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International President's Message

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The Need to Nullify Satan's Claim on Us

From Rev. Kwak's speech to participants of the World Leaders Assembly at the Cheongshim Youth Center on February 13, 2008



The international and intercultural marriage blessing is the most basic of our activities, and its purpose is the complete realization of the ideal coming about through God-centered families. All of us, especially leaders, should think about two things concerning the blessing. The first is related to ourselves. The ideal that results from the blessing is not something that can be realized through hearing Divine Principle lectures. It cannot be conveyed through the guidance of other Unification Church members.

When we think of the word "blessing," we should always first think about ourselves as blessed individuals. In our families, are the parent-child relationships, brother-sister relationships, and the husband-wife relationship as they should be? We need to check this. If your own family is not as it should be, what can you say to others about the blessing? It would be ineffective. It wouldn't matter if you shouted out at the top of your lungs. Don't you think Heaven is looking at your standard?

Next is the extent to which you have given the blessing to your tribe. Moreover, are the three generations in your family—you, your children and your grandchildren—aligned vertically in a single line, so they can inherit True Parents' tradition? That is integral to the blessing.

Therefore, you cannot fulfill the blessing through giving Divine Principle lectures. Please don't forget that each person and each family has this serious responsibility, and please educate all blessed families in this way.

Second, since the blessing is so precious, it should be given out to the world. We have to give the blessing to all our neighbors and to all of humanity. Unfortunately, because we gave the blessing as part of past conditional dispensations, by giving the Holy Wine and a simple prayer, the blessing became ritualistic, formalized, yet informal at the same time. Even though there was a need for conditionally giving the blessing during certain periods of time, according to the demands of the providence, the blessing demanded by Heaven now is by no means conditional. We have to give the official blessing. You should think of that as being the way to spread Heaven's will. Please educate all church members and families in this way.

What I am about to say is not only a conclusion for this meeting but also guidance I sincerely want to give you. Father often says that he no longer sees any boundary between Cain and Abel. Father is asking us to bring ambassadors for peace who know nothing about True Parents directly to the peace palace. This indicates there are no boundaries now. It is as if the high tide and low tide have met and become one, so that we cannot tell the difference between the two.

Therefore, if we look at the Unification Church from an external point of view, this is a time when you can find both true Unification Church members with substance, who are trying to follow God's heavenly path in a truly fruitful way, and people who are really difficult to see as being church members. There is no need to scold or speak ill of such people. It reflects the time of the providence. Now everyone is together. The atmosphere is not just like this in the church. Barriers are now being taken down in general society. So don't try to be holy and stand separately. Instead, go into the world and put down roots in the world. Now some are actively setting foot in the realm with the worst smell, that of politics.

From that perspective, we have to think seriously about this year's motto. How are we going to fulfill the ideal of the combined jubilee years, the seventh and eighth years of Cheon Il Guk, which is based on the Universal Peace Federation? What is Cheon Il Guk? It's not a church-related ideal.

During True Parents' birthday celebration, we sang the Cheon Il Guk national anthem as if we constitute a nation. That is the kind of time we are living in now. Therefore, we shouldn't become stuck in a denominational or religious mind-set any longer. We are not holding our own denominational events

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“Daddy, look, don't worry and do your best. We are all okay. Our children are very good; the whole family is good. So don't worry, and go and work hard. Daddy, you really became a wonderful son, a wonderful husband and a wonderful father. I love you.”

Yeon-ah nim
at the
Wonjeon Ceremony
for Hyo-jin nim



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Student Days at Waseda Technical High School

April 1941–September 1943

The following is the fifth chapter of an English book about True Father's life.

The book was prepared (at some speed) from a collection of autobiographical excerpts from True Father's speeches over the years, which once collected were arranged chronologically. The book was not published generally but was prepared for the benefit of the True Children in their younger years. The content has been edited for Today's World.

A ferry boat that plied the seas between Korea and Japan in the 1940s

When I graduated from elementary school, I gave a speech in front of an audience that included the police chief, the district chief and other officials. I criticized the Japanese severely, shouting for them to pack up their bags and go home. I was like that from elementary school... I took hold of the police chief and criticized him. I said, "This and this is not right. How can you just do nothing?" Because I did this kind of thing, I was marked.

In order to go to Japan, I had to get a letter of recommendation from my headmaster. I also needed a passport for foreign travel from the police chief. When he saw me, he said, "We must keep an eye on this person. He is a troublemaker." This got us arguing. We have to be like this. There should be something special about us.

Hikari Ho Train to Busan (March 31, 1941, 2:10 PM)

In 1941 when I left from Seoul Station for Busan Harbor in order to go to study in Japan, I shed many tears looking at the capital city, thinking about who would take responsibility for these wretched people. When I left for Japan, I caught the *Hikari Ho* Train at Seoul Station. As I boarded, I thought, "I will not spend my time as a wretched failure. God will protect the young man who goes forward with a firm, resolute heart to save the nation. When I return, God will be full of hope." This is why Korea was not bombed during World War II.

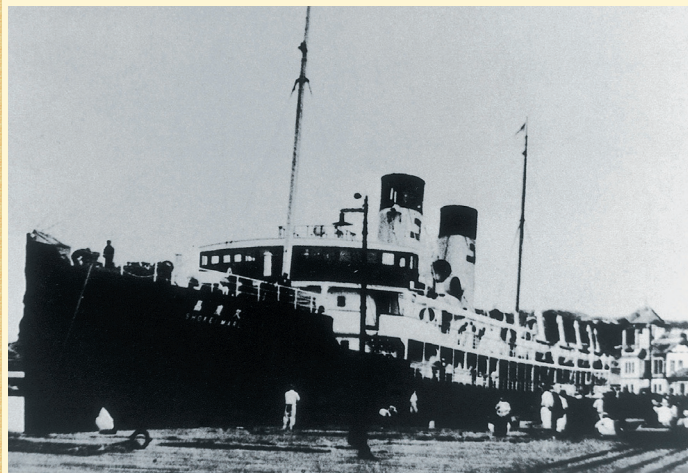
When I left for Busan from Seoul, I asked myself what I was going to learn in Japan. For this country to be liberated and for the young generation to have hope and get ahead in life, the nation needs to be free and independent. I was determined to prepare the way for the country. I can still remember leaving Yongsan Station, crossing over the old Han River Bridge, holding on to the train railing with tears flowing down my face.

I was leaving an orphan country. I pulled my overcoat up by the lapels to hide my face and cried all the way from Seoul to Busan. A Japanese lady who rode in the same coach asked me, "Have your mother and father just passed away, young fellow?" This pain and sadness comes to everyone, but my sadness arose out of love for my country.

Shokei Maru Ferry (April 1, 1941)

I'll never forget what I prayed just before I left for Japan. I was standing on the Busan Harbor pier at about 2 AM and looking back at Korea. I prayed, "I will love you even more and shed even more tears for you, even though I am leaving now."

It seems like only yesterday that I boarded the ferry from Busan to Japan, shedding tears the whole journey. Japan occupied Korea then. I wondered who would save and free our wretched nation. I stayed awake all night looking at the stars, praying. I told God, "I have prayed and shed so many tears for the liberation of this nation, which I am leav-



ing now. Heavenly Father, please keep this nation safe until I return." The boat left at 2:40 in the morning. I can never forget my heart at that time.

Willingly treading such a tearful course demonstrates patriotism and filial piety. It is the same for loyal patriots and it is the same for saints. A tearful life is the path of a saint. If there is a history or tradition that can move the world, it is one of tears. A tradition of tears is capable of dominating the world.

Waseda Technical High School¹ (April 1, 1941–September 30, 1943)

Since I first set foot on what was then enemy land, I was determined to endure anything. I never visited famous places in Japan. A person without a nation would not visit such places. I didn't go to Mt. Fuji and I didn't go to Adami Beach, Hakone National Park or the gardens in Niko either. I would only go to places if God were to say, "I feel joy at seeing such a beautiful place. It's a good place. Why don't you go there?" Unless that had happened I absolutely would not go. That's the kind of person I am.

I walked along Takadanobaba Street to Waseda University twice a day. I used to walk a lot. I hope you also have the opportunity to walk along Takadanobaba Street to the university with the same heart I had. You should know that in any place of significance along that road, at the bends and at the telegraph poles, my tears are hidden.

Majoring in electrical engineering

You have to know what work you want to do. The most important years are those from age eighteen to twenty-four. By the time you are twenty-four, you should have decided upon your purpose and goals in life. If you cultivate yourself and pray, you will realize what you should do.

I studied electrical engineering. I studied science and I knew the way I should go. Because I studied science, I had already tried my hand in most things connected with electricity. In order to do great things, you need to be good at mathematical calculations. You need to be quick at evaluating things. Controlling things unseen is similar to religion. You can discover electrical phenomena in all phenomena of the physical world. It is present in every action. I studied this kind of thing because I knew that I would not be able to put forward a new religious ideology without first mastering the world of science. Studying electronics helped me a lot.

I have a head for mathematics. When I was a student, I went to a hat factory and ordered a hat twice, but it was still too small and I had to rip it to make it fit. I have a big head. That's because I have many brain cells! [Laughter] So if I concentrate on something, I can do in three years what others would take ten years to do.

I studied with that kind of mind-set. Why do you feel tired when you study? It is because you study for yourself. That is why you feel tired. Try thinking that the life or death of the

whole human race depends on one phrase. Thirty million people will be able to live if you remember it and 30 million will be destroyed if you forget it. Try studying with that kind of heart. What do you mean you're not smart? If you go through life centered on yourself, only despair will result. If you go through life for the nation and the world, hope will result.

Persistently asking questions

I always gave the teachers a difficult time by the questions I asked. The teachers were always looking up to see whether I would stand up and ask a question during their lectures. Once I started asking questions, I continued doing so until their faces had turned red. In debates about theory, the school teachers were not a challenge for me. My friends also were no match for me.

I asked, "What do you think about this?" so many times that every time teachers saw me they would hide in a corner. They would sit in the front of the class if they thought I wasn't going to ask them a question but otherwise they would try not to come too close to me. They used to lecture like that. They tried their best not to look at me. Once I started digging up the roots, I had to finish the job. When we studied physics I asked, "Who devised this theory? How can I believe it if I haven't tried it first?" I used to be like that. You can imagine how much they suffered because of me.

Speaking Japanese quickly

I am not stupid. Even when I was in Japan, I used to compete with native speakers in speaking Japanese quickly. No Japanese could speak Japanese faster than I could. I used to train myself.

Speed is the most important thing when you speak Japanese. Even when I was arguing, I used to speak three Japanese words to everyone else's one. [Laughter] I practiced this. Becoming a leader is not easy.

I conducted research. I was determined to persuade Japanese young people also to follow me and work for the world. I used to train myself from the perspective that I wouldn't succeed unless I had common sense superior to that of the average Japanese person.

Athletic training

When I was a student, there was a Japanese wrestler called Futabayama. I wonder if he is still alive. If I had wrestled, I would have liked to wrestle him. [Laughter] I am good at Korean wrestling. In my middle and high school days, I was the best wrestler.

I was the champion wrestler in high school. I was good at running and jumping. I even boxed. I could hit a bad person—Pow!—and he would go flying. Why did I do this? It was not in order to fight. In order to realize a great revolution, in order to put this world back on the right path according to heavenly law, in order to make a peaceful world, I needed a strong, healthy body.



Father as a student in Japan

1 The school is affiliated with the Waseda University Electrical Engineering Department.



On September 25, 1978, Father met his former landlord, Kouzu Mizuhashi and his wife in Narita Airport. Japanese leaders, Mr. Inoguchi Yasuo (left) and President Kuboki Osami (right), of the Japanese church are at back.

Life in student lodgings

I was often treated badly when looking for lodgings in Japan. If I thought about that, when just listening to the Japanese language, I got a headache. But I had to love Satan's children more than I loved God's children. That's God's heart. To this day, I have lived like this, thinking about that point thousands and thousands of times. It is true.

Not so long ago, I visited one of the many lodging houses I'd lived in. I met the lady who ran the lodging house. At that time, 100 yen [today, \$1] was a lot of money. Do you know how much the room rent was? It was 11 yen a month.

I had an experience in my lodging house that I cannot forget. The master of the lodging house used to come home drunk late at night and beat his wife, who was not one to stand still and take it. If he tried to hit her, she became angry and used to shout and scream so much that the whole neighborhood was in an uproar. [Laughter] The sound of them fighting woke me up on numerous occasions.

So I called on the lady and asked her, "Why do you stay and let yourself be beaten? Why don't you return to your hometown?" She said, "Unmarried people can't comprehend the pleasure of making up and of making love after a fight." [Laughter] That's how it is. After a fight you have no qualification to make love, so you have to beg for forgiveness and then... She may have been afraid of being hit once or twice, but she understood him and accepted his bad habit. It must have been interesting—her husband trying to reconcile with her and express his love for her for a few days. Anyway, that's how they lived. I am not sure what to say about it. [Laughter]

Investigating and systematizing the Principle

You have no idea how much I suffered in trying to find the Principle. I prayed for ten to fourteen hours a day for many years. Do you understand how wretched I was? My blood, sweat and tears permeate *Exposition of the Divine Principle*. Each page is soaked in my blood and tears and is crying out

to young people like you. It is the result of my having sacrificed and invested my youth. My blood and tears are crying out to you.

I did not discover the Principle only by looking in the Bible. If the chapter on the Fall represents the Book of Genesis, the chapter on restoration represents the Book of Revelation. I told myself, "If the Tree of Life has become as it was in Genesis, the Tree of Life in Revelation has been restored. If that is not correct, the Bible is a lie. Why? Something that is born of a seed returns to a seed. Because I knew that Christianity had to be the central of all religions, I decided to dig to its end, the root of Christianity. In doing so, I discovered how the Creation took place, what God was doing, and why God likes love.

Nobody taught me anything. I discovered it for myself and systematized it. I caught hold of it and put it in my pocket. It sounds like a dream. God was not a loving God toward me. He was coldhearted, merciless. He never sympathized with me. If He had, Satan would have interfered. That is the difficult thing. I had to uncover everything and systematize it. I am no ordinary person, which is why I was able to systematize it. That world is so vast you don't even know where to start.

There have been countless philosophers, saints and sages, but they couldn't solve these problems. I came to clearly know the reality of the spirit world, and I met all the spiritual teachers and leaders and held discussions with them. I thoroughly studied the spirit world, and based on heavenly law, I had to set boundaries and sort out everything. Later, I had to take it to God to debate its veracity with Him. Without the approval of the spiritual world, you cannot unify the earth.

The father-son relationship is the core of the universe

There was a time when I entered a transcendent state to look for the origin of the universe. God told me that it is the parent-child relationship—father and son. This is the conclusion. The universe originated out of the parent-child relationship. The creation is a garden created for the children. If you clearly understand God, the principles of creation are revealed naturally.

I invested the most energy in finding the answer to the question of the origin. After nine years of continuous struggle, I finally discovered the answer. After we realize this, it's quite simple, isn't it? I told myself, "Oh! I didn't realize it was so simple." I knew everything else but I didn't realize this point for such a long time.

The principle of reciprocal complementary action

Scholars say that the universe exists according to the principle of reciprocal repulsion, but this is not true. It exists according to the principle of reciprocal complementary action.

When storm clouds build up and rain falls, or when light-

ning flashes and thunder crashes, billions of volts of negatively charged electricity and positively charged electricity clash. Then billions of volts of electricity with a positive or negative charge appear in the lightning flash. How can you explain that? This is what I was planning to write about for my doctoral dissertation. The numerous positively charged particles and the many negatively charged ones cannot appear in one flash without plus first joining plus and the minus first joining minus. The positively charged particles come together and the negatively charged ones come together, and then they clash. There is no way to explain what happens in lightning without this kind of explanation.

It seems to contradict the basic theory of electricity, but it doesn't. The conceptual framework is different. The plus and the minus receive protection when the object partner is decided. What conclusion can we draw from this? People say it is a universal law that when a subject and object become absolutely one, in order to protect that unity, a plus will repel another plus and a minus will repel another minus, but they don't repulse each other. They protect each other.

Developing my philosophy

I never told anyone what kind of system of thought I followed. My friends didn't know. I researched the Bible and various books about religion and brought home philosophy books that ordinary people don't read.

