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## PARENTS DAY SERMON

Young Oon Kim

How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word. With my whole heart I seek thee; let me not wander from thy commandments! I have laid up thy word in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. With my lips I declare all the ordinances of thy mouth. In the way of thy testimonies I delight as much as in all riches. . . . My soul is consumed with longing for thy ordinances at all times. Thy testimonies are my delight, they are my counselors. . . . I understand more than the aged, for I keep thy precepts. I hold back my feet from every evil way, in order to keep thy word. I do not turn aside from thy ordinances, for thou has taught me. How sweet are thy words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! . . . I love thy commandments above gold, above fine gold. Therefore I direct my steps by all thy precepts; . . . Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but thy commandments are my delight. Thy testimonies are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live. (Psalms 119:9-20; 144)

In reading Psalms I find a full expression of how reverently the Israelites regarded the commandments of God. How faithfully they strived to observe His precepts and statutes! How deeply they loved and appreciated His word!

I suppose this is the reason why Psalms provides such inspiration to readers who share this feeling — wherever they may live and at whatever time.

I find similar expression in the words of a prominent Indian leader, Vinoba Bhave. He was a colleague of Gandhi and is now carrying on Gandhi's work. Both Gandhi and Vinoba were motivated and inspired by religious truth and expressed their dedication in social reform, which was most urgently needed in India. Gandhi and Nehru often consulted with Vinoba in the execution of their respective tasks. Vinoba is a great lover of Bhagavad Gita, which is one of the great scriptures of Hinduism. Vinoba wrote in his Talks on the Gita:

The bond between the Gita and me transcends reason. My heart and mind have both received more nourishment from the Gita than my body has from my mother's milk. Where the heart is touched, there is no room for argument. Leaving logic behind, I beat the twin wings of faith and practice and, to the best of my ability, fly up into the heavens of the Gita. I live and move in the atmosphere of the Gita. The Gita is my life's breath. To vary the image, I swim in the sea of the Gita when I speak of it; but when I am alone, I dive to the depths of this ocean of nectar and there rest at ease.

Vinoba is an active leader in present-day India. Therefore we cannot say that the feeling of the Psalmist is obsolete or remote from the feeling of modern people.

It is also said in Psalms 63:1-3:

O God, thou art my God, I seek thee, my soul thirsts for thee;  
my flesh faints for thee, as in a dry and weary land where no  
water is, I have looked upon thee in the sanctuary, beholding  
thy power and glory, because thy steadfast love is better than  
my life, my lips will praise thee.

The Israelites' deep love and veneration of the word of God was the prime reason God chose that people to fulfill His central dispensation. Because God's work up to now has been carried out through His word, He had to find people who would cherish it and preserve it carefully. Even now the sacred duty of Jewish fathers is to pass on the words of God to their children.

When the Israelites were in Babylon as captives, they participated in Babylonian commerce, farming and even government work. But this was only the external part of their life.

During this time they took part not only in the economic life of Babylon, but also studied the fascinating religion of Persia, Zoroastrianism, which on some points seemed far more rational than their own teaching. Nevertheless, though they learned many new things, they remained faithful to God. While in Babylon, they completed the writing of Deuteronomy. They also wrote down the Holiness Code and the Priest Code, which are included in the Books of Moses. According to Biblical criticism, the Priest Code contains the story of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The Jews in Babylon recorded the words, stories and historical facts which up to them had survived from generation to generation by oral tradition alone. They made additions and corrections, organized and compiled a great portion of the five books of Moses. In this way, the word of God was set down and preserved in written form.

The Psalmist again said:

By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we  
remembered Zion. If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right  
hand wither! Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if  
I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest  
joy! (Psalms 137:1-6)

These words reflect the great threat to their faith which the Israelites found in the temptations of Babylon. Though they could easily have turned away from God, they set themselves absolutely against it and threatened themselves with the loss of their right hand and speech should they ever lose God.

The Jews expressed their unchanging faith, their unbroken dedication, by their work of compiling and preserving traditional material. On this basis, Nehemiah and Ezra were able to appeal to them and bring about revival of their religious life after the return to Jerusalem. In order to preserve the word of God, they erected the temple. Because the word was kept there, they worshiped there. Because the Jews protected and cherished God's word, the Messiah who was to fulfill it could be sent to them.

The word of God was the focal point of their worship, of their loyalty, and of their entire life and being. After the crucifixion of Jesus, the dispersed Jews persisted in preserving the word of God wherever they went, even at the cost of their lives. Having lost their native land, rejected by established nations, they had to move from one place to another. Through all these adversities they preserved the word of God by which they maintained their faith and were united more strongly than many stable nations. After 2000 years they succeeded in reclaiming their land after great sacrifice. All of this was possible because of their concept of the absolute word of God, which they venerated with unchanging loyalty. Such conviction is a most praiseworthy aspect of the Jewish national character.

Today the word is given to us in even a higher form. This word is not merely a promise of distant fulfillment, but its reality:

Let me read The Divine Principle, page 5:

Man was created to be the central source of harmony in the cosmos. Thus, when Adam and Eve are married and become one, they form the responsive object (beauty) to God's love. They then become the center of the fulfilled good.

Then God, the parent, rests in them and feels stimulating joy forever, because He has in them a true object for His divine love. They are the incarnation of His Word and the base is the center of truth. Thus the base draws the hearts of all men toward the fulfillment of God's purpose of creation.

That base will serve as an axis around which the entire universe will have purposeful spherical movement of give and take.

As the first family expands to a clan, tribe, nation and world, its base expands as well. Thus the spherical movement of give and take of love utterly centered on God will encompass the entire cosmos. Then, by His divine love, He will rule directly the whole cosmos and see the purpose of creation fulfilled. This gives the first family cosmic significance.

Having discovered what God's original purpose for man was, and that it could not be fulfilled because of man's union with Satan, our Leader tirelessly fought the cosmic enemy. He shed countless tears for God and prayed most fervently for the world. Fourteen years after his battle started, he established the personal and family foundation of victory by fulfilling his blessed marriage on February 24, 1960. A month later, on March 27, or March 1 by the lunar calendar, he declared the first Parents Day. Then he went on to expand the foundation to tribal, national and world scope in order to fulfill the word of God completely.

