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Let Us Lighten True Mother's Burden

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“What do we leave behind and what do we take with us?” were the words of wisdom given by Dr. Young Taek Yang at a ceremony to express appreciation for his leadership, on April 8 this year at the Middle East regional headquarters in Istanbul, Turkey. He continued, “We leave behind our legacy and we only take with us true love.”

Dr. Yang will be moving on after three years of total dedication to the providence in this region. We are proud to come on the foundation of his dedication and that of all those that have come before him who demonstrated great loyalty to the Middle East mission.

As we held our first Middle East leaders meeting at the time of this appreciation ceremony, we were able to meet some of the saints and sages of the Middle East. Being in the presence of people of such wisdom, which they had cultivated through countless years of working in the field serving our True Parents, was such an amazing experience. What incredible testimonies they have; these are the treasures they will leave behind as their legacy. Our members who have served in the region over the last forty-five years have built a remarkable foundation of sacrifice and service. Now is the time to bring fruit here. Through listening to the many experiences and testimonies to the projects and programs that had been held over the years in the Middle East, that our True Parents invested greatly in the region in the past became obvious. We had held numerous seminars for Muslim leaders and scholars, organized frequent interfaith programs throughout the region, administered and sponsored many humanitarian and service projects and brought hundreds of religious leaders from all over the world to visit the holy lands and dialogue about peace and harmony. Our True Parents have invested so much into this rich and diverse area. We are so happy to be back in the Muslim world. After five years of working in Afghanistan and then four years in the Philippines, we are so honored that True Parents trust us to serve in the Middle East. The only solution to the problems in the Middle East is the precious truth that our True Parents have given to us. Our work in Afghanistan was proof of this. We could see first-hand the effect of our True Parents' message on the young people of Afghanistan and now we have tremendous hope to see the same result in the Middle East. When we first went to Afghanistan, seeing the way that God wanted us to work was not easy. We tried many avenues and found that the young people were open to the way of peace. As Dr. Yang reminded us, we ought not to have concepts. God has only one concept—we are one family under God.

As one result of our work in Afghanistan, at present we have four Afghan students studying at our college in the Philippines, the International Peace Leadership College. They are learning the ways of peace leadership and preparing themselves to go back to their country and to serve a higher purpose as true peacemakers. We want to give this opportunity to young people from the Middle East, so they can develop themselves and gain the tools they need to substantially contribute to their own societies in the future in a way that can make a significant difference. Islam is a religion of peace, but the historical and political situation of the region has taught the young people an unfortunate lesson of conflict. Young people need the tools to create a culture of peace that our True Parents' philosophy of peace can provide.

Many may think that to be assigned to the Middle East is to be given a burden or a difficult task, but to us it is an opportunity to serve on another level. Our True Mother is concerned about the problems of the Middle East and through her motherly heart she wants to see changes take place. At a time of great challenge in the providence, this is a chance for us to demonstrate our absolute faith in our True Parents. We see this assignment as a wonderful opportunity to bring hope to our True Mother. If somehow we can take some of our True Mother's burden off her shoulders and possibly bring a smile to her face, it will be worth any sacrifice or trial we may face. As our True Mother told us, it is time for the harvest and we believe it is time for harvest in the Middle East as well. 

True Parents recently appointed Umberto Angelucci regional president for the Middle East.

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Building a World Imbued with Heart-Centered Culture

This is an excerpt from True Father's speech at the Olympic Park Gymnastics Hall in Seoul, on May 1, 1994.

I stand at this podium with profound emotion. In 1954, with the late church president, Hyo Won Eu, and several close disciples, on a tiny house in Bukhak-dong in Seoul we hung the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity sign. That official beginning seems as if it were yesterday, yet forty years have already passed since that day.

Reflecting on the forty years

The founding of our church was not done for the attainment of some personal goal of mine but solely to fulfill God's will on earth. As I look back, I recall the tremendous persecution I encountered as I followed many different thorny paths. Not even my parents, my siblings nor my other relatives could understand. I have vivid memories of false accusations from various groups and nations. The most painful aspect was the opposi-

tion from members of the established churches whom God had prepared. Even today, some of them raise totally unfounded criticisms. Truly, I have surmounted many hurdles. During all these difficulties, I am so grateful for God's protection and guidance, out of his deep love.

What is the duty of saints that are responsible for God's providence of salvation? What is God's purpose in raising saints? The saints for whom God is searching are not those who in the future (after they die) others will honor. God is looking for saints that can save this evil world and that can transform it in this age into a world of goodness for which God is longing.

God is looking for saints that will plunge headlong into the sorrowful world of sin in order to wipe the slate clean of the world's sinful history. He is looking for saints that take it upon

themselves to solve the problems God is most concerned about, saints who will fulfill the providential will by firmly standing up against the evils of the world. Therefore, the path of these saints cannot be smooth; persecution and misunderstanding inevitably follow them.

I pledged to God that I would accomplish his will for him in my lifetime and whether awake or asleep I focused on that thought alone. I renewed this pledge countless times and continually disciplined myself to keep going, even while in the bowels of prison or under severe torture that took me to the verge of death.

Love motivated God

God's will does not belong only to those that believe. God's will governs all people and all of creation. It is not something vague. God's will is to fulfill the purpose of the Creation, that is,

the ideal that was in God's heart from the beginning of time. All things of the universe and humankind were created according to the purpose of the Creation.

Why would the eternal absolute God need to create? What does God absolutely need? Would it be material things, knowledge or power? If God wanted any of those things, he could create them at any time. God can conduct himself freely. The only thing that even God cannot control as he wills is true love. One can find true love only through a mutual relationship with a partner. One cannot feel love by oneself.

This is why God needed the material world as a counterpart. God created the world for the ideal of true love. We can look at the mineral kingdom, the plant kingdom or the animal kingdom (although they are at different levels) and see that they were all created in pairs of subject and object partners in order to be able to engage in give-and-take action, harmonize and complement each other.

Furthermore, human beings, as representatives of and the center of the created world, were made as the closest object partners for God's true love. For this reason, God needs human beings to realize his purpose for true love. From this perspective, we can understand how precious is the value of human beings as the object partners of God's true love.

God established true love as his ideal of creation, the highest and most absolute value. Even the absolute God desires to submit absolutely in front of true love. Likewise, humankind and the rest of creation, having been created through such a principle, become absolutely obedient in true love's presence. All of life's energies are interconnected and directed toward the higher level of true love. The order of the universe and the value of each created being are decided based on this principle.

The relationship between God, who has a heart of true love, and humankind is a vertical, parent-child, relationship. Adam and Eve, whom God created as his son and daughter, were the first to receive God's parental love and experience the heart of children as they grew up. During their growth, they could also feel the

heart of brother and sister for each other. Next, after being blessed in marriage by God, they were to become a couple. By loving each other, they were to experience the heart of a husband or wife. Finally, after having children and loving them as true parents, they were to feel the heart of parents and experience the parental heart through which God had loved them as children. These different experiences of the heart, the heart of a child, the heart of a sibling, the heart of a spouse, and the heart of parents, we called the "four great realms of heart."

The perfection of humankind requires a complete understanding of these four great realms of heart under God's true love. The foundation for this is the ideal family. A family that embodies the four great realms of heart is the smallest unit of humankind that fulfills God's ideal of creation.

God, the origin and Lord of true love, is in the position of a father that intends to bequeath unchanging true love to all people as his children. Through true love, complete harmony and unity can be achieved. Furthermore, for those who receive this true love, the right to live together and the right to act together naturally ensue. Therefore, as God's children, we can all move and work together with God. People who are intoxicated by God's true love would have joy and the ideal and they would naturally give true love to those around them and to their descendants. That would have been the fulfillment of the original ideal of the creation.

Heart-centered culture

God wants a religion in a parental position to govern this age. God wants a religion whose followers live with parental hearts. I myself have been teaching true parent-ism, which means to educate each person to become a true parent that embodies this tradition. I guide people to first become true parents in the family and then to become true parents of their tribe by fulfilling their mission as tribal messiahs. We have to become a religion that embodies and practices the true parental heart in order to realize God's will in a world of conflict, hatred and evil. Religions that despise other religions or denominations and


have contempt for them are a hindrance to the accomplishment of world peace and of God's providence.

A peaceful, harmonious world is destined to emerge. What, however, is the reality of the world around us? Even though we say that the cold war is over, many tensions and conflicts need to be resolved. Our task is to establish the age of the harmonious one-world family by fundamentally solving the conflicts between races and the struggles between religions. This task can be accomplished only with true parent-ism.

We who stand on the foundation of forty years of pioneering by the Unification Church and who have welcomed the True Parents and the Completed Testament Age, need to build a new world based on a true heart-centered culture. Each person becomes a substantiation of that ideal when he or she becomes one with God in a true parent-child relationship. That is what creates happiness in the harmony of love.

Throughout my life, my motivation has been purely to live for the sake of God's will. God has watched over and guided me at all times, yet the difficulties and suffering he endures are thousands of times greater than my own. I offer all glory to God, for how could the achievements of the past forty years be only my own?

I am deeply grateful to the church members that have worked so hard and to the many who have lent their support. God's will that I have begun to fulfill is actually his original will for all humankind. I therefore ask all of you to become my representatives and representatives of the True Parents. Please become the inheritors of God's will and multiply the fruits of righteousness and goodness. Let us invest our efforts to realize quickly the original world, the true heart-centered culture that God yearns to see on earth.

Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to all honored guests from Korea and overseas for blessing us with your presence on this occasion. May your families and your work continue to be blessed by God's presence. 

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This Country is God's Homeland

This is a translation of what True Mother said at hoondokhae on the first day of April at Cheon Jeong Gung.

I have often said that the right timing does not always exist. We must take into consideration the topic of today's hoondokhae, what is happening in reality today and the selfish calculations of superpowers surrounding Korea. This nation, which must realize God's word, is God's homeland and True Parents' nation. What should be done in this present situation where superpowers such as China, Russia, the United States, Japan and other countries only seek their own national interests?

Recently, China has been saying it will have control over even banks as part of its endeavor to expand its power. Korea also became a member, didn't it? [True Mother is apparently referring to the Asian Infrastructure Development Bank.] Several nations in Europe have joined China too, haven't they? When seeing this state of affairs, what thought comes to you? For Korea to survive even in a balanced state of power hasn't been easy.

If the power is lop-sided, things can be more complicated.

Quicken your pace

We have set goals to achieve by 2020. Even if we attain these goals, we still have a long way to go. The world is too wide. Let us take religion as an example. Should religions that recklessly kill people because of the slight differences existing between them exist or disappear? This brings shame to the name "religion." Human beings could be called God's greatest work, yet, there are religions that still discriminate against human beings. How did all this happen? It happened because we did not properly know God. The path we have to follow is endlessly wide and has hindrances everywhere. What should be done?

This nation, True Parents' fatherland and God's homeland, is still divided in two. North Korea keeps shooting missiles as a way to survive. It is as if they are trying to say, If you

threaten us, we will act. Can we just stand by and watch this continue? Is there a way to bring about reunification between the two Koreas? Is there an alternative that can bring unity to this nation? A new era has opened centered on Foundation Day. Can we let what Father said, that he has completed everything, come to nothing? There is only one method, one way. It is the True Parents. Do you understand?

I am saying that you should quickly fulfill your tribal messiah responsibilities. In the future, there will be many university graduates; yet, people say there is no guarantee that these graduates will find a job. Right? We can give them jobs. Do you really think major companies can eternally maintain their businesses within the family? We live in an extremely competitive society. On the other hand, we are different. When one restores a person to God's side, that person will restore another healthy person like him

or her to God's side too. This is witnessing. Through witnessing, we give hope to others and those recruited will honor God's will and think, Ah! I should try living more for others! For example, the person might think, I should not only work in Korea or in this society alone, but I should turn my sights on the world! If this happens, the person will become the greatest global citizen in this era.

Why did you think witnessing to someone and sending that person out as an evangelist is difficult? If those who cannot find a job after graduating from university listen to True Parents' teachings, receive training, go out to the world and teach Korean in different countries, not only would they be elevating the status of God's homeland, Korea, but they would be able to find a way to make a living. Hence, they would be grateful to you and welcome you for it. If you gradually expand your environment in this manner, you can become leaders. This system of ours is a means of organization that young people should first learn in order to survive in their struggle for existence. We must revitalize CARP.

Don't we have to save Korea? Korea is still not in a position where it can stand on its own feet. As God's homeland and the nation where True Parents were born, can we let Korea be poorly treated? From the perspective of God's will and that of the providence, we are following the eternal path while today's governments and all other organizations will disappear one day. As time passes, they will flow away. We will not. They can assert that they can speak and act without any responsibility attached to that. Yet, we cannot. We must complete our responsibilities. Each one of you and your families have lived and joined hands with True Parents in this age. As first- and second-generation members, you must fulfill your responsibilities.

