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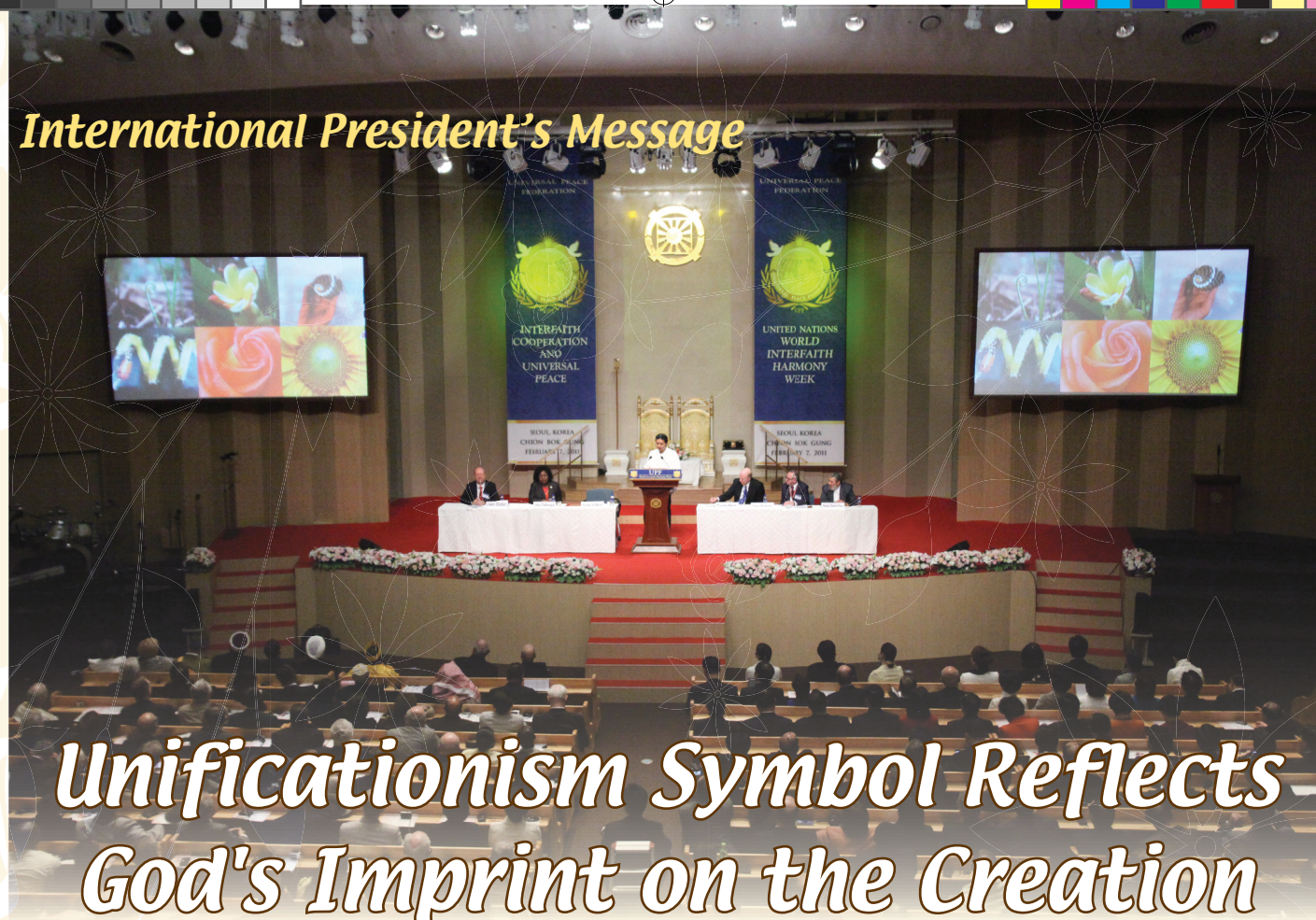


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Unificationism Symbol Reflects God's Imprint on the Creation

On February 7, Hyung-jin nim spoke in depth about mathematical underpinnings of the Creation and how these are reflected in nature and in the Unification Church symbol, which True Father designed. As chairman of the Universal Peace Federation, Hyung-jin nim was giving the opening address for the UPF International Leadership Conference, and he took the opportunity to explain True Parents' messianic status to the more than two hundred non-member conference participants in the audience that day.

Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen, I am so honored to be with such distinguished panelists today. I feel very unworthy. I am grateful to True Parents. My first vocation is that of a minister of the Unification Church, though I also have other responsibilities. I want to welcome you to Cheon Bok Gung; this is our international headquarters. It also functions as a living church. We have services here every day, and on Sundays thousands of members come and worship. So it really is a house of God. While you are here, I want to invite you to look around.

When I was studying the world's religions—of course you can never finish being a student in the great faith traditions—but when I had the opportunity to give more focused attention to the world's religions, I found it was very common for people to say that the center of the world's religious traditions are qualities such as love and compassion, ethics and morality. We can see that there is consistency among all the faiths in those great virtues of compassion, love, benevolence, patience, kindness, tolerance, and so forth.

But this week, we're celebrating the birth of Father and Mother Moon. They were actually born on the same day—twenty-three years apart but still on the same day. We of the Unification tradition see them as not only a regular man and woman. We see them as the returning Christ; Christ who has returned. This is very important for us. They reveal for us a truth, a teaching, that is at the very core of every single activity they've ever initiated; whether it be service work in different countries, the promotion of family values across the world, the strengthening of politics to facilitate a return to core principles or interfaith harmony, it comes from the revelations that True Father has received in his direct encounters with God and Jesus Christ. True Parents' teachings arise from this background.

I would like to share with you today that the very core of these teachings is that there is a God and that He is discernible—we can know Him. I would like to share a presentation with you today. I've given this presentation in the church, and I've given it in person to Father Moon—twice. He asked me to share it with you.

When we look at the core of religion, it is Father Moon's great insight that, across the religious cultures and traditions, we have the same values and virtues; and that we aspire to compassion, morality, and so forth. Yet at the very core, what religion truly seeks is a relationship. When you look at the Latin etymology of the word "religion," it is *religio* and that means "to reconnect." To reconnect a relationship, a relationship first and foremost to our Creator, God—it is to Heaven, it is to earth; it is to mankind.

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On March 5, True Parents were in Las Vegas to celebrate the distribution of 50,000 copies of the autobiography in that city; the goal is now 100,000; *Left:* In-jin nim welcomes everyone to the event; *Right:* Father and Mother were happy with how it went

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Cover Photo: True Parents in Monument Valley, in the southwestern United States. **Back Cover:** In the evening of the March 5 event in Las Vegas (see photos above), In-jin nim's daughter Ariana leads dancers during the victory celebration.

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The Fruits of Re-Creation

We are happy to present these excerpts from what Father said on True God's Day, 1.1 by the heavenly calendar (February 3).

We have made a declaration based on the core of the textbooks and teaching materials, which teach the right way for humankind—for all heaven and earth—to go. You should never forget that the textbooks and teaching materials will enable you and your ancestors in the present world and in the world to come to live according to the ideology of your clan that is centered on the bloodline of God in substantial form. On this occasion of renewing our determination, I ask you to listen thoughtfully and quietly....

Heavenly history was cut off at the very beginning and everything fell apart. However, now is the time for us to overcome that and move forward. You should never forget that my prayers are the pillar, the rod, and the artery of life and that it is your God-given responsibility to hold on to my prayers and to follow them. I ask you to uphold them every moment of your life.

Now, then, the path that is to be followed will appear, so look for it as you pray. In my prayer, I asked God for the most direct route that we can take. My prayer is True Parents' declarative prayer, telling you that you must lead your lives in accordance with the path you have been shown. Only when you follow that declaration and bear fruit based on it will the objectives True Parents are seeking no longer be obstructed. The achievement of those objectives would not be hindered by either God or by Satan, and we would be able to march forward in this steady and protected state of liberation. I therefore ask you to accept this with gratitude.

What True Parents pray for and wish to see fulfilled will not collapse, for it is bound to be attained one way or another. Because our Heavenly Parent is watching over us from His liberated position, and because there is no one who can vanquish Him ever again, inevitably, what True Parents desire will be fulfilled. You should bear this in mind. I hope that none of you become so pitiful as to hesitate on the way of God's will.

These are the teachings that were declared as the fruit of Father's entire life, whose purpose has been to complete the victorious glory of the world before the Fall by working with the God of Night and God of Day and Jesus' family, which had no father or mother, so that the True Parents could bring together everything that has been opposed by the lineage of the satanic world. That is the significance of the title, Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Words of God in Substantial Form and the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.¹

¹ Our translation of the title is unofficial

That work was meant to be finished by the twelfth month of the tenth year of Cheon Il Guk. The coming year, the eleventh year of Cheon Il Guk, the second year [of *Cheon-gi*, the "heavenly foundation"], is the year of a new heaven and a new earth. Before Adam and Eve fell, God's mind and body were united. He summoned Adam and Eve and the Archangel Lucifer and said to them, "but of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die!" They did not obey God's instruction, however, and instead fell; thus the second Adam, Jesus, came to earth wanting to be welcomed by his people and to become one with them on the tribal level....

You should achieve everything True Parents talk about in these hoondokhae sessions. When the Abel UN makes its appearance, holding high the banner of victory, what will the God of Night, the God of Day, Jesus, who was supposed to become the ancestor of a new clan, and the returning Lord, who has come as the third Adam, do in regard to those things that were lost by the first, second and third Israels?

Before the Fall, God told Adam, Eve and Lucifer that they would surely die if they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Yet they ate the fruit, so everyone is caught in that and must die. We must liberate them from that death, because only then can they rise beyond that....

By liberating God and all Adam and Eve's descendants in the liberated spiritual and physical worlds in the name of True Parents, thereby rising beyond the point in the Garden of Eden where the Fall had not yet occurred, we have grabbed hold of the lifeline of True Parents' blessings and grace. I have taught you all these things through what I have said, and yet there is not one person who understands this.

The time has come when we can go back and forth as we please, stepping over everything that is stuck at that level. We can travel in whichever direction we choose (be it east, west, south or north) and go wherever we choose to go centering on the east, the direction from which the sun rises and hold celebrations and hoondokhae sessions. I have taught you all these things.

With marriage, too, you can no longer marry simply by your own whim. Neither can your parents marry you off just as they please.... For True Parents, too, the time has now passed when they could marry you off.

When I matched people recently, everyone said they would have faith in whatever I decided. Yet, I did not lift a hand. I told them to match themselves without my interference. I did this because of Heavenly Law, which has become visible as the emblematic substantiation of the traditional model of the Heavenly Way. When people marry based on this law, neither Heaven nor earth can interfere in the critical matters of your children's lives. You cannot act based on relationships you have established in the satanic world. You will dominate everything with these heavenly principles, and in time all illnesses will be eradicated. Illnesses result if things are done wrongly. There will no longer be people with mental or physical disabilities.

All this may sound like a dream, but it is reality and not merely a dream. Before I pass into the spirit world, every person born into this world should learn about these things and should thoroughly understand them, because I have given you all the details in the content you read during hoondokhae. Those who have not taken part in hoondokhae

will not know about this, and they will fall into hell.

There is no firm ground in hell, so the pipe you are in will have no end. Because there is nothing to stop you, you will keep falling forevermore until you disappear. A fearsome world is coming. Presidents, great kings and important figures of influence in the world will discover that they are in a bottomless pit.

That is why everything false parents have taught has an unclear ending, for everything is lost in the end. What I teach, on the other hand, may sound too far-fetched to be believed, but I have come in the capacity of the True Parent. Therefore, though the false parents and their descendants may claim what I say is false, because I am speaking as the True Parent, everything will be turned around in the Last Days, and in the end everything will happen as I have said it will.

All the false parents have perpetrated will thus be erased, and the fruits of re-creation will be reaped in the eight stages of the individual, family, tribe, people, nation, and so on, on the basis of True Parents' teachings....

We will advance into the era where I can interact with things, and embrace and assimilate everything, make everything, and command everything.

Why do you come here every year? If you came here with the foolish notion of getting things for free—don't. From now on, you should wear strong armor and take up weapons, becoming proud warriors for God.

I make declarations in the position of a high prince, deciding between victory and defeat and continuing through the generations by connecting everything in history and all that was achieved in heaven and on earth with my life as the representative.

The unity of the spirit and body of God, who is the owner representing Jesus' family (as father and mother), from whom comes the fundamental ideal by which I am yet to establish His nation, and who is the origin of the blueprint for the spirit world... You should know that I have opened the secret pages of this blueprint for the spirit world and have made this declaration based on it. This is included in what I'm saying now on this True God's Day and the anniversary of the Coronation Ceremony.

I am not dead, and I'm not a mere symbolic statue. As a living person, I will hold high the banner of the victorious and supreme prince over everything in the world and go my way. You should know that this very moment is one in which we can usher in the day of the beginning of a new era.

Look closely. I am no different from you. I look the same as any of you, so what sets me apart? The incorporeal God of Night, and the God of Day, the Father who is the owner of the heavenly world and who sent Jesus to earth... True Parents came to earth but cannot stand in the position of the complete owner and could not liberate the God of Night or the God of Day. Why? It was because they could not remove the mark of fallen parents.

Now, however, that mark has been removed, and so the God of Night and the God of Day could be liberated. This is the fundamental core of peace.

People whose minds and bodies are not united cannot go to the kingdom of heaven. Everything exists in pairs, the eyes, the nostrils, the lips and the ears. Therefore, a person cannot enter the kingdom of heaven alone. Pairs do not disappear. They interchange with each other. The seasons, spring and autumn, winter and summer, interchange and as they do, the universe also goes round. **STW**



Registering in the Book of Life

Excerpts from Father's speech on the Day of Victory of Love (1.2; February 4)

You do not know about the prayers Father offered during the time the headquarters church was built in Yongsan.¹ On this day a new sovereignty was established in the spirit world and the physical world. The separation of the era before the coming of heaven and the era after the coming of heaven began from one day.² There was evening and there was morning, reflecting the three stages of growth.

In the past, the solar calendar and the lunar calendar could not come to a meeting point because there was a historical distance between them. What does it mean to say that this day divided the two realms in this world where there was no object partner to relate with? The surprising fact that we are celebrating this memorial day by the heavenly calendar and no longer use the solar calendar is a miracle of miracles.

Certain representative things in history have revealed to us the way in which we have been able to serve the living God.³ In the era when the fulfillment of sovereignty can begin anew with the Unification Church headquarters and in front of Heaven, the content of the prayers Father offers should not die out. That content should remain with us for all time, dominating the environment. As the sun rises and sets, night changes into day, a year passes, then ten years and a thousand years pass as it rotates on the same axis. It rotates and rotates, maintaining spherical motion, as night comes again and then day. We must similarly maintain our position. We are paving a path in a world where there has not been a path for us to follow, overcoming all the situations in the environment.

In the era before the coming of heaven, and the era after the coming of heaven of today, those in the spirit world can come down to earth. Now those who had been turned upside down and were asleep can wake up and live together with God—from whom they had been separated—365 days of the year and in all seasons. And the day on which we can cheer *Eog mansei*, the day that is the point in time when we must come to a settlement in unity in time and space is this very day, this very hour.

All these things should be taught from the Principle of Creation, but no one knows it. I know the Principle of Creation, but the world, the nations, and the religions do not know about it. No religion has ever been aware of it. Not even Israel knows about the Principle of Creation. Cain and Abel do

1 A reference to Cheon Bok Gung, located in the Yongsan Borough of Seoul

2 May 5, 2004 was the day Father declared was the dividing point between these eras

3 An example might be a historic cathedral or mosque



not know about it, either. God exists as the God of Night and the God of Day, and the path that leads to the perfected position of the God of Night and the God of Day still remains untrod. Yes, they have been divided, the God of Night and the God of Day.