The realization of the word is now bringing about great change in both worlds, the spiritual and physical. God, who has been at great distance, now has a channel through which to work directly with man. When the balmy spring breeze comes, trees get ready to bud, spring birds sing, and people feel a bursting joy and excitement. Spring visits the earth with life and brings a transformation from cold to warmth, from dimness to brightness, from death to life. Yet spring comes in like a lamb.

Through the realization of the word, cosmic spring has come, which also entered quietly but is to bring about a mighty change: from ignorance to understanding, from separation to unity, from death to resurrection. Since the True Parents fulfilled the word, we can now become true children of the Father. Because the Parents exist, we can now have true brothers and sisters, and thus a true family. As our Unified Family grows, the heavenly Father's foothold will expand and His domain enlarge. Because of the blessed Parents, nature -- the whole creation -- is restored to us. For the first time heaven and earth come together in harmony and God and man embrace each other!

In this season the Jews celebrate Passover to commemorate God's wondrous work of delivering their ancestors from Egypt. For the Christians this is Holy Week. After Lent they will celebrate Easter in remembrance of Jesus' resurrection. On this beautiful spring day we celebrate Parents Day as the central point of universal deliverance and cosmic resurrection.

Jesus came to fulfill a mission of this scope. Hence, he said to his disciples, "When the Bridegroom is with you, you don't need to fast, but should rejoice." At another time he said, "Your righteousness must exceed that of the Pharisees and Sadducees." He also said, "Deny yourself and bear your cross. Whoever

wishes to live must die." Jesus didn't say that because things were being fulfilled his disciples should just sit back and enjoy it. Rather, he required of his followers the highest righteousness and the utmost commitment.

Our righteousness and dedication must exceed that of the Christians. Do we have reverence and appreciation for the word of God that is equal to that of the Psalmist? Do we live up to the word more faithfully than the Jews and Christians? Do we deny our selfish interests and desires and put the Father's will first? Do we serve and attend Him with genuine love and gratitude? Are we willing to sacrifice our lives for the restoration of this nation and the world? The desire and effort to achieve our own perfection are not enough. Our Leader used to say that to achieve personal restoration, we must strive for the higher goal of national restoration; and that to achieve national restoration, a nation must serve the higher goal of world restoration. He will bless you on the trust that you offer your total life to the restoration of your nation and the world.

I often wonder what the effect on the American people would be if America were to win in Vietnam. Would Americans not become even more lax? Would they not seek even more sensual and material pleasures? Thus, would not the spiritual life of the people decline still further and become even emptier?

I sometimes wonder if the American Negroes were to obtain all they want immediately, would they be happy and would they make use of all these benefits for their spiritual betterment and the glorification of God? Negro Americans! Fight and get what you want. But don't forget that unless you implant the word of truth in the hearts of your people, you won't get lasting value and strength. White Americans! Don't brag of the greatness of your nation, but rather examine yourselves. What truly enduring foundation of ideals do you have? Unless you adopt the new spiritual truth of God, what else do you have to guarantee your prosperity and position? In view of all this, I often feel great tension and anxiety.

Today our Leader's anguish for the world is beyond words. How anxiously he wants us to proclaim to every American this glorious day! In this time of trouble and anguish for America and the world, the heavenly Father called us to be His voice. Our Leader brought us the word from the depths of the Father's heart. His word is a wonderful counselor and a mighty weapon to destroy Satan. Let it guide our thought, kindle our hearts, and direct our whole being. Let the word and its reality be the salvation and fortress of this nation. Through them God is now turning the cosmic axis to bring about a new heaven and earth. Let your heart hear our Leader's cry.

Senator Kennedy said in announcing his Presidential candidacy, "We need a new birth of this nation. We must build a new America." We are the ones who are

called to this task. We are the only ones who have the determination to respond to the call and the resources to do the job. Without our dedication, Mr. Kennedy will not see a new birth of this nation. With God's mighty word, the glorious message of this day, let us mount a full-scale advance in the restoration of America and the world.

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## WORLD DAY SERMON

Sylvia Rogndahl

This day we celebrate World Day, the third holiday which our Leader declared for the New Age. He proclaimed it in commemoration of the foundation of the restoration of all things to God. As Paul said,

For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of him who subjected it in hope, because the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Romans 8: 19-21)

The key to restoration of the creation lies with children of God who must come from True Parents. This holiday is thus the third holiday declared by our Leader, following Parents Day and Children's Day.

To be children of God, man must return to God. Each person must center his concern and heart on God. There can be no restoration of creation until people stop subjecting it in hope, after the pattern of Satan. Our Leader declared World Day as the core of the restoration of the world to God. The basic seed circuit between True Parents, true children, and the creation was thus formed.

For the first time it is possible to bring all things into their true state by bringing them into this circuit. But this can only happen when man himself comes into his true relationship with God.

Quoting from The Divine Principle Study Guide, page eight:

Nothing has absolute value in itself alone. When any object fulfills the desire of a person who is not centered on God, that object loses value. An object becomes valuable only when it serves one who serves God, thus forming the fourth position.

We are the ones, then, who must bring to fulfillment the foundation of World Day. There is no object, however, beautiful, which cannot be degraded by wasteful or selfish use. The most ordinary thing can take on beauty far beyond its seeming capacity when it is used for God in a positive way. For this reason, Jesus spoke of the preciousness of the widow's mite. Everything she had was used for God and therefore became most valuable.

The pattern of use in America is probably the most distorted in the world. Because of the material bounty here the capacity for negative use or positive use is the greatest anywhere. With so much wealth, should anyone be poor? Yet, because of the distorted use, some are poor, and those who are wealthy find their wealth becoming bitter. What is the solution? What is the real problem?

The poverty of America has many paradoxes. In some ways the poor of this country are much less poor than the poor of other countries. In some ways they are equally poor. And in other ways, they are far poorer. What does it mean to be poor in America?

We have heard many people declare that our standard of living is the highest in the world. Though we utter these words with such pride in our industrial progress and democratic institutions, there will come a day when, unless this wealth is shared, our high standard of living will ring in our ears, the wrathful accusation of God and humanity. The words "standard of living" mean the degree of material well-being of the people.