I had a friend who was studying politics and economics at Waseda. He was studying communism. I had heated arguments with him.

Once I gave a speech by a roadside. I even gave speeches where many people had come to see the cherry blossoms in bloom. I criticized the times. I shouted about how the youth of today have to act. The things I prophesied then are all being fulfilled now.

I understand communism well. I have fought against communism since I was twenty years old. Among the Communist leaders who returned to North Korea and were given government ministerial positions were some of my friends. I told them in our student days, during the Japanese occupation, "You and I have come together to fight, but in the future we will be on opposite sides." This was very real to me. They had no idea I would become the main person in bringing down communism, but I already knew then.

Regarding the question of where human beings originated, I can say that our emergence did not result from our self-awareness or some developmental action from within ourselves. There should first be something that recognizes the fact that there indeed was a fundamental action, direction and sense of purpose. From this point of view, human beings, like all other forms of creation, did not evolve and develop on their own; rather they began to exist as entities with an awareness already determined, **with their own purpose, mandated** to take certain actions towards a certain direction under that purpose. We must understand this fact, which cannot be logically refuted.

I'd argued, asking, "What is the theory of evolution? What is it that Charles Darwin says is the origin of species? You crazy people!"

People say that I am the love philosopher. My philosophy is love, and if you want to find out about the philosophy of love, you have to ask me. Do you think I made up the philosophy of love, or discovered it? [You discovered it.] That's right. I discovered the philosophy of love. I didn't create it.

I am the philosopher of love. I am the philosopher who loves heaven and earth. I (with those who are with me at this time) am solving, **through love, the problems of the family, ethnic groups and the world for the first time.** This is the only thing I know. No matter how much you search through



Left: Waseda University Technical High School as it was when Father studied there; this building was destroyed during World War II. **Right:** Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim in front of Waseda University's Okuma Auditorium during their monthly visit to Japan to meet with Japanese members (February 25 to 29). Waseda University is also where CARP was founded in 1964.

the spirit world or through history, this is the only thing that is important. And if you pass the test of love, the devil will retreat and God will welcome you. Nobody has acknowledged my achievements in this area before. It has taken forty years for this to be acknowledged.

Underground Korean independence activities

While in my twenties, I swore to God that I'd save this nation. I believed I represented all 30 million Koreans at that time and that my love for God was stronger than the love the Japanese people had for their emperor. Based on that, I believed Japan would decline. They struck goodness first, so they had to decline. If falseness strikes goodness, it doesn't gain from it.

When I was studying in Tokyo, I went around a lot. Because I had a plan for the future, I went everywhere. I thought, "Some years in the future, Japanese young people will rise up again."

I went everywhere in order to find out what scholars and workers were doing. I went along numerous back streets. I sent out many secret messengers. I started my struggle from the moment I got off the train at Tokyo Station. I didn't say anything, but I spoke to the streets, "In the future, you will know what the Koreans have gone through." Yet I did not want to be merely patriotic. When I looked at the trees or I spoke to the creation I said, "Oh, you are a part of an enemy land, but you will belong to God."

God's son became a heavenly soldier, a guerilla to defeat the satanic world. That's why there is nothing I don't know. At school I met the person in charge of school business affairs and investigated all the school's secrets. I knew what Japan was like, and I predicted how much longer Japan would last.

I even did work for high-level people. I did jobs for the college president. This was possible because I was good at writing. I was fully aware of the corruption and knew about the people who pulled strings behind the scenes.

You have probably never experienced the anguished sorrow of losing your nation. I have. When Korea was groaning under Japanese rule, I took part in resistance activities against Japan. At that time, if any problem arose, all the Korean students in Japan called on me to solve it. They came to me. I was a district leader. So if things became extremely serious, they had me take care of things.

Compelled by righteousness, I risked my neck. I am not a chicken-hearted man. I crossed the sea from Japan to Korea and traveled in the undercarriage of a car for eight or nine hours from Busan to Andong as a representative of the provisional government. The troops who were under Kim Gu in Beijing are becoming famous today, even in China. I took part in underground resistance activities, as they did.

I worked in the underground movement and connected with the most capable people. I can remember that work as if it were only yesterday. I remember it so clearly because I invested my whole heart into it.

I was friendly with Communists in my student years. We had a common purpose in fighting to overturn the philosophy that presented the Japanese emperor as a unique being. These Communists were good friends and absolutely necessary comrades. Why did we go our separate ways? Their final goal and direction were completely opposite to ours.

Under constant surveillance

The police were always following me. If I went back to Korea,

they would telephone to inform the authorities that I was headed there. When I passed through the ticket collectors exit, they would be there to greet me with "Oh, so you have returned...."

I was a student but I was a suspect under surveillance. Most people don't know this about me. I was detained by the police on numerous occasions in those days. While I was staying in Tokyo, they called me to the police station at Waseda University, on Takadanobaba Street, once a month.

I was also tortured by the Japanese police when I was in my twenties. I continued to fight even under those circumstances. I was beaten and tortured but remained resolute. I cannot forget it.

Love Heaven after loving your country

How can people say they love Heaven when they don't love their own country? I'll have to recheck everyone. Those who do not love their own country cannot love Heaven.

During the time when Japan ruled Korea, the police followed me. The military police also followed me. When I went to northern Korea, I had to struggle against the Communists. In the southern part of Korea, too, I had to oppose the authorities. That was my destiny.

Did I go over their walls and plunder their belongings? Of course not. I loved this country and people more than anyone else did, and I worked harder than anyone for the Republic of Korea.... I have cried so much for this country. At that time I shed so many tears that I can face any patriot without shame.

Overcoming hunger

Until I was thirty, not a day passed without my feeling hungry. I am well acquainted with suffering from hunger. Why did I do this? I had pledged myself to Heaven, and I had a mission given by Heaven. As the person with this responsibility, who had not yet established the necessary foundation, how could I eat? When I looked at rice it shouted abuse at me. Are you aware of that world? The rice shouted at me. So I ate only enough to sustain myself....

I used to tell myself that in order to gain good things and eat good things I must not eat much now. Even if I went to a restaurant, I never went to a good restaurant. In restaurants I always sat in the worst seat, but not because I didn't have any money. I was brooding over **how I could set adequate conditions** for me to feel prouder in front of God than anyone else could. That's why I lived as I did.

Because it was wartime, we used food coupons. I had some coupons, so I went with my friends to find out how many bowls of rice we could eat. There was a temple in the Takadanobaba area surrounded by many restaurants. One day, I ate seven bowls of rice containing chicken and egg at one of them. I couldn't even move my neck after eating so much. It was even more terrible than being hungry. I couldn't move. I have had that experience, but it is wrong to think that I always acted like that. For the most part, I was continually hungry. If you are always full, you lose touch with the situation of the people and you lose touch with God. I was hungry. I wanted to eat but I was determined to love God and people more. This is the truth. It is my creed.

Try eating two meals a day for the next four years. All of you, try it. I ate only two meals a day from high school until I was thirty years old. I lived without eating three meals a day. Not a day went by that I wasn't hungry. Sacrifice one meal a day for the world. That is a holy act.

Wearing old clothes, eyes downcast

Many of the clothes I wore were bought in a used clothing store. Some of the trousers I wore were the wrong size and shiny. Many people pay attention to their hair by getting a permanent, by blow drying it or by putting hair cream on it. They say their hair becomes a mess when it is windy or when a typhoon blows. But I never did those things. I never put anything on my head in any kind of weather, in spring or summer.

On winter days, my gaze never rose higher than 45 degrees from the ground. When I walked around, I asked myself how somebody like me, who had not yet fulfilled the will of Heaven, could shamelessly strut along the street. I couldn't do that without first paying the price and meeting all the requirements of heavenly law.

There were boys and girls, fellow students, wearing fancy clothes and acting with a superior air, who would ride on the same tram I did. I used to look at them and compare myself to them. I would think to myself, "Beneath your laughter, your life and your youth are passing you by; beneath my melancholy thoughts, a light is shining into life and the sun of hope is rising. My future is guaranteed and is full of hope, but for you, the future holds no hope."

For the first thirty years of my life, I never wore new clothes. All of my clothes were secondhand. Why? I had to hide myself. I had to remain invisible. There was a time for emerging; I could not do it earlier.

Uncomfortable sleeping conditions

In middle school and high school I always slept in an unheated room. It was colder then than it is today. I can't remember any time when I ate and slept well when I think about the past. All that remains are memories of sleeping on a cold bed, covering myself with newspaper and a sack, thinking tear-

fully about God's will. That is the only type of thing that can remain like a personal treasure. Because of the Fall, it is the only kind of thing I can be proud of in front of people from other nations. You have to suffer a lot to gain things you can be proud of.

My life was often wretched, like a beggar's. When it was cold, I realized that a newspaper is much better than a silk blanket. Unless you've experienced this, you won't understand it. Because I speak the truth, it is accepted as the truth.

Overcoming temptation, mastering sexual desire

There are tram cars in Tokyo, aren't there? I used to take the tram from Shibuya to Takadanobaba. Many women took that tram as well. I was not the smartly dressed type. I used to wear my hair like this [he demonstrates] and make myself unattractive. My clothes were old and torn and I wore them for so long that they smelled terribly. So, it is really strange that women tried to tempt me.

I often had strange experiences when I went to movies.

When I was a student, I took off my school uniform and put on clean clothes. School uniforms smell bad, don't they? I used to press my hair down and keep my mouth shut. I wasn't attractive but women in their twenties and thirties used to sit beside me and take



The 1919 Independence Movement temporarily eased pressure on Koreans to assimilate into the Japanese Empire. With Japan's entry into war with China (1937) and especially with the April 1, 1938 passing of the National General Mobilization Law, the openly militaristic Japanese government intensified its efforts to obliterate the Korean national spirit. Right photo: Banners draped outside the First Eastern Bank are typical of those days in Seoul: (left banner) League for the General Mobilization of the National Spirit (center banner) General Mobilization of the National Spirit "Serve Your Nation—Save!" and (right banner) Promoting the Japanese Spirit, First Eastern Bank Headquarters Below: Korean housewives were compelled to study Japanese; Korean pupils practice Japanese calligraphy. The paper reads "Do away with rats."



my hand without realizing it themselves. I shouted, "You're holding my hand!" And the woman would say, "What? Really? Oh, dear!" and let go of my hand. [Laughter] They held my hand without realizing they were doing it.

Women have written letters to me in their own blood. There was an only daughter of a famous rich man. The daughter of one of the richest families in Hwanghae Province went to school in Japan. Every month she put an envelope with money in it inside the drawer of my table when I wasn't there.

On several occasions when I was in Japan, naked women got into my bed, but I never sinned with any of them. Because I am the very person who has been entrusted with responsibility for women, I had to fulfill that kind of mission.

Please do not become foolish people who dirty God's proper tradition. You have to control your sexual desires. If you men go into a room full of beautiful women, you must not become sexually aroused. You have to control yourself. Knowing that the roots of the Unification Church are deep, you have to graft yourself onto the true tree and grow into a green garden, becoming a tree similar to me.

The unification of heaven and earth and of the cosmos are not big problems. These are decided by the achievement of mind-body unification. If my mind and my body are still fighting, what do I gain by the world becoming one? Where would I go in such a world? I have shed more blood and sweat over this point than anyone else. My motto was to dominate myself before seeking domination of the universe. You should have complete command over yourself before you look to dominate the universe and before you try to have any kind of connection to worldly, material things.

You do this by making your mind strong and your body weak. Forcing your body to fast is extremely difficult, isn't it? You have to firmly set your mind on this. You have to pray. You have to train your body to follow your mind. It

must become a habit. For from three to five years, you have to invest all of your mind's energy into dragging your body around after you.

What causes the most difficulty for the mind in controlling the body? The body's desire for sleep. Hunger is next. Sexual desire is next. These are the three great enemies. So I trained myself by staying awake all night.

Walking and reflecting

I never sent any telegrams while I was studying in Japan. It was about twenty *ri* [8 km] from the train station to my house. If possible, whether the wind was blowing, or it was cold, I used to walk in prayer, saying to myself, "How great the Creator is!"

When my parents or my brothers and sisters came to the station to meet me and chattered away, I lost my appetite for visits to my hometown. But there were times when I walked home from the station. I'll never forget the memory of walking home when the sun had set, night had fallen and white snow was drifting gently to the ground. I walked along, passing the small gift I had bought for my parents from hand to hand. I imagined what kind of expression they would have when they saw me. On reflection, it was a deep and precious time for me. It was also an extremely blessed time for me.

Experiencing the lowest and highest in life

You cannot do great things without first understanding all the different lifestyles. For that reason, there is nothing I have not done, starting with begging for rice in the slums. I could experience God's heart there. I could realize the world God has been longing to establish. Having these kinds of experiences, I longed for Korea's liberation.

I did every kind of job. I researched all the different kinds of joys and sorrows people have. I determined that I would take responsibility to completely liberate all the people, who



The 1943 graduating class of the Waseda Technical High School Electrical Engineering Department; the arrow indicates Father.

are suffering from all of life's sorrows. I have researched every kind of person from the lowest to the highest. I make friends wherever I go.

In order to do something great, in order to bring about a revolution, you have to break through various kinds of environments to reach your destination. I, too, was full of hope, but because I have to free countless people from slavery, I also had to become a slave.

The Shinagawa slums

When I was a student in Japan, I went everywhere from Tokyo's Shinagawa slums to the red-light district, but I didn't do anything improper. I stayed for a long time in the Shinagawa slums. These experiences were important for me.

What I remember most clearly is life in the slums. I can still remember wearing rags and catching the lice in them. They used to stay in the seams. If you squashed them, they left streaks of blood on your clothes. I have lived in the slums and acted as a boss of the slums, begging for rice. I have done all manner of things.

Shinjuku back streets

When Japan was at war, I was living there. I used to roam around the back streets of Shinjuku. Wherever I went, women would tell me their life stories. I used to come away thinking that I felt more sadness and sorrow than their parents did, or cried more than their elder brothers would to see them in such a situation. You have to have this kind of heart.

I did not search out prostitutes to do anything bad with them. I wanted to completely understand their situations and become a comrade in tears who would find a way to liberate those women. I used to help them get out of that evil environment. I was greatly misunderstood because I did this kind of thing.

Pulling a handcart on the streets of Ginza

Long ago, when I was about your age, I was living in Tokyo, and I used to deliver things by handcart to twenty-seven different areas. I did it because I wanted to, not because I needed the money. I did it because I wanted to train myself. If you work for a transport company, you have to be able to persuade people who are connected to the transport business.

I had an experience I can't forget. In Tokyo there is a bustling area called Ginza. There were many good young men and women dressed in fine clothes on those streets. It is the most prosperous district in Japan. I took off my school uniform and was pulling a cart full of telegraph poles. I used to look at all the people and think, "Are you going to get out of my way or not? We'll see!" I can still see them, scampering out of my way in all directions. I can't forget that.

Iron foundry and dockyards in Kawasaki

I don't know if they are still there or not, but I often went to work in the ironworks and dockyards in Kawasaki. At the Kawasaki docks, there was a barge that used to move coal around from one place to another. It would take a person several days to load 120 tons of coal on the barge, but I worked straight through until one o'clock in the morning and finished it in one day. I, a Korean, had to set an example for the Japanese.

I sacrificed myself in the position of a younger brother. I stayed awake all night in order to comfort them. I shed blood and sweat for them. Although I had not done much physi-

cal work before, I went to construction sites and invested my whole self, so as not to be outdone by workers who had done such work all their working lives. I felt great pleasure when I won some money for doing more work than they did, competing with them and beating them. I still remember it clearly.

On the weekends and on holidays, I often worked as a laborer. There was a lactic acid tank that workers had to go inside of in order to clean it by flushing out the remaining raw materials. The device inside the tank to do this becomes unusable after a few years of use. So you have to go inside the tank again in order to change it. You can't work inside the tank for more than fifteen minutes. I endured that. When it snowed or a typhoon blew, I didn't go to classes; I went to a laborers canteen to find work. I felt great at those times.

Some say they have to go to a solemn, quiet place or to a place deep in the mountains in order to cultivate themselves. It's not true. I don't believe you can only study in quiet places. I have studied in factories next to huge machines running on several thousand horsepower. I often did that kind of a thing. I prepared myself by doing various kinds of jobs.