Men who do not know about women will disappear. Women who do not know about men will also disappear. When they are together, they can learn to do this, learn to do that, and know all kinds of things, creating harmony in all directions.

When I was born my grandfather and great uncles said that a heavenly prodigy had been born to our family. Not only my grandfather, but my great uncles also said this. Why did they think I was a genius? Before they asked me something, I said to them, "Grandfather, the last time you wanted to ask me something, you wanted to ask me about such and such a thing, didn't you?"

"What? How did you know that?"

Before they asked me, I said to them, "Why did you want to know about that? If you had asked me, I would've told you the answer."

Then what do you think my grandfather must have felt like? His grandson was standing above him and saying that he was going to surpass his mother and father. They would ask me, "Who are you?" What they wanted to know was, "Where did you come from?"

My grandfather and great uncles then said, "A genius from Heaven has been born in our family"....

[Father asked Dr. Sun-jo Hwang to report. According to his report, Father has explained that with Korea emerging as God's homeland, all blessed couples should register. Father suddenly began speaking again:]

"Registration!" Say it. [Registration!]⁴

What would it be the opposite way round? It would be "the enemy enters."⁵ Isn't that saying thieves would enter? Do you think that's wrong? When you interpret it, to register means bad thieves are coming in. Jeong-ro Yoon! [Yes.] Is this the first time you've heard that? [Yes.]... You have heard about registration, but you did not know that thieves could enter. All kinds of thieves can come in....

Now everything has been finished. I am saying that everything is over and done with. Father's teaching has all been given. What more is there to do? Of the words I have given in my life of ninety years, when everything is turned upside down and you have registered, everything is accomplished. Everything is done now. Isn't that so? [Yes.] And with registration, everything has been turned upside down. What will you bring with you when you register? Everything you have will be turned upside down, and so you will register just as you are and become the citizens of heaven, and the kingdom of heaven will surely belong to you then!...

Even if you have killed ten million people, your record will be cleared when you register. God will forget what you have done. There will be nothing for Him to do. When He rejoices at the sight of it, the kingdom of heaven will automatically be

4 The Korean word *ibjeok* usually means to register in the family register; for example, when a woman marries, her name is entered in the family register of her husband's family. *ib* means enter, and *jeok* means book. True Father seems to be using the word to indicate a strong connection with the True Family in an internal sense.

5 Father is making a play on words: Whereas in *ibjeok* (registration), *jeok* means book, the word *jeok*, spelled the same in hangul, but with different Chinese characters, can also mean "thief" or "enemy." If the two syllables *ib* and *jeok* are reversed and written *jeok ib*, it could read "thief enters."

established. What about you, Hoon-mo nim...? You need to register!

You want Rev. Moon to listen to you and to follow you. People who want such things are thieves. I should catch you and chastise you! You need to follow Rev. Moon's words. Until now people have all acted like thieves. Haven't they opposed me? Haven't they become my enemies? When they register, however, everything will be resolved. Try saying, "I don't need to listen to these words." If you do so, you will disappear....

You need to teach this to every household in the world. When they have graduated from grade school, middle school, high school and university, then everything will be finished, for everyone will be registered. Not only thieves but also swindlers, murderers, and even those who are destined to die on the scaffold will all be registered. They will have a clean slate. Do you understand? [Yes.] There will be no distinction based on nationality, whether you are Japanese or. You need to register! Americans should register too! Even presidents should register. When everyone has registered, will everything be fulfilled or not? [It will be fulfilled.]

Problems arise because people are not registered. Can they do as they please? They go around telling people to listen to what they say rather than what Mother and Father say, and they tell people to pay money, and then act as they please. Why are they defrauding people? There are so many thieves in this world. On this final day, I have severed all connection with them and now I feel as light as a feather. Don't follow me around. Come only after you have registered! When you do that, I will have no choice but to treat you like a son, a disciple, and a slave. Then you will find a way to live and a path to follow.

To become a wonderful father, one needs to stand in the position of a servant. To become a wonderful mother, one needs not only to be a servant but also be willing to run errands and act like a beggar and do all kinds of things. Even if you don't want to do that, you will still be able to do everything well when you register, so why are you worried? What should you have as your result in order to register? It is the words of the Divine Principle. You need to register based on having absorbed the teachings from hoondokhae. Isn't that so? [Yes.]...

I want you to register, but instead you treat me as if I'm some kind of a thief. Why don't you register? Do it today! You have the textbooks and teaching materials of Rev. Moon, so register with those. Do you understand that or not?

Bo-hi Pak! [Yes.] What will you do? Chang-shik Yang, what... oh it's not necessary to tell you guys. Bong-tae!⁶ [Yes.] Just go ahead and do it. It's okay even if you are a thief. Even if you are a sinner on the verge of dying on the scaffold, if you register before you breathe your last, you will be allowed to live. What more do you want?...

So, whoever you are, you can register! Then everyone will be treated the same, for they will be the same. When I invite you to a feast and you come, I will start handing out rice cakes to those who are late. I know how to do that. I will help not those who are early, but those who are late to change out of their soiled clothes and into new ones and I will have them feast at my table. What more do you want?

Why do you want Father's words, I have given everything to you.... Dae-o Son! [You have given everything.] Behind you... [I am Shin-ho Jeong] Shin-ho Jeong! [Yes; you have given everything.] Everything's been accomplished, hasn't it?

I am telling you all to register! The syllable *jeok* means

6 Bong-tae Kim, president of Sun Moon University

"thief." I too can be registered now. "I have liberated the Parents of Night and Day, our True Parent, so please have me registered! Please register me as Your son and daughter, who can become the owners of your eternal Kingdom of Heaven!" Isn't that what I'm saying?

Since I have registered, I am telling you to register through my textbooks and teaching materials. I too am following them, for that's all that I know how to do. Isn't that so? That's all you need to do. You do it too, Archbishop Milingo—register! Raise your hands if you think you can't register! [We will register.] Now then, everything is done! You can go and live as you like now! I do not steal, and I do not ask for favors.

Wherever I go, I will be in the Kingdom of Heaven. Borders between nations have been broken down. Are they still there or not? [They are gone.] You need to register. I have made the textbooks by which you can register. I too have registered. I forced you to do something you thought you could not do.⁷ I would seem like a bad man for forcing you, but I am a bad man on God's side of goodness. From Satan's point of view I would be a thief. So the two are to register.⁸ Combine the two and then divide them, and if that's not enough, do it with four. Whether it is twelve or a hundred, just divide them. They will say, Let's live together and die together, and if there is no food other than water then that is what we will drink. We won't need anything else. You've all accomplished this, right? [Yes.] Raise your hand if you haven't accomplished it. Live your lives according to the word and hoondokhae! Even when you are eating, you should always be thinking about what you heard in hoondokhae, and you should uphold that and abide by that at all times.

Hyo-yul⁹ [Yes.] What's so complicated? What, are you thinking about your livelihood? It's very simple! Rev. Lee, don't think about other things. Since you've registered, don't worry about anything! There is nothing else to say in conclusion. Even if I departed this world without saying goodbye, would you ask me why I had made that transition? What do you want? I'm telling you to register, so what is it that you want? You've all been permitted to do so. Have you been asked to give up your hands, your nose, your eyes, or cut off your sexual parts, whether male or female? There is no need for that. Every part of you still remains intact. Isn't that true? You haven't given any part of you up....

Did Gwang-yeol Yu¹⁰ register in the Unification Church or not? Jeong-ro Yoon! Did he register or not? [Gwang-yeol Yu did register.]...

From a young age, in fact from the time I was thirteen years old, until now, those traditions and rules have been observed without making any changes. The women of the Unification Church followed what I taught to the letter but did not listen to what their husbands, mothers or fathers said. That's why they were driven out of their own homes. All the sons and daughters were driven out.¹¹

Regarding finding spouses for your sons and daughters, if parents cannot arrange their spouses for them they must find a match themselves. I approve that matching in order for them to marry. When they go against that, it won't work. This tradition does not exist in any country or household; it only exists in the Unification Church. What I am telling you is that I will give you my forgiveness when you're registered....

⁷ Likely a reference to the training in life Father has given members

⁸ Good and bad. This paragraph, taken together with Father's references to enemies or thieves entering their names, indicates that Father wants us to help in the work of saving bad people alongside good.

⁹ Dr. Peter Kim, Father's personal secretary and special assistant

¹⁰ Mr. Yu ascended in 2001.

¹¹ A reference to the early days of Father's mission in Korea

I prepared my last words before Christmas. Isn't that true? I have taught you about the three eras of the Principle of Creation. I have taught you that Korea is the homeland of the chosen people. I have taught you everything....

Those who came from Japan were instructed to register at the time, and they all pledged to do so before they all left. I have now proclaimed publicly that everyone should register. The thieves who register will be made into citizens of the kingdom of God. You should read what is given during hoondokhae to see if I'm right.

It is the textbook of the kingdom of God! It is more than the textbook of Eden, the textbook for the sake of the fallen religious world, or the textbook of human ethics. It is the textbook of the Heavenly Way. There is nothing better than that. You need to abide by it. You need to return to the time before the first sin was committed in the Garden of Eden, and stand in the position of husband and wife who have not partaken of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Yes, King Daddy is the pet name my grandson gave me. He calls me King Daddy and Mother Queen Mommy. What else could it mean but grandfather? Before Adam, there was his grandfather and his father, and they can be said to be the King Daddy, the King Owner, or the King Guide. It all fits well.

My grandchildren compete with one another to be the first one to get up in the morning and greet their King Daddy. "Who woke up first? Wasn't I the first one to get up? I want to bow to King Daddy first! You should do it after me!" It has almost become a tradition to do so....

I too have lived like that. Everyone who follows the textbooks and teaching materials will be registered, regardless of who they are. All national borders will be broken down. Is that true or not? [It is true.] National boundaries will be abolished.

If you are a condemned man, sitting before a judge, a prosecutor and a lawyer and awaiting your death, even if it is three seconds before you are scheduled to die, when you accept the announcement that you should register you will be cleared of all charges. When you say you are registered, all those gathered there will have to bow down before you. Things can change so rapidly in that nation of hope. Yes, it all has to do with registration.

Registration [*ibjeok*] means the thief can come in. Do you see? That's registration. Because that one word has solved everything, there is no one who doesn't know about registration, is there? [No.]...

Now then, I can do whatever I want, whether it is to go and kiss Mother, or to dance with her, or to create a ruckus. No matter how noisy we are, don't even think about coming to watch us. Now that you are registered, all you need to do is live like that with your own wives. You are free to do as you wish and register yourselves as you wish, as long as you follow the words of the textbooks and teaching materials.

[Shin-joon nim comes in and speaks to True Father: Please have lunch!] All right. We must be on our way now. [MC: We will conclude with three cheers of *Eog Mansei*. Rev. Jeong-ok Yu will lead them.] We should shout out cheers of *Registration Mansei*, not *Eog-mansei*! As of this hour, everything for which we have shouted *Eog mansei* has been completed.

[MC: Today the words True Parents' have given...] Oh that's enough! No one else needs to say anything. We are going to leave now. No need even to offer a greeting! Please greet each other, acknowledge each other, and live your lives!

[Three cheers of *Eog Mansei*] [Applause] **STW**

52nd True Parents' Day Celebration



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department

On April 3, members from as far away as Africa and Europe joined the True Family and many Korean and Japanese members in celebration of this major church holy day at Cheon Jeong Peace Palace.

True Parents' New Grandchild

On April 5, Kook-jin nim's wife Ji-yea nim gave birth to a boy, who enters the world to join his two brothers and three sisters. True Parents, who visited the hospital two days later, named their newest grandson Shin-pyun, which means "on God's side."



문신편

Fast-paced Development

This installment, the thirtieth in our series, touches on aspects of True Parents' life and work in 1962 and 1963. Drawn from the Sermons of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the book series True Parents' Life Course (참부모님 생애 노정), these extracts of Father's speeches permit a glimpse of the path along which he was guiding our fledgling movement.

Seonghwa students meeting, October 7-9, 1962

This song is called "Unified Soldiers." Who should sing first, you or I? [Teacher, please sing first.] Fine, I'll sing it through once, but you have to learn the principle of give and take. Should you give or receive? [Give.] What should you do if someone gives to you first? You must give back. If I sing an energetic song for you, you must sing an energetic song for me. If you fail to do that, you have to give back to three million people instead.

I'll sing the first verse. If you want to hear me sing, raise your hands. Okay. Listen carefully as I read the first verse of "Unified Soldiers."¹ [Father reads] "Strong bond of heart is the force, bringing the world into life. Joined in a kinship of love, all shall live as two." [No, wrong!] [Laughter] What? [It's "...all shall live as one."] Really? [Yes.] But the world is in two. [No!] That is why we need the strong bond of heart. Only with the strong bond of heart can the world live as one, giving and receiving in the eternal original homeland. [Our original homeland.] Our original homeland. Shall we prosper in the world of misery forever? No, we shall prosper in the world of happiness. Do you understand? [Yes.] You should be thinking about my ability to memorize lyrics! Okay, let me sing again.

You have too many thoughts. It's been a while and some of you may not have had a chance to eat. Some of you are thinking, "The church president spoke, and now Teacher is speaking. I hope it ends soon." [Laughter] You have to be obedient. ...

Clearly, I have a responsibility to fulfill. When I'm trying to feed you, you should have your mouth open. I don't want the food to get on your lips accidentally while I'm feeding you. Open your mouth wide. How wonderful would it be to have someone feed you gently so that nothing gets on your lips but everything goes in your mouth? That is what a speaker wants to do with his audience. That is why you have to be patient. Do you understand? If you have little or no experience in leading people, you won't be able to do it. This is how I do things, because I know that this is the most effective way for a group of people like you. What's more, I like you....

This is the first time that so many young people from all over Korea have come together. It is the first time for me. I am very happy to meet you all like this....

1 The actual title would translate as "Heavenly Soldiers"

October 30, 1962, Father and Mother pray at a ceremony where four people received awards as "representative heavenly children" for their attitude through suffering; the prizes given were signed copies of the *Explanation of Divine Principle* (published 1957, visible on the table). Based on this ceremony, My Pledge, which was superseded in 1994 by the Family Pledge, was proclaimed and disseminated to members.



Photos courtesy of the Korean History Committee



Above: True Father with Hyo-jin nim during his first birthday celebration
Left: True Father speaking at the dedication ceremony for the newly constructed fishing boat, the *Cheon Seung Ho*, our church's first foray into the oceanic providence, on June 26, 1963

You have to think that the world is yours and put that into practice. Therefore, you are hopeful beings, beacons of hope. You are holy princes and princesses who will inherit the cosmos. Why do you worry about what you are going to eat? You shouldn't do that. You have to recover your original human nature and discover your original nature, make a connection to all the laws of the cosmos and connect the present to the future.

A critical seven months

We are living in the wilderness era. We are living through the forty years in the wilderness for the restoration of the worldwide Canaan. The Unification Church is in the wilderness stage. If you go to the countryside now and rent a room, you can openly hang up a sign and hold services there. However, in the beginning people chased us. People poured excrement on us. This was inevitable because we hadn't fulfilled our responsibility to our people.

We have to pray all night and serve others. Some of you are working, selling your blood, but in reality, you have to sell not just your blood but your whole self to become a loyal patriot of heaven. It is time to start working for the world. The seven months from the tenth lunar month this year to the fourth lunar month next year² is critical. During these seven months, you have to receive an inheritance from Jesus. So, you have to witness to more than three people. This time will only come once....

From now, if you ask anybody, he will probably say that the Unification Church is in a period of great fortune. Also, spiritually open people will say that the end is near. All Unification Church members have to settle their differences before that fourth lunar month. The reason you have to pray for a blessing on your enemies lies in this. This time is a chance for those who have left to return. By doing this we can set the condition to tell the satanic world to open the door. Because this time has come, I cannot hate my enemies.

