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That God's Will Be Done in Korea

What follows are excerpts from Hyung-jin nim's speech at the opening of the December 15–January 4 Special Jeongseong Workshop for the Inheritance of the Substantial Word in the Era of the Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, for the Safety of the Nation. It was held at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu. One thousand members participated in a daily regimen of prayer and other devotions and an educational program that included Divine Principle lectures and family life guidance.

Father has given a special direction to hold this twenty-one-day workshop, and I believe it is deeply significant. Now, looking at this, I feel, primarily, that a big plan is unfolding. Father has changed the calendar from the Gregorian [양력] to the heavenly calendar [천력]. He is putting the Western calendar behind him. The world celebrates Christmas and New Year's Eve at the end of each year, but we will celebrate the beginning of the year with True Parents' birthday.¹

Coming here, I feel that though we may wish for many things, including, of course, that Korea be protected, we must pray, Heavenly Father, please act according to Your will. This is not a matter over which human beings have sway. Of course, the people have 5 percent of the responsibility for what becomes of this country. In the end, when the Lord comes again, this country, this people, as a chosen people, should accept the returning Lord. Even though sixty years have passed, this nation has still not accepted True Parents.

Therefore, when we pray for the safety and protection of this country, what kind of prayer should we offer? This is very important. Because of what's in the Principle, during this time you should not simply pray, Please give this country peace and safety. We should pray in the following way: Please use us for the sake of Your will and Your country. Heavenly Father we understand that what happens to this country is up to You.

Accepting True Parents is the responsibility that not we members alone but the country as a whole, as the homeland [조국]² must fulfill, yet is not fulfilling.

As Dr. Seuk said earlier, from today until the designated day, there are exactly eight hundred days remaining. Within these eight hundred days, the homeland, Korea, must accept True Parents. Frankly speaking, when you think about this, that seems like an impossible task. It is not something that we, as human beings, can achieve at all.

Eight hundred days remain. So, during this time, what kind of peace, what kind of protection will we be pursuing? This is a very important matter. Now, we have received a great deal of Unification Church education. In that education, we have often heard that God's purpose for creating was the building of an ideal world, a truly peaceful world. We hear this often in our church, and it is true from one point of view. But, if we know the Principle, peace for all humankind is not the purpose for which God created. It is not. God's purpose for creating was

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1 The new year on the (lunar) heavenly calendar falls on February 3 this year.

2 Literally, "ancestral homeland," it is often translated as "fatherland."



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In December, Daemo nim visited Brazil and conducted ancestor liberation and an ancestor Blessing Ceremony at the headquarters church in São Paulo. Daemo nim spoke to the assembled members, which included a good number from neighboring countries. As she always does, she emphasized the importance of witnessing and expressed that everyone needs to work hard for Heavenly Father and True Parents this year. Daemo nim told the members that if they could double their number, she would visit again next year. The workshop concluded with entertainment. In the finale, young second-generation dancers began to pull people from the front rows onto the stage. In the end, the stage was full of people singing the Korean ballad "Saranghae", and Daemo nim ultimately joined them onstage too. —Sachika Hayashi (Cheongpyeong training center)

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True Father at the Forefront

True Father continues to give guidance on a wide variety of occasions. What follows are brief extracts from hoondokhae at the Peace Palace in recent months, plus Father's extemporaneous comments extra to his prepared speech for the proclamation of the substantial word. The blue text in those excerpts are the sentences in the official text that preceded each additional comment.

September 5

If you love God, you need to serve Him and follow Him wherever He goes. You should serve Him from the moment you meet Him, and when you meet Him while you are on earth, you should follow Him, no matter where He may lead you. The question remains, how many steep hills will you have to climb along the way? For what reason have you followed me all this way up to now? Where am I heading? This is not our final objective; we still have some distance to go. In that course I will have to visit the United States. Who is supposed to complete the unfinished tasks that remain? It is our friendless Heavenly Father and the friendless Rev. Moon.

September 15

Whether you knew it or not, and whether you followed the path or not, you have continued to live your lives, not in the bosom of God but entangled with the bloodline of Satan. However, you have not been aware of this. These are precious words I am sharing. I'm talking about the oneness of body and heart...

The Fall occurred when the people who should have stayed inside the threshold stepped outside, and for this reason God could not live with them and had to drive them away. They had no choice but to disappear from His sight forever. Therefore, unless you cross that longed-for threshold, that eternal relationship with God will not come about, and the eternal fatherland of God and homeland of Heaven will not appear in front of humankind. The king of kings and the True Parents are destined to prepare the way for this. No one knows about the king of kings. Everyone has forgotten about Him. No one knows about the True Parents. No one knows that our life and love began from them. Why does no one know? Because of the Fall.

September 16

If the substantial aspect of God had appeared, had the word been proclaimed, and had the





Fall not occurred in Eden, they would not have been separated from the word. They would have had lived with the word. We must enter that realm.... We must reverse the enemy relationship of brothers and eradicate the divide between heaven and earth. However, brothers who share the same root cannot kill each other.

Because Rev. Moon knows about this, he is engrafting the satanic world to the heavenly kingdom as the citizens of heaven. God has been divided into the internal God of Night and the God of Day. Similarly, your body and mind are also divided. Unless this division of body and mind is rectified on a fundamental basis, God's will, good people, and a standard of peace for the sake of evil people will never be established....

The Creator has to take responsibility for what He has created. This means that the True Parents must take responsibility for changing the lineage. True Parents need to decide what can be created in order to bring about the unity of the separated world of evil with the world of goodness. And it is True Parents' teaching materials that will bring about this unity.

October 7

From Father's speech at hoondokhae during the twenty-first anniversary of the Day of the Settlement of the Eight Stages

Since I have fulfilled the responsibility God called me to carry out, you must follow me. You cannot walk in front of me, nor can you walk by my side. Not even God can walk in front of me. I must stand in front so that Cain, Abel, and the rest of the families can follow and be protected. God's family, and True Parents' family must stand in a straight line on the foundation of victory, and pave the way for the *eog-mansei* era of peace in heaven and on earth.

I have been offering jeongseong without rest so that God and all human beings may revive and shout a victorious *mansei*. Those families who have received such grace must be engrafted to True Parents' family on the global level. Heaven cannot be completed without first establishing the ideal world on earth. God must reclaim His rights as a parent over His original sons and daughters, from before the Fall. That is why we must move on to a new era, an era in which we, as one

family, serve God directly as our Parent....

I told Sun-jo Hwang to teach the workshop participants that the responsibility of fulfilling tribal messiahship and holding Seunghwa Ceremonies must be completed while I am alive, not after I die....

If you understand, and complete the rest of your mission, God's work of salvation will be a thing of the past. Instead, we'll be standing on the foundation of victory and hope, where all liberated individuals, families, tribes and peoples, which God had once lost, will fill the earth and be governed by God. Such a new era will come.... It will not be a time to deal with personal situations but a time to elevate ourselves to a higher plane according to God's thoughts. You cannot elevate yourselves to the world beyond the eras before and after the coming of heaven without resolving to live with God as your actual parent and helping Him as His partners. Neither Satan nor antagonistic people will exist in the world. You must continue with this serious lifestyle of service that Father is bequeathing to you. It is not Father alone who makes a new determination. All of heaven and earth together make that new determination.

November 22

From the [Cosmic]¹ World Assembly for the Proclamation of the Substantial Word, New York City

I believe I may be the oldest person here. This era, though, cries out for only the younger generation. Because you wish to hear from the younger generation, you would show interest in a younger man, but if a ninety-year-old grandfather starts speaking to you, you don't like that. Generally, that's the case.

Nevertheless, I stand in front of you today on this podium because I know that the day we are to see in the future is not long in coming, and I feel that it is my God-given responsibility as a religious leader to bring everything to a settlement and a conclusion, and clearly express what the conclusion of everything will be, what the center will be, and what the path you should follow will be.

In the world, there are bridges that must be crossed horizon-

¹ The title of the events and speech in Korean used the word "cosmic"—that is, "heaven and earth." In the English, the word "world" was used.



The Day of the Settlement of the Eight Stages was celebrated at hoondokhae on October 7, 2010, at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. The eight stages are those at which the Messiah had to succeed. They are the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, cosmos (spirit and physical worlds), and God. Hyung-jin nim is currently emphasizing the value of prayer covering all these levels. We are meant to inherit the victory that True Parents have won.





tally, and ladders that must be climbed vertically. If the ends of such a bridge and ladder are separated, there will be no peace or happiness in the world. In contrast, if such a bridge and ladder meet at the central point and became one, and the one pillar that brought them together in harmony was established at that core point, we should be able to discover there the original homeland in which we can find peace and happiness, and the ideals that we human beings yearn for. So, today I will begin to speak about things you may not understand or know of, and about what we might find in the end—the horizontal place of equal settlement, the vertical point of union, the vertical center and core. If the pillar were raised there, and the framework for the meeting point between God and humankind were found there, and if that framework were the family, nation or the world, that place would become the base in the family, nation or world for the ultimate peace and happiness sought by human beings, and the purpose God has called all humankind to fulfill. I have come to you because I believe in this, and we'll see if what we read today addresses this issue.

I know you want me to do well. Some may not wish to hear an old man speak loudly, yet if I talk too softly others may say I am doing so because I'm old. I'm afraid people may think that all old men should speak softly, so please give me a round of applause to encourage me to do this well! [Applause]

The title for today's speech is "The Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word of God and the Era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind." These are concepts you don't really know, which are not found in ordinary dictionaries. Only when we understand them can we enter the era we've longed for. Even though this may be difficult, therefore, please bear with me with an open and inquiring heart as I read the speech. Now, let's begin....

How many of you have spent days and nights in tears, yearning to comfort our Father in Heaven?

Hey, you New Yorkers! Have you ever shed tears or not? You should know that this man standing in front of you has become so pitiable because he sheds tears every day, whenever he prays. Then, who would be right, the man who lived pitifully or the one who wasted his time doing nothing except

dancing around? Who of the two would be right? If there is a God, He would listen to the pitiable man, wouldn't He? This is a serious point....

After two thousand years of preparation, His labor has finally borne fruit...on the Korean peninsula.

This is only too true. [Applause and cheers] Jesus will not come again to Israel, because it is where he died. He won't. Pray about it. Cut off my head if you want; he won't come there....

They called that single being and progenitor of all people Hananim—the "One"—in other words, God. They served Him as the Lord (who created night and day)....

The era of the individual, family, tribe, people, and nation! Satan has shackled the nation's wrists and he is guarding the key. How, then, will we free them from those chains?

You Americans! You who are old! Your days in this world are numbered. How, then, will you free yourselves before you leave this world? Tell me! This is a time in which we should hold a discussion to determine whether we will live or die, and if you ignored everything and wasted your time, you will all go to ruin. You will all disappear. That is why I feel anxious.

What, you might ask, does this Korean man have to do with the United States? I have not spent a cent of American money during my time here. I brought my own money and spent it. I don't owe any favors to Americans. Have I stolen anything? Have I done anything wrong? Have I molested married women on the streets? Have I broken up families? Tell me!

That is why I've come here. I need to clear my name before I die. If I don't do that, I will not sit quiet and might have no course other than to seek the intervention of God Himself, so that from the realm of spirit He punishes or blocks the ways of those who opposed me on earth. I am that kind of person....

The spirit of filial piety, fidelity, and loyalty, which are the fundamental virtues of human life, are still alive and breathing in Korean history.

This is why I've come here to work. How much has persecution has Rev. Moon received? If each of those incidents were a grain of sand, they would be enough to make a mountain,



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In Las Vegas—Left: Dr. Luonne Rouse, pastor of a United Methodist church, rouses the crowd; Right: Michael Jenkins, ACLC chairman; Sam H. Zakhem, U.S. ambassador to Bahrain (1986–1989) with a corsage for her; and Jim Gavin, UPF secretary-general in the U.S., welcome In-jin nim





because so many appalling happenings took place. I've worked hard to forget them all.

Please pray about this speech. Fast for forty days at the risk of your life. I have risked my life to work in the U.S. What was it that I did such that I had to go to prison in the U.S.? Will you try to answer that? I brought money here to save the U.S. Even now I am giving financial support. ...

Elections conducted in a purely secular fashion will disappear from the face of the earth.

...You see, Rev. Moon knows who the invisible God is. The invisible God, the substantial God, the king of kings, and the True Parent should have been the one Parent, but instead, because of the Fall, He was divided up. It was the false and fallen Adam, Eve, and Lucifer who divided Him....

The Creator refers to the God of heart and the God incarnate, who are united as one in the Garden of Eden. In the Garden, God said of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, "In the day that you eat from it you shall surely die!" The God who said this was the true parent unrelated to the Fall in either mind or in body, the king of kings, the substantial Creator and the substantial, invisible God....

There is no center in east, west, north or south. Do you think America and the white people will be the center forever? Don't even dream about it. Neither the black people nor the yellow race will be the center forever. Only God! The God of Night and the God of Day, the king of kings will triumph and be enthroned in the position of True Parents. It is only those True Parents who have the concave and the convex aspects to reproduce God's sons and daughters.... [That was how] the incorporeal God could give birth to children.

Adam and Eve were naked in the Garden of Eden, weren't they? When do you think they began to clothe themselves? They began to be aware of the opposite sex from the age of ten, twelve, thirteen or fourteen. Girls mature before boys, because they have wombs and they are destined to become mothers. The sons and daughters of God cannot be born without a mother's womb!...

The reign of tranquility and prosperity in the victorious author-

ity centered on God and True Parents shall be eternal.

There will be no more fighting. Take a look at the Unification Church. There are no other organizations like the Unification Church. The Japanese people and the Korean people are enemies elsewhere, but here they are brothers and sisters. They intermarry. They are not just individuals. 57,000 Japanese people have intermarried with 57,000 Koreans. If people from the former Soviet Union and America intermarried, they would be registered in the kingdom of God within thirty minutes. It is that simple. Wait and see if that is true or not. See if that comes true or not in the victorious realm of True Parents. When the Abel UN and the Cain UN come under the dominion of God, within seconds the world will change into the world God has wished for.

True Parents' proclamation at the Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word and the Era of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind—the Washington DC–New York Assembly, the Hoover Dam Assembly in Las Vegas...