It's a strange expression. "Standard" means "criterion" or way of judging. People in America judge whether or not they are living by what degree of the criterion of living they have obtained. The criterion of life in this country has become material. This is a deadly distortion of the Principle. We know that true life and contentment must come from within and develop outwardly. Here in America we seem to think that these things are to be gained by outward comfort. We seem to think that by providing external needs we can fill the need of our people.

Nevertheless, our poor are much better off than the poor of any other country. I don't mean to say that many in America aren't really suffering. However, many, many here suffer more because they compare themselves with an exaggerated standard of cars, television sets and luxurious life than suffer by actual lack of food and shelter. Often what lack of food and shelter does exist comes from neglecting necessities in order to conform to the false standard of value which we in America have come to accept.

In another way, Americans are equally poor, because the gap between the poor and rich in America is just as large as in other countries with a lower standard of living. To put it simply, one can have eight apples in America and be poor compared to the man who has sixteen apples — an eight apple gap. In some countries the poor would have one apple and be poor compared to the man who had nine apples — still an eight apple gap. In that comparative sense Americans are equally poor. But the poor people in the other country would have far less than the poor people in America. In Denmark when Becky was there it was considered very luxurious to have a tiny refrigerator. People who didn't have one didn't feel underprivileged or lose self-respect.

The third paradox is that Americans are far poorer than the people of other countries, because the wealth we have is easily misdirected into unproductive or wasteful channels of self-indulgence and display. Every seeming lack is magnified by the overabundance, and tension is created. It is important, of course, to alleviate the conditions of poverty and its suffering in America. But is the way to do this by assuring that everyone has the riches that they seek? Material wealth which is not constructively used is spiritual poverty. The real war against poverty is the war against spiritual poverty -- which must be won before any material sharing can really be accomplished.

It is most important to correct the wrong perspective of happiness and living which has proliferated in American life. This is the only way we can thaw the frozen pools of collected wealth for the good of the entire world. This is the only way people can be freed to use the richness of this country for the glory of their Father. In quenching the great thirst of the world, our lesser thirst will be satisfied.

When people really feel the joy of caring for what they have instead of replacing it with something newer; when people free themselves from the false standards of passing fashions; when people realize that the value they seek bears no relationship to their material position and see that true, ultimate value lies in their right relationship to God, then the creation will be restored to Him.

The creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will,  
but by the will of him who subjected it in hope.

Lucifer subjugated Adam in the hope of enhancing his own value. As a result, the creation has lost its lord and its usefulness to God and has become a tool of Satan. To restore the creation to God, we must stop subjecting it in the hope of establishing our personal value.

We subject the creation when we use resources wastefully or wrongly. Americans are most guilty of acquiring and consuming to be thought successful and valuable. Why do people spend hundreds of thousands of dollars for a diamond adornment? So that they may feel greater value in themselves. They subject that diamond to the futility of uselessness in the hope of increasing their stature. That is an extreme example. I daresay there are as many examples in the daily life of most of us. Miss Kim once said that she could never enjoy touring India while seeing the great need of the people there. Their rockbottom poverty. We must never be blind to the suffering of the world. If we are constantly conscious of it, we will never waste or indulge our material passions.

Those who know the Divine Principle, the members of the Unified Family, must be the leaders in this struggle toward usefulness. We must have no possessions,

but only use Father's possessions. We must really ask ourselves where our happiness lies. If it lies in material things, then we are not worthy to have the use of them, for we are not yet centered absolutely on God. If our happiness really lies in serving the Father, then we will be invincible against even the most severe circumstances.

Again and again we have the sensation that this whole structure of material life is an empty shell. We may think that such perception indicates that we are from this kind of life. However, even at the moment of our perception we may be attached to this shell by our very roots. If we attach ourselves to this, we will be lost when it collapses. We will collapse with it.

The question is, Would we really enjoy with our Beloved even prison life and torture? If we are absolutely centered on God, as he is, we would. And all degrees of discomfort, sacrifice, and difficulty will present no obstacle to our work. We will be enabled to direct our energy completely to God and in this way to return all things to Him. Even if our use of creation were restricted to a prison cell and a few grains of rice, that speck of creation would rejoice in its use for the Father.

Our Leader has declared that we should go forward in full-scale advance. Full-scale means making the greatest use of available resources. Let us use all things for God and expand the foundation of World Day into fullest reality!

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We are happy to report that there was too much material for this month's New Age Frontiers! Since this NAF really serves for both May and June, not all contributions could be printed, and many had to be drastically shortened. We hope you will understand our problem, however, and continue to submit such a wonderful abundance of reports and articles.

— Department of Publications

## LETTERS AND REPORTS

London, England

Patricia Hardman

Dearest brothers and sisters,

It was with deep sorrow that we read our Leader's words on Parents Day. Sometimes I think we tend to become too familiar with the Centre life and often tend to take our blessings for granted. Things have become easier now and often we forget the tremendous suffering the Leader and his first disciples had to endure in order to make it even possible for us to come at this time. The more indemnity we pay now, the easier will be the road for those who come after us.

This month has been very busy — teaching, witnessing, studying and learning to teach. Chris Davies now teaches Chapter I very well and is now practising Chapter II. He has also composed a few wonderfully stimulated songs which relate to Principle. The rest of us are concentrating 100 percent on learning to teach now. We feel at this point that it is essential to know the word, which will enable us to teach it.

On 4th May, Doris and June went to Cheltenham for three days, where Doris addressed a group of spiritual people who had been receiving from the Leader. She spoke to about forty people, some of whom wanted to study the Principle with a view toward teaching.

On 10th May, Doris and Marion left London for Findhorn in Scotland, where they addressed a meeting of spiritualists. Two days later they phoned to say that they would be away for a month as there were so many potential Principle teachers up there. We were sad that they would be away for so long, but glad that they had found so many prepared people. It is also an incentive for us to really begin teaching while they are away.

We are now desperately searching for a large Centre as we have to be out of this one by the end of the month. We would be very grateful for your prayers as this brings much power. I pray that we will really be prepared in every way for the Leader when he comes.

In the name of our True Father and Mother, your sister.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Barbara Mikesell

Father's Kingdom grows! The Dugaw family has started a new Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. This is at least temporary for the summer. Our prayers went

with Max, Tricia and Jubal as they headed out for the mission field. The Center here has seemed so empty, but we know that it is stimulating and exciting for them to be in the pioneering field. We are glad another city can feel the thrill of the presence of our Parent's representatives.