² October 28, 1962–May 22, 1963

[Spoken some years later:] During the Kennedy administration, the Cuban missile crisis³ occurred in the Caribbean. In October, there was a great crisis. The big question was, Should the U.S. Navy stop the Russian transport ships carrying nuclear missiles or not? At that time, I prayed intensely for Kennedy to stop the Soviet ships by force if necessary. If he hadn't done that at that time, the situation would have become even more complicated. Drive a wedge between China and Khrushchev. I had already started praying about this problem in 1960....

Hyo-jin nim's dedication ceremony, January 1, 1963

A mother shares her rice soup with her baby. Babies are raised on their mother's rice soup. Do you remember when you were eating rice soup at the time of Ye-jin's birth? Do you remember how you ate rice soup when Hyo-jin was born? This is the history of restoration through indemnity. At this point, you do not know much about the meaning of this ceremony. However, such a tradition has to be taught and eventually propagated to the world. In order to indemnify what is fallen, we have to begin from a mother's womb. However, there hasn't been a perfected mother until now.... True Mother gave birth to Ye-jin and Hyo-jin having reached the level of perfection and having indemnified the lineage and everything across the board. You could be reborn because of the three-year condition of unity....

Today, through these three stages, the condition you are establishing is analogous to a baby living and being nourished inside a womb. For three years, True Mother ate the same food as you, and she made similar conditions while you were witnessing and engaging in other activities. Ye-jin and Hyo-jin were born when their mother was eating barley rice.⁴ In other

³ August–November 1962, confrontation over Soviet missiles based on the island of Cuba, 144 km from Florida; Kennedy did order a blockade preventing Soviet ships from delivering additional ballistic nuclear missiles to Cuba rather than invade Cuba as some had advised him. The U.S. learned in 1992 that had they invaded Cuba, Soviet personnel on the island had permission to launch nine tactical nuclear weapons (unknown to the U.S.) without seeking permission from Moscow.

⁴ Rice mixed with barley; this is considered inferior to rice alone.



words, Mother's life was the same as yours in terms of heart.

Registration as a social organization, May 31, 1963

The providence of restoration is the fight between Cain and Abel. When we tried to register with the government, specifically, the Education Ministry, Mr. Moon, then the Education Minister, rejected our application. We had to fight against it. It was reversed a week later. That one week corresponds to seventy, seven hundred or seven thousand years. We were finally able to register on May 31, 1963....

I mobilized more than 5,500 of you and sent you to the countryside to educate people. It was very good that you received several hundred letters of commendation from governors, mayors and other town leaders in the provinces. Since you suffered such difficult ordeals and battles, we have entered the stage where the people in the provinces can stand by us.

Launching the Cheon Seung Ho and Fishing, June 26, 1963

The next time the fishing boat goes out, I'm going on it and will become a fisherman. I coached the captain when I went out this time. Our boat is the fastest one on the west coast. They'll catch many fish if they follow my strategy. If you put in a lot of effort and build a good strategy, you'll catch more fish within the same amount of time. We have to become the best in fishing, too.

Blessing Ceremony at Seoul Citizens' Hall, July 24, 1963

One hundred and twenty, which is ten times the number of Jesus' disciples, is the number that can represent the world. By setting up these a hundred and twenty couples, we're now setting up the standard for God to come to the world. So there's going to be a new period on this earth when the countries of the UN number 124.

Which group first demonstrated our wedding ceremony to outside people? [124 couples] 124 couples it was. That's because it represents the world. We had the ceremonies for the thirty-six and seventy-two couples inside our church. This was the same as making the foundation to form one people by centering

upon Judaism. It was securing the internal foundation.

When I gave blessing to one hundred and twenty couples at the citizens' hall, I didn't send an official document to the parents saying that I would be giving their sons and daughters the blessing. But not a single person protested that I blessed their children without asking them. Who can possibly do such a thing? Only the Unification church can do that.

The wedding this time was splendid. People were amazed when the hundred and fifty taxis started moving. They asked where they all had come from. All of Seoul was stirred up and the whole country was shaking. Isn't this a tempting way to get married for any man or a woman? Let's see if the world follows us or not.

The Day of All Things offering ceremony, July 26, 1963⁵

Prayer:

... We set up the first day of the third month as Parents' day, the first day of the tenth month as Children's day and now we have set up the first day of the fifth month as the Day of All Things for you, Father. We'd like to dedicate to you this donation that's been collected with such hard work by devoted members, in order to commemorate the day of the restoration of all things. We built the ship Cheon Seung Ho with this donation and we know that all the other factories and everything else you'll accept as possessions of the Kingdom of Heaven with pleasure, so Father please accept all these as yours.

Father, many church members visited holy places and appealed to you with tears so please command all things in the land of Eden, in the Korean peninsula, as Yours and take it as the foundation of victory to command the whole world. Father, I wish this with all my heart.

I administered the church headquarters until 1963, and then I put President Eu in charge of it. I've been making the foundation to solve economic problems. There has been a lot of gossip until now. What kind of a religious group is this—making

⁵ The first Day of All Things had been celebrated five weeks earlier



Left: Father and Mother bless the 72-couple blessing group on June 4, 1962; Right: The 124-couple Blessing Ceremony, held on July 24, 1963, concluded with a parade of cars through the city of Seoul.



Left: Members on a 400 km march, down the peninsula and back, as part of their witnessing efforts during a special forty-day witnessing drive (1963); Right: True Father fishing with members on the tidal mudflats near Incheon (30 km from Seoul)

air rifles and killing animals? What about killing animals? Do animals like dogs, pigs, cows and sheep matter to a man who's even ready to place his own children on the sacrificial altar? It was necessary to do these things in order to pioneer Korea's path.

Little Angels, July 27, 1963

As you all know, we gave poor people all the money we had saved by eating less expensive rice. Also, even while I was hearing all sorts of news, including that some witnessing members were jailed for having gone to their witnessing area by taxi without having money for the fare, I still loved my country. Not only that, I even fell into debt to form a children's dance group. I did that to introduce the dignity of Korea's ancient culture to America, a modern, civilized twentieth century country.

When I started the Little Angels, people said that women had been dancing naked in the Unification Church and now their children are dancing too. By dancing day and night, they

gave birth to dancing children. I heard such bad comments. But, you know, the Little Angels dance in clothes. They became famous worldwide although they don't even show their feet. They're being borne aloft by the wind. The Little Angels are receiving a warm welcome worldwide because they are doing something God likes. Because they are dancing in a way that God feels affinity for, if you just look at them, even if you try to dislike them, your mind just feels good anyway and you think, "Oh isn't that nice."

Foundation to Support HSA-UWC approved, October 4, 1963

The approval of the Foundation came eight years after my release from prison.⁶ However, I didn't feel pleased because the second round of fighting is still ahead. Within four years, we have to mobilize this nation to sacrifice for and serve the world. We must restore the world through our tears and blood. Korea is not the main problem. **TW**

⁶ Seodaemun Prison, July 4–October 4, 1955

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My Origins, My Course

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True Mother's testimony at hoondokhae on March 4, in Cheon Hwa Gung, Las Vegas

The kingdom of heaven on earth, idealized by God, was lost through the Fall, and the providence of restoration began. Over the ensuing four thousand years, God prepared the people of Israel and brought Jesus to them. He was unable to form a true family, however, and the people and the nation that should have protected him could not do so. Thus, Jesus had no alternative but to die on the cross. This is God's sad history. Jesus ascended to heaven, promising, "I will come again." Since then, two thousand years of Christian history came to be centered on Korea through the miracle of the Second Coming, and history, which God had governed since long ago, came to Korea in the form of a new Christian culture, under God's direct dominion, following Korea's liberation.¹ This culture blossomed in all its splendor, especially in North Korea, where God looked for the internal Adam and Eve. He first established Adam, and then through Christianity He tried to find the internal Eve.

In particular, God established the New Jesus Church. Until then, all Christian cultural realms had known about the Second Coming, but they all believed that the Lord would come on the clouds. At the time, however, God was working in Korea to prepare for the Lord, who was destined to come to earth in a physical body. Meanwhile, internally, the work of finding the Eve was unfolding as a part of Heaven's truly remarkable providence of restoration through Seong-do Kim and his people and through Ho-bin Heo's Inside-the-Belly Church.

I was born at 4:30 am on the sixth day of the first lunar calendar month in 1943. My father and mother were brought together under Rev. Ho-Bin Lee, who was newly appointed to lead the church. At the time, my parents were deemed a good man and a good woman, and it was said that a great blessing

1 Mother is referring to 1945, when Japan was forced to return national sovereignty to the Korean people.

from God would be given through them.

During that time, my maternal grandmother, Grandmother Cho, and my mother, Mrs. Hong, concerned themselves only with preparing themselves to receive the coming Lord. Whenever an opportunity to prepare seemed to present itself to them, they went out of their way to find it, and they offered devotions and did their very best. This is perhaps why a new and lively revival movement emerged in Pyongyang at the time. My grandmother and mother thought, believed, that God's will and the providence would all be fulfilled centering on Pyongyang.

I had an uncle on my mother's side that had studied pharmacology at Waseda University. After Korea's liberation, he did not return to Pyongyang but instead went to South Korea where he joined the army. My grandmother had only one son, and when she heard this news about him, she wanted to find out why he had settled in South Korea. Thus, Grandmother Cho, my mother and I went to South Korea. My grandfather remained in North Korea. He also firmly believed that Eden would be established in Pyongyang and he said he would remain there. So we left him there and went to South Korea.

Around that time, I was six years old, and I remember one incident. Ho-bin Heo had been sent to prison around that time. You may have heard about her in Father's speeches; she refused to see Father in prison and told him to leave. At the time, Ho-bin Heo was in prison, and her mother offered jeongseong and received revelations instead of her. One day, she called me and took me to a special place. I vaguely remember that it was on the second floor and not the first floor. She took me there alone, and with her hand on my head, she pronounced a benediction. I can't remember clearly what the benediction was about; all I remember is that she said I was a special child and a child loved by God. Soon after, I went to South Korea with my mother, and two years

later, the Korean War broke out.

I can't express in words everything I have passed through until now, but I can feel that I was raised, nurtured and guided by a great power that is not a part of me.

In 1943, Korea was immersed in darkness. I recall now that my mother remembered seeing a vision in a dream, then, of all kinds of metalware coming across the sea, across the Korea Strait, through the courtyard of the house, and into the room where I was born. Isn't that strange? All those things poured endlessly into the room where I was lying.

All kinds of metalware had been gathered up and taken from Korea when Japan was supporting the war—sometimes even brass sacrificial vessels were also taken.

I think God was giving her a revelation, that although I didn't know it, I was destined to meet Father, and that, with us standing in the position of True Parents, everything would flow into Korea through Japan, which has the mission of the Eve nation.

There are many anecdotes, but the story I remember most is about material blessing and that Satan came and said, "Your birth has brought about my downfall. Therefore, I must kill you." He strangled me, but my mother, who had just given birth, used all her strength to stop him and saved me.

At the time of the Korean War, many Koreans suffered a lot, but thanks to my uncle, I had relatively less trouble fleeing from the war. We stayed for quite a while in Daegu, and at the time, my grandmother and mother opened a small store. I was less than ten years old at the time, and I had been playing in front of the store when a passing ascetic or perhaps a Buddhist priest asked my mother if I were her daughter. She answered yes, and he told her not to exchange me for ten sons and to raise me well because I was precious. He also told her that I was destined to marry at the age of seventeen, even though I was then less than ten years old and it was a time of war and everyone was suffering. He added that my husband would be much older than I. I don't know if he said this because it was wartime, but in any case he also said that my husband would be a man of considerable means who would dominate the land, sea and air.

Many more examples tell of how I was protected and how people testified about me wherever I went. I can't relate them all; what I want to impress upon you is that, without my knowing about it, I was guided by God to be where I am now. I have always done my best, though from God's viewpoint and True Father's, I must have been inadequate in many ways.

Recently, I heard that at a gathering of some of the thirty-six blessed couples someone asked what the Unification Church would have been like if Father had not married me. The wives all said that God had truly done well to bring me to him, and that they should express their thanks to me. When I heard this, I felt as if they knew that I had tried hard.

At first, I didn't understand anything, and I had forgotten what the passing monk had said, he who had foretold that I would marry at seventeen. However, it actually happened that I indeed married when I was seventeen. When that hap-

pened, I observed that the providence of restoration and biblical history are very complicated. So, I resolved to do the best I could, no matter how difficult it might be, to achieve what God desired, the ideal He envisaged at the Creation, and to simplify all complicated matters and arrive at simple solutions.

Heaven blessed us with many children, and I did my best in giving birth to them all. From 1960 to 1975, especially in 1973, when Father began his work in America, we had many difficulties. Communists followed Father wherever he went and interfered with his work, and there were many threats and dangers along the way. My nerves were on edge all the time. I had to move constantly in cars, so over a five-year period I had many miscarriages.

In 1975, Kwon-jin was born, and after that I gave birth to five more children. The truth is that it was very difficult for me. The doctor told me, "You should stay healthy for the children you have now. Why aren't you concerned about yourself?" From my point of view, however, I couldn't say I wanted to stop.

I prayed to God, asking Him how many children He wanted me to have. I also asked a senior lady member, who was spiritually open, to offer special prayers to find out what I was supposed to do. She went up into the mountains for three days to pray especially for me. She returned and told me, "Mother! God says you should have thirteen children."

Then I had Young-jin; I tried to give birth by natural delivery, but the baby's head was large and it seemed I might die during childbirth. Father was in Germany, and the doctor said that both mother and baby would be in danger if a decision was not made in thirty minutes. I had no choice but to have a caesarean section, and so Young-jin was born. Once you have a caesarean section, you can't give birth by natural delivery again, because the part that is cut open loses elasticity. Therefore, I had to offer a special prayer to find out what God wanted me to do. Heaven confirmed that God was waiting for me to give Him thirteen children.

After that, I had Hyung-jin, who was the youngest son, and two daughters after him. What's interesting to note is that in the 1960s Yoon Cheong Jeong Shim² was very supportive of us, and she also came to church diligently and offered prayers. One day I asked her, "How many children should I have?" She didn't give me an answer about that, but she said that my last two children would be girls. To be frank, I thought that if I was going to bear more children that I would prefer to have sons rather than daughters, but she said my last two would be girls. When that came about, I remembered her words.

Hyung-jin is my seventh son, and including the last two daughters, I also have seven daughters. So I have given birth to fourteen children, an equal number of boys and girls.

[Father:] Mother, you have spoken well. Thank you. JW

² Yoon Cheong Jeong Shim was a Buddhist nun with clear spiritual senses, who testified to True Parents.



Mother spoke to members about her life's course, something she does only infrequently.

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It's only in relationships that the virtue of love can exist. It's only in relationships that the virtues of peace, tolerance and compassion can exist. Everything is based on relationship. This is Father Moon's great insight even as it relates to the beginning of time, to the creation of time and space—that it is all based on God's desire for relationship.

There was a great mathematician in the thirteenth century. His name was Leonardo Fibonacci. He was the Italian mathematician who introduced Arabic numerals to the Western world. In 1202, he published a sequence that he'd discovered. Known as the Fibonacci sequence, it's a series of numbers—one plus one equals two; two plus one equals three; three plus two equals five; five plus three equals eight—and so on.¹ From this is derived the "golden mean," or the "perfect proportion."² Through this sequence, one can create an incredible shape known as the Fibonacci spiral. The Fibonacci spiral can be found all over the universe. It is created from this sequence of numbers. One of the great truths that Father Moon has taught us is that God relates to us also with numbers.