If you don't become a worker among workers, the father of workers, you cannot save workers. You have to become the father of farmers, and as such, you have to love farming. If you go to a fishing village, you have to fish with the fishermen.

I did every job conceivable. I've laid floors. I've laid bricks. I've built chimneys, and I am good at carpentry, too. There is nothing I can't do. On a salt farm, do you think I wouldn't be able to carry sacks of salt? I have even learned how to make charcoal. I know how to drive a post into the ground. I can make anything if I have a saw. There is nothing I haven't tried. If I go anywhere, take off my suit and put on work clothes, I can help with anything.

I have been everywhere in Japan. When it was difficult, I had digging jobs. I tried my hand at everything. I've even worked as an errand boy in a big company building. I've been a secretary for a cabinet minister. Because I speak more quickly than others, if I met somebody I didn't like, I soon dealt with him or her. I've been a writer for famous people. I've even done diplomatic work.

I have worked in companies. I've written things and sold them. In one construction company, I was the site foreman. If I set my mind to it, there is nothing I cannot do. If I meet somebody who is a good talker, I become a good talker, too. If I meet an academic, I become an academic. When I was a student, I used to tease the professors, and when I was hungry, I used to go to the professors and ask them to buy me lunch. It's true. I am not making this up.

These days I don't do it, but long ago I used to go out to the street and try to sense what other people were thinking just by looking at them. Whenever I got an impression of what a person was going to do, I used to follow him or her to find out whether I was right or wrong. I would also sometimes just sit down and say who was or wasn't in a room and whether what they were doing was good or bad, or whether a bad person or good person was living in a place. I always got it right the first time.

You have to tune your spiritual antennae and develop that kind of skill, too. The life of faith is a life of becoming a discernor, one who can understand the relationships in the universe. So in the life of faith, through experience, you have to develop yourself by evaluating things around you rather than being aided by the spirit world.

I can catch what kind of person someone is just by looking at him or her. I know about you just by looking at you. As soon as I look at you, I feel it immediately, "Ah, that person is lacking in this way, because his nose is shaped like this, his shoulders are like this, and his ears are like this." I can understand everything about a person immediately. I trained myself in that kind of thing.

Developing a well-rounded personality

If I were to pick up a pen and record the scenes of my life, the result would become the yeast of a new thought, which would help a flower to bloom within the hearts of the youth of the twenty-first century. It would be quite splendid. In this regard, it is as if I have been on a stage and have given the grandest performance, unprecedented in history. You should study me.

My teaching method is to persuade you, of your own volition, to go into a melting pot of despair and endure it until you reach the age of thirty. Within the melting pot of despair, you will find something new to help you develop. You will be able to create a new future if you become a man or a woman who shouts a joyful battle cry, feels renewed determination and thinks, "What if I had not had those experiences?"

So however difficult a situation you may be in, you need the inner peace of mind and versatile independence that expresses human beauty. You should become a person of character who can naturally go from the highest to the lowest place. You may go up and come down, but if you are not a person of character, when you go up, you will not stand on God's side.

Try everything. Experience everything as if you are reading from the first page of an encyclopedia to the last page. And when you can say, "Now there is nothing left for me to do!" the domination of yourself remains. Your subject-like nature remains. When you can say, "There is no one under heaven who can beat me," it is time to choose something you want to do and push for it with all your heart for the rest of your life. Then you will surely succeed.

Loving my country's enemy

When I went to Japan, I opposed the Japanese emperor, not the Japanese people under the control of the emperor. This is certain. When I went to Japan, I loved the Japanese more than anyone else did. At that time, Japan was a country that didn't know God. I thought I had to let Japanese people know about the Lord of Creation, their loving Heavenly Father.

If I had any money, I would give all of it to my friends. I thought, "I'll establish the condition of loving Japan more than anyone else does." I went to many different places. I hugged a huge Japanese cedar and cried. If I met a friend who was hungry, even though I may have been hungry myself, I gave him something to eat. If I met a starving student who was paying his own way, I used to embrace him with tears.

During the years under Japanese rule, we were hungry. I used to collect food coupons and say to a student who was paying his own way, "You're hungry, aren't you? Come to my house." There, I would say, "Eat! Eat! Eat to your heart's content." After about three days everything was gone.

Because I knew that if I didn't have the heart to love them as I did my brother, or as I loved my mother, I couldn't go into the realm of God's heart, I trained myself to do that even in Japan, transcending my nation. I paid the school fees of

some of my friends from the money I earned as a laborer.

Some of my friends stopped going to school because of difficulties they were going through. I also quit school for a few months to act as their mother and father and help them graduate.

Fighting on behalf of the weak

When gangs would pick on a weak person, I dealt with them by myself. I fought them by myself, alone. I met them alone for the sake of the public good. The feeling you have when you are hit can contribute to making your philosophy of life. I assumed responsibility for other people's problems and I fought for them. Of my own free will, I said, "I'll teach you a lesson!" You need that kind of quality when you are young. I want to help create that kind of person.

There was a foreman on a work site that used to steal 30 percent of the workers' wages. I said, "You should not do that!" I resisted him strongly, refusing to give him mine. I didn't care how ferocious a person might be, I always said, "You should not do that!" I didn't submit to them. I often did that kind of thing.

Sometimes a smelly, sweaty worker got on the tram or bus and stood next to a lady. The smell was so terrible that the woman would elbow her way through the other people on the bus to try to get away from him. I also lived like that. When my mother saw me in that state, you can just imagine how much she cried, seeing the son she loved the most, the son she had raised like gold or jade, living like that. Whenever I see someone like that, I always think that that person also has a mother and father. I imagine how much pain and sorrow the parents feel to see their child trying to make a living in such a way.

Ability to make friends

Once I had to return from Japan to Korea, but I didn't have any money. So I found a lady who was rich, and I tried to persuade her to give me some. I said, "I have come to Japan and done different types of work, but now I need some money to go back to Korea. I think you have more than what I need in your handbag, so please lend me one third of it." I spoke so sincerely that the lady lent me the money. I bought a ticket and returned to Korea. Later, I paid her back threefold. I have had many similar experiences.

I could make friends easily if I wanted to. I also knew how to have fun if I wanted to. I am good at having fun. If I needed to sing, I would sing. If I needed to dance, I would dance. If I needed to beat out a rhythm, I could do it. I was good at it. I did everything. Anyway you like to look at it, I was good at everything.

I had many Japanese friends, too. Those were the days of Japanese imperial rule over Korea. Even though we were doing everything in our power to destroy Japan, I treated my Japanese friends well. Those friends came to me to ask for advice when they had problems. They would come and ask, "How is Korea?" Then they would reveal their hearts to me. They said I was their best friend. They confessed everything to me. I had Japanese friends who came to me saying, "I just have to tell you this, and you are the only one I can tell it to."

Wherever you go, become a person who opens your heart to other people. You must make them feel that they just have to express the deepest parts of their hearts to you. When they do, you have to receive their secrets within your heart and make them feel comfortable. You have to be a person who makes others feel at ease. **TW**



True Parents' Birthday Celebration 2008



Top: The True Family sings during the birthday banquet at the Peace Palace; Middle: Father lights candles for the Family Pledge Service; Hyung-jin nim with Shin-deuk nim, Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim with Shin-kook nim ; This photo: Many of the participants of the UPF International Leadership Conference, including some heads of government, accepted True Parents' invitation to their birthday celebration at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace on February 12. Here, being introduced, is Tanzanian First Lady Salma J. Kikwete.



The Ascension of Moon Hyo Jin Nim

Moon Hyo-jin nim, our True Parents' eldest son, ascended to the spirit world due to a heart attack at 9:43 on the morning of March 17, while he was on a visit to Korea.

His World-level Seunghwa Ceremony was held at seven o'clock in the morning of March 19 in the main hall of the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, with all the True Children and more than two thousand members present. In the days and hours before the ceremony, continuous prayer services had been held in the main building's smaller hall.

The ceremony was filled with the love of God, for Hyo-jin nim, for the True Family, and for all present. It was an occasion to sense a family's great loss, yet, at the same time, to feel serenity and hope in the knowledge of God's providential plan. Hyo-jin nim's wife Yeon-ah nim spoke with moving poise and grace.

Following the ceremony, outside in the warm sunshine yet with the surrounding hills still carrying winter's imprint, True Father spoke for about twenty minutes with True Mother by his side. In the future, Father said, all our families should stand in the position to open a new area of heaven. After encouraging everyone, he gave a benediction for his son.

Shortly thereafter, Hyo-jin nim's casket began its final journey to the Wonjeon in Paju, near the border with North Korea. The following Saturday, in an English memorial service for Hyo-jin nim at his own church, Hyung-jin nim explained that the True Family members had told True Mother they would actively participate in the Wonjeon Ceremony and wanted to be the ones who laid Hyo-jin nim's body to rest. Hyung-jin nim told the congregation that from True Mother's expression they understood that she was pleased, and that their family felt they had achieved a new level of profound unity through the ceremony.

Hyo-jin nim's body was interred with many expressions of true love and the ceremony concluded with three joyful cheers of eog-mansei. Many members stayed on to sprinkle earth into Hyo-jin nim's grave in remembrance.

On March 21, the Third Day Service was held, which included the offering of food and drink. Kook-jin nim, Sun-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim offered moving testimonies. Hyung-jin nim offered the final blessing prayer of the service for his ascended brother.

After the ceremony, the True Family members remained by Hyo-jin nim's grave and shared time together with all present, while the food from the offering table was distributed. *TW*



Hyo-jin nim's casket in the main hall at Cheongpyeong; Inset left to right: Rev. Yim Dow-soon prayed, Dr. Yang Chang-shik read a synopsis of Hyo-jin nim's life, Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan gave the Seunghwa Address, and Rev. Song Young-seok (Korea), Rev. Otsuka Katsumi (Japan) and Rev. Michael Jenkins (United States) each delivered a eulogy before Yun-ah nim spoke; Rev. Kim Young-hwi's closing benediction followed a song of remembrance.

Eulogy by Choi Yeon-ah Nim



Good morning brothers and sisters!
I am truly grateful to brothers and sisters who have been setting prayer and devotion conditions for Hyo-jin nim and sending their love to him, even early in the morning, from the time of his ascension until today. I really thank you. I am actually not prepared to speak, but I have seen how you have loved Hyo-jin nim, worried about our family, loved True Parents, loved the True Family so much. I was worried that you would be in so much pain in your hearts because of your love, so I wanted to ask you not to let yourselves hurt inside.

Honestly, Hyo-jin nim was confident that the spirit world existed. He believed in the spiritual world and said that because the spirit world is the destination of everyone born in this world, it should be a more free and liberated world than this one. Of course, if he had lived longer, he could have had more opportunities to express his beautiful heart of filial piety, to do more, to return joy and results to True Parents together with us, but I know Hyo-jin nim worked really hard while he was alive, as if he had lived more than a hundred years. Until the last moment, he did his best and worked hard without giving up. I didn't expect Hyo-jin nim to be suddenly called to the spirit world, and when I think of that moment I am grateful to him because he worked hard until the end, doing the best he could in his own life, just as he told all of us to do in our lives. I am sincerely grateful to Hyo-jin nim for that.

Hyo-jin nim is not only my husband, but he is also my teacher, whom I greatly respect, who connected True Parents to my life, helped me to understand True Parents and the True Family better, and taught me about the attitude we should have in life. Therefore, if you see any good points in me, Hyo-jin nim's wife, I can tell you confidently that these are a result of his having educated me. Of course, it would have been better if all of you could have been given such an opportunity, but I received that education in your place. I am truly grateful for that and therefore I remember my time with Hyo-jin nim joyfully. I repeatedly feel that the last week I spent in Korea with him was the greatest and best period for me. We loved each other more than ever as a true couple and we understood one another. I am again grateful to Hyo-jin nim when I think about our time together.

Brothers and sisters! Please do not be sad. Father said that this



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The lord who will open a gate into the heavenly kingdom, as a son of loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and high realms of heaven.

—True Parents, 8th Year of Cheon Il Guk, 3rd month, 17th day

A translation of what Father wrote for Hyo-jin nim



Left: Yeon-ah nim and her children begin the offering of flowers; Right: True Children came on stage next (Left to right) Jeong-jin nim, Yeon-jin nim, Hyung-jin nim, Sun-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim, Kook-jin nim, Kwon-jin nim, Un-jin nim, In-jin nim, Dong-sook nim (representing her husband Sung-jin nim) and Ye-jin nim

was a joyful day and that Hyo-jin nim went to do good things. He went because he is needed. If he went because a sacrifice was needed providentially, I am grateful that he was chosen in that way. Living for the sake of others with no place for self-centered thinking is the foundation to become such a sacrifice. I think that Hyo-jin nim became one with God and True Parents in terms of providential expectations. More than any other way, that is the way he wanted to go.

I feel sorry to True Parents. You all probably feel that way as well. I should have served Hyo-jin nim better as his wife; because I couldn't do so, I have not been a filial daughter to True Parents, and I offer my sincere repentance to True Parents for Hyo-jin nim having left this world before us. True Parents understood my heart and comforted me, and it is through the strength they have given me that I am able to stand here. After Hyo-jin nim's ascension, from when I left the Hannam-dong house until I met Father, it was really difficult for me. It was so difficult I felt that my heart would burst and I would collapse. But Father calmly comforted me and explained the situation to me. I realized how significant Hyo-jin nim's ascension is and how it could contribute to the goal of liberating God's homeland, which is part of God's will. I was certain that his ascension was a part of that process, and he would be able to go the way of a truly devoted son, patriot, saint and divine son of God. Thanks to that, I received strength and Father made a request to me personally. He asked that I not cry too much. He said that as in the time of Heung-jin nim's ascension, he and Mother put aside all their personal feelings—their tears, their sadness and their pain. More than the sadness of losing a child, they think about God and love God and set an example of becoming one with God. I would be sincerely grateful if you could see in me, a member of True Parents' family, an example of that tradition, which True Parents established.

So please do not be sad. Hyo-jin nim pursued his course and lived according to his convictions. He is waiting, knowing that sooner or later we will all meet and be united in spirit world. From now on, Hyo-jin nim, together with Heung-jin nim, the commander-in-chief of the spirit world, Young-jin nim, Hye-jin nim and elder blessed members who went to spirit world before us will be working hard for the liberation of God's homeland, which Father has been longing to see expedited. Please set many good conditions and send lots of love to the True Children and blessed members in the spiritual world.

A very important event is happening in April. I know you are now doing your best to prepare for this, and I know how much

members from Japan, the mother nation, support this. True Parents know and True Children know and members know. So in order to make Hyo-jin nim's ascension meaningful, you need to help. Please help. Please do your best so that we can fulfill our responsibilities.

Let me share with you a conversation Hyo-jin nim and I once had. I said, "I feel like I am really doing my best to endure in the situation, but I don't know what will result from my endurance. I keep getting hurt in the same way and I have the same pain. It's getting too much for me to endure." This was about a difference of opinion we had concerning educating our children. But what Hyo-jin nim said to me was, "True love is for the sake of others. How could you love others without sacrifice and patience? How could it be painless? Nevertheless, we go in this direction because we know it is the way we have to go; we are going this way and working hard for others' sake. We shouldn't worry or suffer from the pain we have now. We should look to the future and realize that even though we are only at this level today, if we develop tomorrow and continue to develop every day, it will add up. If we keep developing until the moment we die, we will be able to say we worked hard in life and died well."

So I am happy. I have calmed my heart a lot and I have more firmly confirmed my love for Hyo-jin nim in my heart. Although I lost Hyo-jin nim in terms of his physical body, through this process, I have learned that many members are with me, True Parents are with me, other True Family are with me, and even more than they love Hyo-jin nim they love our family and are willing to take care of and help our family. I don't think I sacrificed or incurred a family-level loss. I have gained more than I had before, so I would like to make a sincere request of you, my brothers and sisters. Please do not be sad. Instead, if Hyo-jin nim was able to give you even one bit of realization, grace or inspiration, and if you feel it was truly good, you should hold onto it. Let's go forward, attending True Parents, until the day God's homeland is liberated. If we die on the way, while we are trying our best, we should be satisfied with that. Since we will have done our best, even if we don't make it to the end, we should do our best for the next generation. In doing that, we will fulfill God's will and fulfill our roles as devoted children, loyal subjects, saints and divine children in front of God and True Parents. Even if we don't see the end, the providence will keep moving forward, God will continue to direct the providence, which will be led by True Parents, and we will follow. You understand that, right? Thank you. Thank you, and I hope you can end this day in joy. **TW**



The procession moving Hyo-jin nim's casket from the main hall as elegant strains, first of Hyo-jin nim's own music and then of a Holy Song, filled the air. Rev. Kim Young-jun is carrying Holy Salt, which Rev. Kwak spread in front of them as they left the building.