Which came first, Las Vegas or the Hoover Dam? I will hold this conference for the Hoover Dam and not Las Vegas....

The only problem is preparing enough food for a year, and preparing food for the spirit world. We now live in an age in which we can prepare in advance the food we can consume for the next three, four, or even ten years. Anything can be developed if there is water. With the right temperature, even during the short time the sun is setting, we could plant cucumbers, melons or even watermelons....

We need to open the world of white people and black people, the world of peace. I will create a presentable model.

Every day the desert zone increases by twenty-five miles. We need to reclaim the desert, using the Hoover Dam.... Why don't you entrust this work to me and see if I can do it or not? I can do it. When I put my mind to something, I can do it. I know about science because I studied electrical engineering. All preparations have been made. Well, if you want to believe what I say, believe it, and if you can't believe it, don't believe it. Everything will be as it should be, and if you are destined to go down, you will.

....and the Seoul Assembly in Korea, which is becoming God's



After signing the declaration, True Parents strike a peace gong, signalling the completion of the third Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word that Firmly Establishes the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind at Cheon Bok Gung on December 4. Dr. Sun-jo Hwang, Dr. Joon-ho Seuk and Rev. Hyung-jin Moon conducted the same event over the succeeding days.

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homeland and hometown—signifies the ultimate perfection, completion and finalization of the providence. This mission must be completed within the next two years and one month, by the D-day designated by True Parents.

[Father concluded with:] What this means is that we should live together. [Applause] I'm saying that we should guide one another to the right path and live together! Thank you.

December 4

From the [Cosmic] World Assembly for the Proclamation of the Substantial Word, Cheon Bok Gung, Seoul

The following is taken from what Father said extemporaneously, before beginning his prepared speech.

Please sit down. I can see many people have come here. For whom did you come? The Koreans have come for Korea. If God dwells in Korea, He still will not work only for Korea. You say you assembled here for God and not just for Korea, and



December 7, the final of four events in Seoul: While Hyung-jin nim sang "Amazing Grace," Father kept time. He and Mother then used mallets to strike the Peace Gong.

because Korea can stand in the position to represent God....

And this man standing in front of you has the historic, God-given responsibility to culminate his life with history's Last Days. Knowing that I have the responsibility to bring the Last Days to a conclusion, I have continued to speak on many occasions to bring everything toward that conclusion.

What would your answer be if I were to ask you today, Did God really want His sons and daughters? What were they supposed to do? What would He have them do for Him? Would the people of today have lived the way they live now, or would things have been different? Has a new ideal kingdom of God been established where they can live separately as the elite? All these matters are obscure to you.

Moreover, is there just the one Creator or are there many? You may say, "I am a conscientious person" or "I'm not a conscientious person," and claim that there are two kinds of people, who are either conscientious or not conscientious, and that the former belong to God while the latter belong to hell and Satan. But I ask you, who determined that? Who decided

that would be the case? You also say that human beings fell, but what is the Fall? It's not a simple matter.

If we conclude that there is a God and that there are some people He loves, then would He look like a man or a woman? There is not one person who says that God looks like a woman. If we say that God resembles a man, is there indeed a God who has the convex part like men? If we say He resembles a woman, is there indeed another God who has the concave part like women? These are questions that should be answered.

I see Archbishop Milingo has come here too! I see some famous people, including Dr. Min-ha Kim. I can also see tribal messiahs from around the world. The responsibility rests with you all.

Well, I have fulfilled all that I intended to do, and now at the end of the day, I have made a special plan and executed it by creating a new global organization for tribal messiahs. If we stay at the tribal level, though, we can only pass through the three stages of the era of the individual, family and tribe. Then who will deal with what comes after that and make it possible to go beyond all eight stages?

How can someone who doesn't know about the individual achieve perfection on the individual level? How can someone who doesn't know about the family achieve perfection on the family level? How can someone who doesn't know about the tribe achieve perfection on the tribal level? There are eight stages: era of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, world, cosmos, and God. How could we fulfill all the eight stages if we can't even pass through the third stage?

Jesus was not welcomed by his people when he came to earth, so he could not succeed at the level of a people. He was not welcomed by the nation, the world or heaven and earth. Though he was sent by Heaven, when was he welcomed by heaven and earth? If he was welcomed, why was he driven off the earth? Did Jesus come to die?

Did he come for the purpose of

being killed? This is not something you can speak about casually.

If there is a God, you need to negotiate with Him. Who can know if someone has spoken with Him or not? Who can know whether this someone is telling the truth or is lying? You will see in the course of history how many people have followed in His footsteps. Even after a hundred years, a thousand years, ten thousand years, or a million years—from the beginning of history until billions of years later, do you think the world will still require a savior?...

The Unification Church teaches that mind and body are in constant conflict, but who is it that would know if this is true or not? You can know by yourselves! There is no need to even ask about it. The body and the mind fight each other day after day. And in this constant struggle, where can we find the origin of peace? This is also unclear to people. That is why if I was to reach a conclusion in front of God, I would say that He must be a person with that quality.

Why did God create Adam and Eve? Who is the Archangel

Lucifer? I found out that the Archangel Lucifer was nothing more than God's servant.

Why? He is the God of boundless love and He wished to build the Kingdom of Heaven even in hell. Hell was created in the first place because of the wrongdoings of human beings. Then, in the original world before the Fall, how closely related was Lucifer to Adam and Eve?...

Jesus was driven out of the eras of the family, tribe, people, nation, world, and cosmos. In the era of the individual, Jesus was unable to have a wife or children, or a tribe, and he died at the level of the tribe....

So, why have you all come here? I have reached a conclusion, and that makes everything simple, doesn't it? How closely related are Adam and Eve to Lucifer? Is he their uncle? Is he their second cousin?

Then has God ever had a wife to love, or cousins to love, and has He ever had a chance to embrace them and love them as much as He would like? Has God ever had sons and daughters or grandchildren to love and embrace? No, He hasn't!

Since that is the truth, God has plenty of love to give, and there should be a vessel into which He can pour His love, but until now there hasn't been any such vessel, has there?

If I start talking about these things I could go on for hours, and then I would get a reputation for speaking too long at the podium. So, should I talk for three hours or one hour? When I pray, I pray only for thirty seconds.

Why, then, do I speak for such a long time? It is because people who don't know anything, people of all races have come here, and I am trying to feed each and every one of them with at least a word each. When you hold a grand feast, you share out food even to beggars. It is only when you have given them dishes of pork, or pancakes at least, that they will compliment you and say they've been well fed.

Similarly, it would be nice if I could dish out words that would feed everyone at once, but gourmets who know about real taste do not like to share in such food. It is only the ignorant who eat anything they are given. Gentlemen choose carefully....

One thing I can tell you frankly is that Adam and Eve and Lucifer were not enemies; rather, they were cousins. I know that to be the case.

People say that God sends good people to the kingdom of heaven and evil people to hell. The question is, does the Absolute Being just hold these two in His right and left hand and juggle them around? That could not be the Absolute Being.

What is the root on which is based the concept of absoluteness? You have heard of the words, absolute, unique, unchanging and eternal. You have to be unique! If something is absolute does it have to be unique, unchanging and eternal?...

A shadow reflects the original form. That being the case, if God is the light, Lucifer is the shadow. Since we said the shadow resembles the original form, whom would Lucifer resemble? If we denied that this was so, we could not speak about goodness or establishing God's substance.

I know about the God of Night and the God of Day. I am

aware that the king of kings and the True Parents exist and are meant to be the masters. The king of kings is different from the True Parents. The God of Night is different from the God of Day. Why has God been divided into these four entities? Why is it that, instead of the one that is needed, there are now eight entities that are all vying with one another? That is the result of the Fall.

Korean people know about the soul.... Rev. Moon of the Unification Church acknowledges the existence of the soul. I am the only one who speaks of the spirit self. I discovered its reality.

What's the difference between the soul and the spirit self? The soul refers only to the shell, whereas the spirit self refers to the inner and the outer aspects of a person. Therefore, the soul can be deceived and used by evil spirits. People who have lived in evil can just take this empty shell and fool others into believing that it is the real thing. In short, they are imposters.

They pretend in front of God that they are the spiritual bod-



Hyung-jin nim is one third of his father's age, but observing them together it seems the generation gap is no obstacle in their relationship.

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ies who are fit to become citizens of the kingdom of God, and that they are God's sons and daughters who are the perfected beings of God's family and can be loved as such. In reality, however, when such beings come to God and try to deceive Him, they are caught and punished....

The God of truth cannot create falsehood. He cannot create what is false. Therefore, Lucifer was given the title of the servant after the Fall, and he had to find the means to continue existing....

Well, in one way or another there still remains much work to be done. Everything needs to be resolved. For human beings, life is difficult. It is not easy to become God's sons and daughters....

When you see the title of the speech, you can see the phrase "the establishment of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind." It talks about "heaven, earth and humankind" and "the establishment of the True Parents." The question is, when the True Parents are established, can't heaven, earth and



humankind be established as well? [Father laughs] Until the relationships between subject and object partners, Cain and Abel, front and back, up and down and left and right create the form of a sphere, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind cannot be firmly established. Otherwise, chaos would reign.

There is the God of Night and the God of Day, and the king of kings and the True Parents. The king of kings could come from any nation in the world, for all the kings who have millions of subjects who love them could claim to be the king of kings. On the other hand, there can only be one pair of True Parents. They are the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.

If heaven, earth and humankind cannot come to a settlement, could True Parents come to a settlement? They need to be in accord. This is the Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word of God. The substance is different from the word. So, could we not hold the Cosmic Assembly with only the

substance, or with only the word? Why? Are we proclaiming the substantial word? The Cosmic Assembly comes after the substantial word is proclaimed. Only when you can distinguish between the two can you understand what I am saying today.

You didn't know about the God of Night and the God of Day, did you? They are words like thunder! This dogmatic man from Pyong-an Province appeared out of nowhere and started talking about the God of Night and the God of Day. Do you think he knows about them or not? He is talking about them because he knows. I have been severely opposed because I was so disbelieved....

Now, then, let us move on to today's speech. In "the establishment of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind," unless heaven, earth and humankind become one with the True Parents, nothing can be established. And this Cosmic Assembly cannot be held unless it can be proclaimed that the substance and the word of God have been united. Otherwise, God could not appear to us and be lord over us. **JW**

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to find His true object partner, a true object partner with whom He could engage in the give and take of love. This was God's purpose behind the Creation.

Next, to put it simply, Adam and Eve were meant to become those object partners. They were supposed to become the True Parents. After they achieved the status of True Parents, peace would come in the family, clan, people, nation and world.

However, peace for all humankind, a true family, a true nation, or the unity of North Korea and South Korea are not what God is concentrating on and pursuing. From His point of view, the pursuit is of true parents, His true object partners, with whom He can have a relationship. A true family comes from true parents. And from them comes a true clan, people, nation and world. This is something that brothers and sisters must be acutely aware of. This is the core of the Principle. The core of the principle is true parents. The center of world peace is true parents.

To speak frankly, North-South unification is of little significance to God *per se*. The Jewish people were the chosen people, in the first instance. If the people of Israel had fulfilled their responsibility, there would have been no need for Korea. God chose Korea and has prepared her because the people of Israel did not fulfill their responsibilities. The importance of this is that true peace is not a horizontal peace. True safety is not a horizontal safety. Just because nations are not fighting

does not mean you have true peace. That never makes for true peace. If they are not fighting in the present, they may be fighting in the future. That is not everlasting peace. Eternal peace of the kind God is seeking is vertical peace, peace while in relationship with True Parents, who are the incarnation, and peace within the relationship between God and man. This is true, vertical peace. Only through that relationship, only when humankind is connected with the True Parents will true peace, true families, true clans [tribes], true peoples, true nations and a true world emerge. Aju!

Our Heavenly Father created the universe and all things in it to find the true object of His essence, with whom He can give and receive true love. In short, His purpose of creation is True Parents. I have spoken of this in recent sermons.

The purpose sought by humanity and the entire universe is the same—true parents. Spiritually, the purpose of the heavenly fortune of the universe is True Parents. Simply put, the purpose which has been pursued by humanity is True Parents.

Only in that relationship can we find not a horizontal and impermanent peace but eternal love, eternal peace and eternal safety. This is the core of the Divine Principle. All Unification Church members need to understand this crucial point.

If you don't understand this, you'll be pursuing the wrong purpose. If God's purpose for creating were global peace, it would be the greatest purpose and True Parents would be just one part of the process of achieving that. On the other hand, if God's desire and reason for creating the universe was True



Left: Candles for the Cheon Bok Shik; Middle: Hoon-sook nim among the participants; members felt their heartbeat while chanting, "True Parents, eog-mansei"; Right: Manifesting the Principle and wishing the other to inherit God's true love





Parents, world peace and the unification of North Korea and South Korea would be processes, or the fruits, in the greater scheme.

God is seeking True Parents above all else. This is in accordance with the Divine Principle and is very important, because in this workshop we need to think about Jesus.

True Father has said that our homeland is God's nation. It is his hometown. Brothers and sisters! When Jesus came to earth, the nation of the Jewish people, Israel, was God' chosen nation, wasn't it? The people of Israel were His people. But did they welcome Jesus or did they reject him?

You know what happened in history, don't you? They did not welcome Jesus, and within forty years, Rome invaded Jerusalem and destroyed it along with the Jews living there. Those who were left alive were driven out. God does not dish out only good things to His chosen people. You can understand this, can't you? He is not always nice to His chosen people. If you don't welcome His son, you too may be punished, just as Jerusalem was. No one knows. This is very serious.

We understand providential history and we know the Divine Principle. So, think about it. True Parents have been here, in the world, throughout their long lives, and still the Korean people have not accepted them.

Jesus should have become the king of kings to the Jewish people. True Parents have come to Korea, so if the Koreans are indeed the chosen people, True Parents should have been received as the king of kings by Korea.