Protect God's homeland

The reunification of the two Koreas must be made possible by 2020. How unfortunate is North Korea! They have no food to eat but keep shooting missiles. They may be doing so to feel secure internally, but that is not something to be done. A leader should never let the people he or she is lead-

ing go hungry. I wonder what sense of ownership they have when thinking and acting. If they are doing something wrong, they should be educated. China is gradually expanding its influence and will not leave Korea in peace. If that happens, Japan will not either; nor will the United States leave Korea alone.

That is why I have worried about this for a long time. This nation, which is where the providential history came to fruition, must be healthy. It must become a nation that can stand high within the world. Being God's homeland and True Parents' birth nation, Korea is the center of the world. Hence, we cannot allow the center to suffer. I have to protect this nation while I am still alive. If I go to the spiritual world, too, who will do this? That is why I have asked you to find ways to become a neutral nation.

There is a reason why I sometimes visit Switzerland. I do not go there just to observe the natural scenery. Among the permanently neutral states are Switzerland, Costa Rica and some other countries. Centered on the Korean headquarters, all organizations should research ways to do this and should work on widening the thoughts of the Korean people through the *Segye Times*. They are now seen as the four superpowers, but we should not let them treat Korea as they wish. Therefore, the two Koreas must be reunified before they do that. You can imagine how much I worried about this as a result.

The reason why I am working so hard is to save this nation. What is my purpose in saving this nation? It is to save the world. The Korean people have nothing to boast of. It does not have abundant tourist attractions as Brazil does. It does not produce a lot

of gold and silver as some countries do; nor does it produce oil. It has nothing. Through what means, then, can this nation center itself and be able to stand high in front of the world? There is only one way and that is through the True Parents. Through the truth, the truth; only through the word can it shine.

You should change your way of thinking, beginning with those who are here. This nation must first safely stand upright, because it is to become a firm foundation for the substantial Cheon Il Guk. If an owner cannot do what an owner does, that is a serious problem. From now on, doing one's best is not enough. We must risk our lives to defend God's homeland. Only by doing that, can you keep your honor as people who have lived in this age. You cannot do this by just living well. I am asking you to join hands and speak out in one voice.

All nations are like sons and daughters in front of True Parents. They are sibling nations. How sad must the spiritual world be? Those in the spiritual world have high expectations of each one of you. You should change from now on. While doing hoondokhae every day, you should be able to say, I will spend my day in this way today. I will practice this at all costs.

In the evening, you should be able to say, I did it. The next day, you should again be able to say, I will do even greater today. You should be able to give reports reflecting development in this way. You should not have the same reports yesterday, today and tomorrow. Can you change? You must change. Only by changing, can Korea survive. By doing this, you also can survive and your descendants can grow well with a heart of gratitude toward you. ㄸ





Become True Leaders of Cheon Il Guk

That you are living in era when you can hear the terms “true parents,” “blessed families,” and “true children,” is a miracle. When reflecting upon our ancestors down through history, those who can naturally realize how much effort we should invest with a heart of gratitude, with an apologetic heart and an inadequate one, are normal. What is Family Pledge number three? Don’t you pledge that you will realize the realm of the royal family? You say this every day; yet, do you practice it, or not? You have received an incredible amount of blessings. You have received blessings difficult even to cope with; yet, the more you share them, the greater they become. The environ-

ment of the person that shares one’s blessings through true love will expand. The blessing blesses that position; however, you should not remain idle in that position; you must grow. We can express “growth” in other terms, such as “fulfilling one’s responsibility.”

All blessed members, including second-generation blessed members: How big and how deep have your roots grown? You must fulfill your tribal messiah responsibility. That means you must witness. You must expand your environmental realm. The root of an individual or that of a family can shake with the wind. However, if the roots of a tribe that centers on you grow down together, those

roots will not budge even if a powerful tsunami were to pass over them.

Become people I remember

The only way for you to survive is by witnessing. Humanity and nature looked forward to and waited for the True Parents. Nature lamented when the Fall occurred. Ever since, people, in ignorance, have caused great destruction to nature. The true owner should be able to restore everything to its original state. You should become model people in thought and action and be able to change the mind-set of people your age in your surroundings—Japan, Asia and the world.

One thing your older brother Hyo Jin always said from the time he could

True Mother gave this message at the graduation of second-generation members from the second Japanese Top Gun workshop, on March 18, in Cheon Jeong Gung.



speaking was that becoming a filial son was his responsibility. He grew up with that heart. He used to say he would provide me with everything I needed so that I could live in wealth and honor. He said that from a young age. In the 1960s, our church was still very poor. Hence, from his standard of what a mother was supposed to have, his mother had nothing. So he would say he would do this and that for me. He was a filial son not only in words but also in practice.

When Father went on a speaking tour of the fifty US states—saying that he had come to America as a doctor or as a firefighter in response to the breakdown of families, the indescribable problems among juveniles and the increasing influence of communism in the United States as a result of ideological conflicts—those at the leadership level, who were greatly concerned about the country, welcomed Father. Having lost what they considered the nearly completed job of communizing the United States, communists followed Father wherever he spoke, looking for a chance to get rid of him. Hyo Jin, who was accompanying us at that time, saw them. Though he was still quite

young, somewhere in his teens, he wanted to fight those adults.

Growing up in such an environment, your older brother Hyo Jin thought that qualified personnel and time were needed for True Parents' teachings to be accepted. Nevertheless, he also reflected on many ways to save people in an effective manner, all at once, like a whirlwind. He thought, I have to change people's minds through music and guide them to the church in this way.

After deciding to do that, he wrote ten thousand songs in three years. This is impossible with human power alone. He wrote the lyrics and composed the songs himself. The body has physical limits. We must replenish ourselves when investing so much energy in this manner. He took that trait from Father.


I am saying this because I suddenly thought of what he had said. According to him, thoughts coming from the head usually change based on circumstances. However, what we experience through the heart lasts for eternity.

He considered witnessing based on the Principle as important. Yet, he believed that it was important to make

people accept True Parents' teachings after first moving their hearts. He invested that kind of effort. Recently, you probably wondered why the children in the True Family are doing what they are doing, and perhaps felt confused. However, do not worry about it. As long as I am here, I will establish the tradition.

All blessed members and the children of the True Family need to go through a growth period. In addition, they have responsibility. If the children in the True Family cannot fulfill their responsibility, they cannot say this and that because they are True Family members. In the future, just as it is now, there will not be any other representative of our Heavenly Parent in front of humanity other than True Parents. There are no two generations of True Parents. You should understand this. You are all sons or daughters, Cain or Abel in front of True Parents. Thus, if you fulfill your responsibility, you will be moving ahead. Do you understand? All members should become one with the newly appointed international president without confusion and steadfastly move forward together.

I will make sure that the means by which this tradition passes down is established. Because I am Mother, I will forgive everything I can; however, this should not exceed the limit. Why is that so? Because of our future generations. Because I am such a Mother, if you confidently move forward in unity with me, no one will dare confront you. You just need to fulfill your responsibility. Hence, I hope you become members of the second Top-Gun class whom I can remember before I go to the spiritual world.

In the future, the life of a church leader must be transparent. The words coming from your mouths should match your actions; you should be able to live a life of practice. Hence, you should not lightly regard what comes from your mouths. To cut this short, you should not blurt out words that are improper for a leader just because you are angry. I sincerely hope you become virtuous leaders. True and honest... This is the model, the model. You should be able to build a culture in which Top Gun members are welcome with loud applause wherever they go. 

Remembering Saints and Patriots



Sun Jin Moon, FFWPU international president welcomed the audience to the memorial service.

Now, if you multiply that heartache times fourteen, you get a glimpse of True Parents' eternal, unconditional and suffering heart.

If you can understand that level of longing, just imagine Heavenly Parent's heart, suffocating under the weight of losing and longing for reunion with seven billion of his children. It is this anguished parental heart of our Heavenly Parent and of our True Parents that we as filial children must liberate.

Most importantly and essentially, we must come together as one family to restore this woeful reality of separation in parent-child relationships. I am sure you recognize that such divisions within my own family are a source of great anguish to our True Parents.

That is why we must come together as one and on that foundation work together to reunite the human family, building countless bridges of reconciliation throughout the world. In this way, we can create a world of complete harmony, peace joy and absolute true love.

I am sharing these thoughts with you so that we can grow to build a better environment for our collective future. We do not want our children and our future generations to have to go down a path of suffering, fighting, war, conflict and confusion and indemnity.

Let us work to usher in a new age, one characterized by loving blessed families who restore the true parent-child relationship, and who fulfill the four realms of heart. Let us create beautiful blessed families who dwell

Beloved members of the True Family and close relatives, beloved blessed central families, it is my honor and privilege to welcome warmly each one of you who has come here today for this memorial service in honor of the precious True Children of our True Parents' who have ascended to the spiritual world.

We stand together in this holy place and on this solemn occasion as one family under our Heavenly Parent, our True Parents, the True Family and FFWPU.

When we meditate on the fact that four of the True Children have al-

ready ascended, we cannot begin to fathom the heart of sorrow and the outpouring of tears shed by True Parents. This is the same heart that our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents have for each one of us and indeed for all seven billion people on earth.

Many of you are parents that have raised your own children. In this way, you know something of True Parents' own hearts. Furthermore, if you have experienced the loss of even one child or parent, you surely must have felt unspeakable loss and excruciating pain. You must ache and long for a day of reunion. That longing continually pulls at your deepest heartstrings.

This was the text of Sun Jin Moon's speech at a March 29 memorial service in the chapel of the Hannam-dong International Training Center and Guesthouse for those of her siblings that have ascended to heaven.



Prof. Yeon Ah Moon read excerpts from Father's speeches on the topic of True Parents' children.



In Sup Park, FFWPU international vice-president, spoke of experiences with ascended True Children.



FFWPU-Korea President Ryu gave a sermon at the memorial for ascended True Family members.

in love and joy as our Heavenly Parent originally intended.

It is extremely difficult to share this content. However, this is the suffering course of indemnity that my family and many early members and their families have experienced. Two of my dear elder brothers, one precious younger brother and an elder sister who passed in childhood are those we honor and memorialize today.

To account properly, adequately, for the depth of heart and mind that characterized each one of these precious True Children would be an impossible task. However, I do hope I am able to help you understand, even in some small way, the agonizing path that all True Family members have followed and continue to follow up until this day.

These are not easy things to speak about, and in any case, I am already a shy and tearful public speaker. Still, I hope I can muster the composure to convey something of the significance of each True Child that we honor today. For each one had their own course, and each one has their unique story, filled with moments of tremendous sacrifice, passion, true love, heart and soul, strength and bravery, and filial piety. Each one has a legacy that still endures.

I have so many personal experiences with my siblings. I grew up with them. As brothers and sisters, we laughed, loved, fought, cried, and shared each moment of joy and sorrow in the midst of indescribable complexity. On the one hand, it would require volumes to tell the story of each one of these sacred children who ascended. On the other hand, no words can do justice to the lives that they endured and sacrificed.

If True Mother's life is like the mysterious depths of the ocean, perhaps I

can compare our existence in those days to life on a deserted island. We often felt so remote, so lost in the vast span of the sea. Our mother surrounds us but we cannot hold her. We are left stranded on the shore of a tiny lump of sand, not ever recorded as even a speck on a map. Separated from our homeland, from our parents, and from civilization, we are quarantined in a harsh environments inhabited by poisonous snakes and insects, and with shark infested seas, facing the unforgiving glare and burn of the tropical sun and inevitable tropical storms. The land is only sand. We search for pure water and nourishment but we are left dehydrated and starving for love. The unpredictable terrain, sharp-edged rocks, thorns, twisted brush, muddy swamps, surround us. In the midst of all this, our hearts continuously and relentlessly cry out for us to be reunited with our family and to find our way home, to survive at all costs until the day of rescue. In many ways, this is how life felt for our elders in Korea in Cheongpa-dong church and the younger ones born in America at East Garden.

Many people think East Garden is a mansion and that the True Family members have everything. However, without true parental love, it is like a deserted island. In those days, the only time we caught a glimpse of True Parents was at the door of a car opening or closing, taking them away to carry out their pledge and their sworn responsibility to bring about world peace. Even when they were home, they spent all the time with the blessed family members. We lingered around but felt almost like ghosts, unable to reach for them.

Countless celebrations with hundreds of people were held on an al-

most daily basis, some even celebrating our birthdays, but it was almost as if we did not exist. Following the singing of a song, we were whisked away as the celebration or meeting carried on. It was as if a huge cruise ship of singing, happy families were drifting by with our parents in the visible distance, but our voices couldn't be heard as we called out to our parents, and the ship passed into the sunset.

That was just one picture of the loneliness we felt in these years. I can't imagine what my older siblings went through in the Cheongpa-dong church.