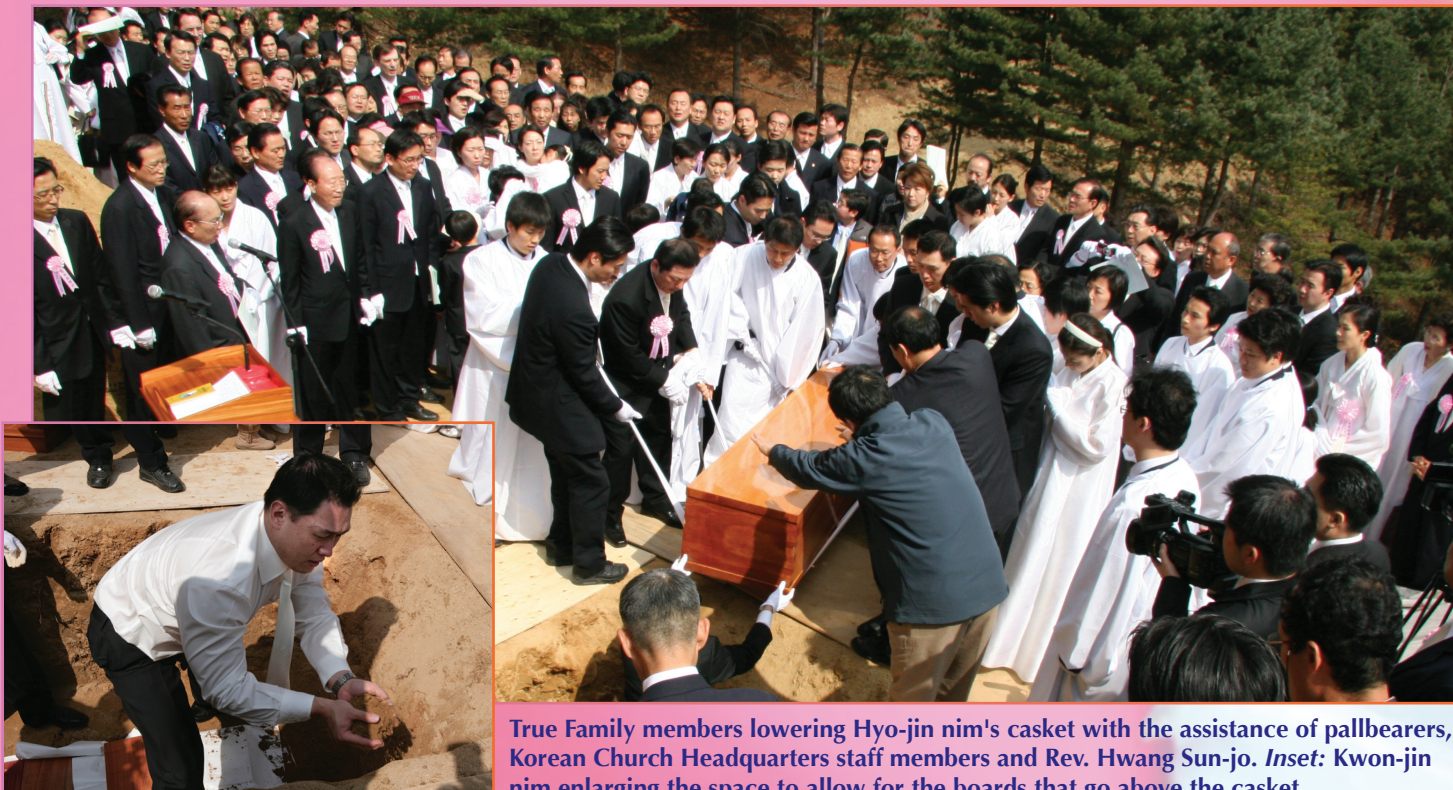


Left photo: (Center, front, right to left) Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Rev. Otsuka Katsumi and Rev. Michael Jenkins assist the pallbearers in carrying Hyo-jin nim's casket as True Family members and guests exit the main hall. Below: Father and Mother arrived a few minutes later.



Below: Father spoke from his heart, telling the audience that this was not a sad occasion and explaining the mission he had bestowed on Hyo-jin nim. He concluded by leading a cheer of eog-mansaei. Bottom right: Father and Mother each affectionately pressed a hand against the flower-covered van before it departed with Hyo-jin nim's body for the Paju Wonjeon. Below Left: Waving to the van as it begins its journey to the Paju burial ground





True Family members lowering Hyo-jin nim's casket with the assistance of pallbearers, Korean Church Headquarters staff members and Rev. Hwang Sun-jo. Inset: Kwon-jin nim enlarging the space to allow for the boards that go above the casket.

From the Seunghwa Address by Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan

Today we are here for the purpose of holding the Seunghwa Ceremony of our elder brother Hyo-jin nim, the eldest son of the True Family. His passing was unexpected, too sudden and bewildering for us all. Our hearts are deeply pained and we are here with a heart of repentance. His time on the earth was too short. Once you understand the Principle, you know that everybody should go to the spirit world in joy. Yet, we are here today to send Hyo-jin nim on his path so abruptly. There is no way to express our sorrow at this time. We were unable to properly attend him; we were unable to create an environment in which he could freely work to his heart's content. As a result, the pain and sorrow of losing him feels all the greater, as does our remorse as we gather here today.

All of us more or less have experienced derision and persecution as we followed the path of God's will. However, what we have experienced is nothing compared to the persecution the True Children had to face from the world. At a young age when one's parents seem like gods, the True Children had to see their parents opposed and rejected by the world for no apparent reason.

Hyo-jin nim was born with an innate freedom, a deep set of emotions, and with the hope of an ideal world of harmony and freedom where nature and humankind are one. Yet, in contrast to this, he grew up in an environment where his original nature was restrained and shackled. How great was his internal consternation! His life indeed was one of overcoming the powers of darkness and adversity while dreaming of a day of liberation and complete freedom.

Hyo-jin nim grew up facing the fierce wind that swept the turbulent years in the early days of our movement. We were unable to comfort his lonely heart, and unable to care for the grief and bitterness that filled his heart. We were unable to fully recognize and praise his life of loyalty and filial piety which he attained after overcoming such difficulties. Now he has suddenly left us.

When True Father bestowed the blessing of a special message on Hyo-jin nim, he told us not to grieve but to have greater hope. True Father indicated that Hyo-jin nim led a sacrificial life so that True Parents' true love could go beyond their children and bear fruit in God's homeland.

Whenever the providence makes great strides in its development, True Parents are always the first to pay the heaviest price as a condition; after True Parents, other members of the True Family paid sacrificial indemnity. Hyo-jin nim set an extraordinary condition with his Seunghwa coinciding with the first anniversary of a providential advancement on a totally different level when True Parents proclaimed the revolutionary era of the new Godly civilization in the Pacific Rim. He has departed on a path of becoming the lord of loyalty and filial piety and proudly takes his first steps as a pioneer from the earth to the eternal world.

We should greatly repent on this occasion today for not being able to do our best in carrying out the way of loyalty and filial piety. Let us also find new resolve and determination to comfort True Parents' hearts and to fulfill their will without fail. Let us take this a time now to express a heart of respect and admiration for Hyo-jin nim, whom we are saying "farewell" today so that he may actively support True Parents' conclusive providence in heaven and on earth now from the heavenly world beyond the limitations of time and space, amidst God's eternal love—and as an example in both heaven and on earth.

Hyo-jin nim! From the eternal world, please work with Heung-jin nim, the commander-in-chief, and with your other siblings in protecting True Parents who are on earth, and become the valiant commander of the heavenly forces fulfilling God's will!

Please guide and protect your descendants so that they may enhance your name throughout the generations to come. May you always bring true comfort to the hearts of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind! **STW**



Left: Sun-jin nim, Hyung-jin, Kook-jin nim and Kwon-jin nim cover their brother's casket with a Unification Church and a Family Federation flag. White paper covered these and then wooden boards. Hyo-jin nim's children wrote **아빠 사랑해요!** [Daddy, we love you!] by the graveside with clay. Hyung-jin nim lowered them down so they could write it on the boards. Sun-jin nim borrowed a cloth and cleared the surrounding dust. True Parents' message was placed beside the children's. A layer of white paper was added.



Hyung-jin nim, Hyun-jin nim and Kook-jin nim carefully arrange in a heart shape the flowers offered by True Family members; another layer of paper followed. Yeon-ah nim then took dry clay with both hands. She spoke reassuringly to her husband before allowing the clay to sift through her hands onto the white paper. The other True Family members followed, some speaking to Hyo-jin nim. Referring to these expressions of true love, Kook-jin nim (*below right*) exhorted those present, "Dear members, don't forget today; elder brother Hyo-jin is victorious. Look! This is truly love!"



Preparing for the Months Ahead

On February 13, the day after True Parents' Birthday, UPF held a one-day World Leaders Meeting at the Cheongshim Youth Center, situated in the valley below the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace not far from Cheongpyeong training center. Many of the leaders attended hoondokhwa with True Parents at the Peace Palace at 5:00 AM, and the leaders meeting began as soon as they had returned to the youth center. One important focus of the meeting was preparation for the Global Peace Festivals. It was Hyun-jin nim's impassioned speech that opened the meeting and we are pleased to include here a major portion of it. It has been edited for inclusion in *Today's World*.

A word I use often is *alignment*. If you are aligned with God's providential timetable, the timetable of the age in which we live now, then you will have the motivation to fulfill this dream of building one family under God. Recommit yourself. Have that absolute alignment! Spirit world will use you as a channel through which that blessing can be given. That is your 5 percent responsibility.

The best way to have that kind of alignment is to get rid of all the baggage. What do I mean by baggage? All the doubt, all the reluctance, all the calculations, all the misgivings. Come to a zero point, being willing to put your neck on the line as an absolute owner of this dream. Then let's see what happens. Let's see the kind of miracles that you can bring. I have seen it over and over again. Why don't you determine to become like that? This is that kind of time.

The world needs leaders, not followers. I always wanted to be a leader of leaders, not a leader of followers. Giving directions is too much work! Imagine if we could all run together, move together in leaps and bounds, with that one single-minded focus of establishing one family under God. The ambassadors for peace know the age and the time in which we live as well. They realize it's something historic. Well, shouldn't we be the ones to lead the way? Do you want to follow, or do you want to lead the way? I can't hear you! [We'll lead the way!]

Maybe one of the things we need to do first is become young again, to dream again, to hope again, to see the possibilities again. It's that time. We need to adjust ourselves to fit this age, to fit this time. You know, when I speak to many of you older guys that I grew up with and who are approaching middle age—forty, fifty or even inching toward sixty—they say, "Hyung-jin nim, I only have ten good years left in me" or "...five good years." My goodness! If you are fifty or sixty and you say you have only ten good years left in you, what about *Abba*, at 89? And he's still committed to the realization of the goal. Even more so.

That example aside, even if it is true that you only have five or ten good years left in you, do you want to go out with

a sputter, or do you want to go out with a bang?

Do you still feel like a teenager? It seems like yesterday when I was seventeen. I feel no different. I might be older in actual age but my spirit is still seventeen. What about you?

People's original minds are young and youthful because they are looking to the future and the possibility of what can be. It is our original mind that needs to guide us so that we can accomplish what we need in the new age. There is nothing in the past that decides what will be in the future! We are charting a new course. What should be our guide? What should be our vision? What should be our dream? Shouldn't it be like the time in the Garden of Eden at the beginning of creation, when history was dawning, and Adam and Eve had one thing to hold on to—the dream of God? Don't you think that this should be the age when we cling to that one dream and bring it into reality in this age?

This is what the Global Peace Festivals are going to be all





about. We are going to have a Global Peace Festival on every continent. The Global Peace Festivals will show our movement and our True Parents to the world from a different perspective.

We misrepresent True Parents if we think that they are just our personal messiahs, or simply the founders of the Unification Church, of which we are members. The perspective that we built of Father as the founder of the Unification Church, a religious man that kind of breaks the mold, needs to be changed.

Religions must cooperate, not divide people

We need to let the world know about the providential role of True Parents and the providential age in which we live. Thus, through the International Leadership Conferences, I have

been reintroducing Father as the owner of the dream of God, one family under God. He was the one who brought that dream to all of us. The Global Peace Festival will take it one step further. It will be a venue for the world to latch onto this dream. It is not just for a select few.

The vision of the GPF is to build "One family under God, One family at a time." What do we mean by one family at a time? The Global Peace Festival will highlight the vision of the blessing as the way to build this one global family, one family at a time. Throughout the world there are prepared young leaders now rising up who embody the vision of the blessing. Those of you at the ILC probably heard Rev. Paul Murray speak just two days ago. His father is black and his mother is white. This is the time when people will be moved by the vision of UPF, the vision of building one family under God. It is a vision whose time has come! We need to believe in it!

Even if I have to get on my knees and beg or pull you along, I want you to know that this is indeed the time when we must mobilize an entire movement to realize this dream of building one family under God! We are the ones who should stand in the forefront! We have to be the ones who are able to lead this world to realize this dream of building one family under God. We need to have that type of dedication, that type of urgency in this age. Then we will see a tremendous victory by the end of this year!

Global Peace Festivals are not going to be just stand-alone events. You'll probably hear more about it from other leaders, but I am giving you the vision. We plan to hold the Global Peace Festival every two years, in 2008, 2010 and 2012. And if need be, if the world has still not changed, we will have it again and again until the dream that can bring humanity together is made real.

United Nations renewal

The United Nations was created out of the ashes of World War II for the purpose of ensuring peace. The founding vision of the UN was rooted in the same dream that inspired the formation of America. The first and foremost rights in the Declaration of Independence are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which the declaration insists are endowed by God. These rights are called inalienable, that is they cannot be abridged by human beings. In other words the most fundamental rights upon which America was established came not from a human institution but from God. That is what made America great. And that was the initial impulse that originally inspired the creation of the UN.

However, many people, even within the UN itself, agree that the UN has been less than fully successful in bringing about a peaceful world, and that the member countries are

mired in their own political self-interests.

One reason for this may be that, unlike those of the United States, the founding documents of the UN make no mention of God, nor does the UN make any formal recognition of the existence and primacy of God. How then can we expect that God will sanctify this institution with His blessing? Not only that, but the UN is clearly out of sync with the entire world on this issue. If you took a worldwide referendum on the existence of God, we would probably find a reverence for God in 90 percent or more of the world's people.

The United Nations needs to recognize the sovereignty of God. Although the UN is working hard and doing many good things, it cannot be ultimately effective against the roots of conflict with only a secular humanistic, anti-theistic perspective. The United Nations needs more than a political facelift; it needs spiritual renewal as well. In biblical terms of Cain and Abel, the UN needs to be more Abel-like in its motivation and its structure.

The Global Peace Festival is ideally suited to help with this. The festivals attract top leaders in every nation and region who are aligned with the idea that humanity can and must overcome all the barriers of nationalism, racism and religious intolerance. We will hold them worldwide every two years—and what better way is there to build an Abel UN?

Imagine if we had a Global Peace Festival in every single nation! What if each country, large or small, takes the initiative with the vision of bringing people together to build one family under God, letting that seed germinate and blossom?

How can we create peace? Foundational values and beliefs are not incidental. They are pivotal. If you want to talk about absolute principles and universal values, which are keys to establishing everlasting peace, you first have to acknowledge the eternal creator of whom we are the extended family.

In the future you might see, in the leading newspapers and publications, a challenge to the UN and to all the governments and citizens of the world about doing a referendum on the existence of God, and the need to establish eternal

absolute principles that can only come from God. How do you establish peace if you do not acknowledge an eternal Heavenly Father who not only gives us our existence but the values that we cherish?

Massive social problems worldwide

Our world is faced with massive social problems such as incurable sexually-transmitted diseases, hunger, poverty, geopolitical problems of genocide and terrorism against civilians, and so many more. These problems are well-documented and addressed in the United Nation's Millennium Development Goals.