It's very interesting to note that not long ago, an hour or so after True Parents held the New York Assembly to Proclaim the Substantial Word, the [North Korean] attack on Yeonpyeong Island took place.³ True Parents have proclaimed that the Koreans are God's people and that Korea is the nation chosen by God and that it is His homeland. The question is, have the Korean people accepted this responsibility or not? The answer is that they are ignoring it. So, only an hour after Father spoke, Satan was able to come in. This is not a simple issue.

Anyone who knows about providential history and the Principle will realize that this country... It's not just a matter of it being God's homeland, where one can say, Oh that's it, everything's done, there's nothing more to do.

This nation has its own responsibility, which is to serve the

³ On November 23 (November 22 in the U.S.) North Korea fired 180 artillery rounds at the small village on Yeonpyeong Island. Two civilians and two marines were killed.



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Candles lit to symbolize the inheritance of the true love of God during the morning Cheon Bok Shik [Heavenly Blessing Ceremony] in Yeosu

Lord and True Parents and become the center of the world. That work does not belong entirely to True Parents.

That is why I believe this time is very important. We will pursue only one purpose and concentrate on that and nothing else. We will pursue True Parents. This workshop will be different from others. Though we will have lectures on Divine Principle and ontology, it is True Parents that we must actually pursue.

Providential history teaches us that God has made use of conditional numbers. If not every person can do something, at least some of them need to be able to set the condition of having done it.

You know about Sodom and Gomorrah, don't you? God intended to destroy them, but Abraham negotiated with God, asking Him to spare them if he found fifty righteous people, or forty righteous people, and so on. In the end, Abraham made God promise that He would not destroy the cities if he found at least ten righteous people.

From this we can see that conditions can be set. For instance, even if the whole of Korea does not take part, were we to set the condition of having accepted True Parents as our central purpose, inherited the central purpose of the Divine Principle, and pursued True Parents, it would be up to God to decide whether He could accept our condition or not. No matter how much jeongseong we offer Him, this is not something that



Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim (right picture) lead workshop participants into the wintry sea for the spiritually cleansing "true love resurrection ceremony," as Hyung-jin nim termed it. Frailer folk and children just went in up to their knees.





can be done magically. Jeongseong does not work like magic, bringing changes in a flash as if we are chanting a spell. When we offer jeongseong, especially in workshops like this, we need to set the condition as Unification Church members of serving True Parents, and we (representing the chosen people, this nation) need to give God and True Parents much strength.

It is not that God and True Parents are weak and require us, or our jeongseong. That is not why we should offer jeongseong. As we offer it, we are establishing a righteous heart. We need to have a righteous heart and attitude, and we need to form the right relationship with True Parents.

Therefore, during this workshop we will concentrate on doing that. In Cheon Bok Gung, we begin every morning with the Cheon Bok Shik.⁴ You will also participate in this ceremony, in which we honor True Parents' life course. It includes holy wine and holy water ceremonies, but mainly it deals with True Parents' life course. True Parents followed the path they were meant to take to save us and to give us true life, love and lineage.

You should not look with only your physical eyes. Being aware that True Father was tortured and made to suffer in prison six times is actually a low level of understanding. Considering only those facts would be observing True Parents with

⁴ Translatable as "heavenly blessing ceremony"

only your physical eyes.

In relation to Jesus, if Christians said that he did nothing but suffer the most horrendous agony, they could not claim to be Christians. Jesus followed the path of the cross and even went down to the bottommost pits of hell to become a living sacrifice to our Heavenly Father and to save us as our Savior. Therefore, we Unification Church members do not aim to do away with Christianity, or Judaism. Rather, we will complete the Old Testament, the New Testament and the Completed Testament, through True Parents.

We begin our mornings a little earlier than others. Each morning we will hold the Cheon Bok Shik and think about True Parents' course of seven deaths and resurrections. True Father not only endured suffering in prison, he also walked the path of death. He fought with Satan. He had to go to the bottommost pits of hell and fight spiritually

for us.

During this time, we should open our spiritual eyes and meet True Parents. True Father is much more than a ninety-two-year-old grandfather or global leader, and True Parents are not just ordinary people. They are the substantial representatives of God.

In this workshop, we need to return to True Parents. We need to rediscover them, spiritually, which is why every morning we will take some time to inherit True Parents' life course and the course of seven deaths and resurrections and to offer prayers, beginning from tomorrow morning.

We will also follow a set schedule each day, which will include lectures. From noon to 6 PM, we will also have many interesting programs.

Your spouses and children are also welcome to participate in those programs. You will also go mountain hiking and train yourselves to have dominion over all things. I hope this will be a good time for all of you.

Usually, in workshops, the participants are made to attend lectures from morning until night, but in this workshop, we have minimized the number of lectures. We still need them, because we need to receive nourishment from God's word. So we will attend lectures, but at the same time, you are here in

Inspirations on the Special Yeosu Workshop

From Hyung-jin nim's speech at the closing ceremony

Hoon-sook nim encouraged me so much. Without her I would not have been able to continue. She used to carry me on my back when I was little. Since then I have always liked her.

I received healing three times. I had put out a disc in my neck, but within a few days, I experienced a lightning-like energy going into my neck, which had been troubling me continuously. This energy completely eased the pain.

These healings are possible due to True Parents. If you participated with a pure attitude and invested your heart, these kinds of healings could take place.

The twenty-one days have ended. But we cannot just think, Oh everything is okay now.

Even now, the situation is very serious. As a chosen nation, this country has no value if it does not accept the Returning Lord. I am sorry to say this. If Korea cannot fulfill that task, thousands of years of preparation will have been in vain. It cannot be used. It's that serious.

If we look at the world situation, it is very strange. Much danger exists. We need to know the kind of era we are living in.... It's a serious time. A time when we can all die in a moment. So, at this time, this country has to quickly awaken. It must swiftly receive the Lord. If we do not do our best and fulfill our 5 percent, this country will face judgment.

We have spent twenty-one days under True Parents' grace, but as the situation remains serious, we must not stop offering jeongseong.



this beautiful city of Yeosu, so you will learn about the ocean providence, go fishing as True Parents do, and spend some quality time with your children if you have come with them.

At night, we will all meet together and attend a service for spiritual healing. This service is not about healing ourselves because we are sick. Rather, miracles will be wrought here. When we offer jeongseong in the right way, amazing miracles will take place here. Aju! [Applause]

Therefore, in that service, we will offer eog-mansei for True Parents. We will do nothing but that in those sessions. We will not have lectures or anything else. We will just sing "True Parents eog-mansei," for thirty minutes to an hour. We will do our best to send our best energy to True Parents, pool our jeongseong and send our good thoughts to them, so that True Father, who is having some trouble with his legs, will be able to tread lightly from now on. This is what those sessions are for.

With such jeongseong, our love will transcend time and space, even if True Parents are in another world. Love transcends time and space. Aju!

Let us train ourselves to pool our jeongseong every night and send out our greatest energy to True Parents. Every night after the session is over, I will call Father and ask him, Father, have you received energy from us today? We will all need to do our best during this time. [Applause] Please do your best to send your best energy to True Parents. With this thought in mind, I will call Father and check up with him every night to see how well we are doing.

This twenty-one-day workshop began all of a sudden. We all must have had other plans. I, too, had other plans. However, a great heavenly blessing and heavenly fortune is on the move. In the world we cannot see, our very cells are vibrating. There is energy and vibration. The invisible world has many bad vibrations as well, doesn't it?

Everything is being done for the safety of the nation within the flow of heavenly fortune. The universe and God seek vibrations that can right all wrongs. What are they? They are True Parents. We need to be in tune with them.

Only when we are in tune with them can we move with

Myeong-dae Kim (participant's reflection)

Mr. Kim had been cured of a back injury when Father touched him in 1959; he has been in pain again recently I could never stay seated, even for ten minutes, and when I sat on the floor, I could not sit straight. I had to stand up frequently for short intervals.... I was so immersed in the workshop program that it was not until yesterday morning that I realized that my back pain was completely gone.

Lucilla Soligno (participant's reflection)

This twenty-one-day condition was a way for us to reconnect with God and bring down the Holy Spirit like a Pentecost. In the evening sessions we had a sung meditation all together, chanting *Cham Bumonim eog-mansei*. We began in a sitting position. The vibration of the singing created a stream of energy. After about half an hour we would all stand up and send all the gathered energy to True Parents. When we did that I could feel the energy we were sending in their direction.

During these sessions I felt the heaviness going out of



Families were urged to come to the workshop, which included Christmas Day. Fortunately, Blue Sea Garden was on Santa's itinerary.

heavenly fortune and with the invisible world, and only when that is brought about can God move this nation as He desires, though we may not know what the future will bring.

At the end of the workshop, when all the programs are completed, we will need to bring everyone in our homeland to find True Parents. Whether that happens or not, whatever result we face, when we step forward, we need to prepare the chosen people of this nation, whom God has chosen as His people, to restore their ancestral homeland, to find God, and to return joy and love and the glory of True Parents to God.

You all need to work hard with this purpose. You should not forget this. According to God's will, we should offer jeongseong and send out energy to True Parents, seek out True Parents and open our spiritual eyes. If we can do all this, great vibrations will be generated in this small space, vibrations strong enough even to move heavenly fortune. I firmly believe that even when True Parents are far away from us they will feel that vibration and that energy; I believe they will guide us until 2013 and show us the day of victory and the glory of God. Aju! [Applause] **TW**

my body, making me feel lighter, and making me forget the discomfort of sitting on the floor, or the tiredness from keeping my arms in the air for so long.

Eight times each day, we offered a special prayer condition for God's will to be done in Korea, usually all together in the main hall. Once or twice a day we offered the condition in our rooms. At first, it wasn't easy to get the children to come to these prayer times. The small children would be jumping and running around. But gradually they all began to take part in the prayer time and to enjoy it.

In our room we were Korean, Japanese and Western, about thirty of us, with three generations represented (as Father had asked). Every single bit of space was taken. To me, this is what the kingdom of heaven means. Everyone took care of each other, like one family in that small space. You are not worried about the external discomfort. We didn't have major personality clashes. I felt the love of God present with us. Once you are focused on a higher purpose, you don't worry about practical or external things. That was wonderful. **TW**

Ageless Truth

in speeches from half a century ago

Although True Father has spoken a lot about his early days as a single man, responding to God's call and taking on the initial struggles of his messianic mission, he has said surprisingly little about his personal experience since the Holy Wedding of True Parents in 1960. Much of what he has said in the past fifty years has been to explain the providence and guide members. None of True Father's speeches from 1960 have been officially translated into English. We are pleased to offer these excerpts from what he said throughout that formative year. All of the events mentioned took place at the old Headquarters Church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. This is the twenty-eighth installment in this series.

Third forty-day workshop for witnessing leaders

December 21, 1959 to January 30, 1960 (those who attended just in the evenings continued for seventy days, until March 16); 164 members completed the course

What is important is that we invest our whole mind, to give everything for the will, to dedicate ourselves fully. You must do this whether you are asleep or awake. God wants to uphold those who do this in front of Satan and to say proudly, My sons and daughters did this.

Until now we have been fighting to defend ourselves. However, from this year on we cannot take that position. So far we could not help taking a defensive position, because there was no one who could stand as Heavenly Father's representative and fight on His behalf. Now the times are changing and I must give the order to charge forward. In giving this order, matters of the heart are important. You must feel in your heart that even if Heaven and Earth disappear, your relationship with Heavenly Father cannot be changed. With that kind of heart, you finish the battle and become glorious sons and daughters of the Father. You must receive what belongs to Heavenly Father and fight against Satan. All you workshop participants must inherit Heavenly Father's great achievements of heart. You must go out, inheriting all that belongs to the Heavenly Father and also his great accomplishment. You must fight as his representatives.

Because He had no one He could give this task to, He has been accused by Satan. Now this is our time, we must think that we cannot tolerate Satan any longer. If we go out with such an attitude, we will be able to conquer any mountain with ease. Only if we do so will we be able to establish our honor in front of Heaven.

Fifth anniversary of the Seongwha Youth Association

February 21, 1960

Today, we are celebrating the fifth anniversary of the founding of the Seongwha Youth Association. The fact that five years have passed corresponds to the moment in God's creation when the fifth day of creation was concluded and the sixth day, when God created human beings, was about to begin.

What is it that we should feel to our bones? First, you must be equipped with a heart that says, "I am not the same as all of you" and "You cannot accomplish this? Well, I can!" You must always have this spirit.

Under any difficult circumstance you must be able to say, "I am not the same as you in any respect—not from the viewpoint of history, or of the current age, historically or horizontally." You must be determined to take action whenever difficulties occur. You must act in a way that will worry Satan.

Speech just before forty-day summer witnessing condition

July 17, 1960

When I hear members who have gone out witnessing say upon their return that they were insulted by others, on one hand I feel mortified but on the other hand I feel happy and offer a prayer. Why? It is because the member who was insulted has formed a strong relationship in his heart, not with the heart of a person, but with the sorrowful heart of God. There will come a time when those members will feel proud of that.

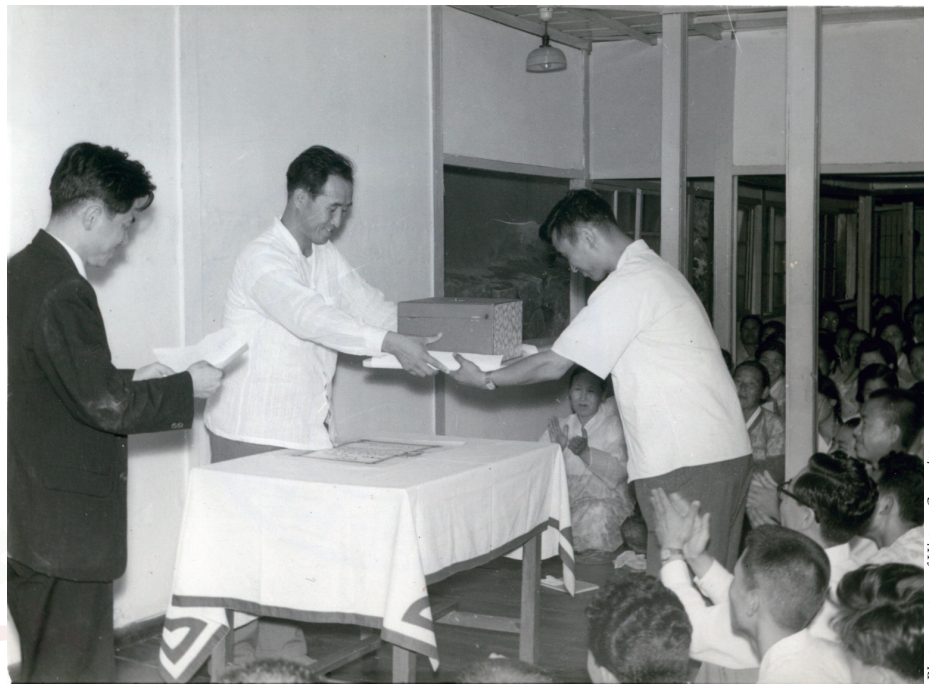
Today, with new resolve in our hearts, we are meant to pour out every passion we have as representatives of all the world's people. With heavenly sorrow harbored in our bodies, we need to explode in hell, shedding our blood. I believe that when we do this, the tower of victory will be erected at that very place.