George and I have been running into happy problems with not enough evenings to schedule all we want to see here. Every evening at least one and often both of us are teaching and studying with others. There are times when we need a third, much to the frustration of the one who has to hear a repeated lecture ("I'm never going to get to 1960!"). Several have recently heard the Conclusion and are studying deeper.

It has been exciting to have the new study edition. Over Parents Day, a number of us gathered in Washington to go over it (like lightning) with Miss Kim. Much of it seemed completely new and hard to grasp. Now in outlining once again and beginning to teach it and study it with new people, it is like starting Principle all over again.

I saw a glimpse of the labor that went into bringing this new course from Korea to our hands and lives during my brief visits to the Headquarters. Thank you, D. C., and Miss Kim, for this new expression of our Father's desire to see us one with Him.

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Rome, Italy

Martin Porter

Dear brothers and sisters,

Greetings from all the Italian Family. Parents Day was a great occasion and full of Father's love. To our great surprise, Ernie Stewart came to join us from Germany. He was a very welcome addition as we could all hear the news from the German and Austrian Centres. It is always so good to hear how Father's Kingdom is enlarging. As most of the members were all occupied during the week we started celebrations on Saturday. We were all up with the birds, leaving by 6:30 a. m. to collect Marisa and Nuccia and Guido Baroncini, so by 7 a. m. we were at the Vatican Holy Ground where we prayed and moved on to the Holy Ground at the Villa Borghese, where again we prayed. Then by 7:45 a. m. we were back again at our Centre and went into the Leader's room to sing, pray and give thanks, then a short sermon and more singing. At 9 a. m. we had a hurried meal as several of us had to go to work.

At about 5 p. m. the first members came and we all listened to our Leader's words on Parents Day, 1965. By 7 p. m. all had arrived, and so we had our celebration

of singing, a sermon, taping for the Leader and more singing and then prayer. Then we concluded by eating together and then discussing until the early hours. There were many new faces. Many more are responding now. So Rome is very busy! I enclose the love and best wishes to all brothers and sisters from the Italian Family.

In His blessed Name.

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Hammond, Indiana

Orah Schoon

Dear Miss Kim and Family,

This is just a note to introduce Julie Antal to all of the Family. She is a beautiful and kind sister and we are doing lots of growing together. I met Julie at a birthday party after services at a spiritualist church in Hammond last September. We didn't find out till this past March that we were both born on the same day. Julie hopes to be able to visit Washington soon and to meet more of the Family.

We had such a beautiful Parents Day -- all the buds were coming out on the trees at the Holy Ground and the sun was so warm. Our services were to have each one express his feelings on the meaning of the celebration. We prayed, sang, and ate together. May our numbers increase in strong, dedicated leaders for the precious mission of our Lord.

In our Parents' Name.

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Hammond, Indiana

Julie Antal

Dear Family:

The Hammond and Chicago Centers united for Parents Day. Outside, there was talk of riots, looting, destruction, etc. Inside our Center, the language was the opposite. Our thoughts were centered on: The dawn of the New Age. The goal of fulfilling the will of God and to help establish His Kingdom on earth. Right and meaningful? Yes! Why can't it be apparent to everyone that perfection awaits every human being and it is inevitable that all evil will be cancelled out and only the good remain? So, in my moment of meditation with the group, I really did not hear the shouts of hate and violence, but instead I did see "the Eastern Gate that will open a new revelation and this new revelation will flow out of the gate and the new truth will enfold all people with love and brotherhood." I'm sure,

since Divine Principle harmony was in our midst while we sat in our bright, sunny living room, with our Leader's picture in the center, that Orah Schoon, Agnes Schoon, Martha Vertreace, and Sue Barnett saw this too.

Love to all.

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Laren, Netherlands

Margot van der Stok, Reinier van Hofslot

Dear brothers and sisters,

Parents Day was a beautiful day. The sun was shining and the trees and flowers were budding. Everything was full of joy. The day before, all things in the house were prepared and decorated with flowers and green twigs. Early on Parents Day we celebrated.

We were very thankful that Doris was still in our midst, for she gave us such a warm feeling of the Father. We made a trip by bike in the afternoon, and admired the wonderful nature. Teddy arrived just after the bicycling. In the evening we prayed, sang and had supper and finally we ate the three-layer cake, prepared by Doris, which was delicious. So we finished this Parents Day.

Today we saw Doris off at the airport since she had to go to London. We had a wonderful time with her, because she showed our Father's Heart through the Principle and she gave us new ideas to give out. Now we will do our utmost to do our Father's will.

In His precious Name.

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Paris, France

Reiner Vincenz

With Father's help and the prayers of the Family, here for the first time comes good news from France. One child is born! Henri is a young Frenchman, has studied theology and could not find God in all the religions and groups he studied. He is now full of gratitude and happiness to have found our Leader. Now we are looking intensively for a larger center. Our Father and the spirit world have sent many persons to study the Principle, some are excellently prepared. The spirit world is very active in Paris, and we have a good hope to be more when our Parents come to Europe. An intensive prayer life and teaching will bring us closer to the Father so that we can expand soon. May I thank you very much for the new Study Guide. It shows very clearly the language of our Father at this time. We see how

directly our Father speaks at present with mankind. Everything seems still more urgent and significant than we had thought before. We will go further to find and to fulfill our part in this universal operation.

With all my love to you and to the whole Family, in the Name of our beloved Leader.

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Desert Hot Springs, California

Opal and Bruce Eno

Dear Miss Kim,

We want to thank you very much for bringing the Principle to America. We would like to thank our Master for all he has been through for us and want so much to help him in his tremendous mission to restore the world. Four members of our Family are studying the Principle and are members of the Unified Family. They are my husband Bruce, son Gary, daughter Linda, and myself, Opal. The children live at the Center in Los Angeles headed by Mr. and Mrs. Jon Schuhart. It was through Gary's witnessing to us and Mr. and Mrs. Schuhart's kindness and efforts that my husband and I are now members.

We have been members of the First Baptist Church for many years. My husband was a deacon when we heard the Principle. I have not been happy in church the last few years. It seemed like what I was searching for could not be found in church. Now I know (to use my husband's expression) that God was preparing us for a bigger assignment.