I heard stories from my elders about those early days. I can't really imagine what it must have been like to have to grow up during those early years in Korea. There was no running water or electricity. There was poverty, in a country still recovering from the devastation of war and displacement. On top of that, to have to share your parents all the time, not understanding why... Living in a small church teeming with (shall we say) not fully perfected members, and in those early years, even our mother was challenged by her own course of indemnity.

When I think of my oldest brother as a small child trying to live up to so many expectations—to fill the shoes of the messiah and bring about world peace in the midst of such a difficult environment... What a daunting task for anyone, let alone a stranded young child. He lived up to his name, Hyo Jin *oppa*—filial piety. I hold him in my heart with the deepest respect.

When I see the old black and white photos showing the innocent faces of my siblings, my heart cannot help but be moved. Each precious child would eventually be called to face so many



An offering being made during the memorial service

trials and tribulations, as direct descendants and physical children of our saviors, the True Parents. For this reason, I can proudly say of all of them that they were courageous, humble, filial, and absolute in faith, love and obedience, even in the most impossible of environments.

Even our True Mother, after each birth, had to attend members, rather than nursing her own children. I can't begin to imagine the suffering course she endured. Think about it: She was a bride at seventeen years of age, and gave birth to fourteen children, one after the other, while also attending True Father in his never-ending public mission. Who could endure such a course?

How much longing and sorrow must have filled her heart. Such a young girl, she had to grieve and agonize over having her children offered up, unable to embrace them fully in her loving arms.

When True Parents observe the course of their own sons and daughters and see how many of us have stumbled along the way or drifted in the wrong direction, surely their hearts would fill with pain. Surely, they'd cry out, wishing they could have raised us themselves and protected us from harm. Yet, they never complained, never showed resentment or hardship. Instead, they taught us to forgive, love and unite and the importance of true love.

Experts tell us that the early years of life are the most important in terms of our formation. This is when a par-

ent and child should bond together in secure attachment. This attachment gives a child the strength, stability, and the foundation to grow up healthy and strong. How painful must have been the heart of True Parents that this parent-child relationship had to be interrupted and suspended for the sake of the providence.

I know many of our elder members were also asked to go witnessing and leave their second-generation children behind. I can appreciate all the pain you endured. I can empathize with all those blessed children. The parents and children alike all paid indemnity for the sake of world peace, for the sake of building the kingdom of heaven and Cheon Il Guk. This was a noble sacrifice. I have the greatest respect for all who endured during these early years.

To achieve the ideal, many blessed families made countless sacrifices. We should bow our heads with the deepest honor, and pay respect to all those who dedicated their lives and their families for the liberation of our Heavenly Parent and the human family.

If we understand restoration through indemnity, we can only have a sincere heart of gratitude toward those who have gone before us. If we think of those who serve on the front line, especially our True Father, our elder True Family members and blessed family members who have ascended, and we look toward True Mother, who single-handedly holds high the torch that lights the way for

us on earth, we cannot help but feel absolute gratitude. We cannot help but have a heart to serve and honor the lives of our heroic parents, brothers and sisters, and children, who gave their lives for the sake of building one family under God.

We must not let their memory and legacy be lost. We should treasure them as saints and patriots. Their lives were dedicated to bringing about a world of true love and harmony. We should always honor their lives, and we should always honor their hopes and dreams and the ideals they lived and died for.

Every being goes through the stages of growth—formation, growth and perfection. If we can learn from those who went before us, we can create a better environment for future generations.

Then, with each generation, we can strengthen the good environment and eliminate the conditions that give rise to bad environments. In this way, we can learn to create an ideal environment for all of our descendants. That is my hope, to go over the layers of indemnity to a path of ideal growth and perfection, which connects us all together as one family under our Heavenly Parent and our True Parents....with perfected parent, child, sibling, couple, children and family relationships.

There is so much more I would like to share about our amazing brothers and sisters. There is so much we can learn from their history. I hope you could get some glimpse of that early difficult environment. I hope that each of you can grow closer to having ideal, loving parent-child relationships in your own families, now that we are in the completed testament and Cheon Il Guk era. May we gratefully learn and honor our past and synergize and create a more joyful, loving, peaceful future!

I thank you for attending this very special memorial service. Thank you for your loyal and loving hearts and for your care for our ascended family members. May Heavenly Parent always protect and bless each one of you and your precious families. Let us all work together to achieve this dream, of one peaceful world under our Heavenly Parent. Thank you very much. ㄸ

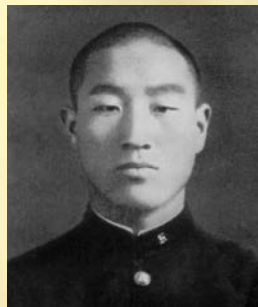
A Pivotal Moment

When Father received his calling from God

April 2015 marks eighty years since True Father, as a youth of fifteen (sixteen by the Korean way of reckoning age) had the profound spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ through which Jesus asked him to work to end human suffering. Father speaks of the time as being on or around Easter.

Father has testified that as a boy, he would often go into the local hills to pray. His cousin testified that although many Christians went out to pray in nature, few would stay out all night praying as Father did in his youth. The following quotations are from the forthcoming English version of Chambumo Gyeong.

I had a great spiritual revelation given to me by Jesus when I was sixteen years old. That was the beginning. After that special encounter with him, I conversed endlessly with God, Jesus and countless saints in the spirit world. It would take forever to describe all the things we talked about. God chose me in accordance with his providential schedule. (1976)



truly omnipotent, why won't God solve the problems that humanity is facing today? Why is it that so much suffering exists on this earth?

I lived with the omnipotent God and with Jesus for nine years following that day. I visited the spirit world many times. God gradually revealed amazing truths to me. It felt as if I were welcom-

I was sixteen years old when I first had the experience that led me to know God. It was a humble beginning. Since I was very young, I began to contemplate the fundamental questions regarding human life: Who am I? Where did I come from? What is the purpose of life? Will our life continue after we die? Does God really exist? Is God omnipotent, or is he powerless? If God is

ing the rising sun after a long night of walking in the darkness. I was able to see the light of the new glorious culture that was to come. This special revelation based on the New Testament was on a higher level than the teachings of Judaism. This revelation had the power to bring all religions into agreement and unite them as one. The revelation that I received is now called the Principle. I was commanded by God to spread this teaching to the ends of the earth. (1979)



A Musical Tribute to a Filial Son

This was the seventh year that FFWPU in Korea held a music festival in remembrance of True Parents' oldest son, Hyo Jin nim (1962–2008) featuring music he had composed and played.



In commemoration of the second anniversary of Cheon Il Guk Foundation Day, we held the Moon Hyo Jin Music Festival to re-illuminate the filial life of Hyo Jin nim, to whom True Parents gave the posthumous title, “the lord who will open a gate into the heavenly kingdom, as a son of loyalty and filial piety in the garden that opens the way to the deep, wide and high realms of heaven.” We held the event, which attracted an audience of around 1,200 people, in the Cheon Bok Gung Church Grand Chapel on Saturday, March 21, beginning at 4:00 PM. The festival was webcast live.

The creative output of a devoted son

Moon Hyo Jin was born on December 29, 1962 (12.3 on the lunar calendar) as the first son of the True Family and served as the first president of CARP International. From 1990, he produced perhaps ten documentaries including one called, “The Portrait of Jesus.” He also analyzed the cause of religious, familial and societal problems, and developed and conducted a social education program that proposed an alternative solution to them.

He wrote and composed songs that reflected his deep heart toward our Heavenly Parent and True Parents. He released about seventeen albums. By 2002, he had completed recording around ten thousand songs in diverse genres that he had written and played himself. To remember the noble intentions of Moon Hyo Jin in trying to create a filial culture of heart through music and the arts, we began holding the Moon Hyo Jin Music Festival annually in 2009, a year after he had



passed away.

Prof. Moon Yeon Ah, Hyo Jin nim's widow and the president of the Women Federation for World Peace International, gave words of encouragement, saying, "As brothers and sisters, the root that brings us together as a family is God." After emphasizing this, she said, "This music festival is being held to remember Moon Hyo Jin, who dedicated his entire life in response to True Parents' views that we need a culture of the heart that remains unchanging from an emotional perspective and one that can change the artistic culture that has been negatively affecting teenagers.... I sincerely hope you can all remember Hyo Jin nim's noble life and become determined to lead lives of filial piety."

Rev. Kyeong Seuk Ryu gave a congratulatory address in which he said, "Moon Hyo Jin is the big brother of all members in the Unification Family. With a filial heart for True Parents, he personally wrote and composed ten thousand songs that expressed their noble true love and their lives' work for the liberation of God and the salvation of humanity.... The lyrical, musical and cultural legacy that Hyo Jin nim left contain his strong intentions and his passion in creating a culture of heart within our unification family. I sincerely hope that you can inherit Hyo Jin nim's precious life tradition through this music festival and

become young leaders who can let the world know of True Parents' achievements in pursuit of peace."

In his representative report prayer, Moon Sang Pil, president of CARP-Korea read the prayer that Hyo Jin nim gave at the end of a forty-day all-night vigil condition during True Father's incarceration at Danbury. In this prayer, Hyo Jin nim testified that True Parents are the coming saviors. The filial heart conveyed through this prayer moved the hearts of many in the grand hall.

The first part of the music festival began with the song, "Love Arirang," a rendition of a famous Korean song, which the Korean Seonhak Children's Choir sang beautifully. True Mother founded this choir on her seventieth birthday. A praise team called Godcha, consisting of CARP university students and other students from Seoul then gave a performance by a new trot singer called Kang Su Bin and performances by the rock band Rebirth, which came together for the first time in 1993 under the influence of Hyo Jin nim's music activities.

Rebirth's aim is to expand and teach others about the culture of heart and to restore culture. Rebirth performed two songs, "We Know the Way" and "The Song of a Beetle," which Hyo Jin nim had written wrote and composed. These songs brought the atmosphere in the hall to a climax.

The second part of the performance began with watching a specially made video titled, "A World of the Culture of Heart and Multi-Media." The documentary, which covered Hyo Jin nim's life and his vision for creating a world of the heart through the production and distribution of cultural material, greatly moved those attending.

A professional dance team called Respect, which specializes in K-pop choreography, gave a performance in rhythm to Hyo Jin nim's songs "My life" and "The Song of Rain." Following it, a band called Eternal Flame, made up of members who graduated from the Sun Moon University rock band Rebirth, sang some of Moon Hyo Jin's title songs, "Love You Forever Like the Spring Rain," "Honey," "I love you" and other songs. Also, contemporary jazz guitarist Hata Shuji performed. In the end, the Hyo Jin Moon Band made up of the key members that went on concert tours with Hyo Jin nim from 2003 to 2007 in Korea and Japan performed. A highlight of the evening was when Moon Shin Yuh nim and Moon Shin Heung nim each sang a song of their father's, garnering a great response from the audience. 7

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OUTLINE OF THE HISTORY OF MISSION WORK IN EUROPE

Fifty years have passed since True Father created nineteen holy grounds in sixteen European nations during his first world tour in 1965. True Mother is in Europe to mark half a century of European mission work by speaking at commemorative events in Vienna, Austria, on May 9, in Frankfurt, Germany, on May 14, and in London, England, on May 16. In order to convey her congratulations from the heart, Mother decided to visit European countries to meet blessed families and to encourage the members that are doing their utmost to succeed in fulfilling Vision 2020. On May 11, True Mother will give a special address at the United Nations Office in Vienna in order to convey our Heavenly Parent's will and her message of true love to all of Europe and the world. Sun Jin Moon, international president of FFWPU, will respond to interview requests from the media as she accompanies True Mother throughout the tour.



True Father visited Europe for the first time during his world tour in 1965.

He toured Europe for about forty days from the first city they visited, Lisbon in Portugal, to the Vatican, and established nineteen holy grounds in sixteen nations.

“The Vatican is the concentrated hub of European civilization, the place where the essence of European civilization accumulated. Just as you intend, Father, we will bring the innumerable divided religious denominations and orders into oneness. So Father, please be with us.” True Parents’ devotion, with which Father offered his heartfelt prayer at the holy ground in the Vatican, has continued to this day.”

To this day, True Parents have visited Europe more than twenty times and have guided the mission work with deep blessings and grace.

Europe is an important in the history of the providence of salvation.

This importance comes from Christianity having gained influence in Europe beginning from Rome after Jesus’ death on the cross and from there propagating its gospel to the rest of the world. True Parents invested deep devotion into Europe and bestowed blessings on her.

In 1978, to begin the Home Church providence, they stayed for four months in London, England, during which they blessed 118 couples at the UK headquarters church. True Mother had been unable to accompany Father because she was in her last month of pregnancy, so True Father and Ye Jin nim officiated the Blessing Ceremony. Additionally, when True Parents stayed for some weeks in Germany in 1981 to invest in the machine tool industry, they officiated a Blessing Ceremony of thirty-nine couples and the engagement of 309 blessing candidates.