The world is still much further from achieving these goals than it should be. We are not going to find a solution if we do not bring the discussion back to the importance of the existence of God as the basis of our eternal values and principles. This is an opportunity and time to seize the moment. The time will not come again. This foundation was created because of the blood, sweat and tears of True Parents.

In one sense, this is very similar to the time just after World War II. Imagine what would have happened after World War II if Father had been able to inherit the foundation of Christianity. Do you think Father would have been known just as a religious leader, the founder of one religion? Or would he have stood on the world stage, straddling the religious, political, economic and media fields? In that case, the UN would not have become just a secular institution.

We have come to that point where we can set the record straight, and fully substantiate what was expected those many years ago. This is the time in which we are living. The Global Peace Festival will be a conduit to allow that to happen. It is time for "One Family under God." And believe me, people are waiting for it.

I first announced the vision of GPF in the Philippines in 2006. I said that one day we would bring more than two million people together in the Philippines. In 2007 we launched the Global Peace Festival here in Korea during the World Cul-



Hyun-jin nim with the audience after his speech on February 13 at World Leaders Assembly 2008

International Leadership Conference February 9–13, Seoul



Top: Participants at the International Leadership Conference on February 11.
Left: Jun-sook nim and Hyun-jin nim with Deputy Prime Minister Archibald Lesao Lehohla of Lesotho; **Above Middle:** Greeting Imam Muhammad Azad of Pakistan
Above Right: Greeting First Lady Salma J. Kikwete from Tanzania

ture and Sports Festival. From the beginning, we wanted that festival to be owned by as many partners as we could bring in.

Global Peace Festivals—a vision of youth and volunteerism

I want you to bring young leaders that can move society—the political, media, and social sides—and I want you to bring them to the International Leadership Conferences for training and education. That’s how we began bringing young business leaders, social leaders, media leaders, to the first International Leadership Conference in Washington, DC. And we explained our vision to them there. These leaders were all around my age—in their thirties and forties.

Young people—whether out of ignorance, or exuberance and energy, and the willingness to challenge and to face new challenges—are willing to try when others do not dare to. I want to encourage you all to be young people again. Young people are different from old people. But it has nothing to do with chronological age.

In contrast, old people have a tendency—regardless of age—not to believe anything is possible! Is that a fair assessment? They say that their past experience showed them that although they did something, it didn’t work. Why would we do it again?

I say, “Look, young people, you can be audacious; you can get away with it!” I want you to get these ambassadors for peace that we educated, and have them get fully involved,

and put their skin in the game. Once they know about this vision, I want them to invest! Everyone should invest their resources, their time or their energy to fulfill this dream.

This is exactly what happened in Korea. Two Korean woman congressional leaders caught the vision. They offered their whole staff to help organize a conference at the Korean National Assembly Building, with three hundred members of the National Assembly and ambassadors to Korea from other nations. The conference was televised. Several presidential candidates came and gave presentations. This was purely on vision, dream, alignment... ownership.

In the past when we held events at the National Assembly Building, the next day, there was often usually a litany of attacks in the media. But this time, there was none. The media in Korea is changing. There is a revolution happening in the media world today. That revolution is the internet. It is totally changing how news is being read and digested, especially by the younger audience, who are the ones driving this. We are reshifting our media strategy to embrace this new paradigm.

Slowly but surely, the owners of the dream of one family under God will come. Do you believe me? It’s okay if you don’t believe me. We’ll just see what happens.

Now, through the Global Peace Festivals, we have the keys to move nations. We have the keys to establishing the debate on any international issue. We hold the keys, and we have the determination. The time is now! **TW**

Dedication of the Yu Cheon Peace Palace



Top left: The palace in Hagye-dong, Seoul; Top right: Kim Bong-tae, president of Sun Moon University and Lee Jae-hee, Regional President of North America II, flank Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim at the ribbon cutting Center: Hyun-jin nim wrote, "Align with God's providence and inherit the dream of God!"

The dedication of Yu Cheon Peace Palace (유천궁) took place on the morning of February 14, 2008. Representing True Parents, Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim presided over the ceremony.

True Parents have indicated that four peace palaces will be built. The first of these was Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, which was dedicated on June 13, 2006. Yu Cheon Peace Palace is the second to be opened. Another is proposed to be built in Switzerland and a fourth on Geomun Island off the south coast of the Korean peninsula, near Yeosu.

Yu Cheon Peace Palace is also the main World CARP training center in Korea.

Father has said that Yu Cheon Peace Palace is like a mother's womb. He expressed his vision figuratively for the educational program he envisioned for the young people who would come there, saying that those who are trained at Yu Cheon Peace Palace must then swim out beyond the flowing river to the oceans of the world.¹

To that end, an educational program based on six themes that build on each other is being developed and managed by a research team. These are:

- **Being a beautiful person** – finding one's value; understanding where one is from and knowing where one is going in life
- **Accomplishing my dream** – a consulting service evaluating an aptitude test and one's circumstances
- **Pre-marriage program** – the differences between men and women; the reality and practice of married life and family life
- **Program to make happy couples**
- **Making a relationship of true parents and children**
- **Becoming true parents**

At the beginning of his speech to all who attended the dedication ceremony, Hyun-jin nim congratulated the Korean CARP leadership and all those who had made the conditions for the building of Yu Cheon Peace Palace. He then spoke earnestly to the international audience, entreating them to become leaders who can realize God's dream.

"Are we willing to live and die for something great or do we want to go for the ride? Do you want to lead with your neck out on the line? Leadership is a lonely place. To lead means to stand in front, to blaze a trail where there was none, to remove all the obstacles in front of you, pushing them aside for others to follow." *STW*

¹ Father may well have been making a play on the word CARP, which in English is also the name of a fish

A New Resource for a New World

By Frank Kaufmann



On February 12, 2008, in the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace, during the celebration banquet in honor of True Parents' joint birthday, Gordon Anderson, Andrew Wilson, Theodore Shimmyo and I offered Father and Mother presentation materials from the *New World Encyclopedia*. The project was introduced by a UPTV video, and an extensive report from Reverend Kwak on the significance of the encyclopedia, both in terms of its place in the history of scholarship, as well as its necessity in our time to counterbalance negative and relativistic uses of knowledge.

The *New World Encyclopedia* is a general knowledge encyclopedia that harmonizes rigorous scholarship with ideal values derived from the divine purpose for creation and for human life.

What was offered to True Parents on their birthday this year was Phase 1 of the project. Phase 1 began May 1, 2005 and was scheduled to end December 31, 2007. In fact the goal was reached even earlier than that. The snapshot of the *New World Encyclopedia* Phase 1 is that it was completed fifty-six days ahead of schedule, 30-50 percent over production, and 28 percent under budget. Phase 1 of the *New World Encyclopedia* comprises 10,800 articles. Presently close to six thousand articles are available online

[see below]. The work was completed by five administrators, twelve editors, and approximately two hundred and sixty writers and editorial team members. The project was completed under extreme conditions of sacrifice and devotion.

The twelve areas into which the encyclopedia is organized are: Religion, Philosophy, History and Biography, Social Science, Life Science, Physical Science, Political Science, Literature, Art and Leisure, Music, Nations and Places, Law, and Korean and Asian Studies. Father has called for the creation of this encyclopedia for twenty-five years, but it seems that conditions were right for success this time. The explosion of knowledge and communications found in the internet revolution greatly contributed. The project represents the full flowering of Father's unconditional, lifelong, unrivaled and unprecedented support for the life of the mind, as exhibited in such remarkable, historical institutions as ICUS, PWPA, New ERA, in the universities and seminaries that Father founded, and his loving, personal care for his own followers whom God called to a scholarly vocation.

The *New World Encyclopedia* is not parochial or sectarian in any way. It is not for or about the Unification family per se. It is a general knowledge ency-

yclopedia devoted to the realization of an ideal, peaceful world. It represents rigorous scholarship, teaching and learning grounded in values derived from the purpose for creation and for human life. As such, the *New World Encyclopedia* has the mission to match and eventually surpass competing sources of knowledge. It should become the collection of choice anywhere students, scholars, researchers and the just plain curious seek to learn and become better informed.

Knowledge must reveal and support the purpose of creation, and historical subjects must be understood in the context of restoration through indemnity. Yet all of this must be done in a public, non-parochial, non-sectarian way.

All knowledge reflects *some* value system. Modern ones include materialism, scientism, relativism, deconstruction and others. *New World Encyclopedia* is no exception in this regard. Its uniqueness lies in the fact that it is forthright and systematic about its values, and in the value system itself. *New World Encyclopedia* values are those that lead to an ideal world of peace, happiness and shared prosperity.

It is the dream of Father Moon and of our editorial community that young people doing their homework and the general population at large automatically and effortlessly acquire the basic pillars of life's purpose, virtues and responsibilities. This account of reality presumes a Divine Absolute, human purpose, the ideal of family, human equality, harmony across various groupings and identifications and harmony with nature. These are the values that inform the *New World Encyclopedia's* seriously edited articles. **TW**



Top: NWE Editor-in-Chief Dr. Frank Kaufmann (left) and Senior Editor and Business Manager Dr. Gordon Anderson with the printed edition of the Encyclopedia; This photo: During the presentation of NWE to True Parents, Father shakes hands with Dr. Andrew Wilson, who heads the NWE Review Board supported by Dr. Theodore Shimmyo (standing behind Mother); at the far right is Wonju McDewitt

The *New World Encyclopedia*:
<http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org>.
 Also available are a beautifully bound gift volume of sample articles created for True Parents on their birthday and a set of DVDs containing the ten thousand articles, the video, and a pdf of the gift volume. For more information about NWE, please contact Dr. Frank Kaufmann at tl@pipeline.com.



Let's come together and celebrate as one family!

A Global Peace Festival Interview



Of UPF Philippines Executive Director Michael Zablan

Today's World: What came to mind first when you heard about the Global Peace Festival?

Dr. Zablan: We could not imagine how to do it. To gather thousands of people in one place was way beyond our capacity, in manpower and finances. In the Philippines, we have a lot of young members who are guided by the elder members. We have a very strong desire to build the kingdom of heaven, so when Hyun-jin nim began talking about one family under God, it was easy to unite, even though we didn't have the financial resources.

How did you begin preparing?
We have a National Steering Committee, which includes ambassadors for peace who are highly respected in society. At a National Steering Committee meeting, we discussed the proposed Global Peace Festival.

How did people respond to the theme, "One Family Under God"?
We were pleased to find that the con-

cept of one family under God is very easy to understand. We did not have any difficulty at all to explain it to the ambassadors for peace and the general public. Most especially, because of our nation's Christian foundation, it was easy for people to understand the idea. In fact, the majority of the leaders found it easy to explain the Global Peace Festival. They did not encounter obstacles explaining it to Muslims, Buddhists or Hindus or to government agencies.

We presented the Global Peace Festival as a project not only of the Universal Peace Federation but a project in which every organization should be engaged. We presented the vision, mission, core values and objectives of the Global Peace Festival to our Steering Committee. It was not hard for us to explain in detail because they have been connected with us for many years. I asked them to find someone to chair the festival whose signature on the invitation letters could create an impact and establish a foundation for people



to get involved.

Who became involved first?
We listed all the prominent figures connected with us. Two stood out. One was Governor Leonida Bayani Ortiz, the treasurer and governor of the Philippine National Red Cross. [see box, p. 25, for her reflection] She has been connected with us for many years and has many connections with senators, congressmen, mayors, religious leaders and NGO officials. The second person, Undersecretary Josephine Dominguez, works in the office of President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and is a real advocate of peace. She really loves True Parents. Every time they come to the Philippines, she asks for a blessing prayer from them. Once, she put True Parents' hands on her head and they prayed for her. When any member of the True Family comes here, she receives that blessing. Sometimes I tell her, "I think you are



A meeting of the Global Peace Festival Security Committee; Top: A banner advertising GPF 2007

the most blessed person in the whole universe.”

Next, we organized a working committee made up of our important contacts and ambassadors for peace, and we assigned members to particular responsibilities in the working committees.

Once we had confirmed the chairwomen and members of the working committees, we listed them on a Global Peace Festival letterhead. Having the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Jose de Venecia Jr., as the chairman emeritus of the Universal Peace Federation added to the impact of the letter.

Was getting a large number of people your main priority?

It seemed that way at first. We identified the different government organizations and non-governmental organizations that we have worked with and considered which groups could bring the most people. We decided that schools were best. So, first on our list was the Department of Education, which deals with high school students, and then the Commission of Higher Education, which deals with college students.

Next, we contacted the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) in order to get people from the community involved, and finally, religious groups, because we also have a good foundation working with various religious leaders. We focused on these top four types of groups and also included other organizations. One by one, we visited these people and explained the Global Peace Festival. The concept was mostly welcomed by these people.

What got the attention of the schools?

All throughout this preparation—when we sat down for discussions and when we started implementing the plan—I really felt God was very clearly behind the Global Peace Festival. One after the other, doors were opening.

Three years before the Global Peace Festival, we began introducing the UPF character-based

educational material to the Department of Education, and they welcomed it. When we approached them about the concept of one family under God, they appreciated it, especially since we have Muslim-Christian conflicts in the Philippines, and they are very seriously trying to resolve this in Mindanao. We also have the crisis of how to maintain the moral standard of our young people. Thus, the Department of Education welcomed the plan for the Global Peace Festival and spoke of bringing a hundred thousand high school students to participate, along with the teachers.

The Commission of Higher Education has a program, the National Service Training Program (NSTP). College students, the men, can choose to take either a two-year national service program or a military training course, which in the Philippines takes place on Sundays over the course of two years. The NSTP has existed for many years,

but has had little impact through its own activities. Each school used to do its own projects. The Global Peace Festival was a tremendous opportunity for students in all the schools in Metro Manila to be unified under one project. This cooperative relationship resulted in more than ten thousand students cleaning the beach on Manila Bay. The Commission of Higher Education eventually recognized that they needed a student organization behind NSTP and have designated World CARP as its driver. WCARP will provide ongoing educational and service programs for the students.

“I know UPF, and I will explain to people what the Global Peace Festival and UPF stand for,” Dr. Peresita Domalanta told us during the planning stages. She is the regional director of the Department of Education for the National Capital Region in the Philippines. Dr. Nona Ricafort, a commissioner on the Commission of Higher Education, has been very close to us. She said, “This is the best program, the best project of the Unification Movement; I found it so easy to explain it to my subordinates and to presidents of the state universities under me. It was easy to write a memo and urge everybody to get involved.” She also spoke at the International Professors and Educators Conference.

But the work involved more than getting a large audience, right?

We realized we had to educate people and prepare their hearts to participate. We wanted to help them understand the project so they could take ownership of it. Hyun-jin nim kept telling us, “This is no longer an era of mobilizing people to come to watch. It is an era of educating people so they can participate in the event and become its owners.” We scheduled many educational presentations in different schools and communities. We were visiting places every day. For us, the main factor and key to success was educating people to give them a sense of ownership of the project.

When we started working, one door after another opened. It was something we could

Vision

One Family under God

Mission

The Global Peace Festival is a celebration of unified efforts to expand the culture of heart towards the realization of “One Family under God” through the arts, sports, service and education beyond race, religion, nationality and culture.

Guide to Action

- We are one human family created by God, the ultimate reality.
- The highest qualities of the human being are spiritual and moral in nature.
- The family is the “school of love and peace.”
- Living for the sake of others is the way to reconcile the divided human family.
- Peace comes through cooperation beyond the boundaries of ethnicity, religion and nationality.
- Young leaders can take the lead in creating a world of peaceful coexistence, prosperity and harmony by developing a culture of heart.

Objectives

- To promote dialogue, and innovative approaches to peace
- To highlight the contributions to peace made by cross-cultural families
- To promote the United Nation’s Millennium Development Goals through creating a culture of service
- To build a powerful network of dedicated partners for “One Family Under God”

This is the initial outline of the Global Peace Festival planner's guidelines, from which the Philippine members derived great inspiration.

not have imagined. This was not our effort. We could not have done this without God.

Whose response surprised you most?
We were encouraged by the participation of the different religious leaders. There are many tribal religious groups in the Philippines. Many of them found that the Global Peace Festival was a way for them to be recognized and be part of a larger community. They really love the concept of one family under God.