When you look at nature, throughout the entire galaxy and even at the vegetation around us, the Fibonacci spiral is everywhere, from the spiral galaxies of the cosmos to the swirling of water as it goes down a drain. All these things spin and curve in what is known as the Fibonacci curve. They fit this ratio exactly. You will also see it in the way subatomic particles move in zero gravity.³ You will see it in fossil forms and in the oceans that nourish the earth. You will see it in snail shells and in vegetation—in the number of flower petals and in phyllotaxes,⁴ the number patterns in which branches grow on trees, or in other vegetation.⁵ You will see it in the way grape vines and pumpkin vines curl. You will see it in the spirals of a dandelion and in the numbers of flower petals. Three, five, eight, thirteen, twenty-one.... You will see it in the tusks of mammals, in ancient mammals such as the mammoth and in living mammals such as the rhinoceros and the elephant. You will see it in the horns of every creature that has them—whether it be African sheep or mountain goats. The

1 The sequence of numbers, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13 . . . in which each successive number is equal to the sum of the two preceding numbers.

2 The ratio of any two sequential numbers in this series tends to be around 1.618034 (Phi); as the series progresses the ratios approach this "golden ratio."

3 Significant because it shows that the Fibonacci curve is not the result of gravitational pull.

4 1. The arrangement of leaves on a stem; 2. The principles governing leaf arrangement

5 For example, start from the point where a branch meets the trunk; branches will appear in a spiral pattern moving up the trunk from there until a branch grows vertically above, in line with, your original branch. The number of branches (perhaps 8) and the number of times the trunk has been encircled (perhaps 5) will both be Fibonacci numbers.

horns are shaped according to the Fibonacci spiral. You will see it in the proportions of the beak of an eagle or of a parrot. You will see it in flying creatures like the moth, in the shape of its wings and its antennae. You will see it in the tail of a sea horse and the tail of a chameleon.

The Fibonacci spiral can be seen in snowflakes and on your fingertips. No evolutionary advantage comes from having spiral fingerprints instead of square fingerprints, but we all have them. You will see it in the cochlea of the ear and in twenty-six curves within the human brain. You will see it in the DNA helix; it fits the Fibonacci spiral exactly. You can see it in a baby's umbilical cord and in chlorophyll algae.

Can you see a pattern emerging? There is a creator. The Creator, God, created the universe. He created it with His love, with His desire for relationship and with His mind. We can see this in the natural world.

This proportion is known as the proportion of beauty, or the divine proportion, or the golden mean ratio. If a person's body



Illustrations of the Fibonacci spiral as seen in the natural world; According to astronomer Maria Mitchell, "Every formula which expresses a law of nature is a hymn of praise to God."

has these proportions,⁶ which is 1 to 1.618, every person across the globe who sees that person will say that the person appears to be beautiful because of their pleasing proportions. We know that God is not only a god of intellect or mind, but that he's also a God that seeks beauty; because this proportion is beautiful. It teaches us that there is beauty.

We know that when the universe began, it started from a single point, the first dimension. It moves into the second dimension by extending into the four directions—north, south, east and west, as it were. Then we approach the second dimension of reality. This second dimension of reality is the beginning of time, because we can now plot time, though there is no space yet, because there is no way to gauge relative distance without boundaries; so God in his architecture of the universe must create boundaries, from which He then can gauge relative distance. When you close off these lines,⁷ you have boundaries, and then space emerges. You have a perfect square, which

6 Hyung-jin nim here refers to a graphic that shows various parts of the human body exhibiting this ratio.

7 A diamond is created as sides of the "t" formed by lines in four directions emanating from a central circle are closed off.

when it rotates, creates a perfect circle. Now you may have seen a symbol, with circle, and within it a square, and with lines that go to a central point. It's our symbol, the Unification movement's symbol. This symbol shows the beginning of the architecture of the universe, the beginning of time and space, and of the Creation.

I'm sure that all of you who have been with us over the years have seen it, but when you looked at the symbol you may not have been aware that it has profound significance, that it is connected to what Father has revealed.

In the Bible we read that God created Adam, and from Adam He created Eve. This also is mathematical. Father is an incredible scientist and mathematician; of course, a lover of God, but of God's entirety—His beauty, His intellect, His will, His emotion, His heart.

If you would like to create a feminine form, which usually is described as curved, one first must create masculine lines. You must create Adam before Eve. This is also geometrically true. In order to create a circle from a point, you need a radius. Straight and rigid lines have been described over the centuries as masculine. The curve and the circle have been described as feminine. Within this are the patterns of male and female; they move together in what Father calls give-and-receive action. They set up what has become known as the four-position foundation, upon which families and tribes, and societies and nations and the world and cosmos emerge.

For us, God comes from the center and reveals Himself into the world. The task of humanity is to get back to that center, to the central relationship. This is what the Unification symbol signifies—our desire to return to the center of our entirety, which is God. When we take this to the three-dimensional realm, Father often talks about right-left, left-right, back and forth. When I first heard these things, I thought they came from the Confucian tradition. I did not realize he was speaking to us mathematically. When you extend a line up and down from a perfect square—Father has always been talking about the relationships God has given us—you create an octahedron. When that rotates in all directions, it creates a perfect sphere.

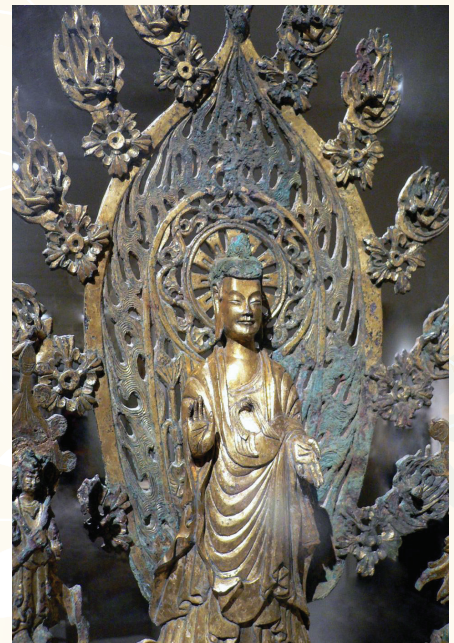
If God wants to create any orb or sphere—anything from your eye, to a planet, to the sun—God first must have preliminary shapes to create the sphere. God must first have more foundational forms to create the sphere. For the golden mean ratio, the one we saw in the Fibonacci sequence, there is an equation. I'm not going to go into it, because it's getting too mathematical, but in order to create the equation, you need a perfect square. But in order to create a perfect square, you first need more foundational forms. Before it can create ovals and other forms we will see, the Fibonacci spiral requires the foundational form of the perfect circle and the perfect square with a common center.

In the great architecture of all the religions and also of the ancient cultures, we find the *vesica piscis*,⁸ a shape created when two circles overlap and their radii are the same. That small American football shape in the middle (the overlap) is

⁸ Latin for "fish bladder," owing to its shape

called the *vesica piscis*. This is how Christ was depicted in early Christian iconography. Jesus was the *vesica piscis*. One circle was God; one circle was man, and Christ comes from the *vesica piscis*. The *vesica piscis* is the womb of creation. From the *vesica piscis*, all shapes such as ovals and circles can be made, though you need the circle to do it. Every type of perfect triangle comes from the *vesica piscis*. Trigonometry, one whole division of mathematics, emerges from *vesica piscis*. Six circles with the same radius around a center creates a star in the center; you can see that everywhere, from the Mediterranean to Egypt, to the ancient world.

In order to create these shapes, and in order for God to create a Fibonacci spiral, he first needs the foundational forms, which are the circle and the square with a common center. As you continue to replicate the shape with the star in the center, every type of architectural shape emerges from tetrahedrons to icosahedrons to dodecahedrons to octahedrons to hexahedrons to megatrons cubed to yin-yang. Every single shape in the uni-



Jesus and the Buddha portrayed within vesica piscis; Christ was often portrayed in this way as the mediator between God and man; Mathematician Rachel Fletcher writes, "The vesica piscis is the intersection of two identical circles, such that the center of one circle lies on the circumference of the other.... One circle may signify the breath of spirit, which is eternal; the other may signify the body physical, which is forever changing and adapting. The vesica piscis itself symbolizes that which mediates spirit and body; or the psyche or soul."

verse comes from that pattern you see.

But from this universe of shapes, the central shapes, the foundational forms are the forms we find in the Principle—the four-position foundation and give-and-receive action, the circle, the square with a common center, which represents God, whose essence is true love. The whole universe emerges from this pattern.

All relationships, even the relationship between your DNA and your father's DNA, emerge from these shapes. When you were conceived, your father's and mother's seed became one. Everyone in this room, at one point, was one cell. By the process of mitosis, cell division, we began to grow. We go from one cell to two cells, two cells to four cells. [Referring to a slide]: This is an actual picture from an electron microscope of you when you were four-cells big. [Laughter] What's very important about those four cells is that they are not just four



cells floating in fluid; those cells are in a pattern—a specific pattern. Three cells are on the bottom and one on top. When you connect the centers of those cells, you get a perfect tetrahedron. When you were four-cells big, geometrically, you were a perfect tetrahedron. When you became eight cells, they multiply with three on the bottom and one on the top. When you connect all eight centers there appears a star tetrahedron, or we could see it as a Star of David. But there is something interesting and little-known about this star tetrahedron. When you rotate this star tetrahedron, at one point, it becomes a perfect square with crosspieces joining in the center. Just like the Unification Church symbol. When you were eight-cells big, you were the unification symbol within a cell, which is the circle! [Applause]

What's amazing about this is that it is all revealed in Father's teachings. He also teaches us that God created man and woman in His own image and that the universe as well was created in the image of man. That's fascinating.

I want you to look at the Vitruvian Man by Leonardo da Vinci. You can see in the famous picture, that da Vinci has already drawn a circle and square around that man. What this represents is averages. When the man stretches his arms out horizontally, the length of his arms and the height of his body is the same. Of course, human beings vary; we are not all perfectly proportioned like that. But on average, if you take a hundred people, you will get that proportion to within 1/1,000th of an inch.

The center of the square in the Vitruvian Man, interestingly, is the reproductive organ. Father Moon's great insight is that all sin, all destructive sin comes from destroying the value of this sacred part. Two men are in this drawing of the Vitruvian Man. The second man has his arms diagonally up and his legs diagonally out. Da Vinci drew a perfect circle around that man. That center is the navel; it's not the reproductive organ. It's interesting that when you bring those two centers together [moving the circle whose center is the navel over the one whose center is the reproductive organ], it shows that when you are an adult you are still in the same circle-square proportion as you were when you had eight cells. Again, it fits the Unification Church symbol.

Father Moon has always taught us that the heart is the center.⁹ Of course, through our children, we have created new lives, new loves and new descendants.

It's fascinating that if you draw a circle within that square that the Vitruvian Man has created¹⁰ and then draw a circle of where the diameter is from his heart to his descendants (his reproductive organ represents his descendants), the ratio of the size of the two circles is 1:3.65.¹¹ That's the exact ratio as that of the diameter of the Moon to that of the Earth. What does that mean, that these ratios are the same? It's an incredible testament to the microcosm and the macrocosm that True Father has taught us regarding our relationship with the created uni-

⁹ Removing the church symbol reveals that the center of the center of the Vitruvian man at back is now in the heart region of the man in front

¹⁰ That is, this circle has the height of the Vitruvian man as its diameter

¹¹ ± 1 percent

verse. Also fascinating is that the distance from the Earth to the Moon to the diameter of the sun is in the same ratio.

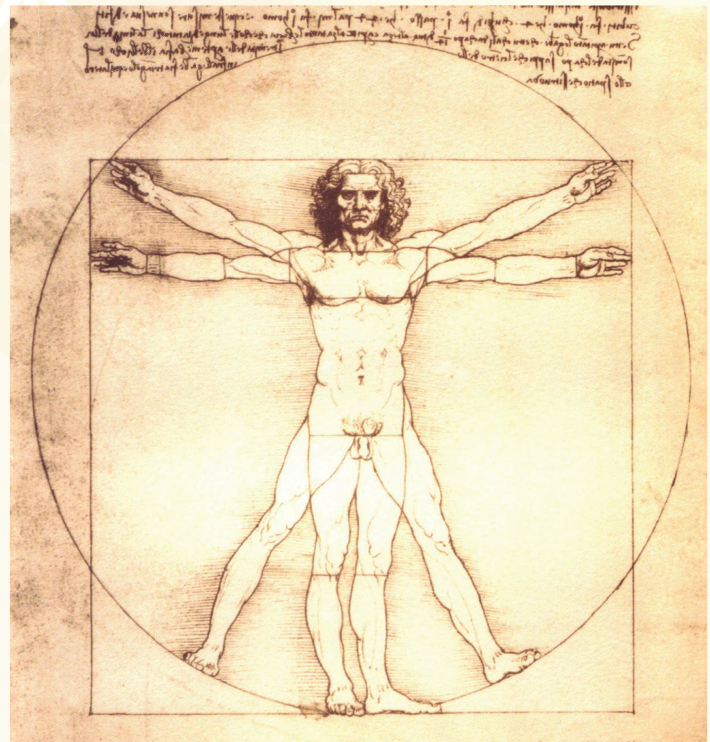
There is a God, my friends. [Applause] The truth that True Father has revealed to us is within the holy scripture we call the Divine Principle. All these things are explained within the Principle, which stems from the teaching that God is our creator, that He desires relationship, that He desires to be with humankind and the created world to be in a give-and-receive relationship. It is based on that understanding that I believe true relationships can emerge. True relationships that are centered on God—on God's essence, which is to sacrifice Himself for the one that He loves. False relationships are the opposite—sacrificing the other for myself. It is the Unificationist perspective that true peace, true love, and true compassion can only exist within a true relationship.

That is why, throughout his entire ministry, Father Moon has stressed the value of human beings' relationship with God, each husband's with his wife, parents' with their children and our families' with the world. From all this we can decipher that God wants to be in relationship with us, that He wants all of us to find relationships with each other. He wants to lead us with truth, with beauty, and with His essence, which is true love.

For me, it is a great privilege to stand among you, to be asked by Father and Mother Moon to address you this day. But I'd like to encourage you to get to know their teachings, to study the Divine Principle, because revealed through them is the pathway to true peace. Through the Principle we can find it; we can find the true path to our true destinies, to true relationships, to true love and true families.

So, brothers and sisters, I would encourage you all to study the teachings of Father Moon, get to know what he teaches, see how he has lived out that teaching in the face of persecution and betrayal and hurt and suffering.

Then, I say, you will see the face of God. Thank you very much. *JW*



Hyung-jin nim made a series of points in his speech related to the Vitruvian Man, a drawing by Leonardo da Vinci, so named because it is based in part on drawings and writings on proportion by Roman architect Vitruvius Pollio.

A Visit that Roused a Neighborhood

Vincent Witinga's account of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's visit to their home in Kenya

I received the news of Rev. Hyung-jin Moon's visit to my house from our national leader Rev. Emmanuel Tanui. I could not imagine our international president visiting my humble residence. My wife Marie was surprised but quickly started preparing. She was pregnant, and the baby was due to be born on the day that Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim would visit our family.

When the international president's entourage neared our house, the entire neighborhood came out to the road to welcome him. They could not believe their eyes. Many people surrounded our compound waiting to have a glimpse of Hyung-jin nim and his entourage. When he entered our house, I felt the True Parents' love and presence. My wife reminded me of a dream I'd had that True Parents visited our house. This dream came true through the younger Rev. Moon.

I felt this visit was not limited to our family but that we represented the central blessed families in Kenya and all of Africa. We are grateful for Hyung-jin nim's encouragement and his advice that the sacrifices we make are not in vain and that we should return glory to God and True Parents. Hyung-jin nim repeatedly said that we are brothers and sisters and True parents are here with us. He also encouraged us to center everything on God and True Parents because they will never forsake us. He spoke also of the power in the words *Cham Bumo nim eog mansei*.

He asked the names of our family members, so I introduced our two sons Bosung and Bogiyoung and our two-year-old daughter Boun, who gave a Kenyan flag to Yeon-ah nim. Yeon-ah nim accepted the flag and held Boun on her lap. Our daughter was so happy that afterward she was asking where "mother" went, referring to Yeon-ah nim.