We celebrated Parents Day with the Los Angeles Family. It was a two-day celebration. It was the most wonderful weekend I have spent in my whole life. It was a good feeling being with God's Family. I grew much spiritually that weekend.

We operate a TV store, sales and service, in our town, so we come in contact with many people. I want so much to tell everyone our Lord is here. I know we have to use wisdom, and we are trying to gain it so we can do a better job witnessing. We hope to visit you in Washington this summer. Perhaps you can enlighten us then as to how Father can use us.

In our True Parents' Name.

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Vienna, Austria

Paul Werner

## Three Years of Mission in Austria

With a thankful heart to our heavenly Father and our True Parents I want to write to you. The Divine Principle mission in Austria started May 18, 1965. For the first year I could not find anybody that would accept our Master's teaching. Today, one month prior to the day of the third year of my Austrian mission April 12, I would like to report as follows:

With our beloved Father's help:

1. The Austrian Family consists of 29 members.
2. In the city of Vienna there are two centers: a) Headquarters with 10 and more members; b) Second center with 7 members (varying)
3. City of Graz, one center, 5 members.
4. City of Linz, one center, 3 members.
5. More than 100 public lectures in a public hall were given by almost all of our members.
6. Training of members is going on steadily.
7. Invitations and reading material is being given out constantly.
8. As the first small business in Europe we have opened up a kindergarten in Vienna with a capacity of about 45 children. Three of our girls are working there.
9. All centers are well-equipped with furniture, typewriters, printing presses, small organs, etc.
10. On March 8, 1968, we sent Bernhard Maierhofer to Zürich, Switzerland, to open up a new country for our heavenly Father. Switzerland is the eighth country in Europe to be missioned.

My love to you all and wishes of greatest success for all of your missions.

In the Name of our True Parents, your brother.

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Vienna, Austria

Christel Werner

Beloved Family,

I just want to add a few words to Paul's report. On February 22 we here in Vienna rejoiced with all of Father's Family in the whole world at the news of the big wedding in Seoul. What joy for our heavenly Father.

Parents Day was another day of great joy for the Principle Family. Our girls from Graz and Linz came to Vienna to join in the celebration. We all gathered in

our Leader's room, and Paul explained the significance of this day. In our prayers that followed we sent all our love and gratitude to our Leader and Mother in Korea. We could feel the presence of our Father and the longing for His children. Oh, may we be aware of this at all times and bring joy to His heart.

Most of us were able to stay home for the long three-day-weekend, so we took advantage of this fact and had a three-day training session. Twenty-six of us attended this session. We studied chapter by chapter, discussed many questions and managed to get through the whole book. Our studies were only interrupted by our meals and short walks in the nearby park. It was a fruitful weekend for all of us and everyone benefited greatly and learned a lot. Sunday afternoon arrived all too fast and the time came to say good-bye to our girls again. But they went back to Linz and Graz filled with new strength and energy.

Since we are physically so far apart, we enjoy meeting you all through the newsletters and are already waiting for the next one. Most of all we are longing to hear about what's going on in Korea. Thank you for sharing with us some of Miss Kim's words of love and wisdom, but we do need much more of this. You know, the questions and problems you have, we have too, so please let us take part in your meetings with Miss Kim. Someday we'll be so happy to see you all again. Until then, Father's Family will continue to grow. May we all go on working for Him filled with His love and wisdom.

Love to each of you in our beloved Parents' Name.

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Los Angeles, California

Jon Schuhart

It is truly a great privilege to join our hearts and our hands with you, our brothers and sisters throughout the world, to honor our Parents and celebrate in appreciation the cosmic day of Parents Day, as the universal turning point in the history of human hope and restoration.

The Family of Los Angeles shared the celebration of Parents Day with our brothers and sisters from Berkeley.

On Saturday we assembled to begin the celebration at 3:00 p. m. on the Holy Ground with song and prayer. We returned to the Center in Los Angeles for more singing and a general introduction as each person spoke briefly about himself, ending with Farley Jones, who related information about his stay in Washington and sang a song (with everybody politely applauding because, after all, he is our brother). This was followed by entertainment which lasted until approximately 7:00 p. m.

A delicious oriental meal was served that satisfied everyone. Following this, Opal and Bruce Eno (a mature and loving couple who inhabit the lower regions of Southern California), boisterously entered the limelight by introducing to the Family a movie film they carefully spliced together, arranged and edited about what a person can

expect to overcome on the way to heaven, including a rousing version of Gary Jarmin doing the twist. It was a stimulating piece of entertainment, and we were so glad when it was over we clapped.

As the evening progressed Sandra and Lisa Martinez came together to sing for the Family a series of love songs. Carole Johnson and Roberta Bullock gave insight into their work in Pasadena and expressed some personal experiences. The night continued to express Principle as Yvonne Owens talked about herself and some of the students she comes in contact with in her work. Another real highlight of the evening was in playing the tape which the Washington Family prepared of the Korean songs written in the songbooks. They were sung in English and this was truly a special treat. After a little more "Family-ization" the evening ended in prayer.

On Sunday the morning began with the assembling on the Holy Ground at 8:00 a. m. for a special ceremony with songs and prayer to commemorate this greatest of all days. The ground was completely decorated with an abundance of flowers and a special arrangement of fruit, grain and flowers was assembled as a symbolic offering which was then placed in the center of the Holy Ground. Around this everyone gathered for song and prayer. Edwin Ang then spoke of the meaning of Parents Day, and a special message from Miss Kim was read to the Family at that time. The depth of the message was sensed by all, and hearts were deeply moved. Arranging themselves before the offering, joining hands and standing before the pictures of our True Parents, the members gave a pledge in which the children of God vowed to remain loyal and true, offering with our life to sacrifice our blood, sweat, tears for the restoration of humanity and the fulfillment of our Father's heart. Each person then chose a piece of fruit that he was particularly fond of and gave it to another as a true expression of love. Ending the ceremony with prayer, the Family then went to a chosen spot in the park nearby and enjoyed a good breakfast of pancakes and sausages.

Returning to the Center, the Family gathered for discussing the Principle, which was led by Edwin Ang. This was a great occasion of enrichment as Edwin is an excellent teacher. Linda Jarmin, Ray Barlow and Gary Jarmin united to provide some specially prepared music for the Family. Then three dancers, Susan Miller, Marge Stahon, and Judy Culbertson, performed a beautiful symbolic dance. Then everyone went wild photographing each other.