Very significant leaders in Philippine society became involved. For example, we introduced the project to Chairman Don Emelio Yap, the owner of the *Manila Bulletin* daily newspaper and of the Manila Hotel, a five-star hotel, the oldest hotel in the Philippines, where the GPF-related conferences were held. He gave us 70 to 80 percent discounts on all the expenses at his hotel and front-page coverage in his newspaper nearly every day for almost



A National Steering Committee meeting, like the one pictured here, was the first step taken toward GPF 2007.

two weeks. This was tremendous support.

We did not have the capacity to hold six conferences at the same time, but when we introduced the GPF concept, the president of a university offered the university's deans, professors and vice-

president to serve as conference staff. They also assigned students in their Hotel and Restaurant Management program to serve as ushers for all of the conferences.

How did you get such extensive television coverage?

One of our close ambassadors for peace, Dr. Samuel Salvador, who's the vice president of a university, brought the Global Peace Festival idea to the government television network. The Philippine Information Agency, the information arm of the Philippine government, became the number one sponsor of the Global Peace Festival.

We never expected to appear every morning on a two-hour TV program for two weeks straight. Nor could we imagine that there would be a live telecast of the festival. As the staff attended more meetings and got involved with us, they discovered it was a very valuable event that they needed to cover. It was something they felt they needed to show on TV.

The Philippine Information Agency offered its full support. Seventy of its staff members at the television network worked for a full forty-eight hours with the Global Peace Festival to get full coverage of everything related to it. Mrs. Julia Kim was astonished to find that the TV shows were even reaching the Middle East, and other parts of Asia—basically wherever Filipinos are living overseas. She was so inspired.

What's your advice to other countries planning festivals?

We experienced being in a community of people with the same feeling, with the same concept, with the same

Reflection on Global Peace Festival 2007

Gov. Leonida "Baby" Bayani Ortiz, Chairperson, GPF 2007 (Philippines)



It was the best thing that has happened in our country. The theme, "One Family under God" made the participants realize the importance of believing in and uniting families, even with diverse religions. The youth were amazed at Hyun Jin Moon's speech. They were so inspired, and you could see mixed emotions on their faces. You could see their admiration for him as he spoke to the audience about what we need in our country to become united—which is that all of us should possess true love power and take ownership of our country.

He spoke spontaneously and I really felt the power of his words for me—to be more encouraged to help more in whatever I can give. We should organize more Global Peace Festivals all over the world if this is the only way to unify all the people with different beliefs, faith, religion, race or cultures. All of us are one family, with one God, the Creator of heaven and earth. Pertaining to the theme "One Family under God," I say *Aju!*

The Global Peace Festival plays a very significant role because it might be the start of attaining peace all throughout the world. If all people unite around the theme "One Family under God," peace can actually be realized. We just have to believe and take action on it.

If we work together and combine all our efforts and forces we will succeed. And the dream of God to claim one peaceful nation will be fulfilled. I want to say thank you to our almighty God for giving me the opportunity to meet these people and to work for a good purpose, or shall I say, to live for the greater good. I'm so happy that I became part of this very important event in our history.

Hoping we can continue to work together for the Global Peace Festival 2008. Thank you and more power to all. **STW**



Preparations for GPF 2008 have already begun in the Philippines, where a “True Love and Peace Concert” was held on February 26 at the De La Salle University in Manila. With the purpose of promoting and raising funds for the Global Peace Festival later this year, the concert brought together leaders of the major faiths, ambassadors for peace and other supportive leaders in society among an audience of seven hundred. Special guests and performers are pictured here together with Dr. Kim Byung-hwa, Asia regional president, at the conclusion of the event.

vision. Having an experience like this, I could see the way toward Cheon Il Guk. Now, I often tell other leaders, “You really have to do a Global Peace Festival. GPF is opening the door to Cheon Il Guk.”

With or without a foundation, the Global Peace Festival will open doors. All you have to do is start doing it. Start talking to the people. Write the names of the target people that you would like to meet, share the idea with them and enlist them as members of your working committee. They will increase your capacity, providing manpower and resources.

My advice is to believe it can happen. Start meeting people; these people will open the doors for you. It is very, very important to select as your chair a prominent person who has a heart for global peace and a foundation of working with you. You can provide the necessary materials, and that person will bring his or her friends and influence high-level people that you may not be able to reach directly.

The participation of the Armed Forces gave our festival an atmosphere of great dignity. General Alfredo Cayton, deputy chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, reported to the chief of staff and to the Philippine president that the Global Peace Festival was “the most significant event that the Armed Forces of the Philippines par-

ticipated in during 2007.”

What’s the next big step?

Two million people at the 2008 Global Peace Festival.

Two million people in one place at one time?

If we hold the 2008 Global Peace Festival simultaneously in many schools on all the islands of the Philippines, this will involve more than two million people, including the students and their parents. There are large assembly halls at each school. People wouldn’t have to travel. They would gather in their schools just as they do to celebrate United Nations Day, which is a fun-filled yearly celebration in the Philippines. We can do the same for the Global Peace Festival.

How will GPF 2007 help you reach that goal?

I heard people talk about how GPF has become the hope of the Philippines. Some of them are people who attended an International Leadership Conference. They knew UPF has been doing great things, and they experienced it directly through the Global Peace Festival.

Undersecretary Dominguez is so inspired about the Global Peace Festival that she is urging the governors and mayors in the provinces,

municipalities and cities under her to support it. She gave us the idea of getting the endorsement of different religious organizations, mayors, governors and NGO leaders for a petition to the president of the Philippines to declare it a national holiday. We sent a letter to President Arroyo, inviting her to attend the festival and to sign a proclamation stating that the Global Peace Festival is an annual event and a national holiday.

Speaker Jose de Venecia told me he never expected we had the capacity to bring such a tremendous number of people. He invited me to be a part of the Moral Recovery Movement, a new group of religious leaders in the Philippines. I am like a toddler compared to the rest of the group. He introduced me as the youth leader of the Moral Recovery Movement.

JR is a heart-throb among the young people and a well-known rhythm-and-blues singer in the Philippines. He sang for free at the festival. “I loved the crowd,” he told me afterwards, when I tried to thank him. “I was looking for my family, and I found my family here. Thank you for making me a part of this very important event.”

The impact on the NSTP has been especially significant. Dr. Florida Labuguen, president of the National Service Training Program, told me, “The Global Peace Festival has transformed the National Service Training Program.” *STW*



The Zablan family

Living History

An Interview with Dr. Choi Woonsang



Dr. Choi Woonsang first came to the notice of *TODAY'S WORLD* staff members by way of his sterling English language skills, as we would overhear him speaking to UPF-IIPC members through our open office door. An octogenarian, Dr. Choi has been a professor of law for the last twenty-seven years. In the nearly thirty-three years before that, he had a distinguished career in the diplomatic field, serving in the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs and as the Korean Ambassador to India, Egypt, Morocco, Jamaica and the Caribbean. As an Ambassador for Peace, he has been indefatigable. He has spoken at conferences. He contributes articles to the *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL ON WORLD PEACE*, which carried his pioneering article on Korea's current situation, "From War to Peace: A Permanent Solution to the Korean Question." He is an invaluable asset in opening doors for IIPC within the Seoul diplomatic community. He often helps in the Japanese IIPC office preparing documents in English and Korean. On the days that he works with IIPC, rather than at his university or elsewhere, his is often the last light extinguished on our floor. Dr. Choi is a gentleman. He is kind, modest and generous of heart. We were grateful for his willingness to share with our readers some of the areas in which his personal history is interwoven with Korean history.

Today's World: You began your diplomatic career under Korea's first president. Could you tell our readers something about President Rhee Syngman?

Professor Choi Woonsang: I took my Foreign Service exam in November 1948, and I was first among four hundred in the exam. Forty from the first batch were taken to establish the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which had been abolished in 1910 when Japan took over Korea. So, we had to establish a new foreign office, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

I was initially assigned as a private secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs. Then I received my appointment to go to Washington as the Third Secretary of the Korean Embassy in Washington, which was newly established. It was the first Korean mission abroad to be set up. I was the first career diplomat, who was sent abroad in April 1949. When President Rhee learned of this fact, he said this is something to be recognized and commemorated, so he summoned me to take the oath of office in his presence. The President's office is now called the Blue House, but at that time it was called Kyungmu-dai, and that's where I went on April 20, 1949.

That day, the American Ambassador John J. Muccio presented his credentials as the American ambassador to Korea. President Rhee, after receiving his credentials, was overcome by emotions. He had not been well received in the past when he tried to meet U.S. State Department officials to plead the cause of Korea's independence. Now, here was the American ambassador personally presenting credentials from the President of the United States, Harry S. Truman. So he was overwhelmed.

The secretary came in and handed a single-page statement in English to President Rhee and he began to read it, but since his eyes were blurring he asked me to complete the reading. I discovered it was the same oath of office that American foreign service officers would swear when they took office. I read it and President Rhee asked me to sign it. I signed it and that was the ceremony.

Then he gave a lecture, saying now that we have a new government and are going to be an important part of the international community, we should play an honorable role in international diplomacy. He said that in diplomacy, regardless of rank, whether it's Third Secretary or the Ambassador, you still represent Korea, so you should keep this in mind and conduct

yourself accordingly. Then he thrust out his hand and I shook it. I felt a great deal of warmth from his palm and his grip was quite strong and firm. He was already over eighty at that time and I had great admiration for his sacrifice and contribution toward Korea's independence over the last forty years at that time. That was my impression. It was the first and last time I saw him.

To this day, I still remember very clearly what happened on that day. Francesca¹ was there and there were two government ministers there to see President Rhee, the Minister of Home Affairs Kim Hyo-suk and the Minister of National Defense Shin Sung-mo. Francesca walked in and she asked them to leave because there would be an important ceremony here. I felt a little uncomfortable because they were cabinet ministers, and I was only a Third Secretary but to her or to the president the ceremony was very symbolic and important enough that the ministers had to leave.

You worked under Ambassador John M. Chang, the first Korean ambassador to the U.S.

John Myun Chang was my confirmation godfather. You are baptized as an infant, then when you reach majority, over twenty, your faith is confirmed; you need another godfather for the confirmation. I was then attending Seoul National University Law School and was active in the Catholic Youth Association. I thought it would be nice to ask him to be my godfather. He was just elected to National Assembly from Seoul's Chongro district, but he was quite willing to be my godfather, and he came on time when there was to be a ceremony.

I also campaigned for him when he was running for the National Assembly; this was May 10, 1948, the first ever elections to establish the Korean government under the supervision of the United Nations. All the Catholic Youth students were volunteer campaigners for him. On the day of the election, I was one of the watchmen and his representative at one of the voting scenes. He came around and saw me. He was surprised that I was working as his campaigner, but it was on an absolutely voluntary basis.

He then became the Korean delegate to the United Nations. He secured United Nations' recognition in the form of a Gen-

¹ President Rhee's wife, whom he met in Geneva. She was Austrian.

eral Assembly Resolution that Korea is the only lawful government in all Korea. This was at the second General Assembly held in Paris in the winter of 1948.

Soon after that, he was appointed as the first Korean ambassador to Washington. I wrote him congratulating him on the appointment and also offering to work for him if he needed me. I think he was responsible for suggesting that I get sent to Washington as the first Korean diplomat.

Was it the same John M. Chang that became prime minister?

Yes, after the student revolution of April 19, 1960. That year, in March, the presidential elections were rigged. It was a known fact, and people rose up and overthrew the Rhee government. Rhee Syngman didn't know the elections were rigged; his supporters had acted badly. There were student demonstrations all over the country but particularly in Seoul. Later, professors also came out in support of change or a new election.

Then people felt that this presidential system has a tendency to make the president dictatorial or authoritarian, so we should change to a parliamentarian system like in Great Britain or other European countries. So they amended the Constitution. We kept the office of the president but he was a ceremonial head like the emperor in Japan. The real power would be vested in the cabinet, which would be elected by the party that commands the majority in the National Assembly. Under that system, the prime minister is the real power. The former ambassador to Washington Dr. John M. Chang was elected to be prime minister of the ruling party. That was in late summer 1960, and in turn he was overthrown by the military coup d'état in May of 1961.

What happened to Prime Minister Chang as a result of the coup d'état?

He went into hiding and later he came out. He was afraid of being shot; therefore he escaped into a Catholic nunnery. He survived. When he saw the situation, in order not to disturb the stability of the country, he voluntarily resigned his whole government. Park Chung-hee took over as military governor. There was a return to civilian rule in 1963 and Park Chung-hee became president under civilian rule.

Part of your more than three decades of service in the diplomatic corps you served under Park Chung-hee.

The two most popular Korean presidents in a recent survey were Park Chung-hee and Rhee Syngman. I know that Park Chung-hee was a dictator, but he greatly helped the development of the country. He made things happen that no one else believed could happen, such as the Seoul to Busan highway. He would order Korean industrialists to do things no matter what the obstacles, such as building a steel processing plant.

He would sometimes ask my opinion about things. For example when I was the ambassador to Egypt during the Yom Kippur War in 1973, they were destroying Israeli tanks with handheld rockets. This was a completely different type of warfare. In World War I, war was fought from trenches, and in World War II infantrymen would follow behind tanks. But using Russian rockets, the Egyptians were able to knock out Israeli tanks. The Egyptian military invited a group of ambassadors to inspect the fighting fields. The Israelis had bunkers beside the Suez Canal, protected by a large sand dune. The Egyptians used a Russian-made collapsible pontoon bridge to cross the canal, and they had powerful water cannons that destroyed the sand dune. I reported to President Park about

this during a two-hour face-to-face meeting.

I would sometimes write him letters. Korea was in the market to buy railroad tanker cars and also ones that transported coal. The Korean ambassadors to Germany and Belgium had suggested we buy these from the countries they were assigned to. I wrote a letter to President Park and suggested we buy them from India, which would build them to international standards for a fair price. I argued that it was a non-aligned nation we should develop a relationship with. President Park agreed and wrote on my letter, "Do as Ambassador Choi says." India made about 11 million dollars—a large foreign exchange income—and their attitude toward Korea improved greatly.

I'd like to backtrack a bit. You were working in your embassy in Washington DC when the Korean War broke out. Could you talk about how you learned of it and how the embassy responded?

I had gone out that night with an attaché; we had gone to watch an opera on the Potomac River and then to a beer hall. It was a Saturday night, I bought the Sunday paper but in those days, the *Evening Star* would have the comics section on the outside of the Sunday paper, so I did not see the headline, which already had news of the Korean War on June 24 (June 25 in Korea).



In June 1961, a month after the Supreme Council of National Reconstruction (SCNR) toppled Prime Minister John M. Chang's government, SCNR went on an inspection of government ministries. Here, SCNR Prime Minister (Lt. Gen.) Song Yo-chan has arrived by jeep at the back of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs building, where the staff had lined up to welcome him. Song is shaking hands with Foreign Minister (Lt. Gen.) Kim Hong-il. Next in seniority was Director-General of Political Affairs Dr. Choi Woonsang, but a uniformed SCNR representative, Lt. Col. Lee Chung-hee, has interjected himself. The following month, Park Chung-hee would emerge as the junta leader. SCNR would begin hunting Dr. Chang and 11 of his associates, whom they falsely branded as communists. Many people worried over the fate of Dr. Choi, John Chang's godson. He kept a low profile during this treacherous period. He was eventually sent on leave but was asked to return because only he had the skills and know-how to handle the (then) annual UN debate on the Korean situation.



Dr. Choi meeting Prime Minister Indira Gandhi (1917–1984) while he was Korea's Ambassador to India. Since India was a non-aligned nation, there was fierce competition between North and South Korea for the Indian government's attention.

First Secretary Han Pyo-wook, saw on the ten o'clock news that war had erupted and rushed to the embassy, but it was deserted. He thought he should go to the State Department. He rushed there, where he found Ambassador Chang.

I had gone home to my apartment. Somehow, the attaché had been contacted and he called me. I went to the State Department. The whole building was lit up though it was late at night. The person in charge of the Korean Desk, Niles Bond, and others in the State Department were arriving. The State Department had a way of contacting their people. Some of them had been at a party and were in tuxedos or formal dresses. President Truman was in Independence, Missouri. Secretary of State Dean Acheson was at his farm in Virginia.