These two Blessing Ceremonies in Europe paved a new ground for supporting worldwide mission work as the blessed couples established themselves. The machine tool technology introduced into Korea at the time later became a model for technological equalization.

Members set out on mission work in



- 1 1969 True Parents pray at the holy ground in Paris, France.
- 2 1969 True Father in Vienna, Austria, with church members.
- 3 1981 True Father in Germany looking into machine tool manufacturing.
- 4 1974 the third International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences
- 5 1972 True Parents in front of St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican
- 6 1969 officiating the Blessing Ceremony of eight couples, March 28 in Essen, Germany
- 7 1981 matching couples in Camberg, Germany
- 8 1987 Hyo Jin Moon, World CARP president, leading demonstrators at the Berlin Wall
- 9 1985 Geneva, Switzerland, Father had given PWPA the conference theme "The Fall of the Soviet Empire: Prospects for Transition to a Post-Soviet World."
- 10 1990 the victory celebration with members in Camberg after the successful meetings in Moscow with President Mikhail Gorbachev

communist Eastern Europe, where freedom of religion was scant. The advance base in this campaign was Austria.

During the Cold War, the easiest route to Eastern Europe was through Vienna. Members who set out as secret missionaries made preparations by learning their target country’s language and offering devotions through all-night prayer vigils and through fasting.

In August 1968, Paul Werner, national leader of Austria, sent out Emilie Sterberl—a Slovakian who had been deported from her homeland as

part of the outcome of World War II—as a missionary to Czechoslovakia. She had been a church member for just two years. At the time of her dispatch, Warsaw Pact countries participated in crushing the reform movement’s “Prague Spring” and occupied Czechoslovakia. When it became difficult to continue her mission work in Prague, Emilie Sterberl moved to Bratislava. While studying the Slovakian language at university, she witnessed to twelve people in two years. She was only able to remain until 1970. Alzbeta Daniskova then led the movement in Czechoslovakia



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and the membership grew. They had established thirty pioneer centers by 1973.

The local members carried out their missions under the most difficult of situations as the police put them under surveillance and hounded them. At the time, the number of members exceeded a hundred in the Czech Republic, and they had taken charge of carrying out underground mission work. In the end, however, the police arrested and imprisoned nearly thirty members. Among them, Maria Živná died a martyr in Bratislava Prison on April 16, 1974.

“Can you imagine the burden of heart I carried, being unable to hold them and save their lives?”

—True Father speaking of missionaries to communist countries, April 30, 1990

You would not be able to fathom how many tears True Parents have shed and how many prayers they have offered as they thought of all the members who suffered in prison. In 1994, True Parents officially recognized Marie Živná, who had died under mysterious circumstances in a cold prison cell at such a young and beautiful age as a Unification Church martyr.

True Parents appointed Peter Koch to succeed Paul Werner as national leader of Austria. After careful preparation, Austrian members under Peter Koch’s overall guidance entered Eastern Europe beginning in 1980. The members carried out underground mission work at the risk of their lives in communist nations, such as Poland, Bulgaria, Romania, Hungary, East Germany and even the Soviet Union.

Heaven will remember these missionaries, who risked their lives to set out on underground mission work even though most had never even met True Parents. Brave members car-

ried out this mission campaign, named "Mission Butterfly," in the communist realm where surveillance and oppression were prevalent. Their mission work is a milestone in efforts to open up Eastern Europe to democracy.

Thanks to the sacrifices made by the missionaries at the time, the propagation of True Parents' teachings in the Soviet Union began. Unknown to others and without receiving glory for their efforts, they faithfully carried out their work. These dazzlingly beautiful butterflies will be remembered in the history of God's providence, shining in eternal glory.

In Europe, we can still see a great footprint from the march to end to the Cold War.

In 1985, in Geneva, Switzerland, at a time when the expansion of the communist realm had reached its zenith, the professors of the Professors World Peace Academy proclaimed the downfall of Soviet communism in accordance with True Parents' own prediction. Two years later, Hyo Jin nim led three thousand CARP members from across the world, who had come to appeal for the end of the Cold War at a demonstration in front of the Berlin Wall—a symbol of the Cold War and the division between East and West.

"God is eternal. Let us join our forces to break down this wall. Let us do it with love, with true love. True love can break through anything. Please join us and pray together with us. Let us pray for the people suffering under communism. Let us pray for the world."

We confidently believe that the passionate appeals and the prayers, jointly offered by Hyo Jin nim and three thousand young people, reached Heaven and set in motion the domino effect that would culminate in the collapse of the communist realm.

True Parents were also unjustly persecuted in Europe.

Beginning from the mid-1990s, a dozen nations in Western Europe refused to permit True Father to enter their countries for more than a decade. In 1985, eleven nations in Europe signed the Schengen Agreement



to break down national boundaries and make it possible for their citizens to travel between these nations without a passport. With the birth of this agreement, they also created a blacklist of people not allowed to enter those nations. Nations opposed to True Parents included them in that blacklist for various reasons. Though the United Kingdom was not one of the nations bound by the agreement, just before True Father was to speak in London in 1995, they barred him from entering the country. Citing the unreasonable view that True Parents threatened national security, the Schengen Agreement nations

blocked the way of Heaven's providence, hurting True Parents' hearts and causing European members to feel ashamed.

From 1992 True Mother toured to all parts of Europe and guided their revival.

In accord with the progress of the providence, True Mother proclaimed the new word and invested her whole self to lead others to God. Hosting such events as the Women's Federation for World Peace Inaugural Assembly, the Assembly to Proclaim the Completed Testament Age, and the inaugural assembly of the Family



- 1 1992 True Mother speaking at a WFWP founding convention in London.
- 2 1993 True Mother toured the world to proclaim the Completed Testament Age
- 3 1996 True Mother speaking in Austria on the global tour to establish FFWPU internationally.
- 4 2005 True Father in Slovenia to found UPF
- 5 2005 Albanians celebrate UPF's founding
- 6 2005 True Father speaking at a UPF event in Switzerland
- 7 2007 The Schengen ban was lifted.
- 8 2011 True Mother spoke in the UK Parliament building.
- 9 2011 True Father speaking in the UN Office at Geneva
- 10 2015 True Mother leaves for Europe on April 28 to honor fifty years of European mission work



Federation for World Peace and Unification, she endured a grueling schedule of visiting one nation a day to convey God's Word.

On November 13, 1992, the day True Mother arrived in the United Kingdom, the Church of England finally allowed the ordination of women after years of debate. This incident symbolized the fact that the era of women had indeed arrived. During her European tour, True Mother sang the famous song "Santa Lucia" with authentic Italian pronunciation at a celebration following a speech. This was a beautiful gift to all the members on an occasion with a truly wonderful

atmosphere, as if paradise had visited the earth. The members later testified that they saw with their own eyes the unbelievable love that connected True Parents as one.

During the two years of the transition into the new millennium, 1999 and 2000, True Parents held the Rally to Advance the Globalization of True Family and the assembly commemorating the beginning of the second forty-year course at the Holy Wedding Ceremony of True Parents. In 2005, they inaugurated the Universal Peace Federation in the United States and held inaugural assemblies in Europe.

Even when True Parents arrived in Poland for the first event, it was impossible for them to deliver their speech in Western European nations, except for Switzerland and Ireland. To overcome this situation, European members offered devotions devoutly, which wrought miracles. After eighteen successive forty-day conditions had been offered during two and a half years throughout Europe's thirty-five nations, the United Kingdom, which had been the first nation to deny True Parents entry, finally granted them permission to visit. Thereafter, in 2007, the Federal Supreme Court of Germany ruled that putting True Parents on the Schengen List had been unconstitutional. Finally, after more than a decade, True Parents were free to travel to any country in Europe.

True Parents' European tour fostered progress and development in various aspects.

In particular, during True Parents' speaking tour in 2006, they were welcomed with appreciation by leaders in Eastern European countries, including President Moisiu of Albania. The barriers that had hindered the development of the providence until then had been broken down. Following that, in 2009, we held the Peace Cup football tournament in Spain and in 2011 True Father proclaimed the Word as God's Substantial Self, despite the strain on his health.

In Switzerland, a permanently neutral state, True Parents stayed for quite a while in 2005 and 2006, where they delivered a speech at the United Nations' Geneva Headquarters offices and offered devotions in the Alps. In addition, Switzerland is a blessed land where, after the declaration of the Foundation Day of Cheon Il Guk in 2013, True Mother offered devotions on Alpine peaks. Gathering the resolve of all Unification Church family members worldwide for success in Vision 2020, True Mother offered devotions at the summits of twelve mountains. Her prayers for world peace and the salvation of all people, which echoed throughout the Alps, became the driving force behind activities in the Cheon Il Guk era that are now being led by European members. *TP*

ACTIVE DAYS FOR TRUE MOTHER BEFORE DEPARTING FOR EUROPE

On April 27, the day before setting off for a speaking tour of Europe, True Mother held a banquet in Cheon Jeong Gung beginning at 5:00 PM to commemorate the fifty-fifth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding and fifty years of mission work in Europe. At the banquet, True Mother said, "What do you think life in heaven will be like? We should go there after learning and knowing a lot on earth. That is why as a True Parent of Heaven, Earth and Humankind, I plan—on many opportunities in the future—to show you how to act and how to live as we move toward Cheon Il Guk. The kingdom of heaven is a place where everyone practices true love within heavenly law and order." Through her message, she said she would set the example for us in practicing true love. Following Mother's message, Kim Young Hwi, chairman of the Cheon Il Guk Parliament, explained the significance of the Holy Wedding and the providential course True Parents have followed. The Holy Wedding occurred fifty-five years ago in what was then the headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. Before making a congratulatory toast, True Mother's aide, Kim Hyo Yul (Peter Kim), expressed how our efforts will decide whether we hasten the arrival of the day that Heaven and True Parents have hoped for.

A day earlier, True Mother had hosted a banquet in Cheon Jeong Gung for many blessed families with five or more children. True Mother told them, "True Parents, through indemnity, caused human history, which had gone astray, to turn the corner and have moved it to return to its original state. That is why in perfecting the family, no option existed but to adjust to providential numbers." She recollected the difficulties she went through to give birth to fourteen children in twenty years. She then introduced the Asian regional president's report on the powerful earthquake that had hit Nepal on the very morning of that day. According to the report, among those that were preparing for the Blessing Ceremony, some lost their homes but none lost their lives. True Mother then emphasized that we actively carry out our tribal messiah responsibilities upon the realization that only our True Parents' ideology can provide a broad and level road toward humanity's future. She emphasized that we educate our children well so that none falls behind.



The Fifty-Fifth Anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding and Fifty Years of European Mission Work



Speakers (above) and honored guests at the anniversary commemoration



Guests giving three cheers to conclude the anniversary of the Holy Wedding.

A Special Meeting with Parents of Blessed Families with Many Children and a National Pastors Assembly



True Mother speaking to blessed parents of five or more children



True Mother met with pastors from throughout Korea.





The day FFWPU-Korea President Ryu spoke to members of PBMK; Mrs. Paranas is to Rev. Ryu's right.

Supporting the Providence by Supporting One Another

By Margie Paranas

The Philippine Blessed Missionaries in Korea (PBMK) is an assistance group for the Unificationist Filipino community, mainly those married to Koreans. PBMK helps our church by giving support, assistance and guidance to blessed Filipinos here. Record keeping, conducting tours to disseminate Divine Principle and information on Vision 2020, providing counseling and internal guidance to active members, witnessing to inactive Filipino members, and guiding newly-blessed members in their family lives are among the services PBMK provides to its members. All our activities are church-centered and officially coordinated with FFWPU Korea.

Organization

We have twenty-two regions in Korea, each with its own regional coordinator and other officers. Local churches also have PBMK officers. Each region creates their own activities, such as

witnessing, English speaking contests, Divine Principle lectures or promoting hoondokhae at home. We also have six national officers including a vice-president, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer and an auditor. Additionally, we have heads of our Departments of Education, Cultural Affairs, and Assistance to Widows. We also distribute a free monthly newsletter to our members, CIG Times with the full financial support of the Korean headquarters.

In concert with our Education Department, we try to create means through which our sisters can connect to the meaning of the present providence and to what we are accountable for as blessed members. Starting in March, our Education Department coordinator and other members of the national staff toured some regions to meet our sisters and give presentations on the Significance of Vision 2020 and Our Responsibilities. We used the lectures to awaken and re-

vive our members.

Sampaguita Mothers serves Filipina widows in Korea, of which we have more than a hundred. Sampaguita is the national flower of the Philippines. At present, we try to help them and their children by recommending them to organizations that provide financial assistance, especially for their children's school expenses.