Because of the long trip back, the Berkeley Family made preparations to leave and after some delay they actually did! We really couldn't understand why (something about working, I think).

Eva Shanks contributed much to the celebration by providing for the Family to hear a tape recording of Miss Kim's testimony. Everyone was in a state of rapture.

Then another wonderful meal was provided and, following this, the Family was privileged to hear the soulful and sorrowful songs of Zed Robinson, who expresses

with such moving power. The skillful dramatization of Carole Johnson and Roberta Bullock presented their interpretation of a Negro sermon entitled "Creation" and a spiritual song which they sang together. Margie Stahon then was called upon to demonstrate a set of heavenly exercises in which all members were forced to participate.

As the day passed, the celebration came to a close and prayers of deep thanks and gratefulness were given. Following this, the Family made preparation to retire, enthusiastically anticipating the fierce battles and struggles we will face in the days ahead of us, never forgetting that we are the heavenly soldiers of our True Parents — who made all this possible — and through us the victory for God will be achieved.

I write this letter to my Family also feeling deeply grateful for sharing and participating with you in the heavenly work of restoration and hope we can be of service to you in every way possible. Our Prayers and love be with you, in our True Parents.

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Frankfurt, Germany

Ingrid Schneider

Dear brothers and sisters,

You shall hear something from Germany again! We had a training session in the Essen Center over Easter. Good Friday is not a working day in Germany, and as Easter Monday always is a holiday, too, we had four days to be together and to work together. Present were the Frankfurt Family, Hamburg Family, and Essen Family. Frau Koch, Barbara and Peter's mother, came with her youngest daughter Christel from Mttinster. Ernie came up from Frankfurt just for Saturday and Sunday morning because he had to work the rest of the time. With him came Alberto from Baumholder, whom Friedhelm contacted there just before he left Germany. Ernie said goodbye to the German Family because he'll leave for Vietnam shortly. Teddy from Holland came to share these days with us, and Reiner from Paris came too. It was a great joy for all of us that he did not come alone, but brought Henri with him, who is our first real French brother. They brought a new sister with them too, Marion. She is English, but she has been living in Paris for five years now.

We started our program on Friday morning around one o'clock. Each one of the German Family had prepared a chapter of the Divine Principle which he wanted to lecture in front of the others, to get some more practice in teaching Principle. So we started right away with that on Friday, and after each chapter there was time to talk about some questions which had arisen from this chapter and to discuss different methods of presenting the chapter. In the evening Peter read some translations from the Newsletters and we finished the night with singing and prayer. All Saturday we

went on with the practice of teaching Principle, and Saturday night we talked about prayer.

Sunday morning we all went out to our 7 o'clock prayer on the Holy Ground. It was such a wonderful morning, and of course we took quite a few pictures before coming back. After breakfast Peter gave a sermon on the words, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

In the afternoon we heard reports from the different centers in Germany and Europe and a tape from the Parents Day celebration in Rome and another tape from London. Sunday night we had some guests whom the Essen Center had invited. Some of the guests seemed quite prepared and asked very deep questions.

Monday morning we taught some more chapters and in the early afternoon we made a tape to send to Korea. Then most of us had to get ready to leave, and the rest used the remaining time for talks and discussions in small groups.

I really don't want to close this little report before telling you something about the Essen Center. It is quite a place! It is a whole house (four floors) with a number of small rooms, a lecture hall and a wonderful living room with an open fireplace. The whole house has been repainted and redecorated and it looks really wonderful.

For all of us these days in Essen have been a great experience as they provided the opportunity to learn from each other, to get closer together and to grow into greater unity. Most of us left Essen with a deeper understanding of Divine Principle and with the ardent wish and the longing in our hearts to be better pioneers for our Leader and to try harder to find more and more children for our heavenly Father.

In our True Parents Name.

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Airborne Cleveland to Los Angeles

Ernie Stewart

Dear Miss Kim and Family,

I took my plane from Cleveland to Los Angeles at 5:40. It is now 9:25, and I have just finished concluding Principle with a young Catholic from Erie, Pennsylvania, who is going on to Vietnam. I will sell him a book in Oakland and we will try to get together in Vietnam. He is responding very well, is very sharp, and has a good background and understanding of Christianity. I did not find any difficulties as I went through and he is very eager to study. Please include him in your prayers.

He had not slept in over 20 hours and was struck as soon as I finished the Third Chapter. But through teaching him what indemnity is, he urged me to continue, and

we concluded. I don't think I spoke with him more than two minutes before he asked me to tell him about what we have to say. I am sure it must be the prayer and closeness plus Washingtonian Family atmosphere which I am still carrying with me. I hope I can continue to keep my head so high. Will report more when I have an opportunity.

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Washington, D. C.

Vivien Barron

Dear Family — far and near:

Becky tells me that the Newsletter is already more like a book than a monthly report, so I will keep the Washington Center report short and, I hope, to the point. It is impossible to write about all that has happened here, so I want to give you some high points of our experiences.

When we think of our lives, and consider, What has Principle done for our lives? we can see a pattern. It has meant cutting yourself off completely from your past life and direct all your energy and love toward the Divine Principle — toward Father. For many, this has also been a physical move: We have left our homes, our jobs, our families, in order to begin a new life with other brothers and sisters with whom we can share this new Word, with whom we can study, witness, and teach, and with whom we want to establish a new pattern for life — a pattern centered on God, on the True Parents.

For this we need an example to follow. We need inspiration; we need help from others who have gone before us. For this reason, Miss Kim is constantly urging new members from other Centers to visit the Washington Center. Here there is a unique privilege to live with and experience how a large Center works, lives, and grows. Here are brothers and sisters who have been with the Family for many years and who can help new people grow and learn. Most precious of all, you have the privilege of Miss Kim's presence, as our first example and to whom we owe our deepest gratitude and love.

Many of you have had this experience lately. What rejoicing we felt as you arrived! How we felt we had known you all our lives after only a few minutes or hours of sharing! And how we wished more and more would come! Now the names of Martha Vertreace, Ernie Stewart, Peter Koch, Fred Binder, Dee Beckner, and Sandy and Jon Schuhart are no longer just names. And Betsy O'Neill has come to spend the summer with us! How much this give and take strengthened you who came and made us eager to have more come.