Acheson called Truman after 11:00 PM EDT. They discussed the situation and decided to call a meeting of the United Nations Security Council. Phone calls were made until 3 AM by UN Secretary-General Trygve Lie to all eleven members of the Security Council, including the Soviet Union. The latter chose not to attend the meeting.

Ambassador Chang and First Secretary Han were asked to go by State Department airplane to New York the next day. It was a propeller plane in those days and it left from National Airport and took an hour to get to LaGuardia in New York. En route the resolution was drafted that the Security Council later approved.

After that, the Ambassador and First Secretary spent a lot of time in New York. I had to take care of the Korean Embassy in Washington. The next day there was a block-long line of people outside our door offering to volunteer to fight for Korea. There was a man whose fighter squadron from World War II were still in contact with each other. They had fought in Europe. He said if we got them planes, they were ready to fight. Another man had bought from the Navy the World War II torpedo boat he had served on. It had been stripped of its weapons before the government sold it as surplus equipment. He told me if we would just reinstall the cannons and machine guns, he and his old crew from the Second World War would volunteer to fight with it in Korea. There was nothing I could do but take their

names and phone numbers.

The embassy was so busy with people calling to hear information about their families back in Korea. I was so busy that for a few months I slept in the Korean Embassy. I brought a mattress there and put it on top of the desks.

Do you recall who the Soviet representative to the UN was?

It was Malik. Jacob Malik was the Soviet delegate to the United Nations. The Soviet Union boycotted the United Nations from October 1949 through August 1950 over the issue of the Chinese representation question. They felt the government in Beijing, the communist government, and not the government in Taiwan, should represent China in the United Nations. The Soviet UN diplomats were living in New York. They were all around and even came to the UN but did not participate in the meetings of the United Nations.

When the Korean War broke out and the Security Council was called, they did not come. They thought that not much would be done, but the Security Council went ahead and adopted a series of resolutions on the Korean War.

There was a legal issue of whether or not the absence of a permanent member would count as a veto. This was ruled not to be a veto, because they are obligated under provisions of the UN Charter to be at the Security Council at any time. Absence of a permanent member is not regarded as a veto by practice of the United Nations.

How long did it take for word to reach you about any of your family members in Korea after the outbreak of the war?

We didn't have information about our own families. The Ambassador's children were studying in Korea. His wife was not well and we didn't want to strain her with news that Korea was at war, because she would be too worried about her children, so I had to hide Korean newspapers from her. I learned about my family only after September 18, when the Americans had retaken Seoul. My brother was walking by the Bando Hotel, which is where the Lotte Hotel stands today. By chance, he met an American diplomat we both knew, Kurt M. Falk. My brother asked him to send a message to me that our family was safe. It came through the Embassy teletype machine. For four months I had not known.

The agreement at the end of the war has been called "the most violated military armistice in modern history."

It has violated to the point of being useless. There was a Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC), which had two nations from their side—Poland and Czechoslovakia—and two from the non-Communist countries—Sweden and Switzerland. Every time some old pieces of artillery left the country, the NNSC would allow the same number of pieces to replace them. For example, every time a hundred soldiers were sent home they could be replaced by a hundred fresh ones. But North Korea wouldn't allow the non-communist observers in North Korea to leave their base. So, while we were adhering to the Armistice Agreement, they were rebuilding airfields and bringing in MiG fighters in crates for the North Korean Air Force.

A follow-up conference of diplomats was held in Geneva (April 26–June 15 1954) to try to solve outstanding issues.

Could you tell us your involvement in this conference?

I was the Chief of the First Section (Policy Coordination and Legal Affairs) in the Foreign Affairs Ministry in Seoul at the

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now. None of our important events, especially our big events, are for the Unification Church denomination. We need to become leaders who accurately understand the position we are in at this time.

So what did Father do? More than a decade ago, Father told us to do home church, *tongban gyeokpa*,¹ and hoondok church. Generally he hasn't instructed us to make big churches. We have to know this. Why is this? We have to dig deep into the world and shine our light from there. That's what *tongban gyeokpa*, the family church movement, the home church movement, and especially hoondok church, are all about.

Actually, as our religious activities, such as hoondok church, family church and *tongban gyeokpa*, encouraged our interaction with local communities, it is not a contradiction that this might, for some, include working in the field of politics. Since much has been prepared, we should not still be hanging onto the church out of habit.

What is Ahn Shi Il? Why are we holding pledge service on Ahn Shi Il instead of on Sunday? The age in which we hold pledge service on Sunday has passed. From that point of view, heavenly fortune is now asking for new things from us, so we have to avoid becoming stuck with a denominational mind-set. Therefore, if you present Father as the founder and representative of the Unification Church, a religious denomination, you will immediately receive persecution. People will say you are a heretic. Father is not leading a denominational movement. Everything he is doing is a part of a peace movement, an international movement. Anyone coming into such an arena and saying that we are heretics would look crazy. Father does not even relate to people like that. We should understand this. Think of Father's difficulties in light of his life history. What has Father done that would justify his being shunned? Why has he been so ignorantly misunderstood and persecuted? It is because other believers, with the interests of their own denominations in mind, and with narrow views based on their doctrines, have made Father's course difficult, and tried to trap him. Through misinformation, they have made it so that we cannot say anything. Please understand that we must leap over that.

Yesterday's commemorative event was truly such a day of celebration, gratitude and joy, wasn't it? Especially now that Father is eighty-nine years old, each birthday celebration is precious. Do you think we will be able to celebrate True Parents' birthday for another hundred years? Another fifty years? So it was such an inspirational, good day.

Nevertheless, as I was leading the event, my heart would not open. I felt so sorry and at a loss for words. It shouldn't have just been a place of celebration just for us. Ours is not the standard Heaven originally wanted. Did you feel that way, too?

Why is that? There is less meaning for us to celebrate True Parents' birthday within the church. We should realize that it is not simply meant to be an event belonging to one denomination, and we should set our standard accordingly.

There are so many things we can be proud of when it comes to Father. The ideal that comes through fulfilling the blessing, the blessed family ideal, is a brand created by Father that we can be proud of eternally. Can anyone imitate the blessing?

Next is the ideal that results from the fulfillment of peace. Father has never hurt another person in his whole life and has constantly spoken about peace, even in the face of being cursed, treated unjustly and even beaten. Father has spoken only about peace and has never thought about taking revenge on others.

Having in our hearts the ideal of the exemplary family and the

1 Grassroots activities that lead to a breakthrough in the neighborhood or local community

ideal of peace, we can overcome the barriers of denominational differences and work to fulfill Cheon Il Guk in the world. You can do this. Cheon Il Guk is a world of peace, and no one has a greater vision for peace than True Parents do.

The basic membership units or cells of Cheon Il Guk are the blessed families, which should be wholesome, ideal families. Who could refute this? This should be what we feel called to achieve.

I have an earnest request to make of you. Please think about this. How many years have we been talking about Cheon Il Guk? How self-absorbed are we, without having accomplished it? Our thoughts are inflated like balloons. Because we talk about Cheon Il Guk, we all think we are citizens of Cheon Il Guk.

Even as we proclaim Cheon Il Guk, how many of us seriously reflect on an ongoing basis about the qualifications needed to become a Cheon Il Guk citizen? Even as we boast about Cheon Il Guk, we are unable to think about what we should be doing to become Cheon Il Guk citizens. We are talking about peace in order to promote True Parents' brand of peace, but are we going to become the true subjects and owners of a peaceful, ideal world? If people had to become perfect individuals in order to become members of the Family Federation, they would automatically be justified in taking central roles in the peace movement and in establishing Cheon Il Guk. But this is not the reality.

We need to go back to the original point of perfecting our character, which we have skipped. We received the blessing without perfecting our character. We received it on credit. We have become indebted to God and to Father. We have to pay off this debt by completing the task we omitted to fulfill, that of attaining perfection.

Therefore, even though we are members of the Family Federation who are part of the peace movement, we should not be lazy in our own lives of faith and in building a vertical relationship with God. We are not conscious of how important this is.

Please think about this. Don't think about the theories in the Divine Principle. Instead, think about your daily lives. How many times a day do your original sin and fallen nature squirm within you? When are you going to put an end to them? When will you liquidate them? Are we thinking about that seriously?

Many Christians have hoped for heaven in the far future and waited for the Lord. Because they have thought that heaven exists in the spirit world, which they can neither see nor experience, they think they will go to heaven if they have faith, effectively anesthetizing themselves.

But we understand the importance of the kingdom of heaven on earth. If heaven is to be fulfilled on earth, we need to go there while in our bodies. But how thoroughly have we checked the standard of our own bodies? How well have we been able to liquidate the workings of the original sin and fallen nature in our bodies? Concerning this truly essential and fundamental question, we need to become increasingly serious.

I will say this once more: God's ideal is unrelated to formal logic. We have to perfectly fulfill all the conditions needed to qualify us for entrance into the kingdom of heaven. We have to become people with a heavenly lifestyle.

We must totally cut off from Satan. How can Satan exist in heaven? How can you carry your fallen nature with you into heaven? How have you liquidated your fallen nature? What indemnity have you paid for the liquidation of your original sin? Father speaks about this a lot nowadays. He says, "Although you may not know it now, when you go to the spirit world, you'll find it's stricter than you think. There are no discounts." Father reads several Peace Messages every day before coming to hoondokhwa, because he wants to repeatedly strengthen himself. That is what he does.

When I put together the points Father is always emphasizing, I always come to a conclusion that leaves me awestruck. I realize that loving people who have found peace and harmony within themselves can enter heaven and Cheon Il Guk, but people who are self-centered, interested in self-gain, disharmonious or engaged in conflict cannot.

Another thing Father emphasizes is that because Cheon Il Guk is a nation, with God and True Parents as Lord, the relationship is not one of parent to child but one of a king to his subjects. In the parent-child relationship, parents can forgive, hold back, or even let their children try again if something goes wrong. However, because the relationship between a king and his subjects is a matter of governance, requiring law and order, God and True Parents must rule based on heavenly law and order. From this point of view, please inscribe the need for self-examination in your hearts.

I don't think of this in a convoluted way. Instead, I recall a section in the Principle of Creation, which along with the other great principles it contains depicts human beings as being prouder and more dignified than do to the doctrines of any other religion in the world. It is the section on the human portion of responsibility.

Adam and Eve had that portion of responsibility; therefore so do True Parents. Father said Mother has a portion of responsibility. He has also said the True Children have portions of responsibility. How about us? You and I, and everyone in the world without exception, have portions of responsibility. None of us has completed his or her portion of responsibility. Everyone is either at the starting point or in the process of fulfilling his or her responsibility.

I confess to you: Going toward perfection, completing one's portion of responsibility, becoming one with True Parents, is so difficult and so tiring! It's an extremely difficult issue to deal with. I can feel this with my own body in my daily life.

That we could meet True Parents during our earthly life is a privilege and a grace beyond words. Therefore, Satan is very actively working to keep us from getting to perfection. People frequently say, "Well Father already brought Satan to submission...." That is Father's achievement. But Satan hasn't submitted to you yet, has he?

What does it mean to bring someone to submission? As long as you have conditions Satan can use to attack you, Satan can claim you as his at anytime.

No matter how close you are to God or to True Parents, if you have a condition Satan can use to hook onto you, he can laugh at you and say, "You are someone I could claim at any time. With the lifestyle you are leading, how can you call yourselves a blessed family? Anytime I grab hold of you, you have to follow me." Why did God have no choice but to give Adam and Eve, children he had created, to Satan? Even God had no choice when they set the wrong conditions.

True Parents found us, who were born as fallen people with original sin, and gave us the blessing. We skipped over the requirement that we perfect ourselves before the blessing, yet we have not understood the value of the blessing we received. We have been living our lives however we wanted to. What can God do if Satan accuses us and wants to drag us away? We need to consider this.

Satan is always tempting us and trying to bring us under his dominion. Satan tries to activate our fallen nature as a condition to tempt us.

Even though we say we should live in harmony based on the Principle, we fight with others. Even though we have learned through the Principle that we should give true love, we become greedy and think more about ourselves than about others. Putting ourselves first and fighting with others are signs that Satan has been stimulating our fallen nature. You permit fallen nature

and original sin to remain within you. Although the original sin was conditionally removed through the blessing, you have to get Satan completely off you before no traces of original sin are left behind.

We can feel our fallen nature active within us, but we just cover it up and think, "Soon I will be a citizen of Cheon Il Guk. The new heaven and new earth have opened up, so I am part of a new age. I'm a citizen of heaven." I'm at a loss for words on how self-deceiving we are and the kind of thoughts we have. I believe we (especially our leaders) should be careful about this point. We should govern ourselves well and educate members about this truth.

Brothers and sisters, do you think you can use tricks in Cheon Il Guk? Do you think you can just line your own pockets in Cheon Il Guk? Nevertheless, with our fallen nature, we encounter the falsehoods and vices of this fallen world, adopt them and repeat all of them. We live haphazard, "good enough" lives, filling our pockets, lying when we choose to, and deceiving our original minds. We are accustomed to living this way. This is something we must liquidate by any means necessary.

As long as we are self-centered, we cannot be free from Satan's hooks. Sometimes you might think, "Well so-and-so does that much, so I can do this small amount. This small amount will not be a problem." Rationalizing in that way is one aspect of fallen nature. It's not right at all.

Don't concern yourself with what someone else is doing. He or she cannot live your life for you. We are each living our own life. Only we can establish good conditions, and no one other than us can liquidate our bad conditions.

Father particularly asks us to take ownership over everything; in fact things go very well when we take ownership of what we are doing. What is the most important thing to have ownership of? In the end, we should have ownership over Cheon Il Guk and become owners even of heaven, shouldn't we?

If you compare such a standard with your own, you might discover problems, especially in your relationship with your spouse or with your children. There may be difficulties in the relationships among the three generations of your family. You have to deal with these problems by yourself. No one else can solve them for you.

It is really good news that Cheon Il Guk is approaching, and we are now in the era after the coming of heaven. We should be grateful for this. However, if we think about it deeply, it means we now have much to do.

Heaven has many things to remove from us. You may realize this yourself. You might think that if you live your life a certain way you are living for God's will. You might wonder why certain things happen to you. You might wonder why your leaders seem unaware of what you are doing. Perhaps you often have this feeling.

Of course the leaders you relate to, including me, probably make lots of mistakes. But if you think about this from another perspective, the living God may be removing your fallen nature and vestiges of original sin through such relationships.

If your thoughts are self-centered, you will often be unable to interpret things that happen to you and the difficulties you go through, no matter how hard you try. But if your perspective takes the heart of the living God into account, you will realize there must be something He is trying to solve through your experiences.

What I am grateful for is that I have experienced the work of the true, living God. It brings me so much consolation and strength to know the living God exists. This leads me to believe it is good that we each have many difficulties and ups and downs in our hearts that we cannot express to others. Please realize that

you can receive grace, not through talking about your difficulties, but through burying them in a deep place in your heart and thinking about them once in a while, especially when you are going through hard times.

What is clear is that no matter what someone's position is, or how elevated that person's status is, he or she still has a portion of responsibility. It is also true that you cannot follow the straight and narrow unless you continually set conditions that keep you free from Satan's accusation and allow you to keep to the Godly, public path in every situation. From our knowledge of Divine Principle and through observing True Parents' lives, we should be confident that this is true for all of us.

If this were not true, why would True Father go through so much suffering at the age of eighty-nine? Why would True Parents be on the front line, taking responsibility for everything and going through difficulties? When taking this into account, we can see that the difficulties you and I go through are not really difficult. Think about Father and take control of your difficulties. Keep in your heart the precious experiences that only you have gone through.

The conclusion we can draw is that the problem is not outside. It's inside. The outside world is neither scary nor threatening. You have already heard today how much the world changes every year. The outside world is already collapsing. The problem is not outside. God is liquidating evil according to the heavenly way and heavenly fortune. The problems are in our own Unifica-

tion Church, in our organizations, in our own families and in us. We must solve these problems.

Therefore, more than at any time in the past, you and I must be grateful for the merit of the age God is giving to us in the conjoined jubilee years, these seventh and eighth years of Cheon Il Guk. Each moment of each day, we should have the consciousness to check and search ourselves. We should become owners of the Universal Peace Federation and take internal ownership over our movement.

Next, even if we experience difficulties, tests and situations we cannot understand, we should be confident of the existence of the living God—the living, working God, the God who is the essence of love—and accept our trials as part of a course we all have to pass through in order to become victors.

