 3 or 4 AM, and he says, "Immediately send a message to the world. Tell Rev. Kwak and other people and make it official." He says this before he forgets or before he loses momentum. That's the way things like the world speak-

ing tour and the UPF inauguration happen.

You mentioned the Bering Strait project...

We were traveling back to America from Korea. Rev. Yang and I were accompanying Father and Mother. From Incheon to Anchorage, we usually go the way that passes over the Bering Strait. Father's plane has a monitor which shows on a world map what the plane is flying over. So, we passed the Bering Strait, the international dateline, and Father pointed suddenly at that map and said, "We will do the Bering Strait project."

That doesn't mean that Father just randomly picked up that idea. Father had been constantly thinking about it, probably each time we flew over it, but he hadn't said anything out loud. Finally, one morning on the airplane, he made that announcement in front of us. He called Dr. Yang and me. I always carry a map of the world with me just in case. Father said, "Bring it out!"

Father spread that map out on a table and drew a line that represented an international highway around the globe connecting everything, all with one line. That was the beginning.

As we arrived in America, we made an announcement as an official statement from Father. That's the way it began. Father constantly meditates and prays and thinks



Father and Dr. Peter Kim (Korean name, Kim Hyo-yul) backstage at a Korean venue shortly before Father begins his speech



Joining Father on the Front Line

By Daniele Cohen

The reason I always go to the front line is not because I am the best, or most worthy. The way I look at it is in relation to the Bible story about Abraham and Lot. When Abraham was negotiating with God on behalf of Lot, God promised Abraham that He would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah if ten righteous people could be found in those cities. I go representing white American women, for what it is worth, hoping that my meager offering will prevent the U.S.A. from being destroyed.

President Jenkins (FFWPU-U.S.) asked me to please go to Dallas and bring five hundred people! So with my husband's blessings I left for Dallas.

Upon my arrival, Dallas presented me with stone-cold calling lists. One idea was to find "Hurricane Heroes"—those who had taken care of people affected by Hurricane Katrina—and honor them with an award at our event. The Dallas members had a database with few names and no "hot lists," lists of people more likely to respond well. I just had to do my best. To make everything much more challenging, Dallas was going to charge \$25 a ticket to help those harmed by Hurricane Katrina.

I began to collect everyone's guest lists in order to pray for all of them. Cold calling is extremely exhausting, because you have to pour out your guts on the phone. The person on the other end has zero foundation or may have heard something not positive about our founder. I did my best, all the while crying inside and repenting to God for not being enough.

At one meeting, I asked the leadership to please let us go to the holy ground and pray for this event. I was told "There's no time!" So three sisters—Laura Lee, in charge of PR and the Press, and Anne Marie Morgan and I—made a firm decision to go every day and got up extra early to do so. It was thrilling! The holy ground in



Daniele and her husband Ken

Dallas is right by a beautiful body of water; it was breathtaking.

You know how True Father has said that during this time in history every day is like a thousand years? Oh no—in Dallas, every day was ten thousand years; that's how it felt. I could hardly breathe. It felt like I was suffocating. Being extremely anemic doesn't help, but I never let that stop me or used it as an excuse. I prayed for unity, for love, and to be able to look from Heavenly Father's perspective at what looked and felt to me like chaos. I started inviting Korean War veterans. I found a veterans group called the Chosun Few. There, there were eight who had potential, and three key people promised to help me. I explained from my heart how True Father had suffered in Hungnam prison camp and was eternally grateful to our military heroes who had liberated him, as he was next in line for execution. Then, a wonderful Islamic group led by a woman helped find Islamic participants in Dallas, and some had key contacts in Seattle and invited them to the event there for me!

The weekend before our Monday night event of September 26, we went to see the hotel where Father was to deliver the speech. The leader of the Dallas region had said, "I am a realist. We can bring seven hundred. We need tables to fill up the room more." But then the mandate came from True Father himself. Unless each city had a thousand guests, he would not speak there. I said to the regional director, "We have to get those tables out of there! The room is too small."

Every time I go to the front line, it becomes harder and more challenging, but that is the adventure of it all! It is not easy, but joy can be found in it, and there are no words to describe how rewarding it is. ♦

about something, then finally when it clicks, when he gets a clear direction from God, a green light, he makes it official. That's the way he does it.

People are concerned about Father's health and worry that he might continue public speaking until one day he collapses at the podium. Is Father confident that he can maintain his health despite the rigors of the tour?

That's a good question. Father often says he knows the state of his health better than anyone, even doctors. He can control himself, whatever the circumstances that come up.

In my experience with Father over thirty years, when Father stays in one place, for example, East Garden, for a week or so before he leaves for someplace else, or if he comes to Korea and stays at Hannam-dong for a couple of weeks, I feel Father becomes weaker, physically. As soon as he starts public work, such as this world speaking tour, he suddenly gets much more energy. I can say that's probably not just physical energy, but comes from above. He gets much stronger and more energetic. When I stand with him on stage to translate, after an hour and a half or two hours, my legs become tired. I have to deal with fatigue, but Father keeps going, stronger and stronger.

I almost always feel that once Father stands in public and he does his spiritual mission, which is spreading the truth and sharing true love, teaching, there is no problem. He always has plenty of energy and strength. I'm confident that Father can do a 100-city speaking tour without much of a problem. Father knows that he can do it.

Just in case, because of his physical age, we are praying that he will be a little more careful by shortening his speech. Instead of three hours, maybe one hour, but Father says he cannot control that, because his mouth does not cooperate with him. That means that once he starts sharing truth and love, he doesn't know how long he will speak. He just keeps going; whatever comes down goes out.

What would you say your role is in relation to Father?

Well, since about fifteen years ago, my role toward Father is like his secretary, as well as his translator. I'm also a mediator between the leaders and members and True Parents. At the same time, I'm director of the East Garden community. I'm kind of his secretary, though we have several special assistants. Father often gives certain directions to me to convey to the leaders.

When Father telephones during the night, are you always the first person he calls?

Not all the time. Sometimes, Father directly calls Rev. Yu in Japan, Rev. Kwak in Korea, Rev. Hwang in Korea. Sometimes, he calls me and says, "Come



As True Parents leave Hannam-dong for the airport and the final sixty-four cities of the global speaking tour, Shin-joon nim, too, bids farewell.

to East Garden right away. Come up here right away at Hannam-dong, and then he gives directions verbally; it depends.

What is it like for the ministers who traveled with True Parents on the American tour?

I'm sure it's a big challenge for them, Archbishop Stallings and Rev. Jesse Edwards. They've studied Divine Principle enough by now, and they understand Father's schedule. They got used to it, but it is a big challenge. They do it basically because they believe in Father as their True Parent.

Do you feel that Father is speaking for the audience in front of him or for an audience a hundred years from now? Do you

think that he is understood by the audience he's speaking to?

Yes, I think about that each time too. I am kind of nervous that Father may speak too long, but I understand that when Father speaks, Father clearly feels or sees all the good ancestors coming into the auditorium, whether it's 10,000 or 1 million. If the audience is not paying too much attention, Father is speaking to these ancestors.

Also, I know, particularly recently, given his age, he feels that this may be his last chance to talk to people. When else in the future can he come again and speak to them? Even though they feel it is a little too long, even though they are not really patient, even they don't fully understand, Father feels it's his responsibility to teach them as much as he wants to. So, he pours it out.

That's why even after he's spoken for two hours, he feels as if it has been only thirty minutes. That's the kind of parental heart we can feel there. We feel his urgency, as if he's leaving them his dying wish. He has actually mentioned that. He has that kind of conviction. ♦



Rev. Kim has been with True Parents in all kinds of circumstances, in the midst of the Alaskan wilderness (photo) or, as with the current speaking tour, traveling to a new country virtually every day over a ten week period

would end up in paradise, where you would have to understand the content of *Cheon Seong Gyeong*, that is, my teachings. You would have to discern whether the speeches were given in the morning or in the evening, in the eras of the individual, family, nation, or cosmos, though those speech excerpts may all appear similar. Though you may not have known this before, they are arranged in a certain order of rank.