We are still under the impact of Jon and Sandy Schuhart's visit. We cannot express enough how deeply united we are with you in heart, mind, and purpose, Jon and Sandy, although 3000 miles separate us geographically. Your songs, coming from the Father's

heart, have moved us so much and express in such depth what our life's work is: "Let's Move America!" "Gonna Build a Kingdom on this Sad Old Ground," "What Is Your Reason for Being Created?" Let's build together, and work together toward achieving Father's purpose for this world!

We are all rejoicing, too, over the settlement of the house at 1611 Upshur Street, N. W., which will be the new Washington Center and U. S. Headquarters. It has taken many long weeks of work, much indemnity, and many prayers to take possession of this house. Now we are eager to move in as soon as possible, to make this house truly a place reflecting the purpose for God's will on earth.

In spite of living in McLean, Virginia, and having to commute in and out of Washington every day, we have not let up in witnessing and teaching. With the return of warm weather, we have returned to Dupont Circle, where we sing and witness two or three times a week as a Family. After singing, we invite people to come directly to the Center for a meeting, and this has been very fruitful. Usually we have at least ten to fifteen people attending the lecture, and quite a few coming back to hear more. The last two Sundays we have attracted added attention by carrying a large colorful sign with our name, "Unified Family," on it. We are exploring other new ways that our witnessing can become stronger and more effective. We are planning a long, intense summer of witnessing, of finding those prepared. You will hear more about this later.

Two of our holidays also were celebrated during this time. Parents Day was celebrated by studying the new Divine Principle Study Guide with Miss Kim. It was a weekend that brought us very close to our Leader, to our home country, and to God. We stand in awe of the depth and beauty of the new translation, and are full of gratitude for all Miss Kim's love and work in this.

World Day was our last special day, which again many of you shared with us. Let us go forward from this day with the goal to bring this world to Father. It is only through us that it can be done. Let's be the tools — God's hands and heart, His head and feet — to build a new world, built upon the foundation of the True Parents.

It'll take some hard work  
To make this old mud new —  
It'll take some struggle,  
But we'll see it through!

— from "Gonna Build a Kingdom,"  
by Jon Schuhart.

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## ARTICLES

If God Has Called You

Myrtle Hurd

To be summoned by God to perform a mission for Him is often a shattering experience for many reasons. Almost always it is to do something that has not been done before or because others He chose failed. So it is to break new ground and blaze new trails.

One cannot stop for approval or permission from family and friends. Sometimes one finds understanding and receives their blessing; but more often they are perplexed, and so one becomes a source of heartache and even embarrassment.

I remember the week I planned to go to New York to join Moon Hye Yoon, as Alexa Altomare was returning to Washington. I seemed to be blind, deaf and dumb to everyone who tried to dissuade me. The longing, the feeling of responsibility was so strong that I felt whatever I sacrificed would be worth what I would gain in the satisfaction of doing something, however small, in laying a foundation for His Kingdom on earth. I also felt that those I left behind would be well cared for. Although the loneliness was inevitable -- for indeed New York can be the loneliest place on earth -- there was never a time when I was afraid and I was always abundantly supplied with whatever I needed.

When God calls and you respond, He will wrap you in a jealous love, but never assume that being on His side will make life smooth and easy.

He may allow others to smoke and drink, but not you! Because you cannot bear the reproach of your own spirit.

He may tie your tongue while others roar nonsense in order that your speech will have greater impact when your turn comes.

He may allow others to become prosperous while you struggle for enough, in a financial way, to carry on. This is to keep you humble and so that He can reward you with something far more precious than fragile physical possessions.

He may allow others to become famous, their works acclaimed, while your work may go seemingly unnoticed by those close to you; but heaven records the smallest contribution in His name.

He may allow others to waste time, while you are constantly plagued with an inner cry, "I must do more," because you know well that inertia is a factor in all the failures in the history of God's elect.

He may allow others to have great physical beauty while you remain plain, but at the right moment your spiritual beauty will shine forth as you encounter the prepared ones and you will win another victory for Him.

There are many whose hearts are prepared. Those you seek are unknowingly seeking you.

We cannot forget our own condition before coming to this truth and this Family. Some of us were so bound by psychological problems that it seemed impossible ever to become free. Some were living in a frightening vacuum and looking wistfully in all directions for help. How privileged we are to be free from imperfect ideology and ambiguous theory. Living in a world charged with shocking events, we can be certain that God is still and always will be working toward the restoration of His cosmos. This, while even the mightiest world leaders are groping in the dark because to them it seems impossible to see any order in historical context.

It is frightening even to us to realize that without our Leader and God's love, the world would be adrift in some nameless void. So we must not ever become selfishly involved in personal struggles.

It would be better not to know this truth than not to appreciate, respect, and proclaim it.

It is difficult to consistently feel the reality of this responsibility and so we try to grow into a commitment of the type that we need not ask daily forgiveness and make new promises.

To a true son and daughter, trust replaces promises.

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The Hollow Men

Neil Salonen

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Here we go round the prickly pear  
Prickly pear prickly pear  
Here we go round the prickly pear  
At five o'clock in the morning.

Between the idea  
And the reality  
Between the motion  
And the act  
Falls the Shadow

For Thine is the Kingdom

Between the conception  
And the creation  
Between the emotion  
And the response  
Falls the Shadow

Life is very long

Between the desire  
And the spasm  
Between the potency  
And the existence  
Between the essence  
And the descent  
Falls the Shadow

For Thine is the Kingdom

For Thine is  
Life is  
For thine is the

This is the way the world ends  
This is the way the world ends  
This is the way the world ends  
Not with a bang but a whimper  
— T. S. Eliot

Eliot would have us believe that we are all essentially hollow men — unable to complete the circuit between "the idea and the reality, . . . the motion and the act" without the interference of some unnamed Shadow, the same shadow who would cause the world to end by default, rather than with a bang, which he foot-notes as "some positiveness of soul, even if evil, that all hollow men long for."

During these present times of substantial instability, people everywhere are hungering as never before for some positive truth or purpose surrounding their existence. No longer do the historical traditions seem valid, and failing to find a new answer or set of answers to their questions, many are being lost in the gloom of the shadow — frustrated, confused, and even bitter.