Despite their holding the position of international president, I was moved by Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's



love and concern for our family to the point that they shed tears in our humble house. They even extended themselves to name our unborn child, giving the name Moon Eun, meaning heavenly grace.

We prepared food and drinks including our local delicacy *ugali*, which Hyung-jin nim ate after we demonstrated how we eat using our hands. He seemed very happy.

Even now, our neighbors are curious to know more about the visitors who came to our house. We found in this an opportunity to witness to our neighborhood.

On March 2, we were blessed with a baby girl, who ascended to the spirit world on delivery. We offer this as a condition in front of Heaven. May God's grace be with us all. **JW**

Vincent Witinga is the national leader of Comoros.



Left: Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim and Africa Regional President Hee-sun Ji, who had come from visiting a Hindu temple (hence, the *tilak* on their foreheads) with the Witinga family; Right: Family visits enable the international president and his wife to connect closely in heart with members.

On the Road for God's Will



Photos courtesy of U.S. church headquarters



Counter-clockwise from just above: (February 8–10 in the U.S.)— at Cheon Hwa Gung (Palace of Heavenly Harmony) in Las Vegas during hoondokhae; Parent-child interaction at a hotel en route to Sedona, Arizona; Hoondokhae at the same hotel; True Parents at Bell Rock in Sedona, where they prayed for Japan; (from March 28)— True Father being welcomed at Blue Sea Garden in Yeosu, Korea; and speaking to members in Yeosu who were attending a forty-day workshop.



Photos courtesy of Korean culture department



Clockwise from just above: American members and guests flocked to Las Vegas where, on March 5, Father addressed an audience of 2,400; Members of the True Family traveling together through mountainous country—left to right, Shin-pyung nim, Hwa-yun nim, Kwon-jin nim, True Parents, Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim, Shin-yul nim and Jin-sung nim; In-jin nim with movie actor Shin Koyamada and his wife at the March 5 event—Lovin' Life Ministries held its 100th service in Las Vegas the following day; Choi Yeon-ah nim signing copies of Hyo-jin nim's CD *Eternal Love* on the third anniversary of his ascension; On March 20, Choi Yeon-ah nim visited the Chiba training center to comfort families displaced by the tsunami; Kook-jin nim with Japanese church leaders and others marks the 70th anniversary of Father's arrival at that port city on April 1, 1941 to begin his studies at Waseda Technical College in Tokyo.





Observations on God's Providence

By Dr. Joon-ho Seuk

Dr. Joon-ho Seuk often spends time with True Parents, including at morning hoondokhae. This affords him a perspective on matters that are urgent and important in True Parents' hearts. We are pleased to bring you these excerpts from a talk Dr. Seuk gave at an assembly of Korean church leaders in Korea on March 9 of this year.

The hoondokhae textbooks and teaching materials are teachings related to God's heavenly way, to true love, and they cover the tradition and culture by which we can establish a global culture based on heart. Therefore, we need to zealously study and put these teachings into practice, so that we will be able to witness to and educate our tribes. We then need to have the members of our tribes agree to participate in the Blessing Ceremony and the Seunghwa Blessing, and thus guide them toward rebirth, resurrection and eternal life.

Why do you think True Parents have again gone to the United States? Now that they have fulfilled all their responsibilities, they have every right to rest in comfort or settle down. Why, then, did they leave for the U.S., specifically, for Las Vegas? They have set out in person to liberate hell. Even now, they are choosing a path through hardships with firm resolution as if to say, Since the beginning of our lives was filled with suffering, we will see to it that the end is also filled with suffering...

On 2.1 by the heavenly calendar,¹ True Parents commemorated the victory of having distributed fifty thousand copies of the autobiography in Las Vegas, by hosting the Cosmic Assembly to Proclaim the Words of God in Substantial Form and the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. On that day, True Father had a nosebleed while delivering his speech, because he was fatigued from continually overexerting himself, far more than we can possibly imagine. True Father overstrains himself while offering deep devotions in his work of leading the providence; members who have attended hoondokhae in Cheon Jeong Gung or at Yeosu may have noticed this before. Hoondokhae sessions lasting five or six hours are common; sometimes those sessions go on for eleven to fifteen hours, and on 5.20² last year, the hoondokhae session lasted for a staggering twenty-three hours and forty minutes. On that day, True Father ate nothing and did not drink even a drop of water; he quenched his thirst for the first time at 3:25 am the next day, and he only rested briefly and then went out to the sea to offer devotions yet again.

Last year, True Parents held a Seunghwa Festival in Hawaii on 2.25.³ That evening, True Father told major church leaders, "I am going back to Korea the day after tomorrow, but not to rest." He showed us his legs, which were horribly swollen. When I saw them, tears welled in my eyes and I did not know where to look. It was clear that Father had been following a schedule, day after day, that would wear out even a very young man.

What is truly fortunate, however, and what I am truly grateful for, is that True Father's health is estimated to be like that of a man in his fifties. This is not just my personal opinion; it was the assessment of the director of Gangnam Seongmo Hospital....

1 March 5

2 July 1

3 April 9

Our community has passed through the era of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity and the era of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, and we are now living in the era of Tongilgyo.⁴ The Unification Church has now come onto an entirely new level. It is the parent religion in the final stage, so it transcends the level of just being a religion and takes responsibility for bringing world peace. Notably, on November 23, 2009, True Parents bestowed on us the message "Unificationism Blessing" at Cheon Jeong Gung.

As True Parents have told us, we are now living in the era of great cosmic revolution. Even in the outside world, many unpredictable public revolutions and natural calamities are taking place.⁵ Uncountable numbers of precious lives are being lost every day. If they go to the spirit world without knowing the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, where will they end up? Because True Parents know what kind of place people go in the spirit world, they are telling us that everyone must receive the Seunghwa Blessing. The Seunghwa Blessing is not something one should receive after he dies; people need to receive it during their earthly life.

At the conclusion of the Seunghwa Festival held in Hawaii last year, True Father told the leaders, "I am going to Korea to light a fire there. You too should light your own fires. If you can't do that, you should at least play the role of kindling." That fire refers to the fire of the word, the fire of the Holy Spirit, the fire of witnessing, and the fire of heart....

On the day after the March 5 assembly, we held a hoondokhae session to commemorate the victory of the assembly and Ahn Shi Il. We read the June 9, 1968 speech "Reap the Fruits of Goodness." True Father seemed surprised and said, "I did not choose this speech with any purpose in mind, but it contains just what I wanted to say to you now."

That day, True Father solemnly said, "Do you know how serious I am? I have followed the path of the providence, leaving behind my own parents, brothers and sisters, and even my homeland. Have you any idea how serious the situation I am in is? When you feel tired, you can rest at any time, but I can't do that. When I speak about something serious, I get a lump in my throat and tears come. Every one of you should do your best while offering deep devotions until you are in the position where you can be pitied by God and acknowledged by Satan."

He went on to say, "Do you still feel the hope and joy in your hearts that you felt when you first joined the church? You should regain that feeling of joy you felt the first time you came to our church and heard the word. It is the source of your life. You should return to the time when you joined the church, when your hearts were filled with joy, and begin anew."...

True Father has given us his autobiography so that we can fulfill our mission as tribal messiahs. He explained, "The autobiography is a confession of faith and the journal that records

⁴ The Korean term for our religion; Father often also uses the same term to refer to the Unification Church as an organization.

⁵ The reader will note that Dr. Seuk gave this speech after the political upheavals in Tunisia and Egypt but before the earthquake and tsunami in Japan.

how True Parents triumphed with an indomitable and dauntless spirit. You should also write a journal that is a testimony of your faith."... We are being asked to write this journal and confession of faith, so that we can leave it for our descendants and because we should examine ourselves and confess and report our daily activities to God....

My fellow church leaders and members! The two years until the day of the new beginning, that is, 1.13⁶ in the fourth year of the Heavenly Era, can be compared to the last two hundred meters of a marathon. If you were marathon runners who had run the whole race and only the final two hundred meters remained, what would you do? When you are getting close to the finish line, and you are feeling desperate and serious, would you think of slackening your pace? With that kind of heart we should make the last dash to establish Cheon Il Guk.

On March 11, I visited Captain Hae-gyun Seuk,⁷ who survived being shot four times in the crossfire between the South Korea Navy and Somali pirates. Many people, including the president of Korea, have visited him. I gave Captain Seuk a copy of True Father's autobiography and introduced to him to True Parents' lives. Even though he was still in the hospital, he seemed deeply moved by True Father's true love and sacrificial life and he listened attentively to me.



Dr. Seuk with Hae-gyun Seuk, captain of the *Samho Jewelry*, a ship hijacked by Somali pirates

Captain Seuk, kidnapped by Somali pirates, surrendered his life, as if it were worthless, for his ship's crew. Fortunately, all the bullets missed his vital parts. Thanks to Captain Seuk's sacrifice, his crew members were kept safe. If a man can give up his life to save his crew, shouldn't we, who have the mission of tribal messiahs, choose a path demanding greater sacrifice to save our tribes?

We can only realize dreams we have actually dreamt. The same is also true for witnessing. We can only achieve what we desire and

wish to achieve. Your witnessing dream ought to be tens of times greater than your current witnessing goal. When we go to the spirit world, our spiritual children will be our greatest treasure. We cannot take honor, power or wealth to the spirit world, where we breathe only true love. Such external things are of no use in the spirit world. Our position is determined based solely on how many accomplishments expressive of true love we have, and how many spiritual children we have given birth to.

I hope and pray that in this second year of the Heavenly Era, we will all set in motion the greatest miracles of our lives and achieve the greatest results in our lives. May the great love and grace of God and True Parents be with you and your families at all times. Thank you. **TW**

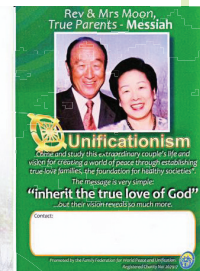
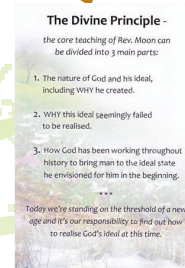
Dr. Seuk holds the posts of international vice-president of the Unification Church and church president in Korea. For a fuller version of this speech, send e-mail to todayworld@gmail.com with "Dr. Seuk Speech Request" in the subject line.

⁶ February 22... The fourth year of the Heavenly Era is 2013.

⁷ The captain of the *Samho Jewelry*, seized by pirates on January 15 and rescued by the South Korean Navy on January 21. His twenty crewmen were unharmed; eight pirates were killed and five captured.

Building Momentum from Small Beginnings

A couple of Japanese sisters in London felt called to act on the inspiration they felt from an Original Divine Principle workshop. They created a bold leaflet and put it in mailboxes. Their testimony can encourage others.



Witnessing with Joy By Yuki Taylor

After I took part in an Original Divine Principle workshop, three guests were guided spiritually to the church, through direct witnessing; that is, witnessing where we begin by testifying to True Parents.

The first person I met was a Christian woman. She happened to be praying for God's guidance at about 5:00 am when I put a leaflet in her letter box. I hadn't been able to sleep well that night, so I got up at 4:00 am and delivered leaflets. "Rev. and Mrs. Moon," the leaflet read, "are the True Parents and the Messiah." She was intrigued by this, and she wondered who was leafleting so early in the morning, so she came to the headquarters church.

The second person was a Hindu woman. I met her when we were going door to door with leaflets, inviting people to a Divine Principle lecture meeting we held every Tuesday. No one was at her home at the time, so I just left an invitation in her mailbox. She saw it and came. She is a very spiritual person who prays and meditates daily for more than an hour between 3:00 and 5:00 am.

The third person was a Hindu man, who saw a leaflet with a photograph of True Parents on it, and which declares they are the Messiah. Feeling something spiritually, he contacted me. He said that the expression "inherit God's true love" had attracted his attention. He is well educated and takes part in spiritual group meetings regardless of the religious affiliation. His hobby is gardening and he has a beautiful yard, so each morning and evening he meditates outdoors.

What is common to the three is that they have a foundation of faith. They pray or meditate and are seeking God. I believe that their prayers had reached God, and using me, a Unificationist representing True Parents, He guided them each through a single leaflet. Moving forward with prayer and jeongseong and being convinced that someone was waiting whom God loved and had prepared were all I did.

I learned later that during that time, True Parents had been offering a special forty-day jeongseong condition for the assemblies for the settlement of God's word in substance. I was able to meet these three guests precisely during this period. I am certain that this is not mere coincidence. Our True Parents' special jeongseong was the key factor in the background.

Devi, a Hindu woman, took part in most of the Tuesday



Taeko Duckworth teaches Divine Principle at a member's home

Divine Principle lectures for six months. She loves to hear religious teachings, and the light in her face showed she was gradually being reborn. She then happily attended a two-day workshop. She said that until then, she had not gotten satisfactory answers to questions she'd had, but that the workshop provided them. Only fifteen people, including members, attended it, but the speaker and the guests truly coalesced, resulting in abundant spiritual guidance and spiritual grace. The atmosphere was like that of a family. She is now looking forward to an upcoming seven-day workshop.

I will continue to pray and offer jeongseong, so that all our guests can be guided to eternal life, to the blessing. What I felt through this period was that God is not far off in the distance, but dwells very close, within us. How else could He be aware of all that I feel, of what I am thinking, of how I am acting? God dwells in each one of our brothers and sisters who work together for the providence.

If there is, however, doubt, fear, complaint or dissatisfaction, God is not able to live with me. Thus, I believe I should witness gratefully—with joy, enjoying it and being excited about it. I also feel that a sense of personal responsibility is important. With that, the same action becomes utterly different than if I were doing it just because I had been told to. **STW**

Photos courtesy of Jeff Bateman

Gathering Strength By Keiko Shaw

We began having weekly Divine Principle lectures in July; the following month we sent one guest to a two-day workshop. Partly for the sake of this guest, we felt a need to hold advanced Divine Principle lectures, too, including guidance on how to practice our faith in one's daily life. And so Ms. Taeko Duckworth gives lectures for beginners on Thursday nights and Mr. William Haines gives advanced lectures on Tuesday nights.

Each week, three or four guests had been attending. Over time, however, this had dwindled to one or two; at times, no one came. Some members began to lose hope; they doubted our way of doing things.

Mrs. Monika Bateman, our church leader's wife, achieved a breakthrough that I believe was an especially important factor. Until a certain point, she had not brought one guest. All of a sudden, spiritual support came like a rushing wind. She started to bring many guests from street witnessing. She had not been witnessing with much confidence, but with the added spiritual support, her transformation was dazzling. She began to witness joyfully, with great energy.

Usually, sixteen of us are active; half of us are Japanese. Beginning with the church leader and his wife, brothers and sisters helped each other and did their best, so the tide of fortune returned and again we began to welcome three or four guests at each lecture. Educating the guests every week with Divine Principle, we also tried to make the meetings a fun, relaxing, family-like occasion.

As we continued, we all began to realize that weekly lectures were insufficient for the guests' spiritual growth. We definitely needed to hold a two-day workshop. The Christmas holidays were an ideal time for working people to attend one. If we missed this chance, many guests would find it difficult to fit it into their schedules.

In the past, guests stayed overnight at a training center for two-day workshops, but we all felt that adhering to this practice was unnecessary and might be an obstacle for people of other religions. Hence, we asked the guests to commute to the member's house that we were using for the meetings.

To facilitate participation, we held two workshops. In



Participation in two-day workshops (like this one) had been declining before one member's successful witnessing inspired others.

the end, seven guests were able to attend, so this seemed to have been a good idea. Ms. Devi, our Hindu guest, wrote, "I couldn't have attended if I'd had to stay overnight, so I had been praying that a two-day workshop would be held here. I'm very happy that this came true. I hope they will do a seven-day workshop here now." Dr. Nesrin, a Muslim guest with strong opinions listened quietly and seriously to the presentations, and remarked, "This wonderful material has to be taught to young people as well."