Prayer: I hope that at the end of the forty-day course You have entrusted to us, we will meet again and hold hands with one another and share our experiences and talk about how much we were persecuted by the people, and how much we have wept for them. If members have cause for sorrow and lamentation, I pray that they will cry out "Father!" and wish nothing but blessings for the people, and then return with living proof in their hearts that they have done nothing but love the people. Heavenly Father, I beseech You to help us feel this way.

Proclamation of Children's Day
November 19, 1960

In the world, if we sow seeds in spring, we can harvest in autumn. However, God has been unable to have His day of harvest. Moreover, he has been unable to have a day of sowing the seeds from what He has harvested. What parents have harvested must be sown and harvested by the hands of children. This is the day when God can forget all other days and manifest Himself amid joy to heaven and earth. After parents have lost their children, they would not mind following even the path of death if only there were a way to find them again. Children's Day is the day when the Parents, representing God on earth, can report to God and declare that they have found the children having the value of their sons and daughters. This Children's Day is when you have achieved victory as children and are able to stand in the place of cosmic glory.

From now on, this day must be proclaimed as one to be commemorated throughout the whole world. On this day there should be a banquet in which fifty cows are cooked and to which all people in the neighborhood, including those walking on the street, are invited. You must celebrate that day in your homes so that your children will look forward



Father gives a prize to the winner of a lecture competition (1960)

Photos courtesy of History Committee

to that day as they do Christmas and New Year's Day. You must make preparations for the celebration of that day so that your children may feel they cannot wait. You must commemorate Parents' Day and Children's Day with all your heart and sincerity.

Fourth workshop for witnessing leaders
November 11 to December 20, 1960; 84 participants

The purpose of learning God's word, training your character, and developing your level of heart is done so that you can know God's heart, defeat Satan, and bring back those on Satan's side. By doing so, you will be able to enjoy the glory of victory over Satan. The times of chagrin, sadness and bitterness will mold you into victorious people without exception. My purpose is to make you into heavenly soldiers who can unite and fight until the day the Enemy is defeated.

Now is the time to cut off all the bad seeds among those that have passed down until now....

God is searching for His sons and daughters beginning at the most extreme point. He is working His way up from the very end. God needs followers who embrace the philosophy of a humble people. You must all walk the path from the lowest point of our people. Look at the world plainly. The situation of the world is turning round along with Heaven's actions, so you must be filled with conviction.

In order to make you into ultimate victors, Heavenly Father is forging this path and giving you training over a period of three years. **TW**



Father speaking at the fourth workshop for witnessing leaders; on the blackboard are three lists of members' names matched with locations, probably for witnessing.

The Korean Church in 1960

Members enthusiastically try to spread the news of Christ's return

To bolster the witnessing effort and strengthen the organization, beginning from the forty-day campaigns, lecturers and a support team were stationed in Seoul. Itinerant workers assigned to each province visited their mission areas, conveying strategies and helping pioneers maintain their connection with Seoul. At the same time, teams of three members were dispatched to six major parks in downtown Seoul every afternoon to witness. Members in Seoul's three districts stopped holding Sunday services and began giving Divine Principle lectures day and night in a room in Nagwon-dong.

Activities were not limited to the special witnessing periods, though they were greatly accentuated during those times. Even before the witnessing campaign began, Mrs. Jeong-min Park of Busan had been going to Yongdusan Park and witnessing for two or three hours each day. She was bringing at least three or four people to the church each time. Sometimes she brought as many as twenty. Rev. Yo-han Lee was giving the lectures.

As a result of the forty-day witnessing campaign, the number of churches and meeting halls across Korea topped five hundred. Only three hundred missionaries had been dispatched, however, and as these were also in charge of leading the regional churches, there were still not enough leaders. True Father relocated members of the better developed regions to other places to promote continuous outreach and development.

For example, Moon-gyeong Lee was relocated to Gwansan village just west of Seoul. Before his arrival, the old woman who later took him in as a boarder had already had a dream about him. Rather than thinking of himself only as a leader, he began from the lowest position, helping others on their farms and in their homes, and spreading the word. The elderly couple in whose home he lodged willingly donated a parcel of their family's land on to build a church.

The children he had taught in evening classes helped him, and young members from nearby churches also came to lend a helping hand. Though it was a simple building, a church dedicated solely to serving God and True Parents was finally established in the village.

Jeong-hee Cho, who was dispatched to Beolgyo in South Jeolla Province for the forty-day summer witnessing campaign, later returned to Beolgyo and built a church there. She faced many problems in witnessing to students. She made a good connection with middle school students in the village and taught them the Principle. Forty students from Samgwang Middle School, a Christian school, joined the church. The school administrators were upset. The principal, who was also a church minister, banned the young students from going to the Unification Church and tried to dissuade them. When that

didn't do any good, he resorted to corporal punishment to compel obedience.

He called the students one by one to his office and tried to persuade them, saying that the Unification Church was a heretical and perverse religion. When they didn't agree, they were suspended from school. A third of the students gave up the church, and the principal suspended the remaining students from school. Those who still persisted in going to the church were expelled. These young people chose this path with firm resolve because they would not betray the providence or abandon the honor of being a Seonghwa student member.



An outdoor service in the summer of 1960

Gyu-moon Yim, the regional leader of South Gangwon Province, relates that, at the time he was touring the Pyeongchang district, he was walking fast on a path through the hills in the setting sun when he heard someone singing Song of the Garden some distance away. He stopped in his tracks and listened, and it was indeed "Song of the Garden." His heart beat fast with joy and anticipation. When he turned a corner, he saw a man coming from the other direction, and that man was none other than Won-pil Kim, who had been given the post of the itinerant worker for Gangwon Province. When they saw each other from up close, they embraced each other and could not speak for a while. They burst into tears because they were so glad to see each other, and the tears fell down their frozen cheeks and bodies. All the loneliness and anguish they had felt disappeared in a second, and they were filled with joy. They did not part company until they had talked, not noticing the crowing of the rooster, until the early morning. *JW*

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True Parents' Liberation Movement

By Mako Tanino

Recently I went witnessing overseas for the first time, in Grenada with my mother.

Grenada is a small island with a hot climate and a population of about 100,000 people, where the national leader Rev. Deepak Devkota (from Nepal), his wife Setsuko and their two sons have been developing activities despite going through various hardships.

On November 2, we held a Seunghwa (ascension) Festival for three victims of the 1983 coup in Grenada; that is, for then prime minister Mr. Maurice Bishop, for cabinet minister Mr. Norris Bain, and for the president of the Agricultural and General Workers Union at the time, Mr. Fitzroy Bain.¹ The families of the three men also took part in a Holy Wine Ceremony. I felt that the Seunghwa Festival was guided by the spirit world.

Just a week earlier the principal of the school that Rev. Devkota's sons are attending came to our Peace Embassy. It was twenty-seven years to the day that the 1983 coup d'état ended. The principal told us that her husband was a cousin of Maurice Bishop. It was this that gave us the idea to hold a Seunghwa Festival.

Soon after the Seunghwa Festival, Norris Bain's wife had a dream in which her husband told her, "Don't worry about me."

A month later, I travelled from Japan to the Cheongpyeong training center to carry out the liberation² of these three men, because I felt that it was my responsibility to help them receive the blessing.

On the Saturday night of that two-day workshop, December 4, I had a dream, in which Rev. Devkota, Setsuko and

¹ Bain is a common name in Grenada. These two are unrelated.

² For people other than one's ancestors, this involves registering the name(s) and paying a fee

I were standing on the top of a high mountain; the air was clear and the grass was green. Seeing the beautiful mountains and also the sea from above, I felt intuitively that it was Grenada.

On the mountaintop, we found a house, out of which a black man came; his hands were spread apart in welcome and he was smiling. He seemed very pleased to see us, saying repeatedly, "How long I have waited for this moment! I am so pleased to see you. Thank you for coming." He smiled again and said, "I have waited so long but I did not expect that such a small girl would come!" He added, "I have a wife and children, but they are not here yet; but I can introduce you to my relatives who are in the next room." We then exchanged greetings with the relatives.

Actually, when I began the spiritual liberation work in Cheongpyeong I hadn't known much about the families of the three victims; but I later learned that the man in my dream was Mr. Norris Bain, who was among the three. I cannot forget how joyful he was. I feel this was because he had been freed from his suffering.

Having heard about my dream, Rev. Devkota, in Grenada, telephoned Mrs. Bain, who was so pleased to hear about this. She said she also believes in the existence of spirit world and mentioned the dream she had had of her departed husband.

After returning to Japan, I looked at a photograph of Mr. Norris Bain; from his face, I realized he is certainly the man I had seen in my dream. This confirmed to me that what happened in the dream was real. **TW**

Mako Tanino's mother was one of the missionaries True Father assigned to Grenada in 1996.



Photos courtesy of Mako Tanino



Left: Relatives of the men elevated through the Seunghwa Ceremony in Grenada: Maurice Bishop's nephew, Fitzroy Bain's mother, Norris Bain's wife; **Right:** Mako and her mother are on the left; Deepak and Setsuko are on the right in front of the tall man.

Live National Telecast of Original Divine Principle

By Robert Kittel

The inspiration to broadcast Original Divine Principle (ODP) lectures live on national television came from our True Parents. Their direction at this time is clear. More than any other activity, we should teach the ODP. This point was essential for us. Otherwise, we could not have had the conviction and determination needed for this project.

The international president, Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, encourages us to be both humble and courageous in our faith. We should be proud of our True Parents, their sacrifices and their value. At the same time, he encourages us to be sensitive to other religious traditions. We should absolutely respect all religions and must not become arrogant or have an exclusivistic attitude.

Our regional president, Dr. Chung-sik Yong, challenged us to reach out to the entire nation. Without making excuses or looking for any justification for why this goal was too difficult, too soon or too expensive, our national leader, Assemblyman Ek Nath Dhakal,¹ took on this challenge in earnest. With this heart, he conceived of the idea of doing a live, nationwide telecast of ODP as the only way to reach the goal that was set for us.

Before this ODP television series, we had conducted three ODP workshops in the traditional manner. Hundreds of people came for seven days at a time, but the cost was too high and the number of people we could actually educate was limited. Teaching the ODP via television was both more manageable and cost-effective. Ambassadors for peace who had attended the three previous seminars became the leaders who organized programs in their hometowns.

The idea was to have an Original Divine Principle series that lasted twelve days. Lectures would be aired in the morning so that people could attend the presentations and then go to work. There would be two forty-five-minute lectures per day, twenty-four lectures in all. In case anyone missed a lecture, both lectures would be rebroadcast from recordings in the evening.

In constructing the educational material, we had to bridge two immovable objects—our alignment to the heart and spirit of True Father's Original Divine Principle as taught by Rev. Eu (this took the subject-partner position), and the audience, which was interreligious in nature with Hinduism as the dominate religion (the object-partner). We had to satisfy both partners. Otherwise, we would fail.

Additionally, we wanted to highlight the concept of universal moral values, which Father

¹ He is a member of Nepal's Constituent Assembly, the legislative branch of the Nepalese national government; he also leads Nepal Pariwar Dal, a political party.

Left: Nepalese members enjoying the broadcast; Right: Lecturing to an audience estimated at over a million viewers



Photos courtesy of Robert Kittel

calls Absolute Sex. We tried to do this repeatedly throughout the twelve days. Judging from reflections from our ambassadors for peace, Absolute Sex was one of the most important components of what they learned from the Original Divine Principle. Many of them said they could see the moral values of the young generation declining and hoped that young people would be able to listen to these presentations.

Moreover, the ODP had to be practical. We tried to show how these presentations could solve fundamental problems in the real world at the individual, family and society levels. With Father's teachings, we demonstrated how we can effectively address corruption, environmental pollution, gender inequality, egoistic selfishness, HIV/AIDS, family breakdown, pornography, the conflict between communism and democracy, the segregation of religions, etc. In other words, ODP can solve grave problems and eliminate genuine threats. We are not teaching a religious doctrine so much as providing insights and solutions to serious issues in today's world. This made it very valuable to Nepal, which was an essential element of the overall program.

Another sensitive area was how history would be taught. If we only highlighted Jewish and Christian histories, people who are not from those faiths (the vast majority of our audience) might feel as if God has neglected them. This, of course, is not the case. So we needed to add material related to correlative histories. This made it clear that God is both a God of Principle (that is, there is a central history) and also our Heavenly Parent who loves, cares for and is reaching out to all people of the world.

The mission of the central nation is to prepare the foundation for the Messiah; the central and correlative nations share the mission of receiving him, once born. As much as God is preparing to receive the Messiah in the central history, He must also be preparing the wider world to accept him. We had to show that in our history lectures. This is what Father calls the "fingerprints of God in human history."

Finally, we wanted to have the universal principles that Father discovered stand out on their own. They are powerful

A second national broadcast of the Original Divine Principle lectures concluded on December 22. National leader Ek Nath Dhakal said, "I am meeting people, especially VIPs—MPs, ministers, political leaders and social leaders. Many of them ask me about the continuation of the program. One especially important person told me that he is watching every morning and that it is very good. This means it has made a national impact and we need to continue with a follow up education program.... This live education created a very positive environment throughout the whole nation."

and once understood have the potency to change people's lives. Our goal was to make Father's teachings crystal clear. Several students in Nepal commented that the ODP was like a scientific religion. Faith and reason were wedded together, they said.