When preparing an offering table like this, you should not thoughtlessly mix all the fruit up. Each type of fruit should have a place for itself, as you can see from this, for only then can the fruit put up a good front and maintain its dignity, which allows God to look upon it with interest; you cannot place the fruit as you like in a haphazard way. You need to understand that only those things that are in order can have their existence recognized in this environment. Do you think all people should be treated like that? Do you understand?

The Unification Church holds great authority. No matter how freely you have lived your life, were I to look at you sternly and say, "You rascal," none of you would have any freedom whatsoever. Even those who think highly of themselves would be drawn into my sphere if I were to stand still and gaze at them with my mouth closed. There exists something that prevents them from changing the environment and drawing me to their spheres.

I have met many leaders of nations, and many who claimed to be knowledgeable, but no matter how much I urged them to speak—and they had come with every intention of speaking—the moment they stood in front of me, words failed them. Did you know about that? There is something that makes it so. In the presence of God, it is the responsibility of a son to console Him and sometimes make Him cry. It is a circumstance that only a son can be in. The same holds true for you. Do you have something of substance deep within you that might cause me to weep or that might deeply move me?

If one's whole being is false, do you think he can become true just by pretending to be true? The sons and daughters of presidents say, "We have the worst father." Their own wives cannot trust them.

I have many sons and daughters. Because I have not treated them as my children, they have stood against their own parents until now. What I want them to do is to continue their studies from the age of twenty-four to thirty-four, even when they are fully-grown, while I am walking the path to achieve liberation. They are quite smart and have been admitted to top universities in the United States. What they have found in those universities is that their own teachers respect me. Though my children themselves do not think of me as their father and so have set their minds on not living with me, in their own universities they find that the person everyone else respects the most is their own father.

From a footloose and fancy-free position they have done all kinds of things and have determined to have nothing to do with me, their father; but when they come to the place where I have built a palace, they find that I am in a position that they, not in a million years, could ever have reached. So

though I have said nothing to them, they have no choice but to naturally submit and return to their places as my sons and daughters.

I continue to see the need to educate the Korean people. Once you get to know the situation of the Unification Church, and what kind of life the founder of the Unification Church is leading and how great our sphere of influence is, you will consider yourselves to be superior to others, but you have yet to learn all the details of the course of a pioneer that you should have learned. Pioneers are to you like an unknown world, an unknown heaven and earth.

That is why, once I pass on to the spiritual world, I will have to draw up a whole new educational program. Did you know that? If you have not completed the program on earth, how will you keep up with the program in the spiritual world? That is why you need to practice absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. Even this thing I have in front of me was created by God with absolute faith. Faith does not mean hope or desire in the way that people who speak about faith think it does. It should be faith in the relationship between God and man, which means absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience....

Have you ever valued the things of the world by viewing them from this perspective? You only do as you like. You would like all the money in the world to be yours, wouldn't you? Would you like to make everything yours while the 70 million people of your race look on? That is the way a thief thinks. You would be committing fraud. I am frank to the members of the Unification Church, and in this regard I am different from your mothers. Yes, we all need to become qualitatively different.

I am only saying this because you have come to attend this celebration on this joyous day, and all I can do for you

in return is to dress you up in nice clothes. Even if you don't want to listen to what I'm saying, if what I am saying exists in you, or rather on you like garments, and you live as if it does, your coming here today will not have been a waste of time. That is why I am telling you this.

The word "moon (文)" refers to the truth, doesn't it? It also signifies an altar dedicated to God. Sun Myung Moon! The Chinese character for "sun (鲜)" is made up of two Chinese characters—"fish (魚)" and "sheep (羊)." They represent the ocean and the land. The word "myung (明)" consists of two characters meaning "sun (日)" and "moon (月)." The altar of the sun and the moon, the sea and the land; the person who has built an altar by elucidating the truth on the foundation of heaven and earth and who serves that altar is "Sun Myung Moon." It is a great name, isn't it? [Yes.] The name may be great, but how about the person himself? (Applause)◆

Endnote

1. We have hitherto translated seokbang as "becoming completely free," or existing in that state; however, we feel that the word "amnesty" may at times better reflect the concept of having the record wiped clean and the freedom from the past sins that this represents; see Father's speech on the seokbang era on page 15 of the April 2004 issue of *Today's World*

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and True Parents have appeared. What problem could arise? Once we bring this to the world's attention, everything will be fulfilled. It is not difficult. What Father has revealed could only have come from the king of peace, the savior who knows the genuine, tested truth. Father and Mother have shown by example the path that all humankind must go. It is as if we are getting a free ride. They have laid the foundation for Cheon Il Guk, the ideal world, with their blood, sweat and tears. What Father said yesterday at the celebration to mark the first anniversary of the coronation was a proclamation given during the course of providential history, with the dignity of heaven and earth.

At last we have become the citizens of the universal peace kingdom. Father is the king who has come to establish Cheon Il Guk, the peace kingdom. What else could we wish for? As I reflect on yesterday's speech, tears repeatedly well up due to the impressions I have and the excitement the speech gives me.

That event was not restricted to yesterday, but through the clear proclamation to the entire cosmos given with the dignity of a king, it was an astonishing ceremony stirring cataclysmic change that will alter the future of human existence. The foundation perfectly laid through indemnity paid by True Parents and results achieved by True Parents cannot be attacked by Satan or anyone else. Good and evil fortune is now drastically changing; a vast boundary has been drawn, confining evil to the losing side.

Looking at the recent flow of the providence as it has played out internally, the kingship providence, the peace kingdom providence and the providence that arose from our entering the time after the coming of heaven all began with the beginning of this millennium—from the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God on January 13, 2001. It is the mission of True Parents and the fulfillment of the Principle that the Parents of Heaven and Earth establish an unwavering axis, which we call God's kingship, and substantially bequeath it in order to execute the authority of heaven and earth.

That is why True Parents have been meticulously conducting the providence of connecting heaven and earth, taking step after step, centered on the kingship of God, which has been established on earth. Last year, the coronation was held in Korea, the third Israel, following in the wake of those conducted in the first Israel and America, the second Israel. On the first anniversary, August 20, 2005, True Parents announced themselves to those in the secular world who did not already know who they are.

The significance of the coronation

Please think about this: The title of the coronation, which was held within the Korean National Assembly compound a year ago, was "The Blessing for Registration in Cheon Il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom." True Father added the Korean word *seokbang* (석방) [translated in the title as "complete freedom," but which could be translated as "amnesty"] to the original title. Why did he do that? It was because the coronation of the king of peace is the most profoundly complete amnesty and freedom bestowed on humankind by God and True Parents, who are the king of peace and savior.

The coronation of the king of peace does not end with the ceremony; there should be a people of Cheon Il Guk governed by the king of peace; the people of Cheon Il Guk must regis-

ter, and registration is not possible for anyone other than the blessed families who have received this amnesty.

Thus, the ceremony that was held in the National Assembly on August 20, 2004, was significant in two great respects. First, the king of peace is not just a king of a nation but the king who governs the peace kingdom. Also, in order to become a citizen of Cheon Il Guk, the peace kingdom, one must register, which is possible to do through the blessing. So we should have conviction when we think of how precious the blessing is and how valuable the blessing ceremonies we are conducting now are.

Above all, the leaders of our nation have listened to our lectures at least once through, so they are aware of the Holy Wine Ceremony and Blessing Ceremony. They also have the idea that the blessing is precious, because Father and Mother are constantly emphasizing it and making statements that the core of the Principle is that without the blessing, it is as if nothing is possible. Many leaders have begun to consciously feel, "We must receive the blessing."

Second, in the visible sense, True Parents again carved out their position as the king of peace. This was of great significance.

As an anniversary present, True Parents were given pure gold renderings of the crests that symbolize the king and queen of peace, the designs for which they had selected themselves. The image of these crests will be officially used on all their household items and clothes, in ceremonies, and in relation to achievements of True Parents.

The crests symbolizing True Parents—the king and queen of peace—are not for temporary use in one particular era. With the intention of officially making public the crests, at the anniversary ceremony, they were prominently displayed behind the speakers and were on the cover of the program containing the text of Father's speech.