Cultural groups

We have our cultural groups, mostly based in the local churches. They perform to enhance church activities and at multicultural events in their respective communities. Some of these groups have performed at major events of our national church held at Cheon Jeong Gung or the Cheongshim World Peace Center.

Mutual aid fund

We created a mutual aid fund, the Chamsarang Sangjohoi (literally, true love credit union) pooling our finan-



PBMK is an effective group that aids the well-being and active participation of Filipino members in Korea.

cial resources to help those in need, especially when deaths, accidents or major health problems occur in a family. The executive director and members of our Board of Directors give a larger amount than the ordinary members, who contribute ₩5,000 monthly. Through the Sangjohoi fund, we feel a stronger responsibility and commitment toward helping our needy members.

Major meetings

We hold quarterly meetings attended by the national and regional officers, usually at the national church headquarters, but we make sure that once a year, we hold it in one of the regions. We have general assemblies for our members too, most recently on February 7, in Seoul. FFWPU-Korea President Kyeong Seuk Ryu was the guest speaker. He admitted to being a bit nervous but was very happy to see PBMK moving forward with its own initiative and resources. The choral presentation by the PBMK leaders singing "Hand in Hand" also inspired him. Almost three hundred members nationwide attended and Rev. Ryu gave a very challenging message for everyone to reflect and act on.

We always make spiritual conditions when we hold a big event. That is our secret! For example, we offer forty bows a day for forty days and pray for the regions. I also give each region a certain number of members to bring during the meetings and to

keep in touch with for follow-ups. Of course, nearer regions should bring more people. In our General Assembly, we solicited from generous members and held a raffle through which ninety-five members won gifts, Lunar New Year presents.

Mother-child support

We held a mother-child workshop, to which each mother could bring one child in either middle or high school. A total twenty-two pairs attended. As mothers, we live with our fourteen-to-sixteen-year-old child but we may not fully understand his or her inner heart. Sometimes children in this age range behave in ways that make us worry. Our main goal is to help mothers who have difficulties with their adolescent children by guiding them through a professional counselor to build a closer mother-child relationship. PBMK invited the director of the Korean headquarters Counseling Department to conduct the workshop, with assistance from the Blessed Family Department of our Northern Gyeonggi Province (FFWPU) Region, who explained the importance of the blessing to our second-generation members. One of the highlights of this activity was for the mother and child to write a letter to each other. An outpouring of sentiments and deep feelings occurred. It was an evening of tears but with a happy ending! The Korean headquarters' Multicultural General Welfare Center was the major sponsor.

We held this in a holiday guesthouse in the countryside near Gapyeong in April last year. We plan to hold the same workshop again sometime this autumn.

Outreach to non-members

Each region holds Christmas parties every year for its members as well as for other people from the Philippines that are living in Korea, whom we also invite to our lectures, workshops and English Sunday services. This is a great help in witnessing. This year, in the church in Ulsan, three single Filipina non-members were blessed, one to a Japanese and two to Koreans. Married Filipino couples and married Filipino-Korean couples have also taken part in Blessing Ceremonies.

The Philippine Embassy in Seoul knows PBMK well and is aware that we are from the Unification Church. We do not hide our identity as Unificationists. We organized UFILKOR (United Filipinos in Korea) as our external working group with the Filipino community in various areas, with other multicultural groups, with government agencies and with NGOs in Korea. In some UFILKOR activities, the Philippine ambassador and his staff members have joined us. PBMK, in its humble way and with its humble means, is deeply committed to the realization and success of our church's Vision 2020. 

Margie Paranas is a "samo nim"; that is, a pastor's wife, as well as the head of PBMK.



The first Latin-American Blessing Ceremony

Reaching Out to Spanish-Speaking North Americans

By John Arias

The Latino Ministry, which is an initiative that Dr. Ki Hoon Kim, regional president FFWPU North America; and Dr. Michael Balcomb, president of the FFWPU USA, inspired, began in 2013. From its founding, Rev. Ricardo de Sena, its national director, has traveled the nation establishing chapters in the main cities where Hispanics are located. Today, apart from its national center in New York City, the ministry has branches in the cities of Elizabeth and Clifton, New Jersey; Miami, Florida; Bridgeport, Connecticut; Chicago, Illinois; Cincinnati, Ohio and Los Angeles, California.

Since its inception, the ministry's vision has been to bring the message

of God and True Parents to the 30 million Latin-Americans living in the United States. Keeping in mind that so many of those individuals and families would not easily have access to our movement solely through an English-language approach, the Latino ministry has held its activities in Spanish in an effort to make the Divine Principle and the blessing available to them.

Last year, as its education director, I led the ministry to conduct two-day seminars monthly and seven-day seminars quarterly. Hundreds of participants listened to the Divine Principle in a joint effort by brothers and sisters witnessing around the nation. In my opinion, as we were moving

we could not understand where the urgency to witness and educate new members was coming from. Only after a year had passed did we understand that behind our resolution to witness was our True Father in heaven exerting effort to bring satisfaction to True Mother through our results. What a joy it has been to be in the midst of such loving relationship!

The highlight of the summer in New York City was the Twenty-One-Day National Seminar held from July 4-23. This was the first seminar of this length in the history the Unification Church in America conducted entirely in Spanish. During the first week, twenty-four participants heard the Divine Principle surrounded by the



Our New York City Latin-American family members



Community Outreach:
Some signs read, "God's Hope for America" "The Family is the School of Love."

beauty of nature in Camp Sunrise in Upstate New York; that is, in New York State north of New York City.

During the second week, the participants jumped into a van and followed the buses of the God Bless America Pilgrimage Tour from Washington DC to New York City. This was a profound experience for all the men and women attending the workshop. They spoke of how deeply touching it was to see brothers and sisters from around the country holding hands, singing and praying for the salvation of the nation. Thanks to their experiences on the pilgrimage, they came to recognize the clarity of Father's vision for America, which also moved them.

In the third week, we invited older Hispanic brothers and sisters, pioneers of the Unification Church in America, to share their testimonies. Everyone at the seminar site treasured the opportunity to hear Nancy Makowski, Antonio Betancourt, Luis Patiño, among others, share their experiences with our True Parents and to explain the history of our movement during the seventies and early

eighties. Overall, the seminar was a great success and ended with the general desire to organize a second edition in the summer of 2015.

The year ahead

During the final quarter of last year, the ministry joined hands with other brothers and sisters in New York City and took God's message to the streets of Manhattan and Queens. With a revival spirit, they sang songs and preached excerpts of Father's "God Hope for America" speech while holding signs that read, *Familia, Paz, Unidad* (Family, Peace, Unification). Spanish-speaking members exerted effort in all of these areas to convey to Latino families the role North America and South America play in establishing God's kingdom on earth.

In the same spirit, working to bring victory in their missions as tribal messiahs, the ministry conducted pre-blessing ceremonies for couples from the community. Using this painting of a married couple, dozens of smiling couples, recited the four vows and drank the holy wine while recommitting their marriage to God.

Reaping the fruits of that effort, last December 20, we held our first Blessing Ceremony for five couples. On the same occasion, the UPF named ten ambassadors for peace, all prominent members of the Hispanic community. We hoped to instill a sense that Heaven had called the ambassadors for peace and newly blessed couples to work for the realization of world peace.

From the start of 2015, one the main foci of the Latino Ministry has been to implement in the United States the home group methods applied with great success in Brazil. So far, four groups have been formed and the benefits have been already felt: "The support and fellowship of my home group has helped my husband and I integrate deeper into the Unification Church community and work on some of the issues that were affecting our marriage. Now we are looking forward to inviting our relatives and friends to the meetings," said Julia Castellanos, one of the participants of the groups in New York City. According to Mrs. Monica Vallejo, the Latino Ministry home group director, the goal by the end of 2015 is to double the number of home groups.

Another focus of the ministry this year has been to improve the quality of our Sunday services. First, centered on a group of young members, the ministry is developing a band of musicians that will prepare a heavenly atmosphere before the sermon. Second, the pastor is giving a friendlier message to welcome newcomers. In addition, we are using audiovisual resources to convey, more efficiently and powerfully, God's message to the audience. All these, plus a commitment on the part of the members to create an environment conducive to fellowship has elevated the quality of the service to a new level.

Apart from what the Latino Ministry did so successfully last year, this year some of the programs included in its agenda are: Latin-American cultural programs every two months, English classes, street festivals in the summer months and outdoor witnessing activities. With the summer ahead, brothers and sisters of the Latino Ministry are looking forward to a year of great success toward the fulfillment of the Vision 2020. 

A LOVING RESPONSE TO DESPERATE NEEDS

True Mother, through FFWPU and UPF, provided food and materials that our members delivered to Vanuatu, an island nation in a time of crisis.



Kwun In Soung, regional president of FFWPU Oceania, and Yoo Jong Deug, True Parents' special emissary to Vanuatu, paid a courtesy call to the president of Vanuatu, Baldwin Lonsdale, on March 30. During their meeting, they delivered the relief goods—sixty chainsaws and a hundred tents—that True Parents had donated to help with recovery work in areas hit by Cyclone Pam on March 13. The president met Regional President Kwun and his party at a temporary residence, because the storm had severely damaged his official residence. Through their one-hour talk, President Lonsdale expressed his sincere personal gratitude for the speedy support of the Family Federation and True Parents. Later, representing his nation, he expressed again deep gratitude to True Mother, FFWPU and UPF for their support during such difficult times. He was aware of and expressed respect for True Parents' peace activities over the years and in countries all over the world.

Regional President Kwun expressed how greatly President Lonsdale's efforts to restore the damaged done in Vanuatu and to provide relief to the people had moved him. Regional President Kwun promised to participate in relief activities with continuous—not simply temporary—support. Relief goods included sixty chainsaws to help remove large trees that the storm had knocked over or uprooted and a hundred tents for the victims to use as temporary dwellings.


Under the name, "Food is love," our volunteers launched a relief project to prepare a thousand sandwiches a day and provide them to the victims for lunch for forty days. Around twenty dispatched volunteers

from Korea, Japan and Australia involved themselves in supplying much needed sustenance to the storm victims.

More aid to come

We will be providing cement, bricks and tin roofing material to enable those who lost their homes to build new ones with concrete and bricks. From the donations collected, Family Federation chapters in various countries will provide a total of \$200,000 worth of relief goods to the people of Vanuatu.

Rev. Yoo, who is also the Vanuatu national leader, introduced the New Village Movement (a historical Korean government program to improve rural standards) in 2011 and is working to enlighten the people. He has focused on character education of the young people.

This is not True Parents' first interaction with Vanuatu. In August 2006, during a 180-nation speaking tour for the Liberation of the Homeland of Cosmic Peace and the Return of Heaven and Earth to God, True Parents visited Vanuatu for the first time. Father gave a peace message under the title, "God's Model Ideal Family and Nation and the Kingdom of Peace." Then Prime Minister Ham Lini was at the rally and in his welcoming address expressed gratitude for the peace activities True Parents have been carrying out. Later, True Parents dispatched Korean leaders to Vanuatu. They have continuously supported the island nation with educational and service projects. Mission work in Vanuatu began in 1982. In August 2014, the Women's Federation for World Peace facilitated the donation of around 1,500 books to three schools in Vanuatu. 

Relief Fund to Aid Nepal



On April 27, the *Segye Times* reported that True Mother sent a million dollars as an emergency relief fund to Nepal, following the devastating earthquake and that our movement will be taking part in relief activities. In the article, Kim Man Ho, director-general of the FFWPU International

Headquarters, explained that True Mother had given these instructions after receiving a report on the extent of the damage.

According to the article, the International Headquarters plans to form a group of volunteers from among our members in Asia (the geographic area, rather than the church region) including Korea, Japan, the Philippines and other nations to help rescue efforts and to repair damage in Nepal. The Family Federation in Nepal is one of our major mission nations because it has grown to the extent that members have established a Family Party, which follows the ideals espoused by the Family Federation of Nepal. Recently, True Mother donated \$200,000 as a relief fund and sent volunteers to Vanuatu, an island nation, which Super Cyclone Pam struck in March. In November 2013, True Mother donated relief goods worth a million dollars and sent a group of volunteers to the Philippines, where Typhoon Haiyan had wrought great destruction. 



Cheon Il Guk missionaries at a workshop to reflect on their field work upon their return home to Japan

Let Us Ignite a New Witnessing Wave through Overseas Experiences

Japan welcomes home the second batch of Cheon Il Guk youth missionaries

Among the 104 Cheon Il Guk missionaries that had gone out to the world under True Mother’s guidance, eighty-eight were at a Welcome Home Workshop that FFWPU-Japan held March 24–28 in the Miyazakidai International Training Center in the city of

Kawasaki, south of Tokyo.

Half of the workshop participants were from the first batch, who had extended their 2013 missions for a second year. For the remaining forty-four, their yearlong mission to twenty-nine countries recently reached its end. Listening to their re-

ports from nations that have languages completely different from Japanese, situated in different time zones, with different climates and life environments, the workshop was like a miniaturized tour of the world.