The national leader, Ek Nath Dhakal, gave all the presentations. He was passionate and powerful. In addition to twenty ODP lectures, we added two lectures on Father's life, one lecture on the meaning of the blessing (along with an actual blessing ceremony with holy juice) and one presentation on God's providence in Nepal. This last presentation focused on True Parents' six global peace tours, acknowledging the investment of Father, Mother and all other members of the True Family in Nepal.

The role of our ambassadors for peace was also highlighted as it was very much their history, their accomplishments, and their pride.

National messiahs to Nepal, Rev. John and Ginger Nicholls, created a wonderful atmosphere before each live telecast with prayer and sung praise. They also gave valuable feedback on the PowerPoint curriculum and designed twenty-four ODP test questions. Participants will have to pass an ODP test before they can receive the graduation certificate with our True Parents' signature.²

The actual number of viewers is hard to estimate. The television station told us that it was over a million. The response can be monitored by the phone calls that come into the headquarters, the regional offices, the local centers and so on. Many of our ambassadors for peace have organized for the programs to be viewed in their school or college. They are giving us feedback. Most of the audience and most of the responses are from new contacts. They are all quite positive.

The staff of Nepalese brothers and sisters united with our True Parents' vision, our regional president's jeongseong and the national leader's instructions. It was a beautiful unity of shared sacrifices. *TW*

² This is the same certificate that those of our members who have successfully passed the test receive.



A locally organized viewing area for Nepalese citizens to experience the Original Divine Principle lectures, and Nepalese Unificationists in holy robes as their national leader presents True Parents' teachings to the nation

How the Japanese Church Is Reinventing Itself

By Julian Gray

Our church has more members in Japan than in any other country in the world. Members in Japan join forces across the nation to support global providential initiatives. They have gained an acute awareness of the seriousness of our time. In fulfilling their collective role as the providential mother nation, they have sent resources all over the world, and they have constantly reached out to their countrymen (and women) to inspire them to work together under their unique mandate.

Recently, Hyung-jin nim, In-jin nim and Kook-jin nim have placed much emphasis on a more direct witnessing approach. In keeping with the age, our church in Japan is creating its own revolution in its outreach methods. As Mr. Sam Nagasaka, who works in national headquarters in Tokyo and heads the church's Culture Department put it, "In the past we used various volunteer groups, or counseling as opportunities for witnessing, introducing the Principle through good works or healing people's lives. Nowadays, however, the approach is becoming more direct. We introduce the Unification Church and Divine Principle, or introduce Father's autobiography. This change of approach means we cannot witness as easily on the street, so the mainstream effort is now to reach out to friends and family. We are renewing the church and it is becoming more open."

Mr. Haruyoshi Yano, who leads the church's Witnessing and Education Office (which includes the Culture Department) sees the change as inevitable. "Father recognizes the hard work of the movement in Japan," he said, "yet he has also been emphasizing, since long ago, that Japan has to testify openly about True Parents.... Chairman Song¹ thinks we need to broaden the categories of people we witness to, so we must challenge ourselves to open up to different types." Mr. Yano said that widening the scope of witnessing activities presents a challenge. Because they have been used to a certain way, he feels they are still weak in providing the right kind of education to raise all the different types of people to become practicing members.

But necessity is the mother of invention; they began with a national-level effort to improve leaders' teaching abilities in 2009. When the initiative was launched, Chairman Song announced that all church leaders must attend Divine Principle lecture competitions. "This included directors at the headquarters, like me," said Mr. Yano, "and the regional church leaders." Mr. Yano explained how they set up different levels of Divine Principle lectures—elementary, intermediate and

1 Chairman of the National Blessed Families Federation. Father has always assigned a Korean leader to minister to the blessed families in Japan. Argentina national messiah Rev. Yong-seok Song currently holds this position.



Left: Mr. Haruyoshi Yano, director of the Witnessing and Education Office, Right: Mr. Sam Nagasaka, director of the Culture Department under Mr. Yano

advanced—and are encouraging everyone to challenge themselves.

The leaders would each give a lecture and then be evaluated as a church-level, regional-level or national-level lecturer. "This has made the leaders humble," said Mr. Yano with some amusement. In 2009 alone, they certified 588 lecturers.

During 2010, these lecturers were asked to teach at Divine Principle revival meetings all over Japan. Mr. Yano explained that this has been a way of encouraging the church leaders and pioneers. "Pastors should lead the way," he asserted. Chairman Song is doing just that, travelling around the country teaching at a revival each day. He gives inspirational Divine Principle talks to audiences that include members and their guests; at the end of his talk he invites the latter to join our church community.

Mr. Miki Abe, who heads the Witnessing Department under Mr. Yano, explained that prior to this change of focus, the church had usually looked for people who could practice as soon as they joined. "But now we are witnessing to almost everyone. That's a big change. And whereas before it was mainly only core witnesses who went out, now everyone is witnessing."

Perhaps surprisingly, considering the number of young Japanese members one encounters in the course of church life, for a nation with so many members, the Japanese church has not had a tradition of specifically reaching out to young people. Mr. Yano feels it is more natural for parents to talk to their children, and he hopes the current trend of family-oriented witnessing will mean that mothers will witness to their sons and daughters.

2009 was a year of trial for the Japanese church, Mr. Yano explained. "It was a year of the pain of giving birth. 2010 was more stable."



Photos courtesy of Unification Church of Japan

Outside of sectors of Japanese society antagonistic to our church people are largely unaware of who we are and what we believe; Father's memoirs help introduce our church effectively.

One major focus has been on witnessing to former members. Mr. Yano told me of people who had left the church twenty or thirty years ago who last year returned to membership. Many couples had also resurfaced to rededicate their blessed marriages at the October 14, 2009 Blessing Ceremony.² Likewise, the two blessing ceremonies in February and October of 2010 provided a great impetus for witnessing result.

Another major supporting pillar for witnessing in Japan has been Father's autobiography, by which members can offer direct testimony to True Parents. Despite the fact that our church is still persecuted in Japan, there are still many who know nothing about Sun Myung Moon.

A change of approach has required a change of mindset in the churches, Mr. Yano explained. "Before, we would only begin educating those members who had come to the church, but now members are visiting people in their homes and teaching them the Principle, watching Divine Principle videos together with families. In Saitama, for example, one eighty-year-old lady, our member, is educating people in their homes."

The Witnessing Department wants to see a system that facilitates the communication of best practices from one mission post to another. "Of course, you cannot simply 'cut and paste' models from one church to another," Mr. Nagasaka said. "You must modify that model so that it fits with a particular leader's (or congregation's) personality or aptitude." His department is producing brochures and videos to aid in outreach and education, including video lectures covering the seventy days of workshops—two-day, seven-day (commitment), twenty-one-day (vocational) and forty-day (leadership training) workshops.

The church headquarters in Tokyo is also deeply involved in the evaluation of their methods—and of church leaders' performance—in their quest to create a model church. For the past two years they have produced a quarterly printed review of model church sermons. For this, church leaders are required to submit their sermons, and the best ones are included in the review. This also permits the headquarters to look at the content church leaders are giving their flock, and to offer suggestions.

The church services themselves are also surveyed—including

² In Japan, couples often stay together even if one or both of them leaves the church.

ing how many people attend Sunday service, how long the service lasts, and how long the minister speaks for. Mr. Nagasaka says they have created two types of survey. One is a ten-point checklist about Sunday service that the ministers must do (to date, twice a year) in order to reflect on their work. "This is helpful in situations such as where a church leader habitually gives a ninety-minute sermon!" The other is a yearly statistical analysis. Church leaders in Japan have key performance indicators (KPI) now, so the headquarters can monitor and assist churches across Japan. The overriding purpose is to raise the level of the worship services and other regular programs. Whereas in times past the focus was always the special mobilizations, now serious attention is being given to the steady growth of the church.

Such development is not coming simply from a proactive desire to improve. Circumstances in Japan have brought the church to the point of needing and wanting to open up more within society, and members feel freer to speak about their beliefs without inhibition. The same circumstances have instilled in the members a desire to fight back against unjust persecution.

Mr. Yano elaborated, "Some specific people are actively opposing us, especially some in the leftist media and left-leaning lawyers who spread propaganda through the media. A small number of Christian ministers are strongly against the Unification Church. These ministers are strongly influenced by leftist thought. They have the clear goal of destroying the Unification Church and have been working on this for many, many years. They have established themselves on the internet. If anyone shows support for the Unification Church, they will send them negative material and attack them in the media. We didn't know what to do about this."

I was curious as to how the autobiography would be helpful to them if indeed such opponents to True Parents' work operate freely. But it is clear that those perpetrating the false charges are a relatively small group. Mr. Yano emphasized that many people in Japan still don't know about the Unification Church and that when people encounter a member, they usually get a very good impression.

Mr. Yano credits Kook-jin nim with offering the church new guidelines that helped them find a new direction. For one thing, Kook-jin nim has identified the issue of the abduction of

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A key element in the Japanese church revival is that the personal desire to witness is increasing naturally.



Nearing Heaven

By Kristina Valaisaite

Welcome to True Parents' Language Institute, located just a few hundred meters below Cheon Jeong Gung! Amazing nature, fresh air, mountains calling you for adventures, and wonderful people—that was my first impression coming here in March this year. And that impression hasn't changed up to this point; it's the heavenly kingdom on earth.

Looking back over those days, I remember that from the moment of my arrival, I wanted to change my life. I had spiritual difficulties. I needed time to step back and look at everything, to refill my "fuel tank" and find new determination to work for God and True Parents. And I wanted to learn Korean.

Finally, when I found myself in my dorm room surrounded by young, energetic and enthusiastic Japanese second-generation sisters (at twenty-seven, I was the oldest), I thought to myself, my Heavenly Father is truly amazing. He always gives me exactly what I need.

Even though it belongs to the Cheongshim Graduate School of Theology, which is situated nearby, it has its own building. This makes the language institute more or less independent. It has been in existence for less than three years. Nevertheless, I believe it will grow each year, because of its advantages. This past semester there were forty students, among them American, Austrian, French, Mongolian, Russian, and Sudanese.

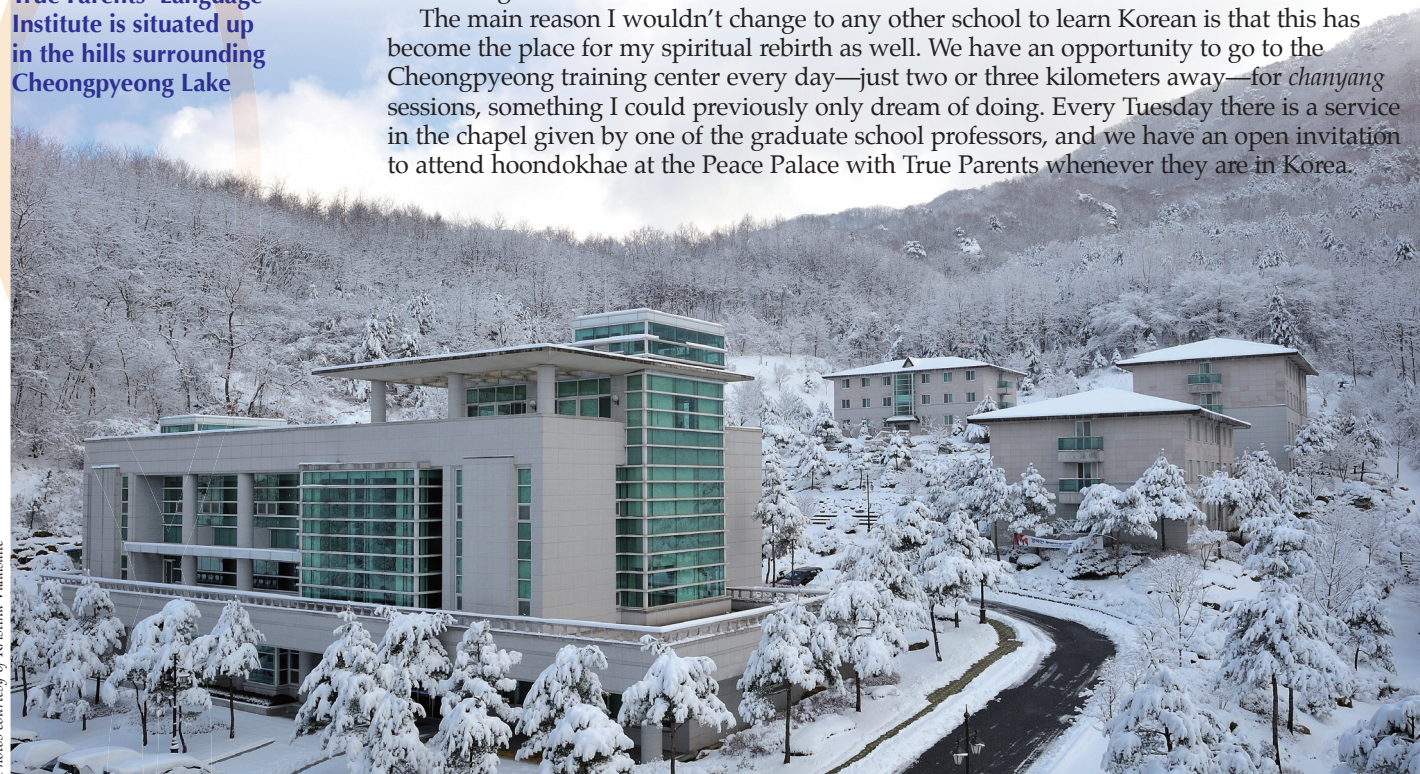
Each morning before class, we read True Father's autobiography in Korean for hoondokhae. Then very kind teachers, all blessed members, teach us the "secrets" of True Parents' language for four hours each day.

We study from Sogang University textbooks. We memorize new words and practice reading, writing and speaking Korean. The teacher explains the grammar for each lesson, and we practice the newly learned grammar through reading and dialogue. The teachers usually speak to us about topics of interest, teaches us Korean songs, and gives us tasks (such as giving a presentation) that require searching for extra material on the internet. From the very beginning, the teachers created an atmosphere in which we were able to relax and be free from the fear of making mistakes. The process is exciting.