The kingship of the king of peace is the most definite and fundamental state of dominion. It is repeatedly emphasized in Divine Principle and in Father's speeches that perfect dominion is the dominion of true love. Dominion through love is good for both the dominator and the dominated; there's no desire to change it, so it remains eternally. It cannot be compared to any worldly kingship.

There are various kings throughout the world, and historically we use titles such as king of kings, and everlasting king. Yet it is True Parents alone who emphasize peace and who have ascended to the throne of the king and queen of peace in the presence of all humankind.

Today's young people are probably are not aware of this, but the word "peace" was not commonly used in Korea thirty or forty years ago. Well, the communists used it. The communists took away a lot of good words; "liberation" is another one of those. At the beginning of 1973, True Parents were leaving for a global tour when Father instructed me to create an association for professors. He mentioned two points related to this. First, he said that the title should contain the words "professors" and "peace." He emphasized that from that time on there would be no place out of the professors' reach, they would have access to all areas of society, so we had to reach them by all means. Second, he said that we have to recover the word "peace," which had been taken away by the communists.

Father also said, "We should set the word 'peace' in the center and remove the communist connotations. And as bait to convert communists, the best common denominator would be the word 'peace.' From now on, we should use the word 'peace' often." From that time on, most organizations and

institutions True Parents established have had "peace" in their names. The word has naturally been proliferating in Korea because of True Parents. Certainly it is a natural term to use, because the realization of God's will is connected to peace. From our point of view, True Parents have pioneered this savage land and have practically invented the word "peace."

As a result, the word "peace" as emphasized by communism has been exposed to the whole world for the fake usage it had. We should clearly know that True Parents are the ones who can claim the word as their own. You should be happy and joyful. You were able to attend the coronation of the king of peace, the practitioner of heavenly kingship.

This is the reason leaders from various fields in Korean society think deeply after listening to True Parents' message. Father and Mother carry out God's will; they practice the principle and are motivated by true love.

Through what circumstance do you gain a vital connection to the king of peace, citizenship in the peace kingdom and salvation from the savior, messiah and second coming? Through the holy blessing. What the blessing can be understood from the concept of engrafting with the true olive tree. This connects the 2,000 years of Christian history and Jesus to the work of True Father. It expresses the fulfillment of Jesus' dream of salvation for the world and that the blessing is a means of reconnecting a vital relationship.

Proclaiming this on the first anniversary celebration of the coronation of the king of peace to ambassadors for peace representing each nation and powerful leaders from Korean society was truly a delightful grace from Heaven. The will of God and of True Parents was expressed through what Father said yesterday. Father instructed us to have the speech published in major newspapers in every nation. He also encouraged us to study it until we have memorized the whole speech.

What would True Parents wish for us to do after studying

that speech? Nothing less than to proclaim their coming. Father wants us to testify to his arrival as the king of kings, everlasting king and king of peace. He wants us to proclaim True Parents just as they have.

Furthermore, we should actually bless those of our relatives who have drunk the holy wine, so that everyone is born again as citizens of Cheon Il Guk. That is our portion of responsibility and the way of returning even a little to God for the grace He has given us.

World Peace King Bridge-Tunnel

To conclude this report, I would like to talk to you about what we all have to remember and carry out by all means. What Father proclaimed during the four-city tour of America at the end of June was repeated emphatically yesterday at the first anniversary of the coronation of the king of peace.

Constructing the World Peace King Bridge-Tunnel, a bridge across or a tunnel under the Bering Strait that separates the North American continent and Russia, as part of an international highway that allows vehicles to tour the world, would be the greatest engineering feat in history.

This is the project True Parents have had in mind since years ago when they spoke of the construction of a tunnel between Korea and Japan. From now on, we will hold sessions at our conferences to further the research for this project, with a view to its implementation.

We should know that the construction of World Peace King Bridge-Tunnel is not only significant in that it is to connect two continents and, by extension, the world. It also expresses the firm determination and longing of God and of the king of peace to reconnect the human family which is split into enemy camps. Therefore, we should live, pray, devote ourselves and cooperate for the actual realization and fulfillment of this wish. Thank you very much.◆

The Fishing 3rd World Cup Taiwan 2005

Contestants from forty countries were in Taiwan from September 8 to 12 for the World Sport Fishing Federation (WSFF) Third World Cup. They fished from boats, from rocks and in lakes. First prize for those fishing from boats was \$20,000.



Saving Yala



By Raphael Oko

Quiet resolve is evident in this testimony from a responsible couple who in addition to their work with IIFWP are active in Teachers Without Borders, an organization unaffiliated with FFWP or IIFWP.

Victor Emeruwa, in an October 2004 article in *The Weekly Insider Magazine*, aptly described one of the communities in Nigeria worst hit by HIV/AIDS, discriminatory cultural practices and poverty as “a community in danger.” According to the report, “AIDS-related deaths and ailments ravage the people of Yala unchecked, making the rural community in Cross River State the worst hit by the pandemic in the country.” Today, no day passes in Yala without several deaths of people from AIDS-related complications. Victor reported further that “Yala is predominantly a farming community of about 125 square kilometers, which has been thrown into suspense over ‘mystery deaths’ that cause the entire community to begin to ask questions. There is an epidemic threatening to cut down the population....”

Yala is a group of communities designated a local government area (LGA) in Cross River State, which is in the south of Nigeria. There are four major ethnic communities that make up Yala—the Ukelle, Yache, Gabu and the core Yala. Predominantly, Yala is a farming community that has promoted polygamy, though the majority of the people are Catholic. There are a few Pentecostal churches springing up in selected communities, but the growing number of people who are joining those churches are seen by many in the majority as backsliding in the Christian faith.

Yala has a historical record of involvement in prostitution, particularly from the 1970s to the 1990s, when women without a formal education or informal skills migrated to urban areas. Such women mostly served as prostitutes in city hotels. In the local language, these women were regarded as *akpara* meaning “harlots.” Unfortunately, the returning harlots were highly respected, as they usually returned home during Christmas and New Year festival periods with money, new clothing and cosmetics not commonly available in the rural communities. Many men abandoned their wives to run after these “returnees,” and in some cases, after years of separation from a husband, the returnee harlots were highly welcomed by the men they had abandoned. Many reasons are usually given for women fleeing the villages for prostitution. The breakdown of marriage and family life accounts for perhaps 85 percent of all cases. The remainder might include women who had not given birth to a boy or whose husbands were unable to meet their daily needs. Still others flee because of undue pressure from parents who expect their daughters to care for them, as is customary. Whenever a couple faces the problem of a breakdown in their relationship, the average Yala woman considers fleeing to town for prostitution the most viable option.

The consequences of this are many: Children remain uncared for and in few cases are raised by the remaining parent. Women often suffer from one form of sexually transmitted disease or another. There are increasing num-



Raphael and Bupe Oko see saving Yala as their tribal messiah mission

bers of cases of marriage breakdown, and peer pressure to abandon marriage is a growing trend. So many women earn a living through prostitution that for women, marriage is now regarded as an optional way of life. HIV/AIDS is spreading widely among the women in Yala and from women to the local men also. Today, Yala LGA has the highest prevalence of HIV in Cross River State and consequently in Nigeria. The burial of people dying from AIDS-related complications has become a tourist attraction for the people of Yala and the neighboring communities.

There are also discriminatory cultural practices in Yala that constitute a major threat to the peace and stability of the area. Despite the worldwide abolition of slavery, in Yala the labels "freeborn" and "slave" are still used to separate people. For the many whose grandparents and great grandparents were bought as slaves, "the sins of their parents" are still being visited on the children of four and even five generations later.

Those whose grandparents were bought as slaves some seventy to one hundred years ago carry to this day the stigma associated with being a slave.

This is mainly seen in burial practices. There are five local weekdays in Yala, namely, *Ina*, *Ogbada*, *Akpakpa*, *Ogidi*, and *Iko*. In the eastern part of Yala, "slaves" are buried on days designated as odd days (Akpakpa, and Iko) while in western Yala, they have Iko, Ogbada and Ogidi as their odd days for the burial of "slaves." The issue of the death and the burial of those branded slaves is serious to the extent that should a slave be buried on a "royal day" (a day reserved for the burial of those "freeborn," that is, those whose ancestors were not slaves), his or her body would be exhumed the following day by youths. This contradictory and discriminatory cultural practice is very serious in Yala.