The opening ceremony, which Song Yong Cheon, president of the



A missionary gives a report via video.



One of eighty-eight missionaries at the concluding workshop gives a report of his mission activities and reflects on his experience.

Blessed Family Association of Japan, attended, began with testimonies of missionaries to the Republic of Congo and to Russia. President Song told the young people, "The True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind prepared this workshop to enable you to set off to your new mission area, which is Japan. Please become people that save this nation and the world with your vision and dream. I sincerely hope you can think of True Parents and invest in your forty-day course

in Japan, even more than you did in your previous mission countries."

The next morning, we listened to reports on activities from one missionary per region, ten in all. The young missionaries realized that Japanese common sense did not work overseas when dealing with language barriers, environments lacking basic infrastructure and cultural differences. Finding spiritual children was an experience carved for eternity in their hearts.

On the third day, Akaishi Ryo,

the head of the International Mission Department, lectured on "The Mission and Role of Cheon Il Guk Missionaries." In the afternoon, Tanaka Tomihiro, the vice-president of FFWPU-Japan spoke about the youth and student movement that Japan needs today and outlined True Mother's message to Top-Gun Workshop participants.

On the fourth day, Mitsuyama Tetsuya, head of the Seonghwa and Youth Department spoke from his heart on the essence of witnessing,



Blessed Family Association President Song



Japan FFWPU Headquarters Director Lee



FFWPU-Japan Vice-President Tanaka



The missionary graduates invested their creativity into their performances.



The missionaries played yut, a traditional Korean game.

saying, “No matter what environment you are in, it all begins from loving and proudly presenting our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.” Next, nine people that had done their overseas missionary stint and had then begun witnessing in Japan, spoke about how their foreign experience help them in witnessing at home.


In the afternoon, Lee Gi Man, director of the FFWPU-Japan Headquarters told the returning missionaries, “You have undergone the equivalent of a university doctorate course. I sincerely hope that you can also gain great victory in domestic witnessing too in the future.” He then presented

gifts to the missionaries, who had all been successful.

In the morning of the fifth day, the last day of the workshop, the fifty participants partaking in the forty-day witnessing course in Japan learned the specific locations where they would work. These fifty participants then made resolutions regarding the course they were about to begin.

In the closing ceremony, Tokuno Eiji, president of FFWPU-Japan spoke of his own experiences as a missionary and said, “I want to send as many members as possible to do overseas missionary work. One can learn the basic characteristics needed to become

a global citizen through mission activities.... In this era, we must possess an unwavering faith centered on True Parents.” He then presented a completion certificate to each participant.

Later, with their precious one-year mission experience still in their hearts, the fifty missionaries took their first step toward witnessing to their fellow citizens, by setting off to their assigned destinations. We hope their efforts produce a powerful wave that surges through the Japanese church. 

The “Japanese Unification Movement Newsletter” permitted us to translate and use this article.



The workshop brought closure to this stint of overseas mission work for these young people.

Learning to Courageously Challenge Obstacles

By Ms. Kamiyo Chitsuru

I served as a Cheon Il Guk missionary from mid-June 2014 to the end of March 2015. My life before I became a missionary was a busy one, a continuous repetition of only work. Having to work every day exhausted my body and soul. After Sunday services, having no energy to do any church activities, I would go directly home. Because I had been in Junior STF and CARP in my school days, I could not help comparing my present and past selves and feeling that I was becoming more distant from our Heavenly Parent and True Parents.

That was my life when my father suddenly got into an accident. I still remember hearing about this and standing still, unable to utter a word. After the accident, I felt I had to change for my family's sake. I quit my job. I felt guided when I decided to become a missionary. Amidst this situation, I did a forty-day workshop for missionaries last year. I was able to listen to True Parents' teachings and every single day I was grateful to be there. A heart gone cold was warm again.

After my mission area was set as Asia, I began a language course in the Philippines in June 2014 and went to my mission area in August. Through the mission, I learned that a parental heart and Cain-Abel unity are important. During the first month in my mission area, I experienced conflicts with a team member. I would clash with the limits of my ability to love this person. Not a day passed by without my shedding tears during hoondokhae or prayer time.

During this experience, I recollected what Mr. Akaishi, head of the International Mission Work Department in our Japanese headquarters had said, "If you pray for someone for a long time, God himself will interfere and transform that person."

I thought that offering conditions was the only thing I could do for this teammate. At times, I offered four hundred bows a day, no matter what. The person I was praying for is now able to overcome physical limits and arduously lives more for the sake of others than anyone else does, voluntarily taking on work such as doing the cleaning or laundry to help others.


Hard work is never wasted

In my mission area, I began pioneer witnessing at the best university. One student among those I was trying



to recruit said, "I hate any group that speaks about God and religion." In this way, I realized, Chinese people and Japanese people are the same. Yet, that student was the sole person that came to our seven-day workshop from that university. The transformation of heart in this student occurred after I was able to resolve my conflict with my teammate and we had become one in heart. Through this student, I realized that hard work never evaporates and learned the importance of Cain-Abel unity.

The profoundest change I experienced through this program is that I can now take on any challenge. Before this, I did not have confidence to take on the responsibility of being a leader; I thought that I could not always gain victory both internally and externally. Yet, during my mission work, when I thought of Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' circumstances and how they could not avoid asking me to take the lead despite my inadequacy, I felt I had to take on the responsibility and move forward despite my fears. When I thought of the huge pressure True Mother is enduring on a daily basis, that my apprehension is small in comparison became clear. I also came to experience that I can certainly get results if I do not give up and continue to work to actualize the goal I set up.

Through my mission activities, I had many experiences that I will not be able to forget for eternity. I would not have had them if I had stayed in Japan. I will advance with all my might toward 2020 and live up to True Mother's expectation in becoming a second-generation leader by challenging myself every day and making an impression on my surrounding. 



The mayor of Turin (in the sash) helped bring a football team Arab-Israeli and Jewish-Israeli boys to Italy.

Football for Peace, Italian Style

Maria Gabriella Mieli

A joint Arab-Israeli, Jewish-Israeli soccer team comprising fourteen eleven-year-old boys visited Italy, March 19–26.

The UPF chapters of Israel and San Marino conceived of this project. (The Republic of San Marino, an independent country, is an enclave in central Italy.) UPF approached two sports teachers, one a Jewish-Israeli teaching at a school in the Jewish town of Afula and the other an Arab-Israeli teaching at a school in the Arab town of Iksal four kilometers away. These two men have known each other for thirty years.

The teachers selected seven boys each from their schools to form one team. Not only had two sets of boys never met before but the Jewish boys did not speak Arabic and the Arab boys did not speak Hebrew. The sport teachers invited the young players and their parents four times for ice-breaking games and orientation.

The fourteen boys, accompanied by the two sport teachers, the headmaster of a school in the Arabic town, with the president of UPF-Israel, Hod Ben Zvi, leading the group, headed toward Torino, 1,700 miles (2,000 kilometers) away. Boarding the plane, all in their new blue uniforms (donated

by a group in Israel called City Free from Violence) the group drew much attention.

Arrival in Italy

The WFWP chapter in Torino played a key role with the active support of UPF-Italy, the municipal government of Torino, Italy, and the governments of the two towns in northern Israel. In addition, several Italian organizations and individuals were of great help, most notably the famous soccer clubs, Juventus FC and Torino FC, the other city team playing in the main league. The feminine contingent of the Italian organizers decided to name the team

Football for Peace is a program to help bring opposing groups together in friendly games on the soccer pitch; most often Football for Peace takes place in the Middle East.



Stark divisions exist generally between Jewish-Israelis and Arab Israelis, but despite this and not having a common language, the boys bonded while in Italy.

Peace Dreamers. As the vice-president of WFWP-Italy and the tour organizer, planner and coordinator, I met them at the airport.

What they did in Italy

From the first day—when the team visited a famous automobile museum—the parents in Israel followed every move of their children "live" via a WhatsApp group and constant feeds from the accompanying teachers. The museum seemed to fascinate the boys, all of whom were experiencing their first trip abroad.

Cascina Marchesa, a special hostel located in a vast park dedicated to the Turin Marathon, accommodated this young Israeli team and its entourage. The first challenges we encountered over the weekend were not on the football pitch but rather at the dining table. Providing both kosher and halal food, as well as keeping the respective Sabbaths, proved complex. The good will and the benevolence of the Italian hosts were keys to overcoming those obstacles.

Juventus FC

By the second day, we were already

down to "business." The Juventus Football Club invited the boys to visit their famous training facility, where they participated in a soccer tournament dedicated to fighting racism and discrimination. Since 2009 Juventus FC and the UNESCO Center in Turin have run an initiative called "A Kick to Racism: Play with me" aimed at helping children seven to ten years old from poor families to integrate into a group through sports. It has school programs, too, and grants scholarships for projects in favor of integration. UNESCO lauded this initiative as the best project in 2014 for its originality and effectiveness. This year Juventus FC and UNESCO Center of Turin included our project "Football for Peace" in their event and hosted our Peace Dreamers through their program thanks to the mayor of Turin, who acted as the patron of the initiative, and to my being a member of the UNESCO Center.

The Juventus team coaches organized a professional set of games with mixed teams of Italian, Arab-Israeli and Jewish-Israeli boys. It was great fun for all and in the end, the hosts—

Juventus FC, WFWP and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)—presented trophies and awards to all the children that participated.

FC Turin, third day

The day began with a soccer tournament at the facilities of FC Turin, one of the top league clubs in Italy. This time the Peace Dreamers came up against a more difficult challenge as the Italian boys were trained players associated with the club. Pouring rain did not prevent friendly games from being played throughout the morning.

Mr. Giorgio Gasperoni, president of UPF-San Marino, who was instrumental in bringing the project to fruition, came to the event along with his son David. All the children were able to keep the full set of FC Turin club uniforms that they had used for the games as well as a soccer ball.

In the afternoon, after a long wait in the rain and cold, the gates opened for yet another highlight, the Juventus versus Genoa game—the real thing! The boys were shivering from both cold and excitement and did not miss



The Israeli team (in blue) played local Italian soccer teams.

the opportunity to buy souvenir items from the winning team, Juventus.

Visit to UN facilities

On the fourth day, we went to the UN Campus to visit two organizations, the UNESCO Turin Center and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), which has its global headquarters in Turin. Since its creation in 1968, UNICRI's purview has expanded beyond crime and now includes peace building. Lessening tensions in the Middle East is important to them; thus, they had a strong interest in our project.

Jonathan Lucas, UNICRI's director, had invited us to their facility. Dr. Lucas said he wanted to meet the delegation. Somewhat spontaneously, he asked the boys to write or draw something on the topic of "peace." That turned out to be a deeply satisfying event for the boys and all the rest of us.

Next on our agenda was a visit to a Muslim community of around fifty thousand inhabitants in Torino. At the Mosque, the imam gave the group an orientation and some traditional sweets. From there, we went to visit a high security Jewish compound. The community embraced the boys on short notice, providing lunch, followed by a spontaneous soccer match involving almost all the students in the entire school.... The visit concluded with going through their impressive synagogue, which serves as a miniature museum for Jewish history. Late in the afternoon, the team had the opportunity to play with the children of a village, Antico Borgoretto, for their local football tournament.

The families of the children in Borgoretto prepared a wonderful welcome, with cakes and salads made especially for the Peace Dreamers. The parents in this area are aware of the fact that a good relationship among children, families and teachers

and coaches makes a difference in the education of the future leaders of our societies.

An Alpine welcome

Day by day, the Muslim and Jewish children grew closer, sharing games on their cell phones and being scolded together when they exerted too much energy. On our fifth day, the team traveled to the lovely village of Bruzolo, Province of Turin, in the Piedmont Region. Just beside the snowy Alps, down in a valley, a warm community welcomed our delegation. The mayor and a teacher of Italian literature showed the delegation around the two-story building that serves as both the city hall and the primary school.

The local children were utterly excited to see us and had a list of questions written in English. The Q and A session had of course to go through Arabic and Hebrew. The family restaurant served vegetarian food, the

closest approximation to halal or kosher food, which the children ate together with all the dignitaries in town.

Finally, the big moment came and the soccer tournament with the Italian children began. Despite the rain and bitter cold wind from the mountains, all played enthusiastically and then devoured homemade pizza and cookies offered at the end of the games.

The final day of the visit, provided yet another highlight. The boys were treated to an exclusive peek at the training session of the famous players on Torino FC. They even managed to take a few photographs together with the players. Torino FC, gave the Peace Dreamers the opportunity to meet children their age and gave the boys the unique opportunity of participating in training with their squad, behind closed doors, under Mr. Ventura, the coach.