We play traditional Korean games and cook Korean food. In the afternoon, we have more than enough time to do the homework and to make new friends.

The main reason I wouldn't change to any other school to learn Korean is that this has become the place for my spiritual rebirth as well. We have an opportunity to go to the Cheongpyeong training center every day—just two or three kilometers away—for *chanyang* sessions, something I could previously only dream of doing. Every Tuesday there is a service in the chapel given by one of the graduate school professors, and we have an open invitation to attend hoondokhae at the Peace Palace with True Parents whenever they are in Korea.

True Parents' Language Institute is situated up in the hills surrounding Cheongpyeong Lake



Photos courtesy of Kristina Valaisaite





Left: Appreciating Korean culture is an intangible aspect of learning the language: a student learns Korean cooking; Right: That the institute is situated near the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace is one reason our church members are likely to be drawn there.

I wanted us, as students, to do something together in order to learn from each other, share about our lives and the experiences we have had with God and True Parents as first- and second-generation members. That is how Let's Inherit True Love (LITL) came into being. I began it as an after-class student activity to help create a true family atmosphere in our school. Through this program, we have shared stories of our lives of faith, decorated the student lounge, written a joint letter to Daemo nim, and gone mountain hiking, among other things. I strongly believe that True Parents' language and the culture of true love they are teaching are inseparable parts of building one family under God. LITL was aimed at overcoming the language barrier through doing something inspiring together.

While organizing, participating, studying and searching, I understood a few things: No place is panacea for our problems. I needed time—God gave it to me. I needed to grow—God gave me the chance to do so. I needed love—God surrounded me with people. I needed to be taken care of—but for this God gave me hands to take care of others. This was a better source of God's love and true happiness than simply being an object of someone else's care and attention. The True Parents' Language Institute is truly a place of opportunities.

One such opportunity came with the Culture Festival we held. I gave an eight-minute speech in Korean about God's gifts for His children. I had written it myself, and I was very inspired to be able to do that after only two semesters of Korean study. It was the best conclusion for a semester imaginable, and I felt a jump in my confidence in speaking Korean.

After the first semester, I already could say some things in Korean. I could find my way around Korea and buy food in the local market. I could finally talk to my Japanese roommate who didn't know a word of English! After the second semester, I could understand people talking to me on the telephone, buy necessary medicines at the pharmacy, watch Korean dramas without subtitles (that doesn't mean I could understand everything!) and listen to Daemo nim's speeches without an interpreter. I am afraid to imagine what will happen after the third semester, which I am waiting for with excitement. But I know one thing—whatever might happen with me in the future depends only on me and the effort I am ready to invest in my life. God is ready to give as much as I am ready to take. **STW**

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members as having the potential to lead to a breakthrough.

Kidnapping an individual off the street and holding the person captive is a serious crime in any country. Yet, as the reader is aware, our members in Japan have been dealing for decades with this constant threat to members' spiritual lives. In many instances the victim's faith in his or her experience with God, True Parents and the work of the movement is systematically destroyed by lies accompanied by cruel and debilitating treatment. The Japanese church has been emphasizing that the abduction and confinement of our members is organized criminal activity and has been publicly challenging the Japanese government to no longer turn a blind eye to these dreadful human rights violations. This courageous stance has rubbed off on the members, who have begun to rediscover their strong identity as Unification Church members and the will to take a stand against this evil.

The change of mind-set has had the effect of increasing the momentum for outreach and witnessing. Indeed, the weekly demonstrations against the organized kidnappings have prov-

en a good opportunity to introduce the Unification Church in a novel way. It seems that public opinion is beginning to change. "The media hasn't changed yet," says Mr. Yano regretfully, "but some conscientious intellectuals have changed their views. We have just begun. It has only been a year. Our opponents have been working for forty years."

Overall, the Japanese members are highly dedicated. Mr. Yano put this down to the fact that Japan has the mission of the mother country, and that True Father's high expectations provide them the strong motivation they need.

"No matter what system we create, without that strong motivation, we cannot be successful," Mr. Yano emphasized. "The motivation Christians have is based on Jesus' death on the cross. Christians risked their lives and went out into the world as missionaries. We invest everything because our motivation is based on True Parents' love. Father's strong expectation for Japan to support the world, in various ways, could be looked upon as a burden in one sense, but viewed from another angle this becomes the motivation, the incentive, for the movement in Japan." **STW**





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Second-generation members share the inspiration they receive from 5 AM hoondokhae.



Libael Ben Zvi (18 years old)

Waking up at 5 AM for hoondokhae has always been a normal part of my daily life. When I was younger, I always found it very annoying to wake up so early every day.

Back then, I would gladly skip hoondokhae every chance I had; I didn't understand the value and meaning of hoondokhae.

But today I look at it from a very different perspective. Starting the day with reading True Father's teachings and offering the first moment to God is the best way to start the day. I feel that it gives God a condition to protect me and guide me during the day.

Although I am a bit tired at 5 AM, I'm still happy to do hoondokhae and share those moments with God. It's the best feeling to start the day with gratitude to True Parents and God, who are always giving us so much love and guidance.

Sarah Lepelletier (20 years old)

I don't remember exactly when we started doing hoondokhae within our family. The earliest memory that remains in my mind is my being dragged out of bed at 5 AM every Sunday morning to attend the Pledge Service, at which I was able to stay awake only motivated by the expectation of the holy food they would give us after the service.

I think it was around 2001 or 2002 when True Parents instructed all the blessed families in the world to start doing hoondokhae every morning at 5 AM.¹ Ever since that orientation, my parents started waking us up every single morning at 5 AM for hoondokhae. Even before that, we used to reserve some other part of the day to study True Parents' teachings and the Bible, but having to study every day at 5 AM was a big change, and I remember it was quite tough at the beginning. I cried a lot sometimes because I didn't want to get up. I remember the time we asked our parents to please let us wake up later at least on Saturdays when we had no school.

Basically, we kept doing it every morning; we seldom had to skip hoondokhae because we were too tired. But each time that happened, I felt deeply regretful since I had heard that True Father never missed hoondokhae. Even though he's ninety years old, the Messiah, and the only one that wouldn't actually need to wake up every morning at 5 AM to study his own teachings, he's always there to give

¹ On September 1, 1997, Father instructed all families to begin doing 6-7 AM hoondokhae daily. Evidence exists of 5 AM hoondokhae with Father as early as 1999, but we have yet to determine when he mandated that as a general practice.



us more love, to show his standard of life constantly and to encourage all of us to stick to the heavenly tradition.

After all these years, I feel that hoondokhae is some vital bond that strongly links our family together and connects us directly to God and True Parents no matter where they are. As we wake up every morning to start the day all together, studying and talking about God, True Parents and our faith, we can feel united for the rest of the day, even if we don't meet much until the evening because of our personal plans or daily schedule. I think we can feel united this way because through hoondokhae, we can always get back to God and True Parents as our absolute and eternal center and we can also remind ourselves of our responsibility and way of life as God's children.

Things are quite unstable nowadays both in the spiritual and physical worlds due to all sorts of circumstances, such as the imminent establishment of Cheon Il Guk, perhaps, or the spirit world coming closer each day and even my personal process of growth and the building up of my own identity and life of faith. In such a situation, I feel protected and that our family is united, thanks to this morning hoondokhae, which remains a cornerstone, an unchangeable tradition and source of strength. I have the great opportunity to share my doubts and questions concerning our teachings, and all this makes me feel so close not only to my physical family but also to our global Unification family, as I discover more fully our common shared identity as children linked directly to God and True Parents.

That we do it at 5 AM is what makes hoondokhae so special. This is the perfect time and occasion to learn to control our physical bodies and thus to see how deeply we are committed to our own life of faith. Doing hoondokhae at 5 AM can be considered jeonseong we offer to God, because we show Him our sincerity and respect by starting each day with Him and by making this small, consistent effort to get back to Him. We give priority to our love for God and True Parents over our personal physical comfort.

Five o'clock is the best time to gather and study, when nothing usually disturbs us, whether it be a phone call or other unexpected occurrence or change of plans.

It's so nice to get together in the early morning as one family to try to create a warm and beautiful atmosphere and to welcome God and True Parents to take part in our lives. To summarize, I would say that hoondokhae at 5 AM is one of the best ways to reaffirm to God and True Parents our commitment and determination to live one more day as a proud blessed central family.

Yong Phil Mortega (17 year old)

I am the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Arnold



The champion of hoondokhae with his grandchildren; How many of us can say we did three hours of hoondokhae just a few days after being in a horrific helicopter crash?

Mortega, who were blessed among the 1,275 couples. I am studying in Bangkok, Thailand, and living at Huamark Center.

Concerning hoondokhae in the morning, I believe that no one here wants to attend it because it makes us wake up early in the morning to pledge, pray and read True Father words together with all of the brothers and sisters in the house. Seriously, the first time, I didn't like it at all because for the first couple of months of doing it, it made me feel lazy about getting up. I actually slept all the time, and of course I was caught sleeping by my leader Mr. Sakudon. He usually punishes those who fall asleep by having them perform an exercise in front of all the brothers and sisters, which is quite embarrassing for me. Well, the more I was caught, the better I could figure out when the perfect time to sleep is—ha ha ha.

After doing hoondokhae for a while, I began to get used to it; little by little, I am learning something from doing it. I realize that it is not a bad thing at all. I also learned great things about BCs (blessed children) and about how lucky I am as a BC.

As I grow up, I'm getting more responsibilities. I have external responsibilities and internal ones. I had an awesome experience praying. I feel that God is listening to us.

He even knows everything without saying it to him. I began praying more and I got used to praying and felt that God is just by my side. Actually, last year I went to Cheongpyeong for the Azalea Festival. There was a lottery and three lucky people would receive a gift from True Parents. I didn't even imagine I could be one of them, but I prayed to God to give me luck. I think I prayed for three days, twice a day. And I got the present from True Parents. Guess what I won! Some of True Father's clothes and a book he signed that has his picture on the cover. I don't think of it as luck any more. **TW**



A Growing Church



Kyle and Genn Toffey lived in Korea for ten years, and ran an unofficial English language Sunday service for a good many of those. When Hyung-jin nim began his ministry in Seoul in 2007 and quickly added an English language service to the roster, that congregation threw its support behind Hyung-jin nim. Kyle was made an assistant pastor. He founded the iUnificationist.org web site and launched a cyber congregation for Hyung-jin nim's ministry. On October 31, 2010, just before they moved from Korea to the United States, Kyle shared his ideas on church growth with the Cheon Bok Gung international community. This is the core of his message from that day.

When I think of a church, I think of a community of people. It is especially *not* a building. Often we think of a church as something that somebody else is responsible for and in charge of. But each and every one of us needs to feel a sense of ownership for our church. This is my church. If this is going to be your church and my church, we want to make it a place we are proud of and happy with. It has to be a place that we feel good about coming to, and want to invite others to.

What is that quote from Dr. Scott Peck's book *The Road Less Traveled*, where he defines love? "Love is the will to extend one's self for the purpose of nurturing one's own or another's spiritual growth...." That is, investing in the spiritual growth of another person. It's very simple. When people are growing they are happy.

From the Principle viewpoint we are here in this physical life so that we can grow. It's also the mission of our church: as individuals we are meant to grow, and to help our community grow. That's why we talk to people and invite them to our church.

When we share our dreams with other people, often they will say, "Oh, that can't be done." That's the nature of our world. That is why we really need to be a cohesive congregation; we have to give a completely opposite message. Because we are created in the image of God, as His sons and daughters, and we are without limits.

There are two aspects to Sunday service. One is the worship side and the other is the fellowship side. It is so important for us to spend the time to have fellowship. That is why, from my point of view, the coffee ministry is so important! When we have coffee or refreshments after the service, that is really our golden opportunity to talk with people and embrace them.

And we have a particular responsibility here at Cheon Bok Gung. We do not have a very large international community here, but people come through Korea and stop here. Imagine, you come to Cheon Bok Gung. You don't know anyone here in Korea. If you are a young person you may be anxious. You don't know what's going on. You don't know anybody. You don't even know where the restrooms are! And maybe you are here only for that one time. What if you are such a person and you come to the service, attend and then leave, and

Kyle Toffey speaking last
October 31



Photos courtesy of Julian Gray

From Kyle's November 7 sermon at Cheon Bok Gung

I firmly believe it is not a problem to get a congregation of 21,000 people here, because I have absolute faith that we have something so special in our church. We have God; we have True Parents; we have Divine Principle; we have an understanding of how we, as individuals, can grow to be happy and loving people. Growing to 21,000 is not the problem. The real issue is, Can we love each other? Can we create that environment, that when people come in, they feel embraced by God's love? That's our challenge.

nobody talks with you, nobody welcomes you? Mightn't you be a little disappointed? But, on the other hand, what if that person pokes his or her head around the door, and there are people waiting there, who say, "Welcome! Thank you for coming! I don't think I know you. My name's Kyle...."

Welcome people, tell them which floor the service is on, explain that we do have coffee afterward, so that they feel welcomed. How is that going to change their whole experience of our church? If we are here with an open and welcoming heart it will change it completely. So we are the ambassadors for the Cheon Bok Gung. Sometimes we are shy, but we need to go beyond ourselves.

At the Cheongpa-dong church,¹ I was always out front there welcoming people. One day, Sun-jin nim was coming up the steps. I thought, well okay.... So I said, "Welcome! Thank you for coming!" And she walked up to me and gave me a hug. "That deserves a hug!" she said. Even the True Children need to feel embraced and welcomed! We all do.

About a month ago one young man came in, and I greeted him and found out his name. Then after the service, during the coffee hour, we talked for maybe ten or fifteen minutes. Later, I saw him as he was leaving. He turned around and said, "Thank you very much Mr. Toffey. Today you saved my life." I have no idea what was going on in his mind. Maybe he felt very down. Maybe he was questioning his affiliation with our church. Maybe he just came uninspired, and maybe just by talking he could receive some inspiration to go forward. Everyone of us has that opportunity when we talk to people.