The people are crying, yearning for a way forward. The traditions of the people are fast disappearing and parents no longer control children. The markets around Yala are being left desolate, and the community economy is drifting toward total collapse. Today Yala has become a community endangered by HIV/AIDS, slavery issues and poverty.

Since the creation of the Yala LGA, which brought together different communities to make up Yala, there have always been conflicts among the people. Interethnic marriage between the people of central Yala, Ukelle, Gabu, Yache and other neighboring communities, which would have promoted harmony and cooperation, is something people are strongly prejudiced against. For instance, the core Yala do not agree to marry someone from Ukelle, just as the Yache people will turn down a marriage offer from the Gabu people. This is the situation in Yala LGA.

The New Yam Festival, which should be observed as a day of thanksgiving to God, who supported the invest-

ment by our farmers, who in turn should be remembered during the first harvest of what was invested, has become a time to offer the yams to man-made gods. It is also not held in the different communities on the same day. Without the yam god ceremony being held, no one in the area is allowed to eat the new yam. There have also been conflicts between Christians and believers of African traditional religion who observe the New Yam Festival practices.

Our tribal messiah mission

I took up the challenge of addressing these problems in Yala, the community where I was born and brought up. I have used the platforms of IIFWP-Nigeria (East) and Teachers Without Borders to develop programs, which have included seminars on HIV/AIDS, slavery issues and poverty eradication, in response to these situations.

I was born in a polygamous family; my father had twelve children from three wives with my mother being his first wife. I was the first child of my parents. I was born in Yala in 1966 and spent all my primary and secondary school days there. In 1986, I began my university education in Port Harcourt. After completing my undergraduate studies at the University of Port Harcourt, I was offered admission to a postgraduate program in Mathematics. During my postgraduate studies, I was appointed a graduate assistant in the Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science. It was during this period that I was introduced to the Unification movement by one of my then students, who is now my spiritual father. I was matched to a woman

from Tanzania and participated in the 1998 blessing. We have been working in various ways to make our modest contribution to the advancement of God's providence of restoration.

The news of my blessing with someone from Tanzania, with two of my younger brothers being matched and blessed at that time as well, created uproar in Yala. Prior to us, my younger sister Angela was the first from our family to be blessed. To the people of Yala, we had committed great sins by abandoning the Catholic Church, by marrying from another tribe, and worst of all, from another country.

Unfortunately, at that time, I left my job with the university and life became more than difficult for my younger ones and me. The situation was attributed to our involvement with the Unification movement, and no one in Yala wanted to be part of such a thing. For seven years (1996–2003), I did not travel home and visited neither my parents nor anyone else there. There were rumors that we had joined a group that had interfered in our lives and that we could never come home again. No one even wanted to come near where we were in Port Harcourt,



Raphael Oko in an HIV/AIDS training session with members of the Motorcycle Union at the Christ the King School in Yala

as it was commonly thought that we might initiate them into the movement. My parents wondered why we could not show up to disprove the odd stories about us, but they patiently believed that we were doing something that others did not yet understand.

At last, I visited Yala again and shared with my parents about what we have been doing. I can remember telling my dad and mum that we have been undergoing training in how to save our community. They wondered how we would be able to do such a mission when everyone had very negative attitudes about our involvement with the Unification movement and with my having lost my prestigious university teaching job. I simply told them that with God, the people would believe our message.

In response to True Parents' direction that members should return to their hometowns to work for the restoration of their people, my wife and I decided to take up the responsibility of restoring the Yala community. We have closely watched events in Yala and worked out a plan of getting some personalities involved in True Parents' organizations. In 2003, we recommended a senator representing the area be appointed an ambassador for peace during one of the IIFWP conferences in Abuja. With Senator Gregory Ngaji on our side, many people began to change their attitudes about our involvement with the Unification movement.

In addition, we invited one of the leading Pentecostal ministers, Pastor John Odey Lifu, to attend an IIFWP conference in Calabar. Pastor Lifu was a strong member of the Catholic Church before he left to begin a Pentecostal church in Yala. He attended the conference and began to realize that we have a lot to offer. He developed very positive views about the work of True Parents and helped us in getting people to understand that we were taking up a great challenge on behalf of humanity. With Pastor Lifu and Senator Ngaji, representing the religious and political sectors, won to our side, we began active involvement in the affairs of the Yala community. Once many people saw that both religious and political leaders were embracing us, their views about our mission began to change.

In response to the complex and pitiable situation of Yala, my wife and I decided to use our position as officers of IIFWP to build a coalition between our IIFWP regional office, in collaboration with FFWPU, and Teachers Without Borders, alongside other local community-based organizations (CBOs) and NGOs. Together, we initiated the "Save A Community In Danger" campaign to mobilize human and material resources to save the endangered Yala community. To us, this is our tribal messiah mission. The program involves education of the people through seminars, workshops and conferences. It also involves the development of skills-acquisition programs, community

renewal and development initiatives.

What We Have Done So Far:

At the suggestion of Pastor Lifu, I gave a speech—on the way forward for Yala—in September 2003 at a local organization, the Yala Christian Club (YCC), an extraordinary faith-based group doing great work in Yala. I say extraordinary, because they are interdenominational and willing to work with other groups. At the same time, when I first spoke to them, the YCC was mobilizing communities to address the problem of the worship of fetish gods.

I began speaking in the afternoon and I greeted the people with, "My dear brothers and sisters, good morning!" To my surprise, they all responded by saying, "Good morning our brother." I quickly responded with, "When I greet you with 'good morning' at 4.30 PM, why do feel I am right?" which caused them to remember that it should be "good evening." The reason I gave to the YCC members for saying "Good morning," is that "a new day has begun in Yala. We are in the early morning of the new Yala. This is the moment of the delivery of the new

Yala from the womb. YCC members that can transcend all narrow denominational affiliations must guide a movement for the birth of a new Yala." I spoke for over an hour and offered several suggestions including the need for the enlargement of the vision of YCC to become the Yala Interreligious Council.

At that time, it was agreed that YCC and I could work together to establish the Yala Community Teaching and Learning Center utilizing computers being provided by Teachers Without Borders, an NGO



The participants at a 2004 HIV/AIDS workshop pose in front of the IIFWP banner

that I serve as the Country Coordinator for Nigeria.

Following the enthusiastic response to my speech, we quickly convened an emergency training program on HIV/AIDS for forty members of YCC who could become volunteers able to mobilize our communities to adequately respond to the scourge of the ravaging virus. The forty volunteers were introduced to what we named Principled HIV/AIDS Education. This is an HIV/AIDS education program designed following the pattern of a Divine Principle workshop. Participants were also taught the ideal of true family values, in particular the need for the promotion of the culture of chastity before marriage and fidelity in marriage as a tool to prevent the further spread of HIV. The workshop ended with the resolution by the trained volunteers to reach out to their communities and churches and also to attend higher levels of workshops on the subject matter.

Through our involvement with Teachers Without Borders, we secured the funding to send four health workers from Yala to a training course conducted at the University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital in Port Harcourt from November 29 to December 3, 2005. The course takes place

in Nigeria, but it is run by the Baylor College of Medicine from Houston, Texas, and is based on their HIV Curriculum for the Health Professional.

At the end of the training program, we invited the four participants to dinner and shared with them about the Unification movement, the blessing and what we have been called by True Parents to do in our home area. They were very inspired by True Parents' vision, and when they returned home spread the message of our efforts. Soon everyone began to look forward to meeting us.

From December 28 to December 30, we held the Yala HIV/AIDS Intervention Project 2004. This seminar to train trainers in HIV/AIDS education is something that we'd begun planning with the health workers as soon as they'd returned from the Baylor College training. We had planned to train forty people and had advertised via the Internet, particularly through an e-forum coordinated by Journalists Against AIDS in Nigeria. We received responses from across the country, all expressing interest in being trained with the IIFWP Living AIDS Free lecture materials, and 160 participants actually attended the program.