Next, came a visit to the sports museum at the Olympic stadium, followed by a special soccer tournament organized by the Torino FC Youth Department. The mayor of Turin, Dr. Piero Fassino, opened the games with Dr. Giovanni Maria Ferraris, a member of the Sports Council for the Piedmont Region. In attendance were also Mr. Carlo Zonato, the UPF-Italy president and his wife whose support of the project was essential.

Four mixed teams did their best despite drizzling rain and all joined in the closing ceremony. Mrs. Sabrina Gonzatto, the key coordinator with the Italian teams, choked back tears when receiving an ambassador of peace certificate prior to delivering the medals and trophies to the enthusiastic children.

The day ended with a farewell party prepared by students for the boys. Fun games went on well into the night, leaving the children with little time to pack all the presents they had received and take a short nap prior to their journey home.

Upon their return, the teachers decided to continue the friendships created between the children and scheduled future meetings.

Background on the project

The first act of this project occurred last September, when I decided to meet the mayor of Turin with a small

delegation from Israel including, among others, Mr. Hod Ben Zvi and Dr. Glaubach, of UPF Israel, and Mr. Giorgio Gasperoni of UPF San Marino. In that moment, we decided to present the project to the mayor, who immediately offered to sponsor it, considering that Torino is the European Capital of Sport 2015.

The mayor himself asked us to bring the delegation in March 2015. At that time, I had no idea of what the project required in terms of time, people and especially money, but we were aware of the large investment of the local members.

My personal interest was to involve the UN Campus somehow and to insert in the program some interfaith events. Everything was decided during the last week, even with the delegation already in Turin. Without knowing anybody I was able to fix a meeting with the local person responsible for the Union of the Islamic Communities in Italy, just half an hour before meeting with the Jewish Community's board of directors. I was deeply touched by how well they received and cared for the boys.

Another important factor media coverage. Thanks to a recent WFWP contact, Ms. Sabrina Gonzatto, writer and journalist, we had the opportunity to get in touch with the owners (two women) of the press office MAYBE, who offered their support free of charge and did an incredible job. People from local and national radio stations called us every day. Journalists from local and national newspapers and from local television stations interviewed various members of the entourage.

Despite the fact that a project involving football is usually considered under UPF, the reality in Turin is that most of the contacts with institutions and local government have been made by WFWP, so we decided to go forward under that organization and opened a new WFWP chapter in Turin.

We immediately informed new contacts made through WFWP, including Dr. Maria Paola Azzario, president of the UNESCO Torino Center and president of all the Italian UNESCO Clubs, and other important women involved in different areas of society about the possibility to be part

of an important project related to peace in the Middle East and the Mediterranean. Ensuring the realization of the project took about five months due to the sluggishness of the sports councilor in the Torino municipality and uncertainty over the money necessary for the project.


Two weeks after the departure of the Peace Dreamers, we still have no idea of the total cost of the entire project.

The municipality of Turin offered a bus for transportation during the eight days of the project, free entrance at the National Museum of Automobiles, the National Museum of Cinema and the National Museum of Sports, as well as use of the pressroom at the Olympic Stadium of Turin. It played the main role in arrangements with the hostel and with the management of Juventus FC.

Juventus FC, Torino FC, Union Valle di Susa FC, Palio dei Quartieri and CIT TURIN donated to each child a full set of sports equipment. Additionally, Juventus donated twenty-five tickets for their match against Genoa. The Turin Marathon offered the hostel for the eighteen members of the delegation from Israel at half price. Natu-rando, a maker of health and beauty products, FFWPU Turin, UPF San Marino and UPF Ticino donated the cost of the air tickets. Mr. Sergio Coscia, of UPF Torino, guided the group and took beautiful photographs.

Where we go from here

This was just the first step of the project, the medium-term goal of which is to build a soccer academy dedicated to promoting peace. The next step involves our sending one or two coaches for special training in Israel. We will then prepare a seven-day workshop for ten to fifteen coaches from Israel that we will hold here in Italy.

This experience gave all of us the opportunity to gain a better understanding of cultural differences and the preciousness of the essential human desire to care for others in the world as brothers and sisters, part of the same large family under God. 

Mrs. Mieli is WFWP vice-president and a member of SIOI, the Italian UN Association.



UPF ambassadors for peace were among the many who helped maintain peace during the recent presidential election in Nigeria.

An Ambassador for Peace and a Peaceful Political Transition

By Olaleye Alao



Nearly a hundred and fifty ambassadors for peace, trained by the West African Network of Election Observers, worked to ensure the voting process was free and fair in Nigeria's recent presidential election. They underwent one day of training. Seeing observers at the polling booths that are well dressed and dignified has a good influence on potential voters. They get the sense that things are well organized; this encourages people to behave well. Many people who vote in elections represent the grass roots population, so having observers apparently from the more educated classes helps ensure that the voting

goes smoothly.

If you are an election observer, you cannot vote. Still, our ambassadors for peace agreed to do this. Moreover, because of the possibility of unrest or even attacks, this can be a risky task to undertake. In fact, during the election, many citizens left the big cities to travel to their hometowns to keep safe. They were worried about something happening. So for the ambassadors for peace to have this sacrificial heart, the willingness to observe at polling booths, they had to have their nation in their hearts. They also believe in the ambassador for peace ideal of living for the sake of others, and doing something to benefit others.

In 2011, True Parents came to Nigeria. This, to my mind, has protected Nigeria until today. This was for me the main turning point. If True Par-

ents had not come to Nigeria in 2011, Nigeria would have been in trouble. This is true. I know it, I see it and I feel it. When Father spoke with our president, Father was very serious. He was speaking loudly, banging on the table and saying strong words. The main things Father conveyed to him were to "resemble God," "maintain a pure lineage" and "keep traditions." Father spoke about these things very strongly, and our president seemed to be thinking. Something must be happening here; this man is talking so seriously, so strongly.

Father also said that in three years' time our nation would begin to grow and develop, among the developed nations in the world. I thought, "Nigeria? In three years' time?" But because Father said it, I took it as true. Local predictions based on the situation of

In the context of the recent election and a peaceful transfer of power, the Nigerian national leader at the time explains about how True Parents have helped his nation.

the country, even during the year that Father came, were that Nigeria would divide or totally collapse by 2015!

In 2014, Nigeria celebrated its centenary. Even though Father had predicted a good future, our responsibility also matters. I saw that the economy was growing but even the very year Father came to Nigeria, we experienced our first suicide bombing. When I heard about that, I wondered whether True Parents would cancel their trip, but soon after, I received news that Father had said the event in Nigeria would be a global event. People from around the world should come. True Parents' point of view was completely different from mine.

Of course, we did everything in terms of security—we went to the police department, and the anti-bomb squad came and checked everything; even so, I was worried. On the day of the event, I felt as though the whole world was in that hall. True Parents were there. True Children were there. Famous leaders were there. In a way I was praying that everything would finish quickly, that Father and Mother would leave the venue quickly and everyone would be safe.

The event with the president was not very smooth, but Father later said that it was perhaps 70 percent successful. Nevertheless, True Parents accepted that offering. I would say that this saved Nigeria. Many things have happened since but I feel that worse things would have happened if True Parents had not come.

The 2015 election

In Nigeria, the incumbent leader always has the upper hand when election time comes—he has everything at his disposal. Most people want to keep their jobs, so the government ministries call for people to vote for the incumbent, so that they can keep their jobs. This time the opposition parties did not compete against each other. People were worried that whichever side won—the incumbent or the new person—there would be trouble. Many people left the capital city, left the major cities, to get away from this.

Naturally, I felt I needed to be in Nigeria for the elections, which were originally to be held on February 14.



UPF ambassadors for peace attended training for what many considered a dangerous task.

Yet, the election was postponed to the time I knew I would be in Korea on a forty-day workshop, as would the UPF director and the president of the Women's Federation. All we could do is pray. Of course, activities continued in Nigeria, such as UPF's organizing people to observe the election, which was a very good condition.

I came to think that it was good we were in Korea. The best internal condition we could offer was to be in Cheongpyeong on a forty-day workshop. I mentioned to Dr. Cho, the West African region regional president, that I was worried and that the leaders that had come from Nigeria were going to have a special prayer. I asked him, please, to pray for Nigeria. We also spoke to the East Africa regional president, Bakary Camara, to ask that all the African national leaders in Cheongpyeong pray.

The president began to take a stronger stance against Boko Haram at that time. Although terrorists did attack as expected, they did not succeed in disrupting the election on a national scale. What is more, one or two days before the election, we had a special prayer in Daemo nim's prayer room. In this prayer room, we need to pray with all of our heart and all of our mind. We could pray for our country. I knew that not only the four of us from Nigeria but also other African leaders were praying for our country.

The incumbent president reached the point where he felt that he would

not win, and he called the leader of the opposition party to concede the election. This was a heavenly victory. It meant that neither side was moved to accuse the other. Our president said, "Thank you. Congratulations," so no one supporting the incumbent president could say a word. The president gave a speech in which he said, "I promised the country free and fair elections. I have kept my word." His party should be happy that they have fulfilled that mission.

I believe this was not only external but also spiritual. We have to believe in the spirit world and that True Parents' love gave Nigeria this opportunity to succeed. This is my strong belief.

Goodluck Jonathan (Nigerian president 2010–2015) became an ambassador for peace when True Mother was in Nigeria in 2006. True Mother blessed him and his wife at the time. We could not teach him enough. When he became the vice-president, we reached out to him but there were always situations. What he said during the election demonstrated that he has the character of an ambassador for peace. In his official profile, he had it written that he is an ambassador for peace. That an ambassador for peace said, "Congratulations, you have won," and then relinquished his power, I feel, was a victory for God and True Parents because an ambassador for peace voluntarily said this and this not such a common occurrence. Sometimes, they go to court. *7*

THE VALUE OF A GOOD ENVIRONMENT

By Ms. Unhae Suh Wiesner

— True Mother often speaks about creating a good environment. This is a story of how “outsiders” enriched the lives of young people in difficult circumstances, bringing a bit of paradise into their lives. —



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I am half-German, half-French but have lived in the Dominican Republic with my national messiah family for more than seventeen years. My dad, Matthias Wiesner, is the owner of a school project. I have been working as a volunteer at my family’s school project for the past five years with my brother Bernard and my dad. I have been actively working to improve the school as an English and crafts teacher, ballet instructor, character educator, assistant administrator and assistant principal.

Twenty-six young, determined volunteers from the Generation Peace

Academy (GPA) program came all the way from the United States to serve and bless our school project in Santiago for a whole week in March. This was the third time the GPA volunteers came to serve our school, Colegio la Union. The first project, in 2013, involved painting the inside of all twelve classrooms, which had literally looked like prison cells instead of classrooms. For the second project, they built a sports ground and donated toys for our kindergarten. Before the GPA team came, we had no proper space for our two hundred students to run around in or play

sports in, and the kindergarten had almost no toys. The last project in March focused on building a playground, making a beautiful mural, repairing and painting students’ broken desks, improving the sports ground, doing crafts with the children, teaching English, playing sports and donating sports equipment.

The project in March made a deep impression on our community, we are grateful to the whole team and to Elissa Alan who was the main coordinator of their Dominican Republic GPA project. Never before did we have a playground for our students.



- 1 The volunteers built this climbing frame for the kindergarten students
- 2 Painting a mural on the wall of the play area
- 3 Doing crafts with the young children
- 4 Some of the volunteers
- 5 Repairing students' chairs and desks



Observing the children's big eyes and smiles while the playground and mural were taking form melted my heart. The difference these volunteers made in just one week was amazing! Now our school is starting to look less like a refugee camp and more like a proper school. On top of that, the little English they taught the children during this one week was probably worth three months of normal English class. The love and hope that these young people shared with the children and the community made it difficult to say goodbye to them.

Our school project started in 2009

with my father's vision to offer a better moral and academic education to children in our community. We ask a minimum school fee. Our students come from families that do not want to send their children to public school, but who also can't afford to send them to an expensive private school. We have many cases of student's stopping school because their parents cannot afford any longer to pay the school fee. Thanks to our sponsors, we were able to help some of these students, so they could finish their education.

The Dominican Republic education system is ranked one of the lowest in

the world. Students learning time is less than 25 percent of their school time and many drop out before graduating because of early pregnancy or a need to work. Public schools have up to sixty students in a class with very poor discipline, so many parents are worried about that and prefer to send their child to a private school even though it may mean a painful economic sacrifice.

Our students now have a better learning environment and a larger vision for their future, thanks to our twenty-six volunteers who said, Yes we want to make a difference. *TP*

Young Leaders, a Benefit to the Nation



- 1 Repainting the pavilion at the top of the hill
- 2 Collecting trash for disposal
- 3 Indonesia UPF leaders with the staff of a school at which they gave character education
- 4 Middle school students in Sumatra in a character education class



In Indonesia, we have been focusing on supporting the Indonesian government in their focus on national character building. Thus, we teach young Indonesians the importance of developing their own character to become future leaders with a heart and mind-set of serving the nation instead of just looking for a lucrative career or personal enjoyment. We want them to realize that there is a deeper level of happiness and satisfaction when we serve others and help others to find happiness in their lives.