How to educate those who have completed the two-day workshop is our future task. New challenges continually arise.

We are moving ahead by trial and error, but when everyone helps each other with joy, I feel God is positively guiding us. Our team holds meets before going witnessing every Sunday afternoon; we discuss everything among ourselves and then make decisions. The spirit world also seems to move when the Japanese and the western members consult each other and work together to the end rather than dividing.

I may have initiated this team, but its strength is derived from all the members, who are running it and developing the activities. *TW*



Left: The efforts of Yuki Taylor (left) and Keiko Shaw motivated their church community; Right: Workshop participants with lecturer William Haines. (Mr. Haines blogs, often about matters theological, at <http://williamhaines.familyfireplace.org>)



Proclaiming the Second Coming of Christ in São Paulo

Brothers and sisters around the world are meeting the challenge of being open and forthright about True Father's mission. These pages offer two views of the same bold initiative.



By Christian Lepelletier

The Cathedral da Sé Square is right in the center of São Paulo, where thousands of commuters converge every day; it is also the Zero Point, from which major roads begin that reach out to all regions of Brazil.

The square attracts many tourists, and all kind of people hang around there. Every day you can see and hear evangelical ministers preaching about Jesus, awaiting his return. When our small group wished to follow our international president's instructions to proclaim the Second Coming of the Messiah, I suggested we go to the preachers' corner.

I prepared three banners to display our message; the first reads, Christ has already come, the Messiah, the Returning Lord is on earth. The second displays the cover of Father's autobiography and the third is an overview of the Divine Principle in chart form.

The first Saturday of every month, I observed an evangelical

group singing and praising Jesus there. So we chose to go there the final Saturday of each month. Our sister Dolor (see facing page) plays the guitar and leads songs, and then we take turns preaching, proclaiming that the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is the returning Christ. We approach people to tell them about the "breaking news."

The proclamation rallies are so important for us to build up our faith and to resurrect ourselves; all the brothers and sisters willing to take up the challenge are having great experiences. It is a good means to train ourselves, to develop our conviction. Doing this activity, we feel abundant spiritual life and energy flowing; we feel empowered.

We hope that we can spark a wildfire that spreads to all the corners of the earth.

Christian (pictured top left and, facing page, holding the sign) and his wife Hiroko are national messiahs to Brazil.



The bold witnessing initiative attracts many curious passers-by. Above: Christian, Luiz Carlos, and Dolor speak out



Photos courtesy of Christian Lepelletier

Modern-day heralds proclaiming the return of Christ, just as Saint Paul (depicted in the statue) announced two millennia ago that "God has brought to Israel the Savior Jesus, as he promised." The sign reads "Christ has returned. The Messiah, the Lord at his Second Advent, is on earth."

By Dolor Barbosa das Graças

It all started seven months ago, during our Blessed Family Department meeting, when each of us shared our desire to begin a home group as a means of transforming the quite stagnant state of our church at that time.

On September 15 last year, three blessed couples met in our first home group meeting. We were neighbors but had never sat down together and talked as if we were one family. We had felt like strangers before, but everything began to change as we frequently met and especially as we started our proclamation rallies, inspired by Hyung-jin nim, his members in Korea and members of the South London church that had already begun direct witnessing.

Personally, I was downcast and skeptical about my leaders after what occurred in Brazil on May 31 last year. I was feeling somber and uninspired; my thinking was unclear and I felt insecure about the future of our church. I cried often. Yet, God has shone for me a light by way of a home group and the proclamation rallies we've been holding. I have revived, and I feel joy through taking action.

How powerful it feels to testify to the Messiah—the word has become flesh! Whenever I testify, I feel the presence of God and our True Parents strongly, and I feel no fear, no doubts, no barriers, just joy in my heart for proclaiming the True Parents.

We started in downtown São Paulo, in front of the big cathedral with its big statue of St. Paul. That area is like the country's heart, and we find all types of people there. At first, the atmosphere was dreary because of the presence of many beggars, drunkards and street vendors, although there were many tourists too. As we continued doing our rallies, though, the atmosphere changed, becoming lighter, and more good people were listening to us at our rallies and expressed interest in studying the Divine Principle. One of my guests came to our headquarters one Sunday and we studied Divine Principle together. Another guest has begun coming to our home group

meetings and one of our group leader's guests comes to them frequently.

As we continue doing one rally a month, more members have joined us and have gained strength and inspiration from the experience. Everybody has had beautiful, deep experiences meeting people to witness to. Everyone has said that many people are prepared to hear the good news.

Members of my family and my tribe have begun joining me in the proclamation rallies, and I feel a greater strength to succeed in our tribal mission through our home group foundation and the direct witnessing that we are doing continuously. The home group and direct witnessing are truly good for me. I have been spiritually liberated, revived and encouraged. I have come to love witnessing activities once again. For a long time, I had not witnessed.

God has prepared many people and my role is to proclaim. For sure, if we have the right attitude and heart, the spirit world moves these people to study and understand the Divine Principle and to value the very important and significant role of the True Parents of humankind. For these reasons, it is so important to be consistent with our home group meetings and proclamation rallies. Through these, at the right time and place we can meet the right people.

We have done six rallies in São Paulo and two in Osasco. The number eight represents a new beginning. For me, it is a point at which I am more determined than before to bring victory for God and True Parents through direct witnessing. I am looking forward to this Saturday, our seventh proclamation rally in São Paulo.

Let's spread the good news that the Messiah is on earth, alive! Let's spread the breaking news wherever we are and to whomever we meet. **JW**

Dolor (pictured facing page top right and bottom right) works in the Brazil Church headquarters.



Japan: Our Members Respond to the Catastrophe

SURVIVORS

We believe our readers' prayers are with those of our Japanese members who endured an earthquake, tsunami and nuclear threat that fell in quick succession beginning at 2:46 pm on March 11. The precise number and identities of members who have ascended to the spiritual world are yet unknown. Accounts have emerged from survivors, as have descriptions of the efforts made by our Japanese members to support their fellow citizens including our stricken church members. Some have even received special training to go and work in the affected areas. These pages feature translated and edited accounts from our Japanese church web site.

From an anonymous member: God and True Parents protected, led and saved my family, and we are deeply grateful for their having spared our lives through such hazardous situations.

With our seven-month-old baby in my arms, I went to pick up our five-year-old son from kindergarten on the day of the disaster. We had returned to the house when the powerful earthquake struck. My two small children cried and screamed in panic. I enfolded them in my arms and began to pray to God for His guidance.

After the earthquake ceased, I went outside and asked some neighbors where we could flee to safety. While trying to calm my terrified, crying children, I began to prepare for evacuation.

Hearing an on-air warning of a big tsunami, I anticipated that this was not something to take lightly and that we might not soon return home. I threw into my car disposable diapers, pre-moistened wipes, blankets, bread, tea, chocolate and money from a cash drawer. I began driving away, but assuming the worst—that our house would be washed away or submerged by the tsunami—I soon returned to pick up the most precious things, including a framed photograph of True Parents. It was well that I did so, because the tsunami struck our house and destroyed all our furniture and household goods.

People in the evacuation center were shocked by the tsunami; many stood looking anxiously out to sea. I felt uneasy about my husband at work and sent him a text message to let him know where I was with our children. I also sent a message by cell phone to his parents and mine, who live afar away from us, to let them know that we had taken refuge at the evacuation center. I was sitting in the car seeking information



Left: Having given the only onboard life vest to his son, Mr. Oyama piloted his boat (pictured) toward the tsunami as it rushed toward the Japanese coast. The boat surmounted the wave, and both father and son survived; **Right:** Mr. Oyama describing the experience to Hyung-jin nim, Yeon-ah nim, Choi Yeon-ah nim and others visiting members in this devastated area of Japan.

Photos courtesy of the Japanese culture department



Left: Members in Thailand sell T-shirts to raise funds for Japanese disaster victims; **Right:** Mrs. Noriko Munemasa, battered by the tsunami but happily reunited with her daughter, who is an active member in the Youth Department of the Sendai church.

through the dashboard television when my husband knocked on the car window, which gave me an indescribable sense of relief.

I thanked God for guiding our family together again so soon; many families are dispersed. Some have loved ones whose whereabouts are still unknown. Our worldly possessions may have been destroyed, but our family is priceless.

Being in an evacuation center that has adequate water and food, warm spaces and bedding is also a blessing. Looking at my children sleeping as well as they did in their own home, I feel protected by God. Noda, the town where we lived, has indescribably changed. Its hellish devastation calls to mind the Noachian flood.

Encountering such devastation causes deep introspection. What will remain in the end? In thinking deeply and penitently, I have become more keenly aware of God's love and will, and complex feelings, mixtures of gratitude and regret arise. I cannot help crying. I sincerely hope God's kingdom is realized as early as possible./

This is the story of Mrs. Noriko Munemasa (59) who miraculously survived after the tsunami caused by the recent earthquake had swallowed her.

On the day of the earthquake, Mrs. Munemasa was with other members in Iwanuma City, Miyagi Prefecture. Violent

tremors alarmed them and they immediately vacated the building they had been in. Fortunately, none of them was hurt; the only visible damage was broken dishes. Out of concern for her house, Mrs. Munemasa drove to her home in the town of Yamamoto in the southeastern corner of the prefecture, two kilometers from the coast. At that time, she was not worried about a tsunami because she knew there was a seven-meter-high bulwark near the coast. As she was driving to her house, however, she saw some of the townspeople running toward a hill. She intuitively understood that something was afoot.

When she arrived home, the tsunami was already only thirty meters away. In that instant, she considered getting out of the car and fleeing, but she didn't. Immediately, the onrushing water swallowed the car and swept it more than two hundred meters away.

The tsunami was sweeping away wood, automobiles, containers and other debris. Mrs. Munemasa's car collided with a station wagon. On impact, her car was pushed atop the brick wall of a house. Fortunately, it remained there, but water began to seep into the car and soon rose to knee-level.

Still, because she believed in God and True Parents, Mrs. Munemasa was convinced that she would not die. Enduring the cold, she waited for a chance to escape from her car. Despite her conviction, out of her strong sense of faith, she wrote a will addressed to her husband and three children in



Left: Our training center in Chiba is among the church properties that has welcomed refugee members from the affected areas; **Right:** Refugees arrive carrying few possessions. Some of these members have already spent a week in other evacuation centers.





Left: At True Parents' suggestion, our church made a \$1.7 million donation to the Japanese Red Cross, which Hyung-jin nim (with others) is delivering; **Right:** Kook-jin nim visiting the city of Sendai, April 8; in March, he made a donation of \$192,000 from the Foundation for the Support of HSAUWC to aid our members affected by the disasters.

case she would never again meet them.

As the sun began to set, she finally emerged from her car and was able to find her way to the second floor of the house in front of her. She found the house empty; the first floor was flooded and there was no electricity. From somewhere in the near distance, she heard a desperate voice calling for help. Her cell phone was waterlogged and useless. Mrs. Munemasa began to call for help but there was no sign of a rescue team.

She draped herself with towels she found on the second floor to fend off the cold and spent the night. She sang Holy Songs in order to inspire herself. Amidst the ensuing tremors, she ended up staying up through the night. At ten o'clock the next morning, the water was visibly receding. Carefully checking the depth of the water, she slowly walked toward a nearby train station. Cold and fatigue had driven her near her physical limitations. At that point, members of the Japanese Self-Defense Force rescued her. Later she was reunited with her husband and children, who likewise had barely avoided being consumed by the tsunami. Mrs. Munemasa testified that during this near-death experience she had truly felt protected by God./

EMERGENCY MEDICAL AID

On March 23, a team of Unificationist doctors and nurses visited Miyagi Prefecture, which had suffered serious damage from the recent disastrous earthquake. Their main purpose was to do an on-site inspection before initiating a volunteer medical project. The following is a report of what their reconnaissance revealed.

On arriving at Sendai, the main city in the devastated area, the medical team decided to travel out to Ishinomaki, one of the most severely damaged towns. After eight o'clock on the morning of March 24—that is, the day after their arrival at our church in Sendai—they left for an evacuation center set up at Ishinomaki Municipal Gymnastics and Sports Complex, where about one thousand five hundred evacuees are still living as refugees. The team arrived there around noon, when members of the Japan Self-Defense Forces were giving each evacuee a boxed lunch of rice balls, miso soup and canned mandarin oranges.

In the eyes of the medical team members who saw life in the evacuation center firsthand, the scene came as a shock, because it differed from any they had seen in other disaster areas. Although screens divided the gymnasium into compart-

ments, too few partitions provided the evacuees scant privacy, fully exposing their personal lives to others. Also, many elderly people were lying in scattered locations on makeshift beds.

Hearing some people's stories, our doctors and nurses felt sympathy for their suffering and tried to cheer them up. Hearing an old woman who had narrowly escaped being caught in the tsunami say, "It was indeed frightening" made a strong impression on those who interviewed her.

The team also interviewed a local doctor and learned of some serious post-disaster situations on-site, including signs of influenza spreading, a lack of medical care facilities and uncontrolled medical volunteers.

On the basis of this inspection, a mid- and long-term volunteer medical project is due to be launched. Many evacuees who are tenuously hanging on and currently have no choice but to remain in the evacuation center need not simply temporary support but ongoing assistance. As the local doctor had precisely indicated, the on-site inspection made clear to our medical team that what they can do under the current circumstances is limited. —Shinnosuke Ohno, Press Bureau staff/

FOOD AND SHELTER

North Tokyo: The church headquarters has coordinated efforts to collect supplies from each region. On March 15, in response, we asked the Youth Department to purchase a variety of supplies. However, we received word that they were having great difficulty procuring rice. We understood it was difficult in other regions, too. We sent out requests to each church and family asking for them to provide 10 kg or even 5 kg of rice to be delivered to the areas that had been hit hardest by the recent earthquake and tsunami.

We soon began to receive calls from people; one wanted to offer 30 kg of rice from her home. Some brought the rice to the churches, while others went out of their way to bring it to Adachi Church directly. While we were loading the supplies to send them out, a seventy-seven-year-old lady arrived carrying 5 kg of rice on her back saying, "I made it in time! Please use this rice." While suppressing tears, we loaded the supplies that came from each church and area./

Sendai: On Friday, March 18, at 11:00 am, two station wagons filled with supplies departed our church in Sendai. Its destination was Kesenuma City, located in northeastern Miyagi Prefecture, which was hit hard by the recent earth-

quake. Many roads were closed because of the earthquake, but the vehicles were able to enter Kesennuma City circuitously, through Iwate Prefecture.

The cars arrived shortly after 3:30 pm. Because of the tsunami, the city was a mess, a mass of debris. Ocean-going tankers strewn about and heaps of rubble that the sea had swept in were vivid testaments to the power of the tsunami.

Their first stop was to the house of a member that had run a restaurant near the river. The people there were busy scooping out mud and mire thirty centimeters deep from the house. They were living off meager rations—one rice-cake and half a banana per person. When Mr. Masayoshi Kajikuri from the Unification Church National Headquarters presented supplies to this member, he was cordially rejected. The member asked him to give the supplies to those in dire need. In the end, the member accepted only a few supplies. Mr. Kajikuri's visit, with other church officials, surprised and greatly encouraged the women in the house, who thanked them for coming.

The next stop was Seika Market, where the distribution of supplies arriving in Kesennuma City was being coordinated. At the reception desk, Mr. Kajikuri stated that members throughout the nation had donated the supplies and recorded the donor as HSAUWC in Sendai. He personally conveyed the supplies to the officials there. The officials appeared delighted, as these happened to be the first batch of supplies arriving in Kesennuma City that day.

Areas hit hard by the earthquake, including Kesennuma, even now are short on supplies. Church leaders, staff members and our young people at the church in Sendai are diligently delivering supplies to nearby members and to others in the local community.