News spread throughout Yala. Participants included age-group leaders, youths, religious leaders, health workers and members of the NGO community. According to the reflection of one age-group leader, Mr. Otorog Afuoh, "This is the very first time that Yala people have gathered to listen to lectures continuously for three days without any promise of money for participants. I am wondering what kind of powerful spirit is behind this organization that has kept my people here for three days. This is a great miracle. I have never seen this in

Yala before, and even after the presentations, everyone is agreeing to the ideas. I am so confident that if all the people put these ideas into practice, we will become a new Yala community." Mr. Afuoh is a respected community leader and a teacher at the Yala Secondary Commercial School.

In the words of Pastor John Lifu, "This is the teaching of God himself. I am delighted that God is living and making effort to save us. I pray that my people can listen to the word of God and bring His righteousness to reality in Yala. Today, Yala is free and will be free forever. I pray for God's support to IIFWP and the partners for organizing this event".

The three-day program featured presentations by Rev. John Oko, Rivers State Coordinator of FFWPU, alongside training sessions on Living Positively With HIV/AIDS by Mr. Bernard Wonah and Mrs. Maria Okpe (both are health workers in Yala LGA). Mr. Kingsley A., who tested positive for HIV in 1999, shared his experiences. Many others who are living with HIV/AIDS breathed a sigh of relief, as they came to understand that they could still be useful by living positively.

As early as 8:00 AM, on February 7, 2005, participants arrived and began queuing up for the Yala Community Leadership Conference 2005, a joint effort of IIFWP-Nigeria (East), CARP-Nigeria, Religious Youth Service-Nigeria and the Nigeria Chapter of Teachers Without Borders. The theme of the conference was "Addressing Contemporary Issues in Yala Community and Development: Focus on HIV/AIDS, Slavery and Education." Participants were drawn from the membership of the Yala Traditional Rulers Council, the Legislative arm of the Yala Local Government Council, age-group leaders, women and youths as well as NGO leaders.

The conference began with an opening prayer by the representative of the acting Catholic Bishop of Ogoja, Rev. Father Paul Odey, while Ogamode Obriku Ipuole, the Clan Head of Itega Ekpudu, gave the traditional prayers of the Yala people. Staff members of the local government council, who were detailed by Council Chairman, John Adogba Eyikweje to take stock of all deliberations, also attended the conference.

I gave the opening address, "Toward the Renewal of Yala Community for Sustainable Development in the 21st Century," which was later endorsed as the resolution of the participants. I also gave a presentation on HIV/AIDS. Dominic Odey Yegwa, national director of CARP-Nigeria, gave a speech peppered with quotes from True Parents on transforming our communities to become the kingdom of God on earth. He was constantly interrupted by applause.

Norris Nwansi, national director of RYS, spoke on "The Way of Leadership for Peace." Lois Dooshima, a

lady from Jos living with HIV spoke about living positively with HIV as well as sexual violence and the spread of HIV. Two traditional rulers, Ubet S. Ochim and Ogamode Eje Ipuole, spoke on the Role of Community Leaders in the emerging challenges facing Yala communities.

Participants reconvened on the second day and were presented with reports on the Yala Community Teaching and Learning Center, which became operational after the December 2004 workshop.

Follow up programs are being planned including the convening of the Yala Culture and Sports Festival 2005, where we hope to conduct the marriage blessing. At the time of this report, twenty young boys and girls and forty-five married couples have registered their names to participate in the blessing program. We continue to pray for God's guidance and support to be able to save this community in danger. ♦

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A typical funeral in Yala: Burial practices have become a highly contentious issue



A Magical Experience with True Parents

By Simon Rosselli

Recently Father called members from around the world to come to Alaska as a condition for his world speaking tour. I am a professional magician, so before leaving for Alaska, when I met Song Yong-cheol, continental director for Europe, he asked me to bring all my magic tricks. He said he would have me perform for True Parents.

I brought as much as I could fit into one suitcase (I had to leave my sawing-in-half box and other stage props behind). Thirty-six hours later I landed in Kodiak. A few days went by and then we were asked to put on an event at a local restaurant, where we invited guests to attend a buffet dinner and an introduction to the Divine Principle and Father's life.

I was part of the entertainment and ended up coming on at 8.30 PM. Though it was late, the guests really entered into the spirit of things, and I basically finished to a standing ovation. I think some of the leaders were surprised by the performance.

A few days later, at the gathering to say farewell to True Parents, Dr. Yang asked me to get ready. I only had a few minutes to prepare and then found out I was basically to be the only entertainment. Suddenly, there I was, in front of True Parents. I wondered how I would play the situation. I had thought about it long and hard since I arrived and had decided that if I found myself in this position, I would really be a child in front of them. After all, they are parents; we are children. A child would have no concepts or inhibitions; his main purpose would be to bring joy to his parents. However, I had no idea how it would be received. There might be cultural, language or humor differences, so if I felt it was too much, I would back off and respect their space.

I wanted to break the ice. As I stood there in front of Father and Mother, I told them, "Although I have performed many times, tonight I am nervous." I started with a few card tricks, asking Father to choose a card. I then held Father's finger, studied it and said that we all have unique fingerprints, so I would find his card through his fingerprint. I got him to sign a card and ripped it up; by magic I put it back together again. I asked Mother to sign a card and then made it fly in front of her eyes. I joked about having both their signatures on cards. They both were really laughing and really entered into the spirit of things.



At this point, I felt I didn't need to hold back anything. I really pushed the boat out. The more I gave, the more they responded. Holding Mother's hands, rabbits disappeared and then reappeared and while the rabbits were together as a family, they multiplied and babies appeared. It was really so wonderful to see Father and Mother so free and really enjoying themselves. Mother was almost in tears, she was laughing so hard.

After fifteen minutes, I felt I was ahead of the game. I wanted to quit while I was ahead, so I politely bowed and said, "Thank you very much," but they asked me to continue. I continued for another ten minutes and again politely bowed and said, "Thank you very much," but as I was leaving Father started speaking in Korean. Dr. Yang translated and said, "Father wants you to teach everyone a trick." I didn't want to do that as it takes something away from the magic and dilutes things. How do you decline, though, in a situation like that? I started to make a joke about being expelled from the Magic Circle (the world's leading magic club) for revealing secrets and politely bowed again, but Dr. Yang said, "Father said you have to teach everyone a trick." I told him that if Father could tell me where the 5 of clubs was after showing him the cards and laying them on the table, I would teach everyone a trick. As I put each card down, 1, 2, 3, I asked Father what the number was, and then I shuffled the last two cards. Father was really watching intently and was determined to win. He chose a card, but instead of them being 1,2,3, 4 & 5 by magic, everything was reversed and was 5,4,3,2,& 1. Seeing

that he would not be able to guess it, Father laughed and let me leave. Dr. Yang however was determined to find out and again used "Father said," and that he wanted to know about a rope trick, in which though I had cut a rope three times, it came back together. When Dr. Yang had cut the rope, it fell to pieces. I said, "You've already demonstrated how to do that." The whole room, including True Parents, burst out laughing. I bowed again and was finally allowed to leave. As I was leaving, Peter Kim asked me for my business card, which when I gave it to him burst into flames—again more laughter. He said he would invite me for one of the future holy hays.

Then Mother came up to sing. Before she started, she said, "I wish the magician would do some magic on my voice, so I can sing well for you." When Father spoke to us, every ten minutes he kept asking, "Where is the magician? What's your name?" He talked about magic and whether it was real or not, and how True Parents were real, but he wasn't sure about magic anymore. I could see from this feedback that I had really touched their hearts and left a mark on them.

Afterward, I was talking to a Korean leader who said that Koreans and Japanese could never have done that. In all his time in the church, he had never seen anything like that. At first I thought he was talking about the magic and replied that I knew some very talented Korean and Japanese magicians in the Magic Circle, but he explained he was talking about how close and personal I had been with True Parents. I explained that when Father gives us a direction, it could be taken as if an emperor were giving orders to his soldiers, but this is not the relationship I feel we should have with Father and Mother. Above all else, they are our parents. Therefore, when we do things and overcome challenges, we should do them to bring them joy and happiness, just as children do everything to bring joy to their parents. This should be the secret to that relationship, a parent-child relationship.