On March 20, an ambassador for peace, Mr. Agus Mulyana, welcomed the UPF team to the prestigious Djuanda University in Bogor, about

sixty kilometers south of Jakarta, the nation's capital. Students and lecturers responded to the UPF presentation on "Young People of Character—the Hope of the Nation" with penetrating questions and expressed their desire to join the upcoming International Youth Convention (IYC) at the University of Indonesia on the same theme. This was the first of many upcoming programs in preparation for the IYC for the purpose of training volunteers and giving orientation to students regarding the benefit of attending this international event.

Mr. David McLackland, the education director of UPF Indonesia, traveled with three W-CARP members

from Medan to Pematang Siantar, the second largest city in North Sumatra and the hometown of Juan Tobing, president of W-CARP Medan. Within a day, they arranged to conduct three school programs the following day.

To their surprise, principals and teachers of the SMAN 3 government school and the local Methodist school immediately took up their offer to provide free character education to their students. All of the two hundred students responded with great interest and are eager to participate in further W-CARP and UPF activities.

Besides their witnessing activities, the W-CARP members also went out to raise funds and enjoyed the natural surroundings in Juan's hometown. *TP*

Preparing Our Children for the Blessing

FFWPU-Taiwan held a Parent Workshop for Blessed Families from March 28 to 29 in collaboration with FFWPU-Japan. In response to the Taiwanese headquarters request, Mr. Toshio Tada, head of the Family Education Department in Japan came to Taiwan and led the parent's education.

Presently, there are about a thousand second-generation members in Taiwan, many of whom are already in high school. Among the participating parents, some came to resolve the struggling relationship they were experiencing with their children while others came to find out how they are to prepare their children to receive the blessing. In the end, we learned that a good marital relationship and children trusting their parents and feel secure with them are keys to developing a great parent-child relationship and to educating our children about the blessing.

Mr. Toshio Tada was a great help to the parents; he presented practical methods of self-control and helped parents build a bridge of the heart in reforming their relationship with their children based on faith and a sincere heart. Parents wrote letters to their children during the workshop; some sent them by mail while others personally took them home and read them in front of their children. Whichever way they chose, all received good responses from their children.

Regarding the material that lecturer Toshio Tada provided us on how to educate our children, it may simply appear on the surface to only apply to relating to one's child, but we discovered that we could apply all of it in the relationship between a husband and wife. We learned that the foundation to educating children is the unity and love within a couple. We also came to understand that we should lend our ears to our spouses as a prerequisite to lending them to our chil-

dren; we should trust our spouses before trusting our children; we should believe that our spouse is Heavenly Parent's son or daughter before thinking that our children are Heavenly Parent's children.

The method of application used by Lecturer Tada is not only a psychological technique but also a method whose fundamental aspect True Parents have been teaching us for a long time. We repented as we realized that if we had experienced and practiced True Parents' teachings beforehand, we would have had better family lives compared to now. We realized that we are a truly happy group be-

cause of True Parents.

On March 30, Lecturer Tada guided leaders in regard to their ministry. He shared with them the educational material used for witnessing by the Japanese church and spoke of his experiences with heavenly tribal messiahship. Thanks to lecturer Toshio Tada, all leaders and other members were able to sincerely feel our Heavenly Parent's and True Parents' love.

Regional president of Greater China, Rev. Jang Gwi Seong and his wife participated in the entire three-day program. Rev. Jang gave a powerful message that deeply moved the hearts of participating members. *7*



Taiwanese blessed members attended education for parents conducted by a Japanese expert.



Ms. Christelle Ngama spoke of her experiences as a Congolese refugee.



An audience member asks a question.

Women, Girls and Excellence

WFWPI participates in the UN Commission on the Status of Women

The Women's Federation for World Peace International (WFWPI) has participated for the past thirteen years in the annual sessions of the United Nations' Commission on the Status of Women (CSW), the mission of which is the advancement of gender equality and the empowerment of women. This year, the fifty-ninth annual session of CSW runs March 9–March 20 and includes more than 450 parallel events. The theme is "Implementing the Beijing Platform for Action," referring to the fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing in 1995. As a young organization, in only its third year, WFWPI was fortunate to participate in this conference. Ms. Maureen Reagan, daughter of the late Ronald Reagan (president of the United States, 1981-1989), led WFWPI's delegation of several hundreds of members.

Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, president of WFWPI; and Ms. Carolyn Handschin, director of the WFWPI UN Office; led our delegation for CSW 59, which included close to seventy WFWPI lead-

ers, members and guests from ten countries. WFWPI leaders included international vice presidents, secretary-generals, national chapter presidents, WFWPI UN representatives, interns and staff members.

WFWPI participated in CSW 59 on a number of levels, beginning with the NGO CSW New York Consultation Day, which was held in the historic Apollo Theater in Harlem on Sunday, March 8. One highlight of this event was a heartwarming presentation by the honorable, highly respected Gertrude Mongella, who is affectionately referred to as "Mama," who was under-secretary general of the UN from 1996 to 1997, and the first president of the Pan-African Parliament.

On Monday, March 9, Prof. Yeon Ah Moon, our president, attended the opening session of CSW 59. The speakers included Ban Ki Moon, the UN secretary general and Ms. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, the UN Women executive director, who introduced the session by saying, "The wonderful thing about this panel is

that we talk about possibilities, we talk about triumph and we talk about excellence that women and girls bring to the field."

WFWPI held a parallel event at the Armenian Convention Center with the theme, "Young Women and Leadership: Education, Opportunities, and Obstacles," from 12:30–2:00 PM, on March 9, which two hundred and seventy guests attended, including student delegations from six schools in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Montage Initiative, WFWP-USA and the World Youth Alliance co-sponsored the event.

On the following day, we hosted a luncheon in the UN headquarters building in New York, which over a hundred leaders, members and friends of WFWPI attended. The keynote speaker was Ms. Patience W. Stephens, special advisor for education, from UN Women. President Moon presented the vision of WFWPI's founder, Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon.

Director Handschin gave a presentation entitled "WFWPI and the Bei-



The speakers, from the Congo, Iran and Canada, covered the topic “Young Women and Leadership: Education, Opportunities, and Obstacles.”

ging Platform for Action. “ Ms. Tokuko Sato, a Tsugaru kite artist from Japan, presented gifts of custom-made kites to the speakers, high-level guests and WFWPI leaders. WFWPI President Moon and Director Handschin and Alexa Ward, deputy director of the WFWPI UN Office, presented gifts to the speakers as well as to the parallel event panelists and moderators.

WFWPI was pleased to be among the participants attending the Planet 5050 event, held in the Manhattan Center on Tuesday evening, March 10, which featured UN Secretary General Ban, Hillary Clinton (a former US secretary of state 2009–2013) and Mr. Bill de Blasio, mayor of New York City. Mrs. Clinton had made a strong impression in the World Conference on Women in Beijing, which she attended during her husband, Bill Clinton’s term in office as president of the United States (1993-2001).

The WFWPI delegation attended dozens of side events, sponsored by governments and UN entities in the UN headquarters, as well as parallel events organized by NGOs that were


held in the UN Church Center, Salvation Army, and Armenian Convention Center. A group of six WFWPI young adults attended an advocacy training session, which helped them to better understand the process afforded by CSW to influence governments and policies in the area of women. Both the side events and the parallel events offered an extraordinary opportunity for meeting the highest level leaders in the organizations sponsoring CSW, as well as networking opportunities with NGOs throughout the two weeks.

One of the best parts of this period was the opportunity to spend time with Professor Moon. Throughout the week in informal settings, as well as at dinner meetings, which she hosted on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening, Prof. Moon shared deeply about the founder’s vision and lifestyle and how these apply to WFWPI. Leaders had the opportunity to meet and assess WFWPI’s status as an organization and to consider how to develop to the next level.

WFWPI would like to acknowl-



Professor Yeon Ah Moon, president of WFWPI International, during the event

edge the hard work of the UN team members and the growing involvement of young adults in its work. They are looking forward to participating in CSW 60 and are planning for greater impact and involvement. 

Alexa Ward and Heather Fraser-Harris contributed this article, which has been edited for TPmagazine.



The Revelation of True Parents

Chambumo Gyeong, the third of a trilogy of new scriptural works known as the Holy Scripture of Cheon Il Guk, has been published in Korean, and translation into English is already well under way.

Chambumo Gyeong deals directly with True Parents' appearance on earth, and their life and works. Within its more than 1,600 pages, sections are devoted to explaining True Parents' birth and calling, the early years of True Father's public course, the founding of our church, salvation through the blessing, and the global mission.

Father's descriptions of his childhood days and early life are scattered throughout the many volumes. So it was a labor of love to seek out and string together a comprehensive description of Father's life in his own words, including a great variety of less familiar material:

"There were always many people in our home. When I was about

eight years old, if I awoke from sleep I would find a large group of strangers sleeping in the guest rooms. They would also have feasts at night. If I asked what the gathering was for, people would whisper, "The independence army has come, the independence army!" I heard stories back then; that those people slept in tents, walked along rooftops.... We heard many stories like this. At night, we served noodle soup as a midnight meal."

"There was a couple who both had disabilities.... He was blind, and his wife was disabled. Even so, this couple came to be known as a model husband and wife in our neighborhood, even with her limp. He held onto her cane and she al-

ways guided her husband everywhere he needed to go. Her mouth was twisted, and she had all sorts of disabilities, yet her husband knew her as a beautiful woman. When winter came, they had nowhere to live, so they would always come to our mill. They only had a straw mat, so I gave them my comforter and blanket. For that reason, they really liked me. I cried when I heard they had died."

"Everyone is aware that our Federation for Victory Over Communism is reaping success. That is why the Ministry of the Interior and the intelligence agency are sending their agents secretly, trying to train them through our program. In other words, they are sending professors who are in charge of set-



Rev. Ki Hoon Kim
Regional president of North America



Mr. Larry Moffitt
An editor of the scripture

ting the direction for this nation, or professors who are in charge of criticizing communism, to be educated by us, and have them report back. The intelligence agency is becoming keener to our idea now that these agents and professors are claiming, "This education should expand to the whole nation. So far, we were able to criticize communism but never able to show people an alternative. This education teaches us, to our great delight, an alternative."

As with our other scriptural works, True Parents have prepared the Holy Scriptures of Cheon Il Guk with a particular purpose. These volumes, published at the time when True Parents have proclaimed the beginning of Cheon Il Guk, are to guide us in the task of making God's kingdom a reality, expanding it from families to tribes and to nations. Both the selection of content and the timing of publication are significant with regard to this undertaking.


In addition, these anthologies of True Parents' teachings means that more of what they said over decades is available in an accessible form. Father's teachings cover a huge range, from God's original ideal and the human potential, how God has worked in history, insights into Jesus and other historical figures, True Parents' course, and our responsibility in Cheon Il Guk. Especially for those who do not read Korean, it is immensely valuable. The more of Father's words we translate the more we come to have a three-dimensional view of some of the more challenging concepts, and a warmer sense of his love for God and serious heart to save all people. That Father designated his volumes of sermons as one of the eight great textbook indicates that he expected many new works to be prepared based on their content. The three new holy scriptures are a wonderful addition to the existing expressions of their teachings. Knowing that they cannot do it all by themselves, True Parents have asked us to be their agents in the task of building God's kingdom. These books are added to our common library of texts that educate and inspire us in that undertaking.

Translation into English

The United States headquarters has established a team to guide the translation and editing of *Chambumo Gyeong* into English. True Parents lived in the United States for more than three decades, and members there have dealt in depth with publications of Father's teachings for over four decades.

Around the world, moreover, we have a pool of developing linguists. One very encouraging feature of this newest translation project is that we discovered a number of second-generation bilingual members who are already gaining significant experience in the challenging field of translating True Parents' words. Through this project they have given us hope that we will indeed have people in the future who are both familiar with Father's particular way of speaking, and experienced enough to grapple with the most complex theological discourse.

The US Family Federation administration established a sophisticated file management system, through which the various translators and editors channel their work, and each level of translation, review and editing follows on closely behind the last. The system automatically generates detailed data as to how far the work has progressed and can even project when the component parts of the work will be completed.

Our Family Federation members in an expanding number of nations are taking the initiative to translate these new scriptural works into their languages. Although the available budget is limited, in some countries just a few members—or even one—working part time, often with minimal financial support, are dedicating themselves to the task. Though naturally much work needs to be done to improve our understanding of True Parents' teachings and the words they have spoken over the years and to raise and unify translation standards, the need for this is understood. We look forward to the time when greater interaction between linguists in the world's nations and experts on True Parents' thought increases our capacity to enable these truths to touch the hearts of people the world over. 



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