Mr. Hiroyuki Yada (43), head of the Sendai church Youth Department, has not yet learned the fate of his grandmother (90) nor of his mother (68). The tsunami completely washed away his parents' home, which had been located in Kesennuma City near the coast. Concern and pain evident on his face, Mr. Yada expressed his belief that his mother might possibly have survived. She had been taking care of his grandmother, who was unwell. "She was not someone who would leave her mother behind," he said. He expressed deep regret toward his mother for always having caused her anxiety after his father passed away when he was in high school.

As he fights back these emotions, Mr. Yada continues to offer his services to the community and to other members in his capacity as a staff member at our Sendai church.

—Shinnosuke Ohno, Press Bureau staff/



Resilience: child refugees of the earthquake and tsunami in the Miyazakidai Training Center

Chiba City: On the morning of March 17, five buses from three devastated areas arrived at the Chiba City Central Training Center. Most of the 221 passengers were middle school or high school students. Parents, two pregnant women and a number of elderly members were also aboard. Some had lost their homes and spent a week in shelters without electricity, gas or water for bathing. Those who had remained in their damaged homes had also gone without a bath or shower because of a water shortage.

Members in the area provided food supplies and a hundred liters of kerosene. College students in Chiba had volunteered to deliver supplies and rice to the training center. Two members arrived at 11:30 pm with two tons of rice, more than half of which had been donated by the donors' grandmother. They said that as she packed the rice she had cried.

The Chiba Central Training Center director, Mr. Nakamura, and his staff welcomed the refugees. Ms. Yoshiko Goto, head of the Second-Generation Department, encouraged the young children. The church-member evacuees alit from the buses carrying very little. That night they were able to take a bath, and after a warm dinner, they finally seemed to find some relief. **STW**



A Japan Defense Forces soldier receives supplies collected by our members throughout Japan. The items were delivered by Mr. Masayoshi Kajikuri, son of the president of the church in Japan. This center serves disaster victims in Kesennuma City.

Remarkable Experiences at Holy Spirit Healing Services

The Holy Spirit Can Change Our Heart By Jacinta Kalama

If you read our previous issue, you will know about the Holy Spirit Healing Services, which began last December at the special workshop in Yeosu, Korea. Hyung-jin nim is introducing the service to Unificationist communities around the world. These three personal accounts bear witness to the effect.

As Kenyan members, we were running here and there to prepare to receive the great blessing of Rev. Hyung-jin Moon's visit on behalf of Africa. On the evening of February 26, our international president arrived and went to the Safari Park Hotel. He was scheduled to meet the members the following day at Sunday service.

We were in church early for the service, which would start at 10:00 am. Everyone seemed eager and excited. Sunday service began promptly, with Hyung-jin nim's captivating presentation on the Fibonacci Spiral. It was so interesting that to this day, I have been making summarized presentations to whomever I meet.

Shortly after the presentation, the Holy Spirit Healing Service began. Hyung-jin nim explained to us that we shouldn't think about ourselves but focus on giving energy to our True Parents. As we sang *Cham Bumo nim eog mansei*, I started to cry, tears streaming down my cheeks. For at least twenty minutes, we continued the chanting.

Hyung-jin nim had asked us to cross our hands on our chest. When he said, "Receive the Holy Spirit," the Holy Spirit moved my hands a little from my chest and I was bent from my waist, moving in circles with my eyes closed. I was moved around in this way several times in darkness, and then suddenly there was light and I was moved around several more times. When the Holy Spirit stopped moving me, my lips were quivering and I was facing the back of the room. I was astonished. Later I coughed out a lot of phlegm. After this, I felt great love in my heart and the desire to greet brothers and sisters. I would even hug and say encouraging words to sisters that I hadn't felt close to.

Since I joined the church in 1994, I had had only one spiritual experience. This was my second. Yet, I had another experience, during hoondokhae at the Safari Park Hotel, again with Rev. Hyung-jin Moon, while giving energy to our beloved True Parents.

We had done our morning exercises from 2:30 am and then had sat down cross-legged with our bodies perfectly still, meditating for thirty minutes. We began singing *Cham Bumo nim eog mansei*. Again, my lips began to quiver and I was overcome by the Holy Spirit. A beautiful bright light and calmness made me feel very peaceful. Soon, I was moved around and around, and the next thing I knew, I was moved in slow motion to lie down. I lay on the legs of the brother behind me with my hands spread apart. My legs were still crossed.¹ Some heat moved to my legs and they began shaking vigorously. Heat was moving from my thigh to my ankle.

After a while, the heat there went away. It travelled through my body to my eyes. When I felt it

¹ Her experience seems similar to that of the Christian woman whom Hyung-jin nim described in our last issue as having been "slain by the spirit." For some biblical instances see Rv 1:17, Dn 8:16-18, Ez 1:28

A Holy Spirit Healing Service in Nairobi, Kenya





Albina Tanui (left) and other members during the Holy Spirit Healing Service in Kenya

in my eyes, I woke with a start.

My husband, who was next to me, held me and began to massage my shoulders. Soon the Holy Spirit returned and I was moved round and round as I held him. I was about to let go of him when he and some nearby brothers carried me out to a quiet, dark place. They used their shirts to fan cool air toward me. I woke up quickly and walked back to the hall.

My knee, which had troubled me for several years, had been healed. I could go upstairs without pain. I felt so much love in my heart; I just wanted to hug brothers and sisters and give encouraging words. I could sense the smell of flowers, and any foul smell was also very clear.

I feel indebted to fulfill God's will for the rest of my life. I have been able to witness to groups at my workplace freely, presenting a summary of the Fibonacci Spiral and people have been most intrigued. True Parents' power and energy inspire me. Glory be to God and True Parents.

A Remarkable Healing By Albina Tanui

When the news reached me that we would be hosting the international president, along with joy and happiness I felt concern. I had lain in bed for about two months because of a condition I've had to put up with during

my three pregnancies (and one miscarriage). Throughout my pregnancy, I vomit often and need to spit continually, so that at times I have to be rehydrated in a hospital. I feel constantly fatigued and cannot do any work. I was concerned about how I might support preparations and how I might attend Sunday service with the international president because of my health condition.

I felt it was a lineal, spiritual issue, because it also affected my mother and my sisters, though my situation was the most serious. Many members had visited and prayed for this situation and I had liberated my ancestors and done other conditions, but it remained.

On Saturday, February 26, I left the house and moved to Sasamoto Center. Though I struggled, I was determined to welcome our international president. I carried towels to spit and vomit on during the journey. When I arrived, most of the sisters that had visited me at home were surprised to see me. I felt too weak to assist at all in the preparations.

Sunday morning I awoke for hoondokhae as usual and we prayed with the other guests. Still nauseated, I was spitting all morning. Nevertheless, I was so happy I could attend the long-awaited Sunday service. As usual, I carried a big towel in a paper bag and sat at the back, near the door, so that if worse came to worst and I needed to vomit, I would not



Left: A Kenyan TV station interviews Hyung-jin nim during his visit to Kibera, Nairobi, with other religious leaders; Right: Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim and entourage visiting a Sikh Temple, also during their time in Kenya



Photos courtesy of the Korean Culture Department



Experiencing the Holy Spirit in Hong Kong

By Thomas Hwang

Hyung-jin nim invested himself physically, 100 percent, to lead the chanting session. He was standing in front, leading the chant, showing us, with his tears and sweat, how much he really wants to do this for True Parents. So we all united with him, with the same heart and same spirit.

Many people shed tears during the session. Some members saw their ancestors...

This is a spiritual connection of heart with True Parents, beyond time and space. Through such a powerful experience, I can tell Hyung-jin nim's spiritual power and leadership is growing. What does true leadership look like? I had wondered what form Hyung-jin nim's leadership would take. I feel good because Hyung-jin nim's leadership is coming from a genuine relationship of heart with God and True Parents and that he is moving the spiritual energy and spiritual power beyond time and space. No external formula. No external liturgy. But energy based on an internal foundation.

I was grateful and I feel no distance from Hyung-jin nim. Before, I did not know who he was and what kind of leader he was. Now I feel I know him.



Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim on a family visit during their time in Hong Kong in January this year



Hyung-jin nim drives a bulldozer at a groundbreaking ceremony for UPF projects in Kibera, an impoverished area of Nairobi.

interrupt the service.

Immediately, I saw Hyung-jin nim near the door to the hall. I stood up quickly, started clapping and joined in the singing of a holy song. My eyes filled with tears. I felt it was a dream. My husband quickly came for me; he asked me to sit in front and to accompany him when he offered cheers of mansei. I didn't think twice about it and even forgot my towel on the back seat. During the service I forgot about spitting and vomiting; however I was still feeling feeble.

As we sang *Cham Bumo nim eog mansei*, I never sat down. I noticed my energy had come back to normal; I was feeling as strong as when I am not pregnant. The feeling of illness and fatigue left my body. I cried as I witnessed this healing. I noticed that my husband would sometimes look at me with concern, but I was not in a position to let him know I was as normal as before. After the singing, we were called to the front for the cheers of mansei. I couldn't contain myself; I was

overwhelmed with joy. Tears flowed from my eyes.

After the service, I felt hungry and ate lunch, which was made from beans. I would always vomit after eating beans and feel a lot of stomach pain, but this time I didn't have any difficulties.

My lady helper ran up to me after the service; she, who had seen me so unwell, couldn't believe her eyes when she saw me so energetic. Members who knew of my prenatal condition wanted to hear how this healing miracle had happened.

On Monday morning, I awoke from the first peaceful sleep I'd had during pregnancy without the aid of medication. I was energetic, and I did not feel nauseated.

On Tuesday, I prepared for early morning hoondokhae with Hyung-jin nim. I was in the hotel on time. I realized I could do most of the exercises. I wanted to do the one hundred and twenty bows, but my husband insisted I do fewer. I felt normal but this was not a normal situation. It was miraculous.

Later I joined the sisters at the training center where Hyung-jin nim would visit. I could now support in cleaning and all other duties. I was very happy. I called my mother to tell her of the miracle. With joy she shouted, "Praise be to God." Although she is a strong Catholic, I told her that the Returning Lord had healed me. She later came over to see for herself that I had been healed. On seeing me, she said it truly was a miracle and deserved a contribution of gratitude. My mother stared at me as I explained to her in detail what had happened and how the healing had come. She was so happy for my good health and she said she would pass the message to her prayer team.

How can I return such a blessing to True Father? For the first time I experienced that pregnancy is not an illness. This opened my senses and I saw that in the great name True Parents there is healing. *Cham Bumo nim eog mansei!* **TW**



Zambia: From the Ground Up



In 1975, Father instructed that trinities of one member each from Japan, the United States and Germany be sent to work as missionaries in foreign countries. Ultimately, these men and women worked in some ninety-five nations. Rudolf Faerber was a young member when he left for his assigned country in southern Africa. He is still there today. This is his story.

Top photo: The church headquarters in Zambia today; Above: Rudolf Faerber at the national leaders' assembly in Korea in February



The assignment of overseas missionaries happened in early 1975. In Germany, the late Rev. Paul Werner delegated the mission countries at a meeting in the Camberg¹ training center. I was assigned to Zambia. I was quite young and inexperienced; I had been in the movement for just over a year.

I arrived, as a representative of True Parents, on April 25, in Lusaka, Zambia's capital. It was evening and the sun had already set, as it does quickly in the subtropics. Since I had nowhere else to go, I booked into a hotel. It was my first night of countless others, and I pledged myself to Heavenly Father. Many thoughts were running through my mind. When will the other missionaries come? Where should I start? Can I openly witness? How can I raise funds for the mission? Where can I stay?

In the morning, while exploring the surroundings, I asked a man of Indian origin for directions to the German embassy. After asking where I had come from, and what I was here for, he invited me to stay with him for a few days. I was surprised at the spontaneous offer. I felt God's guidance and took my luggage to his apartment.

Since I arrived with a three-month tourist visa, I needed to quickly find a way to extend it to a three-year work permit, because we were told our mission would last that long. Thirty-six years have now passed—a long time, yet it has gone by very fast. God and True Parents helped me through, though I often only realized it in retrospect. I was equipped with the Divine Principle and great enthusiasm, yet I was inexperienced. I did not know anything about Zambia; it was all new to me. Moreover, my resources were limited.

Everything was interesting. The people were friendly and patient; they had difficulties understanding my accent, but admired my pronunciation. The weather was hot and I learned it would not rain for the next six months. Zambia is a huge,² beautiful country with largely untouched nature. It had a relatively small population then of less than ten million people. The major religions are Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism. Copper mining provides the main income for the country; most of the people living in villages depend on farming.

I left messages at the Japanese, American and German embassies for the other two missionaries. I knew only their names and nationalities. I explored the downtown area and visited the immigration authorities; I asked how to extend my stay and learned that I would have to form an organization first and then submit an application.

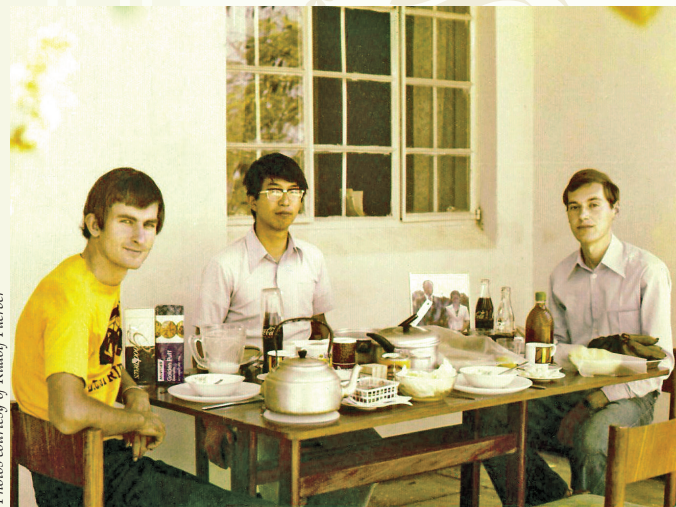
Every week I reported by letter to Rev. Werner. After about a week, I received a message that Robert Williamson, my fellow missionary from America, had arrived. Happily, we met and shared our first meal together of cheese and bread. It was good to have a person to speak openly with.

Robert was born in Zambia. He'd spent his childhood here; his parents had worked in the copper mines. For him, it was like homecoming. He knew the city well. I was impressed by how well prepared he was; he had many speeches and audio tapes of True Parents, which were rare and precious. Good preparation secures a strong foundation.

Initially, I took malaria prevention tablets, but since my stay would be long, I discontinued taking them because of possible side effects. Even now, malaria is the cause of the most serious health and economic problems in Africa, even though it can largely be prevented by managing the environment. Many children die from it, mainly when they don't get proper food and their

1 In central Germany

2 750,000 km², larger than France; the population today is 14 million



Photos courtesy of Rudolf Faerber

The three missionaries dispatched to Zambia in 1975 celebrate Children's Day that year; Left to right: Robert Williamson, Eiju Majima and Rudolf Faerber

bodies are weak. Over the years, we suffered from it. Things were hard in the beginning. After only a few months, I thought, How can I survive three years?

Making preliminary efforts

To start our mission work, Robert and I began attending church services at the Anglican cathedral, the main house of Christian worship, where we made friends. After the service, tea and cookies were offered to those who wanted fellowship. People generally were open and welcoming, so we developed contacts in the local and expatriate communities. David was one, a student of hotel management whose parents helped us on some occasions and invited us for meals and social gatherings.

Having gotten to know several young people, Robert and I set up an athletic club, the Lusaka Striders, and we recruited students interested in training. Sports are good for young people. They teach discipline, a sense of belonging and confidence, among other virtues. The most important objective for us was to introduce young Zambians in due course to Divine Principle lectures. George, a high school student, was a good athlete. Because we were not yet able to open a center, friends of George's whom he had introduced us to became home members.