I once met Pastor Rick Warren² at the army base where I work. He was wearing a Hawaiian shirt and shorts—very ordinary looking. But he was loving, and he had the heart of really reaching out to people. We can develop that kind of thinking; we can learn how to take care of people—not just saying Hi to each other, but reaching out to that one person we don't know. Don't be afraid to make a fool of yourself.

People come in and they're not just looking at how we treat them; they're noticing how we treat *each other*. We wit-

1 The former headquarters church where Hyung-jin nim was installed as senior pastor, a position he maintained even after he became international president.

2 Author of *The Purpose Driven Church*. Saddleback Church, which he founded in 1980, now has two hundred branches in Southern California.



Rev. Toffey was an assistant pastor at the headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong and continued in that capacity once the congregation moved into Cheon Bok Gung.

ness by the kind of people we are. If we care about each other, if we care about the people who come in, that's a witness. If we have that kind of heart and attitude toward each other we will be a growing church. If we are loving, happy and giving people, people will want to come to our church. It's natural witnessing. So it's very important that we create such an environment among ourselves. It can change someone's whole perception. It can change their destiny. **STW**



Left: Kyle and Genn Toffey help direct members on the day of a church outing; Right: The Toffeys and assistant pastor Michael Brazil in discussion with Hyung-jin nim at a service at the former Headquarters Church.

A New Chapter in the Indonesian Providence

Mrs. Ursula McLackland, though born in Germany, has made Asia her home for the past thirty-six years. Ever-willing to take up new challenges (the secret to staying young) she has recently settled in Indonesia. We asked her about this change.

How did you come to be assigned to Indonesia after seemingly being the pillar of the Indian subcontinent for so long?

Knowing True Parents' deep concern for Indonesia, Dr. Yong, president of the Asia region, has been praying for the Indonesian providence. Surprisingly, my face appeared in his prayer. He had a vision that I should go there as a missionary. He later said he had never thought of sending me there, and neither had I expected it. My mission here as the mother figure is to bring our Indonesian blessed families together and revive our Indonesian movement.

This must have been a huge change for you.

Actually, I realize that all my previous missions in Asia have been preparation for our work in Indonesia. The country, the culture, the language and the people have all the elements of Thailand, India and Bahrain, the three major nations I spent the last thirty-six years of my life in. Nothing shocks or surprises me; I often feel déjà vu. I have been prepared for this.

Indonesia has the highest Muslim population of any nation, and it is also a democracy. How do these two factors determine what the Unification movement can do there?

Only after coming here did I begin to understand why True Father places so much emphasis on Indonesia. It is a unique Muslim country, not only because it is the most populous but also the most interreligious and intercultural. Generally, Muslims and Christians live together in harmony. In many families, father and mother, brother and sister practice different religions; they might be Muslims or Christians, sometimes Buddhists or Confucians but they do not fight about religion in the family. Though there is concern about growing intolerance and sporadic clashes among the adherents of different faiths, the Indonesian constitution guarantees religious freedom and we are able to openly teach the Divine Principle here. Most of our members come from a Christian background as it is easier for them to understand and accept True Parents as the Messiah.

What's the state of the church there now and what gives you hope for development?

We have quite a number of faithful members and blessed families whose love for True Parents never abated even though there was no center in Indonesia for many years. Now that we have opened a new center in the heart of Jakarta, the capital city, and have the full support of all nations in our region, our members are coming back one by one.

We began by conducting an Original Divine Principle workshop for them over three weekends in July and August. The ODP workshop never fails; invariably Heaven's blessings pour down wherever we conduct one. Our experience in Indonesia was no exception. Since then, our blessed families have been the core of the Indonesian revival. We are now conducting regular Sunday services, weekend workshops and marriage and family seminars. We started Sunday school for the blessed children and all our blessed families took part in the Cosmic



Photos courtesy of Ursula McLackland

At left: David Ang, the national leader; and David and Ursula McLackland with Divine Principle seminar graduates

Blessing Ceremony on October 10. Members from the Asian Leadership Training (ALT) program worked with us for six weeks. They focused on witnessing to students from schools and colleges. Our center is within walking distance of four universities or colleges. The Indonesian spirit world is very active, and with united effort, I believe we can bring success.

Is the ODP workshop your main thrust at the moment?

Our first effort has been to build a healthy three-generation church, centering on the existing blessed couples. The ODP workshop gives our members complete spiritual rebirth. Since we missionaries are not so young anymore, I deeply appreciate the help from ALT to bring young people, an element that has been missing so far. We are also eagerly awaiting a Tongil Moodo instructor from the Philippines because martial arts is an excellent way to explain our principles to young people, particularly the Muslims. Another excellent way to build a stable foundation in a Muslim nation like Indonesia is our character education program in high schools and universities. Besides these efforts, we have resumed weekly UPF meetings with our ambassadors for peace and started combined seminars and appointment ceremonies for them. Based on these, we have been able to reconstitute our UPF-Indonesia committee and will hold an interfaith seminar in collaboration with the UN in Jakarta on January 27, 2011. Step by step, we are educating young and old to a level of understanding that they can join our ODP workshops in the future.

Even though we didn't have much of presence in Indonesia, the late president Wahid had a genuine appreciation for Father's work.

Actually President Wahid's wife and four daughters love True Parents and are always ready to work with us. In fact, we held the Legacy of Peace program in the Wahid Institute with President Wahid's wife Sinta Nuriyah and their daughter Yenny

as the chief guests. They see that President Wahid and True Father's vision for world peace are very similar and want to continue this relationship. I was also amazed to see how much our Indonesian peace ambassadors love True Parents and recognize their special mission in God's providence.

Impressions of Reaching Out in Indonesia

From two Asian Leadership Training team members

Angelo Francisco, the Philippines

In our orientation, we learned about Indonesia and how we would approach outreach there.

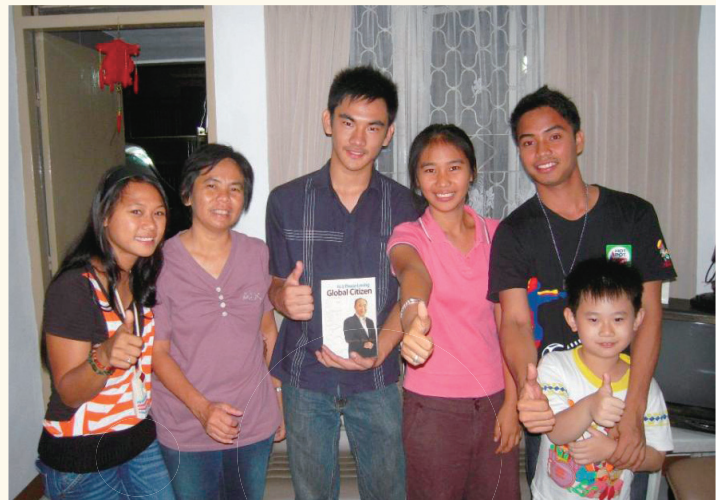
The first day was very exciting. At the same time, I felt a bit nervous about facing people. An older Indonesian sister was in charge and brought us to a private university to meet the students. Our clothes were not so presentable, but I reminded myself that you move a person's heart more through internal investment than external work.

A teacher at the university gave us the chance to introduce ourselves to some of the students, which for us was a witnessing opportunity. The students were very kind and began to speak about their situations and problems in life. I felt comforted when one of them offered to sing a song and sang very well. We inspired the students and they recommended we talk to the dean of communications. After we spoke with him briefly, he responded well and let us give a character development presentation to those students. I felt that God was always guiding us.

In the following days our ALT team went back to the university, where Mrs. Amala Mclackland, the regional UPF secretary-general, gave presentations on character education. All the students looked inspired. After that, we met the dean again, who realized that they need UPF to educate their students. I'm grateful that over the next year the students will be exposed to and learn Unificationist principles.

Every day for us is very precious because we have the desire to revive Indonesia, and even the Indonesian members, who are longing for True Parents' love and God's love. Although people sometimes did not keep their appointments, I felt so much excitement meeting many people every day.

All of us feel sad when we don't have a guest, but instead of sitting down, we go out and double our efforts to bring people; we never give up. We pray for the Indonesian people to see the light of goodness, which is True Parents. In the end, my heart



Regardless of cultural origins, people the world over have proved receptive to True Father's memoirs.

was comforted because more and more people were coming. I felt as if I were in heaven. It's true that if you inspire others, you will gain more inspiration in return. I feel God's desire. When people are coming, it seems God is also comforted and happy because the young people give Him joy.

Emilyn, the Philippines

While in the airplane, I felt blessed that God had allowed me to travel to Indonesia on a mission, so I set loving Indonesia and proclaiming that True Parents are the Messiah as my internal goal. Giving life to people by bringing full-time spiritual children was my external goal.

While doing outreach at the university, I enjoyed giving inspiration to the students. I felt their ancestors longed for liberation. In day-to-day witnessing, I can say it is easy to give life to people but it is hard to encourage them to stay, especially because most Indonesians are Muslims. I'm happy that Hilman always came to the center because he was so interested in the lectures. I was especially happy that Dhika and Juris accepted the Messiah, that they learned the Principle and now know True Parents. Through this, I felt the heart of a mother. I learned how to take care of and inspire others. I'm grateful for this training because I know it is preparation for my future.

I'm grateful for this brief experience because I met the Indonesian people and encountered their culture and heart. **TW**

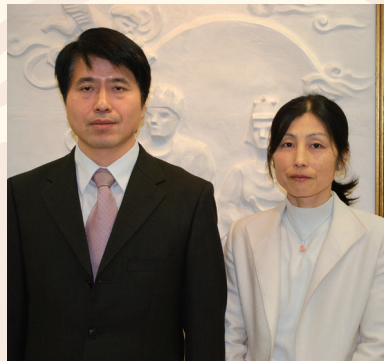


Left: The Asian Leadership Training team members going out to witness; Right: Young Indonesians relax after hours of cleaning

The Preciousness of Each Spiritual Life

By Rev. Kwon Sang-gi

A Korean church leader in Japan tells of harrowing days and the relief that accompanied their end.



Rev. and Mrs. Kwon lead the church in Kousei, Japan

The summer of 2010 was much hotter than that of past years; the temperature topped 35°C¹ on and off for over a month. It was mid-August and all the members had been offering devotions through fasting, bowing and praying to build a new church building. I had just visited the construction site for the new building, and my hopes were running high, when I received a phone call from our youth director that almost stopped my heart from shock.

He said that he could not get in touch with Mrs. Miyuki Hara. Twice in the past, she had been confined for months by her parents and ministers antagonistic to our religion. Miyuki had even had to pretend to leave the Unification Church. Yet her faith was as strong as ever, and in the end she had made her parents promise that they would never again confine her.

Afterward, she had continued to make every effort to maintain a relationship with her father and mother; she encouraged them to attend Sunday services and invited them to other members' homes. While she was preparing to receive the blessing, she discussed it with her parents. Nevertheless, knowing it was possible that she could be abducted again, we were always cautious.

She had gone to Nagano for the *Obon*² holiday because her grandparents lived there. Afterward, she did not appear at the appointed place and time, and her husband was unable to contact her.

Another member had been abducted and confined two months earlier and had sent in a letter of withdrawal from the church. With the support of the national headquarters, we had been holding enlightenment rallies and demonstrations as well as regular educational programs so that our abducted member might be freed. Yet now this new incident had occurred.

The number of members abducted and confined had decreased nationwide through the project to liberate those in confinement, which is being carried out under the international president, Hyung-jin nim; and the chairman of the Foundation to Support HSAUWC, Kook-jin nim. That was the situation when this second abduction took place.

Several days after that incident, a report came in that another member, Mr. Geichi Murata, could not be reached. We prayed that nothing bad had happened, hoping that it was not a third abduction, because Geichi had worked harder than anyone else to witness to his extended family; we had all thought he was closer to restoring his parents than anyone else. His family had attended church events and had even come to Sunday services. They had enjoyed their time with us and opened their hearts to us; they appeared to have become one in heart with our members. Moreover, they lacked the means to abduct and confine their son, so we did not even want to think that Geichi had been abducted.

Several days passed and we still could not contact him, so we sent a staff member to his

Simultaneous rallies protesting abductions that violate our members' human rights occurred in various Japanese cities on December 3 and drew 20,000 people



Photos courtesy of Kwon Sang-gi

1 95° F

2 A holiday, from the Buddhist tradition, to welcome ancestors who return to earth for three days

hometown, Shizuoka Hamamatsu, which was a few hours away. His younger brother, who had also participated in church events, was at their parents' home. He said that his brother had not come and that his parents were away on a trip. From his unnatural answers we realize that Geichi had indeed been abducted and was being held somewhere.

For some years, we had had no cases of abduction and confinement; now three abductions had occurred in the course of two months. I could not help feeling sorry in front of God. What was the problem? Were our devotions insufficient? Were the educational programs unsuccessful? We asked ourselves these questions as we held discussions with the headquarters and made preparations to resolve the matter.

The abducted members had been more active than others in attending the educational programs, they were blessed members and continued to maintain a close relationship with church staff members. Therefore, I came to believe that these incidents were happening to members in our congregation for a reason. I strongly felt that God was working through these incidents to open a new path to success in the project to prevent abduction and confinement. More than anything else, we hoped that the situation would serve as an opportunity to open the way to receive more support and help from Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim, and to return at least some joy to True Parents, who are concerned and anxious about each and every life. With that in mind, we arranged for more than forty members to take turns fasting in the morning each day and the staff members fasted every morning and offered bows and other devotions. In particular, Miyuki's husband offered one thousand two hundred bows every day as part of his devotions.

We handed out leaflets and held demonstrations and explanatory talks in line with the project to liberate those in confinement. We visited Miyuki's relatives, and we contacted the police and filed a missing-person's report with the support of her husband.

We had carried on our activities for more than fifty days, when we received a phone call from Miyuki on October 6, telling us that she had returned safely to her own home.

I felt God's heart during this phone call. I felt, indirectly, what God felt as He searched for one lost lamb. I contacted her husband at once and asked him to come to the center, and though it was late, we met and I heard what had happened to his wife during that time.