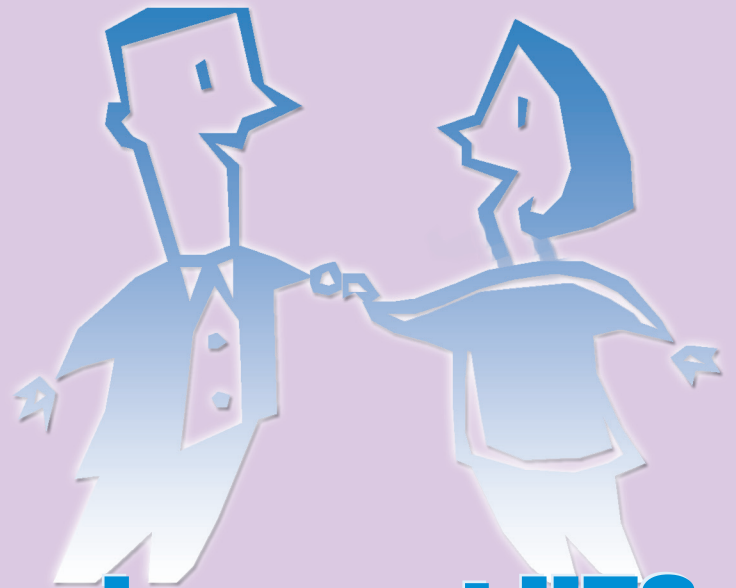
Knowing the path they have trodden for us, it was truly wonderful to be able to bring them so much joy, happiness and laughter and to really touch their hearts. ♦

If you would like to own a DVD of this magical experience, please send a \$15, or equivalent, donation (includes postage and packing) to FFWPU, 25 Hainthorpe Road, London SE27 0PL, England. All proceeds to support the refurbishment of a warehouse purchased last year for a South London church center. Simon can be reached by e-mail at energy1@btconnect.com

Above, a little of the joy True Parents have given us is returned; below left, Mother picks a card, any card; right, Where did they all come from?



Love and Marriage:



A Socratic Experience at UTS

The following was excerpted from the transcript of a presentation entitled “What is Love?” given to newly matched and blessed members of the second generation and some of their parents at a seminar at the Unification Theological Seminary. It has been edited for Today’s World.

By Mr. Alan Saunders



Hello, everyone. My name is Alan Saunders; I graduated from UTS here in Barrytown, New York, in 1996. I now work with Mr. Kevin Winter and other IIFWP colleagues in Africa and the Caribbean and in different countries around the world.

What’s amazing to me as I do different types of education projects—wherever I go, whoever I talk to—whether it’s at the United Nations, speaking to the ambassadors, or it’s in Paterson, New Jersey, where I’ve taught in the middle schools and high schools for the last eight years—the issues are very, very similar. In some ways, for people who have been matched and blessed, it is very different than a regular marriage, but the communication skills and the relationship skills that are needed are the same.

I’m going to be asking you a lot of questions; is that okay? [Yes!] This is based on Socratic dialogue. Does anybody know what Socratic dialogue is? [Teaching through questioning.] Teaching through questioning. Easy questioning or difficult questioning? Difficult questioning. Can you name one person who is a Socratic dialogue expert? [Socrates.] Very good! How about someone a little closer to home? Who founded UTS? [Rev. Sun Myung Moon.] Right. Father is actually one of the best experts in Socratic dialogue. He asks extremely difficult questions, such as “What is most important—love, life or lineage?” That’s Socratic dialogue. When he’s gone around America and different parts of the world asking that question, the religious leaders, including ministers, really struggle for the answers. That’s the idea of Socratic dialogue, and that’s what I’m going to be doing this evening.

My first question to you is “What is the right age to be matched and blessed?” How about the guys? I’m going to pick on one of the guys. What do you think? [Seventeen.] Seventeen. [Eighteen.] Eighteen. Anybody for nineteen? [When you actually feel ready.] When you feel ready. When you feel ready to what? When you’re ready to make a commitment. Okay. And to take...What did Neil Salonen talk about on Sunday? He talked about commitment, and he talked about...taking.... [Responsibility.] Responsibility! And those two virtues are two of the keys to successful relationships and marriage. Can you have a successful marriage or blessing without commitment? [No.]

By the way, cohabitation—living together without marriage—is becoming the lifestyle of choice for many young people. It seems to make sense; they want to test everything out before they commit to marriage in order to avoid divorce. However, the statistics about cohabiting very clearly show that people who cohabit have much less chance of having a successful long-term relationship, because they have a weaker level of commitment, even when they do marry later on. Couples who cohabited before marriage divorce more often than those who don’t cohabit. They also experience more conflict and domestic violence in their relationships than those who don’t live together before marriage. Commitment is a key to

having a successful long-term relationship.

Now I have another question for you. What is the right age to have children? [ASAP.] ASAP! What's the right physical age to have children? [Twenty-one.] Twenty-one. [Twenty-five.] Twenty-five; we're going up. [After you've moved out of your parents' house.] After you've moved out of your parents' house! [When you're settled.] Okay. [When you and your spouse are united enough to take care of another human life.] Very good...and what age is that? [It varies.] It varies based on your commitment, responsibility, and level of maturity. Very good. Therefore, what we are going to be talking about this evening are the virtues of commitment, responsibility, and maturity.

Resources for couples

How many people are aware of the marriage movement? A few. You newly blessed couples are extremely fortunate in that you're going into a marital relationship at a time when there is a phenomenal amount of research and interest in this field that is highly supportive of marriage. There has been a substantial shift in many opinions about marriage and family held by social scientists, particularly over the last decade. Liberal-minded social scientists are now realizing the benefits of marriage and the importance of healthy and productive families to individuals and society.

One social scientist, Dr. Judith Wallerstein, has done research over thirty years on the effects of marriage and divorce in families. What do you think she concluded? [Children of divorced parents struggle in many aspects of their lives. As adults, they have a lower income and have higher incidence of divorce in their own families.] That is correct. The differences are incredible between children of divorced parents and those in two-parent, healthy families. Children in two-parent families grow up to be more successful, they have better relationships, they are happier and psychologically and emotionally healthier. Children from either highly dysfunctional families or from divorced families often do not do so well in life.



“Give each other a kiss!” Father encouraged a couple who had presented flowers.

The results of Wallerstein's longitudinal study surprised her. She was once an advocate of “no-fault” divorce, but her research changed her opinion and the opinions of many other people. The results of her research are published in a book entitled “The Unexpected Legacy of Divorce.”

Social scientists and the American government are now realizing that marriage and family are the central pillars of society and that family breakdown hurts society. Have you ever heard anybody say that before? Who said that? Father, right? A lot of the things Father said a long time ago were not obvious at the time, but research has proven them to be not only prophetic but scientifically true as well. Next year the American government will spend 1.5 billion dollars on marriage and relationship education, because the government realizes they can either be proactive and take care of families, creating better communities, or they can try to deal with all the problems once families break up. I hope that you avail yourselves of the different programs that are now available.

There's some research coming out of Rutgers University from two researchers, Dr. Barbara Dafoe Whitehead and Dr. David Popenoe. They have a yearly sociological report called “The State of Our Unions.” In the 2004 report from that series is “The Marrying Kind: Which Men Marry & Why?” You can download this entire report from <http://marriage.rutgers.edu>. The site has a lot of information and an archive of their yearly reports. It's part of the National Marriage Project.

There are also many courses for couples available today that are highly supportive of marriage.

A good resource place to learn about them is at Smartmarriages.com. I would recommend The Seven Habits of Highly Successful Marriages, PAIRS (Practical Application of Intimate Relationships Skills), Relationship Enhancement and PREP (Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Program), Family Wellness, and Marriage Encounter, as these are programs I have had training in. Many of these programs are very principled.

Communication

Most of these kinds of programs emphasize com-



munication. Between couples, communication is the number one challenge, because men and women don't understand each other very well. Are guys and girls the same? [No.]