One day we learned that Mr. Eiju Majima, the Japanese missionary, from the 1,800-couple blessing, was waiting for us at our new leave house³ in Kabulonga, just outside Lusaka. The three of us were together now, representing three cultures, three different worlds, but with the same mission and the same True Parents; so God's plan was complete. We discussed plans for future church registration, farming, and so on. Eiju obtained a journalist's permit to work for our Japanese newspaper.⁴ Robert was able to renew his old residence permit, but I would only be able to stay for three months with my tourist visa.

A friendly lawyer helped us register our own company. We named it Twikatane African Art Limited. *Twikatane* means "unity" in Bemba, one of the local languages. The registrar of companies accepted the name and issued a certificate. I then submitted my work permit application to the immigration headquarters.

³ A "leave house" is one rented for a minimal fee in exchange for tenants looking after the house while the owner is away, usually for less than a year.

⁴ *Sekai Nippo*, which is still in existence

Turmoil and challenges

According to Zambian law, I had to wait outside the country for the outcome of my submission. Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and Zaire were all experiencing civil wars. Malawi, on Zambia's eastern border, was the best option. I stayed at the house of our missionaries there. During my stay, I made effort to be useful, doing some gardening, painting the landlord's house and doing other everyday jobs. It was a time for reflecting on my recent experiences and for making plans for the future.

One day, however, disaster struck. We read in a local newspaper that Unification Church members in Tanzania, a socialist country at that time, had been imprisoned.⁵ Sure enough, a few days later, the police arrested and interrogated us and then immediately deported us; Malawi's government then was very conservative and dictatorial. Because I could not yet return to Zambia, I flew from Malawi to Rhodesia, where I had the address of the missionaries in Salisbury (now Harare).

After the incident in Malawi, I did not have much hope of getting a permit for Zambia, but I continued to pray. A few weeks later my prayers were answered; my permit arrived by mail and I could prepare to return. I travelled by train overnight to Bulawayo and crossed the border to Francistown, Botswana, because the Rhodesian-Zambian frontier was closed. The intensifying liberation war in Rhodesia greatly affected Zambia.

When I arrived back in Lusaka in September 1975, we knew we had to decide how to set up our mission. We still had to establish the church and train new members. We had contacts from witnessing, but neither a permanent residence nor an adequate income. Robert began teaching English to a Japanese businessman, and I started teaching German to a small class. Eiju continued working as a journalist.

Meanwhile, we had developed a good relationship with the deaconesses of the Anglican cathedral. She was from Jamaica and was the driving force of the church. I sometimes accompanied her to church meetings and taught her German, since she had been invited to visit Germany for a church conference. One day when I arrived for a lesson, she looked concerned and showed me a one-page, scathing article about our church in a newspaper from the United Kingdom. News spread quickly and people suddenly stopped associating with us; other churches did not want to see us, and from the pulpit, ministers warned "their sheep" about the presence of "wolves."

Before we arrived in the mission field, God had already been working there, preparing certain situations, certain people. It was up to us to find them and engage them responsibly. That was my conviction. God had surely prepared a foundation through the Christian churches for True Parents' work. But after this setback I had a strong feeling in my prayer that things would now take much longer.

Moving boldly in a new direction

We needed to rebuild our foundation, because many of our acquaintances and friends were distancing themselves from us. What should we do next? Someone suggested, Why don't you try making traditional German sausages? After hesitating, I agreed and tried my luck in the kitchen. To my delight, some friends found what we produced delicious and encouraged us to continue. In fact, as a boy, I had occasionally helped my Father make sausages for a restaurant he'd owned in Germany.

Our startup capital amounted to less than twenty U.S. dollars, plus an old car, but within a couple of weeks, we were delivering homemade smoked sausages to prestigious hotels

⁵ They were subsequently deported.



A seminar for religious leaders in Zambia on March 3, 2011

such as the InterContinental and the Ridgeway. The income helped us rent a small farm on the western outskirts of Lusaka. With the recent controversy, being out of the center of things for a while was good.

We were cooking the sausages in a big galvanized tin tub over a charcoal fire, with just a thermometer by which to observe and control the temperature. If they had known that at the hotels... In the beginning, we had to improvise everything.

Through experimenting and occasional errors, I continued production. Robert managed the sales, and the business expanded, so we had to employ some helpers. We had no electrical machinery, only a few refrigerators. We made everything by hand. In fact, it was more than a year before we could afford to buy our first electric appliance, a small meat-mincing machine. Somehow, making sausages seemed a strange thing for missionaries to do. People knew we were a bit different. We were three or four brothers staying together in a house with no women around. I heard people called us "the monks who make sausages." Only later would I understand God's wisdom behind our sausage efforts.

Uwe Schneider, the German missionary to Kenya, who could not renew his permit there, joined us in Zambia. He was soon inspired to start a piggery, because getting pigs was difficult and the demand for our sausages was increasing. The piggery is still in operation today, more than thirty years later, and still helps supply the pork for our sausages. Alongside his journalism, Eiju ventured into rearing chickens and selling eggs. Many women bought them for their small businesses. Small scale trading is still the main source of income for many families. Women or girls selling a few vegetables, fruit or other goods on the roadside are still a common sight today. If there were more vocational training, "to teach a man how to catch fish," it would permanently change the lives of many families for the better.

Registering a church from which to witness and teach the Divine Principle was difficult, so we registered as the Cultural Foundation, a limited company. We invited neighbors to a weekly afternoon Bible study group, where we explained the Bible based on Divine Principle. We could now meet and teach lawfully. The athletics club continued and we participated in some school competitions.

One way or another, we managed to stay together as missionaries and tried our best to fulfill the conditions of unity that True Parents wanted us to accomplish at that time. In February 1978, Lady Dr. Kim was on an assessment tour through Africa. As a South Korean, she could not enter Zambia, which had close connections with North Korea. We attended a regional missionary meeting, in Kinshasa, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo). We quickly mobilized members to look after



Zambia's Unification Praise Team Choir

everything. I left a stock of sausages so that the members would have an income while we were out of the country.

After hearing our report, Lady Dr. Kim told us that we should focus on witnessing. "Pigs don't have spirits," she said, "and the three years will soon be up. Who will continue the mission?"

Taking this advice seriously, we decided to close the factory and concentrate on witnessing. It was a spiritual struggle for all of us, but soon we had many guests joining our three-day workshops. Our first members became active, made up their minds and moved in. We had center activity and the church was growing.

Sometimes on weekends, the house was congested with around thirty workshop guests. We had visitors sleeping on tables because of the lack of space. Usually they were young people, some still going to school, but they wanted to do something for God and True Parents, and their parents permitted them to stay with us. We gave them time to do their homework and they helped with chores. They witnessed to their friends. We also witnessed on the university campus.

Our living room became too small for the growing Sunday services, so we worshipped outside, in the shade of the beautiful trees in front of the house, where there is now a holy ground. We sold pigs and chickens, which we still raised, to cover our expenses.

Renewal and vision for the church and business

Among the parents of missionaries, many had concerns when we left for our mission countries at such young ages. Over time, however, parents often became proud of how their son or daughter had matured, learned new languages, and so forth.

One day we received the news that Robert's father had been hospitalized in Scotland. On Robert's way back from visiting him, he stayed at Lancaster Gate, the United Kingdom's church headquarters, in London, where True Father was then residing.⁶ Hearing that a missionary from Africa was in the building, Father asked Robert to give his testimony. Father was interested to hear more about the sausage factory, and I was called to London. We were asked to make a report on what we had done. We waited for three days for an audience with True Father. It was the first time I met Father and I was rather nervous. Robert and I gave our report and Father said he wanted us to continue the project and even to expand into other countries. It was clear to us that we would have to continue beyond the original three years that the mission had been expected to last. Perhaps an official notification was sent out to all missions to carry on, but

⁶ Father was in the United Kingdom from May to September 1978 initiating the home church providence.

I don't remember one. In any event, our foundation was not strong enough after the three years; and the main concern was to leave a foundation that local members could continue to develop on their own.

Father mentioned that we would have to learn different skills—plumbing, bricklaying, welding and so on, to build new facilities. We did a lot of work by ourselves, making building plans, making concrete blocks, doing electrical installations, starting a repair shop for cars, a carpentry shop and so on. This was good training, of course, and saved money.

Father knew that many people in Africa were lacking even adequate food. He wanted to feed the people and provide them training to improve their lives. He looked at a map and gave details and plans to help Africa. He told us to buy a certain number of pigs and make a certain amount of product. This was written down and Father signed it. We have kept that as the founding document of our company.

This meeting left a deep impression on me. Later, I often reflected on it. Father could sense my thoughts. He saw me clearly. A Blessing Ceremony had been held in London just before that.⁷ Father asked me why I was not yet blessed. When I said it was because we were out in the wilderness, Father laughed.

Back in Zambia, we reopened the factory, and sausage making recommenced with new zeal. We trained several of the new members. We imported machines from Germany and expanded the variety of our products. Now we were producing different types of sausages—polonies, salamis, and so on. Father had spoken about fish sausage; I made several tests with fish sausage and smoked fish with good results, but since Zambia is a landlocked country, we could not get the type of fish needed for regular production.

In 1981, I visited Kinshasa, Zaire; Douala and Yaoundé in Cameroon; and Lagos, Nigeria to do feasibility studies for new sausage factories in West Africa. I found it quite promising.

Over a short time, nearly twenty brothers from various countries—Zaire, Kenya, Cameroon, Nigeria, South Africa, Ivory Coast and Tunisia arrived for training at our sausage factory. It became an international training camp! All brothers worked responsibly and learned various production and management skills. During their free time, they witnessed. Our products became known nationwide, because they were the best. Our policy was to represent True Parents to the best of our ability in

7 The 118-couple Blessing Ceremony



all aspects of life.

In June 1987, we opened a small factory in Kampala, Uganda. From Kampala, I went to Kinshasa with a brother who had also completed his training. We arranged everything in a rented building. Under Mr. Abdel Mesbah, who was in charge of businesses there, members began to build a good company. The products sold easily. I returned from Kinshasa with an attitude of repentance and reflection on True Father's vision for Africa. I felt I could not do enough to meet Father's expectations.

In the following years, a factory in Douala, Cameroon, and Bangui, Central African Republic, opened.⁸ One of my responsibilities was to visit and advise the new sausage factories, so I travelled once or twice a year and held seminars for further business education.

Zambian life and church developments

The late seventies were quite tumultuous with liberation wars going on in Rhodesia and South Africa, fierce civil wars in Angola and Mozambique, and political instability in Zaire. Zambia did not actively participate in these conflicts but hosted many freedom fighters, which operated from camps here. The country also became the home of many refugees. Prominent freedom fighters stayed in our neighborhood in Lusaka West; at times jet fighters screamed overhead and bombed training camps, and machine-gun fire could be heard. The situation was extremely tense. In this confusion, I was once arrested as a suspected South African spy. I spent a night in a prison cell. With the end of the civil war in Zimbabwe, in 1979, the situation improved, though armed robberies still made the country dangerous for several more years.

In February 1980, the Holy Spirit Association was approved and registered. The Unification Church of Zambia was finally born. We opened more witnessing centers and held regular workshops, so our church expanded. From about twenty members, we increased rapidly to thirty. The witnessing centers financed themselves through a delivery service of our meat products to homes, offices, banks and so on. It was also a means to train the members to survive financially. Over time, we set up a number of other projects, including a clinic, cattle ranching, gardening, light engineering and baking.

In Africa, the population is relatively young, and families

8 A factory is still operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo; another is preparing to begin operations in Zimbabwe. Other countries had sausage factories, but as leaders and missionaries changed, they ceased operations.



Left: The author with a work crew in the early days of sausage making; **Right:** The factory in Zambia has expanded greatly in size and become more automated and productive since *Today's World* first reported on the Zambian sausage business in our very first issue in April 1980.

have many children. It is not easy to make a living and many young people are inactive, which is a great loss.

The missionaries were invited to attend the celebration of Father's sixtieth birthday on February 21, 1980. Immediately after that, I attended my first forty-day workshop, in New York City. It was an unforgettable experience; we visited the Belvedere training center for Sunday Pledge Services, where Father usually addressed the congregation. Through the lectures, testimonies and living with other missionaries, we were able to broaden our horizons and gain greater vision and new inspiration for our mission work.

In December that same year, we received the shocking news that our brother Masaki Sasamoto was dead.⁹ At that time, Chieko, his wife, was staying with us in Zambia, waiting to join her husband in Tanzania. We prayed into the night, and then left together for Dar es Salaam, the Tanzanian capital. Japanese embassy officials met us there. Other brothers and relatives arrived. Mr. Sasamoto was laid to rest in Kinondoni Cemetery. True Father declared him a Unification Church martyr. It was a painful loss for all of us.

At the end of that same month, Robert Williamson was matched to Heidrun Manger from Germany, and I to Hildegard Gross from Austria. A new stage in our lives began.¹⁰ We attended the 6,000-couple Blessing Ceremony in 1982.

In 1984, we launched and financed Barlastone Park School¹¹ as a project to provide education for underprivileged orphans. It soon became so popular in the area that we offered education to the general public. It became a fee-paying school, while still enrolling disadvantaged children free of charge. For genuine development, training and education are needed.

Zambia today

At our Peace Embassy, with the support of brothers and sisters, Gen. Malimba Masheke, chairman of IIFWP¹² and of the Peace 9 Police came into Mr. Sasamoto's home and shot him dead. The only details known are sketchy.

10 Rudolf and Hildegard have four daughters. The character of the church changed after new families resulted from the 1992 Blessing Ceremony in Seoul, which forty Zambian members attended.

11 See the September–October 2008 issue for an account that includes experiences while teaching at Barlastone Park School.

12 Gen. Masheke, Zambian prime minister (1989–1991); Universal Peace Federation's former name, Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace, is used because Zambians may associate "universal" with a Zambian Christian Church that has acrimonious relations with other churches.

Council in Zambia, we have focused on educational seminars for young people, clergymen and ambassadors for peace from all backgrounds. We have held seminars—at which we have welcomed many government ministers as guests of honor—on peaceful elections, good governance, overcoming corruption and other useful topics.

We are teaching True Family Values to clergy members and introducing them to Divine Principle lectures. To balance views of different faiths, we have both Christian ministers and the secretary of the Islamic Council on our IIFWP Peace Council. The Women's Federation feeds malnourished children with soya meal and educates mothers at several clinics around Lusaka.

Some years ago, I was elected chairman of Lusaka West Farmers' Association and organized meetings with farmers, government officials and so on. I was more recently invited to sit on the Lusaka City Council's district development committee. These have been avenues to meet new people and to serve Zambia.

As national leader—a position I slipped into in May 2007 when our leader resigned—I have to be a pastor, which means taking care of people's spiritual lives. I focus on Sunday service, on faith and on understanding people and their problems more deeply. Couples, especially those with spouses of different nationalities, may have conflicting viewpoints, and families face difficulties, financial demands and other stressors. As a church leader, many of the issues I deal with are internal ones.

Whereas in years past we focused on ambassadors for peace, we now put greater emphasis on witnessing. In this manner, we are looking to the future. After all, the future leadership of our church will come from its core membership. Our witnessing results have recently improved. For example, some brothers from our education department recently spent a month pioneering the city of Ndola, a mining town in the copper belt. Five of those they witnessed to have attended seven-day workshops in Lusaka; from that workshop, one brother from Ndola and two from Lusaka joined. This past weekend, we had nine guests at the weekend workshop.

Scientists call Africa the cradle of human civilization. The deeply religious nature of the people gives them a sense of God's existence and of man's dependence on Him. In Africa, we need to take responsibility for ourselves, experience the true heart of God and walk the way of restoration with attention and care. *JW*



The increasing number of second-generation members gives a sense of how the movement has grown in Zambia.



Among other activities, WFWP Zambia distributes soya powder to malnourished children and patients with AIDS or tuberculosis.