You and I have the privilege to become eternal citizens of Cheon Il Guk in this time when its gates are open for the first time in history. Therefore, please do your best this year, centering on these principles, so that your victory can be offered in loyalty and filial piety to True Parents and your individual victory can be included in the victory of the whole.

Divine Principle talks about individual perfection and the perfection of the whole, doesn't it? Don't you think that if we search within ourselves while we are working to fulfill God's will, the result will also be a personal victory for each of us?

May you be victorious. **JW**

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time of the Geneva Conference. Every day I would get a report from Geneva in the Korean language phonetically rendered using the English alphabet. It included some code words that we had previously agreed to use. I would decode this and Vice-Foreign Minister Cho Chung-hwan would bring it to Mrs. Francesca Rhee for President Rhee. It was usually about two pages long. Foreign Minister Pyun Yung-tae was in Geneva as the Chief Delegate for Korea. Mrs. Rhee would say, "Is this everything? This is all there is?" But President Rhee would read it each day. I don't remember ever being asked to send an answering message or new instructions.

Was there an expectation that the political conference would provide a solution to the Korean question?

I would say that from the beginning we were more pessimistic than optimistic about seeing results from the Geneva Conference. We were going to meet the Communists and we were pretty stiff in those days. They had their views, and we had ours, and neither side would compromise. It was during the height of the Cold War.

By what process did South Korea formulate its positions at the Geneva Conference? For example, how was the decision arrived at to accept an election throughout Korea?

The Korean delegation in Geneva was trusted; they knew how President Rhee thought and how he would respond. Foreign Minister Pyun Yung-tai was a good and trusted friend of President Rhee's. The Korean Representative to the United Nations Ben C. Limb was an old friend of the President Rhee's who had been with him for many years in America. Ambassador Yang You-chan was our ambassador to Washington. The last member was Vice-Minister of Justice Hong Jin-ki. He was a legal adviser. They had full powers to decide on any issue on the spot, in the field.

Our original position had been that there only needed to be

an election in North Korea, since South Korea had had an election approved by the United Nations. When we were asked to accept having a new election throughout all of Korea, since our friends, friendly nations, suggested it, our delegate accepted their proposal as they felt President Rhee would agree.

President Rhee did not micromanage.

That's right. And the other countries' heads of delegations were very prominent international figures at that time. The United States was represented by none other than Secretary of State John Foster Dulles. Great Britain was represented by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden. France was represented by Foreign Minister Georges Bidault, and the Soviet Union by Foreign Minister V.M. Molotov. They were all very, very prominent figures in international affairs at that time.

In 1971, Chou En Lai, spoke to Henry Kissinger about John Foster Dulles' refusing to shake his [Chou En Lai's] hand at the Geneva conference, seventeen years earlier.

John Foster Dulles was very strongly anti-communist and China had been a military enemy. Chou En Lai was quite a refined person, educated in France. His final proposal was that a resolution be passed that the same participants meet again to continue negotiations to find a peaceful solution to reunifying Korea. But Anthony Eden, the chairman, just rejected it, saying they had not agreed on a procedure for voting on anything, so it would not be voted on; it would just be entered into the record.

Other Asian countries have seen rapid changes. Do you foresee such changes also coming to North Korea?

Yes. After the passing of Kim Jong-il from the scene and by the time his successor comes along, there are bound to be changes in North Korea. They cannot resist the changes that are now taking place all around them. Change may not come as fast as it is in China or Vietnam, but change is bound to come. **JW**

Spreading the Word



On their birthday, True Parents distributed copies of Cheon Seong Gyeong in ten new languages to representatives of these language groups. At a ceremony to mark the completion of these translations, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Cheon Seong Gyeong translation project director, spoke to the translators and staff:

"It is part of True Parents' mission to give the word; that is how they can stand with the authority of True Parents. Thus, on their birthday they both received something from the members yet also gave something. So you can see how important is the work to translate what Father has said into many languages. It permits True Parents to give their words to many more people."

Thus, the pool of languages in which True Parents' core teachings are now accessible has expanded, as has the potential to inspire interest in them in a greater diversity of cultures. The ten Languages presented this time were German, Italian, Dutch, Czech, Slovak, Latvian, Bulgarian, Macedonian, Swahili and Khmer. For inquiries or orders, contact Ms. Yeon Jeong Pak at Sung Hwa Publishing: cwooyoum@hanmail.net; fax: (82 2) 706 9815

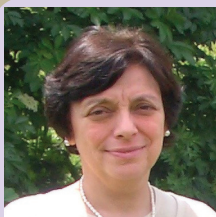
In these pages we are pleased to bring you reflections from some of the translators who devoted a year or so of their lives to this work.

The work toward forty languages continues.



True Parents give the Italian edition of Cheon Seong Gyeong to Italy (receiving it is national leader Giuseppe Cali)

Lucia Tonna Hadj-amar (Italian)



When I heard that True Father had presented the Italian translation of CSG to my national leader during the celebration of True Parents' birthday, I was really moved. In that moment I felt that all my endeavors and all the spiritual and physical

struggles I had been going through during the two years I worked on the translation had not been in vain. Finally my nation could be part of this incredible providence.

I could persevere until the end only because I always felt there was some force or somebody from above pushing me to go on and opening a way for me to do so. Italy is one of the seven providential countries for which True Father has prayed for forty years. Its role and importance in God's providence is mentioned several times in Cheon Seong Gyeong in such a clear and powerful way. How could I give up? Many times I remembered how Jesus should have come to Rome two thousand years ago, how the blood of the first Christian martyrs was shed on Italian soil, how Rome and the Vatican were the center of God's providence and yet they could not succeed.

Now, again, should my nation fail by missing this incredible opportunity given directly by the Messiah? No, I felt I could not allow that to happen. **TW**

Richard Musumbi (Swahili)



My strongest feelings, now that we have finished translating Cheon Seong Gyeong, are a deep feeling of amazement and happiness. It was a very challenging experience. I will cherish the time forever in my heart as the greatest I have had so far.

I had a deep sense that God loved me, and that it was a great honor for me to translate CSG. This helped me to feel that every day was special, although I would wake up and do the same work day after day. Our work was goal-oriented. This helped me push myself harder. I always had a feeling of great inspiration when I exceeded my daily goal, which helped me to start the next day with strong motivation. We also had great teamwork in the larger Cheon Seong Gyeong team; we lived like one large family filled with love.

It is wonderful for East Africa to have Cheon Seong Gyeong in Swahili. Though many people in the region can read English, Swahili communicates a different feeling to the hearts of native Swahili speakers. It brings God and True Parents' hearts closer to the people.

When I was translating book twelve—where True Father explained about the Pantanal Holy Ground and Jardim—I deeply felt as though he were talking directly to me. I had a clear image of the Amazonian jungle in Brazil. I could not understand my feelings, but I had a deep longing to go there.

I always felt that this was not my work, but the work of unseen forces through me. **TW**

Tihtara In (Khmer)

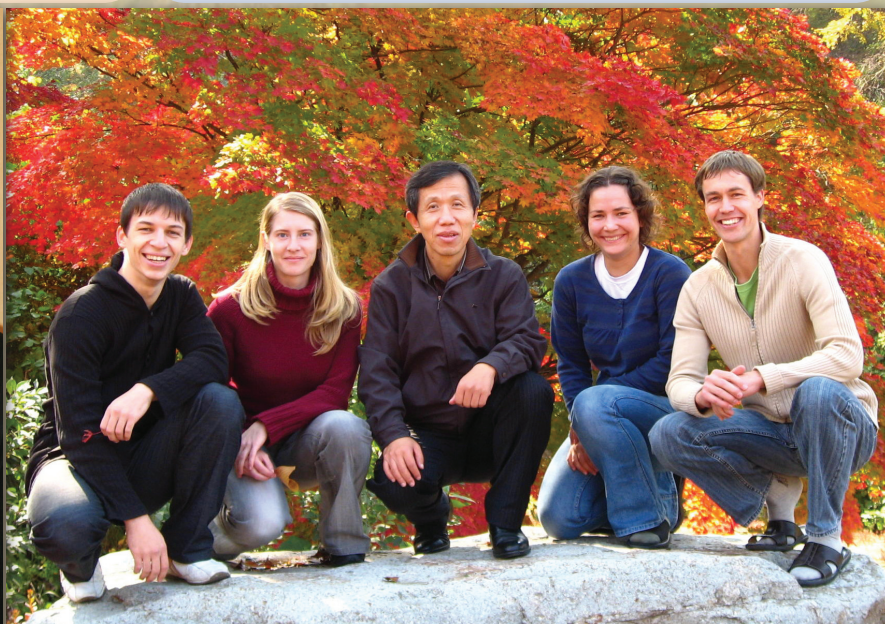


My strongest feeling is the unforgettable sincerity and friendship with True Parents and all brothers and sisters who have been working together on the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation. In the work, I was sustained by True Father's education in absolute faith, absolute love, absolute obedience and self-confidence. After the Cambodian people read Cheon Seong Gyeong, they will be able to understand True Father's heart, so they will be able to develop Cambodia and live as one, under God. *STW*

Chay Sam (Khmer)



Because we love True Parents, our team worked hard in order to finish this historic mission before their birthday ceremony. I feel that Cheon Seong Gyeong will be very useful in our work in Cambodia. The best part of my experience with Cheon Seong Gyeong translation was "love." All kinds of love are explained in Cheon Seong Gyeong, and in reality I had such an experience of love and brotherhood with the other language teams. Members of different nationalities working together in Korea had such beautiful relationships. *STW*



Left: Korean Church President Hwang Sun-jo, who is overall director of the Cheon Seong Gyeong translation project, congratulates Matej Gardos for his translation and layout work; *Above:* The Latvian translation team with Rev. Chang Kwan-hyun who has managed the project since it began in late 2004, and whose insights have helped translators accurately express Father's thought.

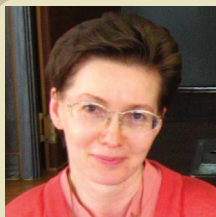
Kristine Roke (Latvian)



We do not have much literature translated into Latvian. Hitherto, we have mostly used Russian books and speeches and occasionally English. But the younger generation of Latvians does not know Russian, so the lack of materials that explain our teachings in Latvian could become a serious problem. Cheon Seong Gyeong will help to solve this.

While translating, I felt that I was not alone doing this work, but that God and the spirit world were participating. When I encountered difficulties in finding appropriate words to express True Father's thoughts, suddenly the exact word I needed would come into my mind. After finishing the translation and editing, we had to do a final check of the whole book, but we were given only a few hours; it was impossible to check in detail. Somehow my eyes stopped exactly at the places where there was a mistake. I could not have noticed these without the help of the spirit world. *STW*

Lubica Owenova (Czech)



My strongest feeling now after seventeen months of translating CSG is like waking up from a dream. It was a challenging dream but at the same time a very rewarding one, giving me a lot of insights into Heavenly Father and True Parents. During my work I felt a lot of spiritual support from my restored good ancestors and the heavenly spirit world. They gave me the internal motivation as well as the physical strength to continue working long hours day by day. I know that without their help I could not have completed the translation. I am grateful to all of them.

We worked at the Cheongshim Graduate School in Cheongpyeong and in the final stages from True Parents' suite at the Central Training Center. The whole environment was so holy. Living and translating God's word in such an environment brought me very close to True Parents and the True Family, which I felt I was part of. *STW*

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IRFF Bangladesh



By Date Katsumi

It was a surprising reunion with Jaigeer village school children after fifteen years. In July 2007, the International Relief Friendship Foundation (IRFF) organized the Discover True Friendship project in Bangladesh. Ten American college students took part in the project which entailed constructing an extension to the Jaigeer Primary School. The extension had a dual purpose; its rooms would also house the Jaigeer Peace Center.

We also made a brick path to the school and dug a tube well for its use. The village of Jaigeer is located in the Shingair District of Bangladesh, which lies about fifty kilometers from Dhaka, the nation's capital.

When I was working in Bangladesh, a college student named Rohim requested that I fund his college studies. I agreed to help pay his tuition on condition that he use his education to teach poor children in his village, where many children

could not go to school because of they are living under conditions of absolute poverty. At first, he started teaching with a few children under a tree, but soon the number increased. We asked the village mosque if he could use one room, constructed of bamboo, as a classroom for the class when it was free. Soon, that too, was too small.

The village offered to provide free land if we would build a school. That was in 1989. The first classroom was of bamboo construction with a bare-earth floor. We brought together adults from the village who were willing to teach and Mr. Kali Das, who taught Rohim in college, agreed to train our teaching staff and help prepare teaching materials, such as examination papers.

Little by little, the equipment needed for the school, such as desks, chairs, blackboards and text books came together.

Over the years, an annual sports

program that is held with Ultra Bakchar Primary School, another school built by IRFF, has become a big event in the village. The villagers enjoy watching the young people compete in sporting activities.

The students are very serious to learn and have done well on tests. Some students were able to receive government scholarship to further their education. In 1997, students from Japan and other Asian countries came to Bangladesh for a Religious Youth Services project, in which they built a brick building to house the Jaigeer School. Students no longer had to worry about water dripping into their classrooms, and they could begin to enjoy the benefits of electricity.

Bangladeshi students also participated in last year's project. Two of them, a boy and a girl, had graduated from Jaigeer School ten years earlier. Today, the boy is at the top level in a university



Project volunteers and IRFF officials with Bangladeshi woman recipients of microfinancing loans



Left: Mbuke Mapugilo from Tanzania, who spent 15 months in Korea translating Cheon Seong Gyeong into Swahili, testifies about his experience at an official celebration marking its publication in 10 languages; **Right:** Toms Silenieks works with Samir Ojha to prepare the Latvian translation for printing; the many different alphabets were a challenge to the layout team.

Nicholas Rawlence (Layout)



The layout team (one Englishman, one Nepalese and one Slovak) worked together very well. Although we were under tremendous pressure and worked very long hours, we never had a disagreement. We were open to each other and therefore God's spirit could work. We refused to be overwhelmed by the enormity of the task, which was to produce some 21,000 pages spread across ten languages (each with its unique alphabet). We did our best to stimulate improvements, and we actually spent more time putting in final changes requested by the translation teams than on the layout itself. Sometimes we were working all night and most of the next day to meet a deadline. I never thought that I could work so many hours; for one month I never had time to even leave the building. I tried to keep fit by running up the stairs to our third-floor office.

Through the sharing between brothers and sisters, we were able to help each other grow on our life journeys; my experience in Korea was not just about producing books. I met brothers and sisters who touched my heart.

I can confidently say we laid out the best quality Cheon Seong Gyeong books so far. We hope that you can have a deep experience when you read them. May God bless you. *STW*

Reflecting on the benefits of having the book in one's native language...

Many Moldovan members had very limited access to True Parents' message because of the lack of translated speeches, even though they may have been members for a long time. The availability of God's word is bringing great inspiration to our members. One of the creative applications of Cheon Seong Gyeong is a new opportunity we are taking to educate home members though forty days of hoondokhwae based on selected content.

Continuing the momentum created by the translation of Cheon Seong Gyeong, we are determined to complete the first full translation of Divine Principle in Romanian this year. *STW*

National Leader of Moldova (Moldova and Romania both use the Romanian language)

and the girl is studying at a Bangladeshi girl's college. They remembered me and thanked for giving them the opportunity to learn. They have become the pride of the village and other poor children are encouraged by their success to study hard. I was very happy to see the good fruit of the investment after fifteen years.

IRFF has started a microfinancing project based on the foundation of the school's success and it is also producing good results. Village women are able to receive a cash income tending cows, goats, ducks and chickens, or by cultivating vegetables or opening small shops using the IRFF loan as seed money. The rate of repayment is

nearly 100 percent, and the women's status is elevated by their success.

Mr. Rhaman, a Bangladeshi who participated in the IRFF program wrote,



"We cemented the Jaigeer Peace Center sign onto the wall on a rainy day. I walked up the Peace Road [the name given to the brick path] and I noticed

kids washing themselves using the tube well. Then I saw the sign on the wall. The feeling I had was one of elevation. I realized, this was what is called 'gratefulness.' In many ways, my life and thoughts have changed since the start of this trip." *STW*

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Students from Bangladesh and America working to improve the Jaigeer Primary School