One of the major differences between men and women is that women communicate verbally. Do men communicate verbally? Not so much. Let me ask you a question: Do men have feelings? [Laughter.] Do they have emotions? Do men *show* emotions? [Sometimes.] For those of you who would like to come to UTS someday, watch the guys on the soccer field or on the basketball court here, and you will see how emotional guys get. Men get so emotional! But we do not share our feelings verbally. How many of you guys like to share your feelings? Were there a few? Good. You're in a heightened state of emotional development!

How about you women in the audience? Do you like to share your feelings? [Oh, yes!] That's one of the big differences between men and women.

Let me ask you another question: How many girls think they understand guys? Some... How about the guys? How many guys think you understand women very well? One. Good!

So, ladies, one tip: Don't ask your husband how he feels. Ask him what he thinks. It is much easier for him to tell you what he thinks, because men primarily stay in that cognitive mode. Once you get him talking about what he thinks, slowly move over to the feeling side. It's a process. [So we can ask, "What are you thinking?" And then, "How do you feel about that?"] Yeah. Girls are much more into relationships, into feelings and expressing them. The opposite sexes have to learn from each other and inherit each other's strengths.

Let me ask you an easier question: What's your external mission? This person has a business. You're in business and you have a church mission, right? Kevin Winter is working in Africa. That's his external mission. What's your internal mission? [Developing a true family.] Developing a true family. And loving your ...? [Spouse.] Good. Which one is more important? The internal is more important. Can you be successful at your external mission without success in your internal mission? You can be successful to a cer-

tain level. But to be successful in the long term, you have to succeed in your internal mission.

I go to conferences a lot, where I work with leaders from around the world. I might be at a conference for three days. Is it difficult to love world leaders for three days? No, actually, it's very easy. You're in beautiful hotels, having nice meals and listening to interesting presentations. These are visionary people on their best public behavior. It's comparatively easy to love them. Is it always easy to love my spouse? No, because there's a lot of restoration going on. Is it always easy to love your children? The internal mission is harder, and it is also more important.

Another question: How many here were matched and blessed recently? All right; this question is for you and for the older blessed couples, the parents. How many of you believe you can change your spouse?

You may try. I tried for many years. I tried to change my bosses, and that didn't work. So I thought perhaps I could change my spouse.

But if I was pushing her all the time and trying to dominate her, she would back off. That's what happens a lot between men and women, husband and wife. You have to learn to what? [Compromise.] To compromise, and to cooperate. You also will have to learn to die to yourself and to excessive self centeredness.

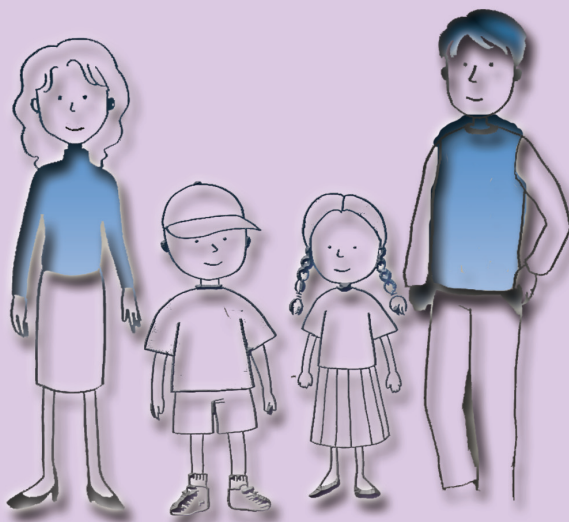
Okay, parents, how many of you have died to yourselves in your marital relationship? All of us have, to some degree. Now, is this a healthy thing to do? [Yes.] Dying is a healthy thing to do. Does this look like an exciting thing to do? How do you die? [You give up what you'd been holding on to.] You gave up your excessive desires and...? Not individuality. Your self-centeredness. You have to give it up, because it is not healthy. Okay, BCs, are you ready to die to yourselves? Nobody has ever asked you that before, have they? You have to be ready to give up parts of your personality that aren't healthy. To become... what's the M word I'm looking for? "Mature." Because in many ways, we are not mature.

A communication skill

We have spoken of how communication is a big issue in relationships, especially in marriage. Studies have shown that only 7 percent of communication is verbal. The rest is tone of voice, body language, expression in the eyes, and so on. In other words, it isn't so much what you say, it's how you say it! It's the heart behind your words.

A lot of parents walk around ordering their kids to do this and that while the child is three rooms away. The child hasn't heard you. You don't exist. Do you know why you don't exist? It's not only that they didn't hear you, it's that you didn't show them enough respect to connect with them. If you want to talk about something important to our spouse or child, you actually ought to be face to face.

What we're going to do right now is called "reflective listening." Some of you are probably familiar with it. It's a major communication skill used by almost all marital and family therapists. This is one of the most important communication skills you'll learn. You can use it in many situations, with your spouse or with



your children. This method of communication helps people be less selfish in conversation. It helps weed out the fallen nature, so that people can deal with the issues. It helps a person concentrate on what the other person is thinking and feeling rather than what you are thinking and feeling. It's practicing other-centered love or altruistic love.

There are a lot of different ways you can do this. We're going to have person A state their views using "I" messages. The idea behind "I" messages is that many people accuse others by using "You" messages rather than an "I" message. For instance, "You didn't do this task. You are terrible and selfish." A more appropriate way to express the same feeling might be to say, "I felt hurt when you didn't do this task."¹

Now, can you do this when you're flooded with emotions or you're angry? No. You're going to have to take a walk or run around the block first!

Person A uses an "I" message, then Person B reflects back, with empathy and compassion, what Person A has communicated. Then Person A either affirms or clarifies what Person B said. Okay? We're going to practice that.

There are different programs that use this; in some, the person who begins speaking has a tile in hand to show that he or she has "the floor," that is, it is his or her turn to speak. In other programs they use a stick or a pen. The person whose turn it is to speak holds the stick or pen to show it is their turn. There are different things you can use, but make sure you don't use a blunt object; and don't use a sharp object like a knife!

Now, Person A, you can only speak for a very brief time. Remember that the other person has to reflect back to you what you say, with accuracy and understanding, so keep your messages short. One key point: The person who's in the B position doesn't state their own feelings. They reflect back to Person A what *they* have stated, including the feelings, using empathy and compassion. We'll do it the right way the first time, then we'll do it the wrong way to show you both types. Okay? Go ahead.

Woman: Well, I'm at this workshop, and you know, I'm really not having a great time. I really don't like the speakers much. And the testimonies are just

really boring.

Alan: All right. You're at the blessing workshop, and you're struggling internally. You feel the speakers are not really interesting and engaging; and the testimonies are very boring. Is that correct?

Woman: Yeah, that's correct. That's how I feel.

Alan: Okay. Is there more? (Person B always asks, "Is there more?" to encourage the other person to get deeper into their feelings.)

Woman: Yes. I'm restless and frustrated.

Alan: You're restless and frustrated.

Woman: Yes. Phew! It's good to get that out. Now I can relax!

Alan: Okay. That was the right way for Person B to handle it. Let's see Person B (me) handle it the wrong way. Take two!

Woman: I'm at this workshop. I'm really having a terrible time. I really don't like the speakers and the testimonies... It's way too boring.

Alan: Well, what did you come here for anyway? What's your problem? You're always complaining!

That's *not* the speaker-listener technique. In the speaker-listener technique, she shares, I reflect back. The key is these two virtues, empathy and compassion. You've got to get the feeling behind what is being stated. "Empathy" is being able to understand what someone feels underneath, not only the words. Remember that 93 percent of communication is what? Non-verbal, right? So, it's more the feelings underneath. You've got to try to reflect back those feelings. Sometimes that's enough to bring the person relief from their feelings—just to have someone listen and understand.

Are there any questions? [So, you just repeat back what they are saying, but doing it as if you are just saying, "Oh, you feel like that."]

That's right. You're trying to connect with their feelings. When this technique is used in the right way, I've seen people who have been married for twenty-five or thirty years dealing with issues that they haven't dealt with in all that amount of time peaceably. A lot of times we perceive that someone is saying something, when they're actually saying something very different. What Person B is trying to do is to connect to how Person A feels. When you can connect to how someone feels, you can go beyond your conflict with him or her. You can begin to understand their feelings and their perspective.

After a few minutes, you switch roles. The people who were Person B become Person A and share their feelings, and the other person reflects that feeling back.