When she had reached her parents' home, her parents told her that they wanted to talk about her faith and asked her to go with them to an apartment they had prepared. She had a premonition that if she stayed, she could lose her faith; she tried to leave, but suddenly her sister, her brother-in-law and other relatives surrounded her. Fearing they would confine her, she yelled and cried for help from the neighbors. The neighbors called the police and two policemen actually came to her parents' home, but they left when they were told it was a family matter. She was in a situation where she could not expect help from anyone.



Miyuki Hara and her husband with Kook-jin nim and Ji-ye nim; she is holding a copy of Father's autobiography Kook-jin nim has signed for them.

She was moved to the prepared apartment. Having had two previous experiences of abduction and confinement, however, she talked to her parents and negotiated with them to make an environment in which they could discuss her faith while respecting one another's opinions. In particular, during that time she communicated with them about the greatness of True Parents by reading the Divine Principle, the autobiography and other books to them. Moreover, even when she conversed with the antagonistic Christians who visited her in an attempt to convince her to abandon her religion, her faith never wavered.

Miyuki testified, "I came to believe that God loves me unconditionally, no matter what situation I am in, and that the suffering I was going through could

not destroy me; instead it helped me realize how deep God's love is. I became more firmly convinced that we can form happy families only through God's true love and that it was only possible to do so through the blessing."

That is why when her parents suddenly changed their attitude and began treating her harshly, she was endowed with new strength that she had not even dreamed of. She went on to say, "I am an individual with my own strong convictions, so I was able to tell my parents in strong terms to treat me as one. Through that, I could feel that God loves me, and without realizing it, I could feel the spiritual power of the other members flowing into me at all times. When I was left alone, late at night or in the early morning, I always gave thanks for God's love, which has been guiding me during the past decade through the many difficult situations I faced. When I thought about the fact that I would have lived a meaningless and self-centered life if I had not come to know God's will, I was reminded that having lived in God's bosom for the past ten years has made my life more precious than ever before. So, I firmly resolved in my heart that no matter what came my way, I would entrust everything to True Parents, whom I have served and believed in, and that I would follow them wherever they led me. When such thoughts filled me heart, I understood that my spirit had grown through God's love and I gained determination."

One day, Miyuki's parents told her that they had been summoned to the police station and ordered to bring her with them. Her husband, church staff members and a lawyer had contacted the police with a statement she had made about her two earlier abductions. Her case has served as a turning point because the police intervened; it set a precedent that should be of great help in resolving future abductions and confinements. I felt that miracles do happen when we are all united and when God is with us.

Encouraged by Miyuki's return, we became more convinced than ever that Geichi Murata would also return to us, and the members offered devotions more devoutly than ever before.

We visited the police station and his parents' home on many occasions, but the police did nothing. Around that time, church leaders in Japan were called to attend a week-long workshop. At the workshop, I beseeched God in prayer more than ten times a day for Geichi's safe return. I returned to



Mr. Geichi Murata

Japan firmly convinced that he would indeed come back. Two days later, I experienced a miracle from God once again—right before my eyes, Geichi Murata appeared, eighty-some days after he had gone missing. On the spot, I offered a prayer of gratitude to God, saying, “Oh, dear Heavenly Father! Thank you for answering our prayers so quickly. Thank you so much!” I tried to comfort Geichi for the pain he had endured during that long period of hardships and suffering. I felt grateful to God and True Parents, who must have suffered and worried even more than Geichi had during that time, and also to Hyung-jin nim and Kook-jin nim, who had heard all the reports and had guided us with deep concern.

I felt how precious and great each and every life is, and that no matter how many members and young people there are, the value of that one life is not smaller than the value of the whole. I was again reminded of God’s heart as He searches for each lost lamb.

Geichi had returned home for *Obon*, and his younger brother, who lives with their parents, had come to pick him up. His brother, however, told him that their parents’ home was being renovated and that they had to go to an apartment they were using temporarily. Upon arriving there, Geichi found it to be a place prepared for his confinement. His parents knelt down in front of him and pleaded with him, saying that they wanted to understand him and that he should stay with them. From that point, he was confined. He was not allowed to go out even once. Because his parents had said that they wanted to understand his faith, he tried talking to them about the Divine Principle and what he has derived from Father’s teachings, but they had no desire at all to understand his views. After fifty days, he was moved to another place, which was owned by a pastor opposed to our religion. He was unable to go out or make phone calls and was forced to listen to diatribes against the church, the True Family and the Divine Principle. He was made to watch years-old television programs about the church and listen to apostates’ testimonies. At first, he tried to listen for his parents’ sake, but he realized it was meaningless; he could not change his parents’ views. So, he seized the first



The Unification Church in Kousei is our most recently established church in Japan.

chance that arose, when his watchers weren’t paying attention; he ran outside and took a car to a train station, and a train from there to Tokyo, and thus made his escape.

Geichi said, “I came to learn how precious was the small space that I had in which to offer a bow to God to protect my spiritual life in a place of spiritual struggle. It would have been difficult for me to keep my faith under the circumstances if I had not done been able to bow and pray. I secretly prayed alone in the early morning and late at night.” He also said that he was able to keep his faith in True Parents in an environment in which no

one understood him because he lived his life centered on their teachings. He added that he repeatedly recited to himself a verse he had memorized from *The Way of God’s Will*, “Wonderful is the man who embraces God while enduring suffering.” He also clung to a Bible quotation that hung in a frame at his place of confinement, “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me.” Thus, he maintained a strong faith.

For some time after his escape, Geichi and his parents did not contact each other. He did not wish to see them ever again, but church staff members visited his parents and told them about their son’s situation and feelings and how abduction and confinement only served to destroy families. These church members also listened to his parents’ opinions about the church and developed a connection with them. At the end of last year, Geichi was able to meet his parents, who apologized for abducting and confining him and promised never to do so again. He is still hurting, however, and is not willing to meet them alone.

Through the safe return of the two members from abduction and confinement, I could feel that we are living in the era of God’s direct dominion and in True Parents’ victorious realm. We can be certain that God’s guidance brought these two members back to us. In particular, the True Children have stepped forward at this time to resolve this issue, and I felt that God was with us when we offered devotions and worked with fervor and zeal.

There are not many things that a church leader can actually do when a member is abducted and confined. It is his task

to educate the members in advance and to give them a strong conviction in their faith, so that they can triumph in the spiritual battle. He can also make preparations to win in the legal proceedings if it comes to that.

More than anything else, I felt that it is important for all members to become one in heart and action and to renew our appreciation of how much God values each person who has been reborn through True Parents’ love and is working hard to realize God’s will on earth. **STW**



Rev. Kwon's congregation; three of their number were abducted within two months.

Rescuing Our Fellow Man

The ideals and practice of a Unificationist volunteer fireman

By Gerardo Alcaraz

Some twenty-seven years ago, I heard the Divine Principle, the unique teaching that our True Parents have given us as our ultimate treasure.

For five years, I've been on the board of directors of the Association of Volunteer Firemen of San Miguel de Tucumán, which is in northwest Argentina. Mrs. Berta Santillán, an ambassador for peace, is also on the board. This position helped me become both the secretary for the Federation of the Associations of Volunteer Firemen for Tucumán Province and the director of the National Council of Volunteer Firemen.

In what way has this helped me as a Unification Church member? Our members often do social service projects; we're looking for ways to reach out to society. In my case, becoming involved with the volunteer firemen allowed me to connect with the political class in Tucumán society. I meet ministers, mayors and different types of lawmakers. Over time, this has generated a degree of friendship with various individuals, such that I can tell them about True Father and the Divine Principle. The essence of a fireman's work is serving society. He risks his life with every emergency he's asked to respond to, something that our True Father demonstrates and has been teaching us by his very existence.

Volunteer firemen should be going out into society to explain what we do, and opening the doors of our homes so that people can get to know us. With this vision, our organization took part, for the third consecutive year, in Rural Exposition 2010, organized by the Rural Society of Tucumán. It is the largest such exposition in northern Argentina. Listening to visitors' questions and seeing the interest of the children and young people, showed us that we aren't wrong in our assumption.

Now we have a set new challenge for ourselves—to create a school for fireman cadets, where we will have education in values based on the Divine Principle through the Inter-

national Education Foundation (IEF). For that objective, the Tucumán IEF chapter, which has been working together with the Volunteer Firemen of San Miguel de Tucumán, is launching the "Escuela de Cadetes y Aspirantes" (school for cadets and advanced trainees) in January 2011. During the months of November and December 2010, we conducted more than fifty interviews with children and their parents. Rather than a regular school, this is a vocational school, where very specific skills and abilities [related with firefighting and rescue] will be taught. Not only boys but also girls will be accepted, which clearly shows that women also want to participate in activities benefitting society that have long been reserved for men.

We will teach the IEF program on the topics of *Education in Sexual Values*, *The Family as School of Love*, *Making Young Leaders*, and *Leadership and Good Governance*. We can gradually introduce to the children and their parents the philosophy and theology behind the IEF material. Many of the parents are already asking, "Where did you learn all of this? Where did you get this information from?"

These presentations will be adjusted to the students' level and will be accompanied by practical training workshops, feed-back from their own homes and fellowship meetings between parents and children. All of this will be coordinated by IEF. There will also be publicity and articles in the media.

What we normally see presented in the mass media is not representative of society; there is another reality, but unfortunately the mass media doesn't show it—with rare exceptions—because good news doesn't sell. Society needs to know that there are young people—adolescents and even children—who have the spirit to serve. **JW**

Mr. Alcaraz is the IEF representative in Tucumán Province, Argentina.



Left: Gerardo (left) feels that a rescue worker has a good basis for explaining the Principle; here he speaks with congressman Juan Casañas at the Rural Exposition in 2010; **Right:** Working as a public volunteer presents opportunities to meet people from all levels of society and to explain the principles that motivate you (Gerardo is with his back to the camera).

Photos courtesy of Gerardo Alcaraz

Song for a Nation

For most people in the stadium that day, the battle would be fought on the soccer pitch. But for one person, the fight was within herself.

By Tokiko Richardson

My first performance for True Parents was at their birthday celebration in 1981. I went to America from Japan with my spiritual mother and our pianist. The next morning we were invited to breakfast with True Father. Breakfast was ham, eggs and toast. It was a typical American breakfast. Now, even after almost thirty years, I clearly remember what Father said: "You thought I would be eating kimchi for breakfast, didn't you? If you come to another country, you need to eat the food they eat. You need to love that country."

In October 2008, I moved to Korea to be with my American husband who has worked in Korea since 2003.

I work at the Japanese School in Seoul. I recently sang the Republic of Korea's national anthem at the recent opening ceremony of our new school building. Many principals from Korean schools were present, plus a delegation from the Japanese embassy. I love Korea, so I could put my heart and love into singing the Korean anthem, and everyone seemed to enjoy it.

A few days later, I received a phone call from the Japanese embassy. They had been asked by the Korea Football Association to find someone to sing the *Japanese* national anthem at the opening of a soccer match between Korea and Japan a few days later on October 12 at the World Cup Stadium. Usually the anthem of the visiting team's country will be sung by a Korean, but Koreans don't want to sing the Japanese national anthem. A member of the embassy delegation that had come to our school had remembered me, and that is how I came to be called.

At the stadium, the rehearsal for the opening ceremony at four o'clock went smoothly, when I sang to the empty stadium. At 7:40 PM they called me to prepare to sing and I came out into the stadium again. Some fifty thousand people had come to watch the game. The spirit in the stadium had changed, but not just because of the number of people. I was waiting on the edge

Mrs. Richardson (at the microphone, lower left) singing the Japanese national anthem for a largely Korean crowd



of the field. On my left I could see many flags and banners from the Korean side (which I could not read).

The announcer introduced each of the Japanese soccer players, followed by the Korean team one by one. With the introduction of each Korean player, the crowd let out a huge cheer. The more I heard the introductions of the Korean athletes, the more my body became stiff, beginning with my hands.

I felt something very strong coming from the large Korean crowd. I felt some heavy invisible spirits coming to me from the Korean side and they were attaching to my body. Then finally, I felt them come to my throat. It was not stage fright; I have no problem to sing on a stage. And the anthem is a simple melody that I know very well. I am not usually spiritually open; even so, I almost felt that I could not sing.

Yet I had to sing. My school colleagues had made a big banner reading, "Do your best, Tokiko, our teacher!" I thought, What can I do? The only thing left was prayer. So I prayed, "Heavenly Father, please, please guide these two nations to become like brother and sister under True Parents' love."

As I concluded my prayer, the strong, heavy spirit dissipated. My heart became peaceful. Right away, I heard, "Mrs. Tokiko Richardson will sing the Japanese national anthem." I walked out to the podium and sang. I felt the huge crowd listening. Then they applauded. After finishing, I felt so much warmth in my heart toward everyone in the stadium, and I smiled.

The next day, I spoke about my experience with my spiritual mother, who is blessed to a Korean. She has been in Korea more than twenty-five years. She said, "There were banners referring to Admiral Soon-shin Yi¹ and Joong-geun Ahn who assassinated the Japanese resident-general, Hirobumi Ito.² Korean comfort women³ were sitting as a group, dressed in

1 Admiral Yi successfully repelled Japanese naval invasions in the late sixteenth century.

2 He assassinated the resident-general, the top government official in Japanese-occupied Korea, on October 28, 1909, in Harbin, China; many Koreans revere Ahn as a patriot.

3 Women in sexual slavery to Japanese soldiers in World War II



Photos courtesy of Tokiko Richardson

Tokiko Richardson waits beside the pitch before performing the Japanese national anthem

white. If it had been me, I could not have sung the Japanese anthem."

Now I know why so many heavy spirits came to me.

I had heard many stories and testimonies during my twenty-five years in the United States about how the many Korean-Japanese couples True Parents had blessed paid a great deal of indemnity because of the painful history their countries share. But at that time I had only heard. Now, I saw and I felt for myself, so it is different for me now.

God has given me a great opportunity to learn more about Korea, the Father nation. Through my experience at the stadium, I came to understand the existence of Korean spirits that are resentful toward Japan. I hope that the Koreans can forgive us.

As a blessed family, my husband, my daughter and I would like to be a bridge of true love. **TW**

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