You can use this at high schools or at colleges to solve conflicts. It's also used in peer mediation.

The investment you put into your spouse will come through to your children, and it also will come through to your mission. These relationships are foundational to how we relate to the rest of the world, so it is worth it to invest in building good communication and understanding. ♦

1. For more on "I" messages see "Searching for Life's True Purpose: Perspectives on Morality and Ethics, Building Healthy Marriages," International Educational Foundation, 2002, Moscow, Russia, page 72





On-Air Peacemakers: Voices of Peace Television

To explain the success of a book in which a famous French philosopher denounced the practices of his fellow leftists, John Lloyd, editor of the *Financial Times Magazine*, used what he called “an old journalists’ maxim,” when he wrote, “Everyone likes to see others torn apart.”

It is hard to fathom how this journalistic “everyone” could include people like Fazida Razak, who has spent most of her adult life involved in interreligious service work or David Gordon, co-founder of Peace Child International, which brings Arab and Jewish teenagers (and later their parents) together. These are people whose stories are told by broadcast journalists whose view of the world is more encompassing through an emerging alternative media source, *Voices of Peace Television*, an educational initiative of IIFWP, in shows that are being aired around the world.

One of the more inspiring aspects of *Voices of Peace Television* is the potential it has over time to influence mainstream media by bringing to an international audience compelling stories that viewers are not seeing elsewhere. Some of the stories they have captured in just their first year or so of existence are as moving as anything you are likely to see on major networks.

VPTV has an expanding range of programs to cover the breadth of the work that IIFWP is involved in. Currently, these include *Voices of Peace*, which focuses on societal leaders and is hosted by Karen Smith, IIFWP’s director of its Office of UN Relations; *Sports for Life*, which is described by its host, John Gehring, international director of the Interreligious Peace Sports Festival, as being “in contrast to sports for sports’ sake” and emphasizes character development in young people; *Spirit of Service*, which brings to light unsung heroes involved in community service

work and is also hosted by Mr. Gehring and UPI Perspective, in which Michael Marshall, United Press International’s editor-in-chief, speaks with political and media figures about current events.

In some respects the hosts themselves are in the process of on-the-job training. As John Gehring explained, “*Voices of Peace Television* is an opportunity for us to be involved in media work, and as we mature the programs will mature.” The studio interviews are generally a bit more polished than the on-the-road segments filmed during IIFWP conferences, but what the hosts may lack in smoothness of delivery is balanced out by their degree of expertise in the areas they speak about. Mike Marshall, for example, comes across as well-versed in the complexities of international relations and recalls pivotal events in countries around the globe with apparent ease.

Some of the road work done by VPTV is exceptional from a visual perspective. The beautifully produced *Beyond Borders*, which covered a World Association of NGOs’ conference in Hungary and for the most part actually did without a narrator or host, includes attractive sites around Budapest as a backdrop to testimonies by participants on the importance of the work that WANGO is doing.

Many of the shows are available for viewing through the IIFWP web site¹. They are also aired in the more traditional television fashion through a variety of avenues. Justin Fong, VPTV’s international distribution manager, explained that many ambassadors for peace are involved in the media or have media contacts and that they or other concerned individuals have been instrumental in producing a global network of *Voices of Peace* viewers. He went on to say, “A great thing, especially in the United States, is that there is public

access television, which anybody who is a citizen and lives in a community can use to put a program on the air. All they have to do is write a letter to the local government saying they would like a time slot on the local public access television station and they get it for free. He later added that “one ambassador for peace put it up on Pakistani satellite television, which goes to seventy-eight countries, so everywhere there are Pakistani people who subscribe to that satellite station, they can get it.”

In one show, Melisse Lewine-Boskovich, who works with David Gordon in Peace Child Israel, describes the delicacy of getting Arab and Jewish Israeli high school students to meet together in the same room, where through improvisational acting and art projects they confront painful issues that have hamstrung their nation and caused grief for generations. The anecdotes she tells of what both the children and their parents go through in their involvement with the program are heartrending. They provide deeper insight into Middle East entanglements and the emotions underpinning them than one is likely to discover in a hundred hours of watching television news broadcasts.

In a similar vein, one program has Fazida Razak, a Malay Singaporean Muslim, wearing a head scarf and sitting crossed-legged on a hotel chair describing her experience with a Jewish Israeli when she worked as a Religious Youth Service team leader for a service project in Hungary. Growing up in Singapore, she had experienced conflicts between Chinese and Malays, but she said, “I do not have the kind of baggage that Arab Muslims have in regard to the Jewish-Palestinian issue.” Fazida, who is very interested in Judaism, had been very much looking forward to working with this Jewish woman, so she tried to start up conversations with her, but

More than Coping: A Story of Indomitable Faith



Two new ambassadors for peace and other IIFWP guests were drawn together by the heart of Mr. Bohdan Faryma (seated)

What can you do when you are no longer able to move your legs or your arms and are barely able to move your own head? In other words, how does one cope with total paralysis? What you can still do is plan, think, pray, network with your brothers, your sisters, your neighbors, have faith and a patient, strong will—you can, in short, move the world. This is the situation of our brother Bohdan Faryma, who lives in Kiefersfelden in the southern German region of Bavaria. For many years, he has suffered from an extreme form of multiple sclerosis (MS).

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Of Ukrainian descent, Bohdan joined our movement in Munich, Germany in 1973. Over the years, he worked in different missions in Germany, such as witnessing and serving as a church leader. He was blessed in 1982 among the 2,075 couples in New York. He has three children. In 1984, he joined the staff of the *New York City Tribune* as a journalist; later he worked in the United States as a church leader. After the outbreak of the disease, he returned to his hometown in Germany, Landschut, where he now lives in a therapy center on a Bavarian mountainside.

MS could not break his heart or love for God, True Parents and mission life. He can't go out to meet people; he can't approach them, but they come to him—fellow patients, therapists, nurses, pastors and other religious or social workers. With the help of

other members, he has prepared holy wine and has been able to pass out holy candy to many people in the local community.

Twice already, he has organized an IIFWP conference in his therapy center. Under the motto *Peace, Shalom, Salaam Aleichem*, he presented True Father's vision of peace and reconciliation amongst the Abrahamic religions to his guests with the help of the Munich IIFWP staff. Through this, the spirit of the Middle East Peace Initiative could reach the village of Kiefersfelden.

He is able to move other people's hearts toward True Parents' cause. In a recent IIFWP conference, ten guests came at his invitation and Father Lubomir Fedorak, a Ukrainian Catholic priest, and Aaron Petererk, a social worker with the Anne Frank Association in Amsterdam, were appointed ambassadors for peace.

Bohdan Faryma is living proof that with prayer, faith, strong will and loving relationships, we can conquer the world. Already his is planning his next conference, where the people he has brought to the stage of their becoming ambassadors for peace will receive step-by-step education. His heart is like a magnet. I feel that God and the heavenly spiritual world are irresistibly drawn to be with him. ♦

the Israeli woman was unresponsive. "Every time I asked her a question, I always got a one syllable answer... At the end of the program, she pulled me aside and apologized. She said, 'For me...every Muslim wants to kill me.' She was trying to explain her baggage to me. She has this conception of what a Muslim is. She said, 'Working with you, I now realize that not all Muslims want to kill a Jew.... If ever you come to Israel, please come and stay with me.'"

What struck Ms. Razak was that the transformation from believing that a member of another group is a mortal enemy to the point of inviting one

of them to stay in your own home is something that even professional therapy would take a long time to achieve. She credits the methodology of RYS and the various components that are a part of their service projects for making it possible for people to change so dramatically within a two-week period.

Kevin Pickard, VPTV's executive producer, who has many years of musical production and independent film making behind him, calls their work "idea television," and it's apparent that some of the ideas they convey can be very powerful indeed. For clearly there are many who have had more than

enough of people tearing one another apart and who thirst for television that dares to believe there is path toward universal peace. ♦

By a Today's World staff member

1. <http://www.iifwp.org>, click on the Voices of Peace Television logo and scroll down

Correction: On page 25 of the September 2005 issue, "family healing" should have been written in Korean as 가정치료

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