I think we seldom realize how the brilliant light from the Divine Principle not only answers our deep questions concerning the nature of life and purpose of creation — but also completely illumines our day-to-day existence. The energy it gives us permeates through our entire life — to resurrect a vibrant, living consciousness out of a "hollow man."

Several members have commented recently on their anticipation of our moving into new quarters — in terms of getting the kitchen items better organized, or the basement, and so on. It struck me that this is rather symbolic of our

approach toward all phases of life -- sort of a hopeful anticipation, confident that, with enough effort, we can rearrange the whole makeup of our lives and move ourselves right along to perfection.

Self-consciousness, which we have often discussed, is our most potentially beautifying and fulfilling capability -- yet the hollow men of the Satanic world dread the development of their consciousness because it only serves to focus on their meaningless pattern of existence. This is why they sleep beyond their physical needs, drink to a selfless stupor, watch TV for hours on end, and so on.

Not that consciousness fails to cause us pain at times, but we rather tend to think of these as growing pains -- for now we have the knowledge and truth to pursue our weaknesses and remedy them.

Yet even here, Satan works in ways more subtle than as a shadow -- because we do not fear to look, therefore we see things more clearly. This can be easily misdirected. Having corrected some minor flaw which our expanding vision still reveals in others, our pride may feel the need to point this out so that our growth may be properly credited. At this point we were better off at the start. Because we're only digging ourselves in deeper, which we've all discovered from time to time.

So, then, what precaution should we take? Well, after deciding to continually develop our consciousness of ourselves and others, and therefore of God, we must vow to be always constructive -- which must seem obvious, but actually this has been uppermost in my thoughts lately, since I've seen the subtle shadow almost everywhere recently.

Externally -- in seeking out the hollow men, for Father, we must sincerely want to share the joy of living a whole life, but a self-righteous or even an over-positive approach will only repel His children. To feel that "I'm coming to help you by giving you what I've got," is subtly prideful and, what is worse, non-effective. One of the many stumbling blocks to our growth is taking premature satisfaction from any evidence of it, yet I can't think of anybody who isn't somewhat vulnerable on this point.

Externally again -- in teaching, do we convey the Principle as effectively to the new student as possible, or do we present it as we feel it should be, or become concerned with covering all the points and not communicating the ones we do cover?

Internally -- are we always directing our conscious attention to every aspect of, first, our lives, then the lives of others? Do we then act or speak constructively?

More important, do we feel constructive?

Only the constructive feelings could be from God. By definition, to build anything, we must be constructive. Our Family must be different from all peoples past. For the first time, we are the group that can face any problem and grow as a result — because (a) we are not afraid to look directly at it, and (b) we will only permit ourselves to respond constructively to it.

Whenever we face a seemingly insoluble problem, we are always directed to the same solution — witness, teach, become the Divine Principle. Why? Because only then are we being really constructive. These are the activities God has desperately waited to see man perform for over 6000 years. Haven't we all felt how glad He is to help, whenever we are willing? Have you ever thought about that — if God wants to go witnessing today, He has to inspire us to do it? Do we really have any excuse for delay?

But working for the dispensation requires more than just an announcement of availability. One of our members when writing on what it means, really means, to be in Principle, comments on witnessing:

Until such time as he achieves the perfect state of communion with God, he must constantly live, eat, sleep, think, talk, and breathe the Principle. What does this mean? . . . When we first come into Principle, those of us who are very young and imaginative may expect miraculous things to happen to us — to be rescued from bad situations in the nick of time by some supernatural means. If we are new in the witnessing area, we may expect to stroll leisurely through Dupont Circle and attract vast hordes, whom we may give those things which we know and who will accept on the spot . . . We imagine that, at every step, we must be radiating a beauty that the world cannot fail to recognize. This feeling may account for the infrequency of our witnessing.

(Sandy Singleton, NAF, February 1968, p. 11)

Certainly we should be radiating a beauty which the world cannot fail to recognize, but this must be a self-developed quality. Because our Father is the source of all energy and joy, the closer we come to Him and the stronger our give and take we have with Him, the more beautiful we become in His eyes and in the eyes of His creation.

When we go out witnessing, what do we keep uppermost in our minds? That we have to be in early? That people are foolish not to respond when you tell them that you have all the answers (not their professors, not their leaders, not the philosophers, but you — the group in the blue bus)? Do we expect God to

praise us for taking these poor, twisted creatures out of their terrible, excruciating pain — ending their intolerable existence? The strange thing about all the things I mentioned is that they are true, but if they are uppermost in your mind, you cannot be effective.

When God looks for a follower, does He rebuke the man for his ignorance, does He complain about 6000 years of heartache? Or does He pour out His love, the first real love man has ever felt!

This is why our Leader says on witnessing:

When you witness to other people, you must feel actually as if you are seeking your own lost children. When you find them, you must serve them as a servant, but with the heart of a father. It was God who has been seeking us. We must seek people with a Father's heart. In that way, you can feel and experience the heart of the Father. You must shed tears and sweat and blood for those people to truly make them your own children. Your spiritual children will not be obedient and gentle to you at all in the beginning. They will be most Satanic and rebellious. Then you will know how the Father in heaven has felt. And you will make indemnity very quickly, in raising and loving the unlovable.

We often make the mistake of giving only partial appreciation or recognition to the role Divine Principle has played in our lives: We experience a part of our Father's great love, and our selfish nature causes us to try to absorb it, just soak it in. Two weeks ago, it was pointed out that when we try to seek Father's love for ourselves, we will lose it — only when we give it away to others, does it continually pass through us.

To close, I must say that after one year of knowing this Family, my wonder never ceases at the workings of God. With all the many problems, with all the different levels of growth — we are learning what all men must learn — that only through dedication to God can man fully mature and blossom in the love of our Father.

Sometimes we feel we give up a lot, or others ask us about sacrifices and hardships. I really can't think of any. For the first time, each day of increasing awareness does not mean a day of increasing pain, but a step forward into greater truth. We have a positive, dynamic truth. We know of a perfected and perfectable love, and our greatest joy should be in telling others. .

The real danger, therefore, lies in partial evaluation — the danger of constructive criticism becoming only criticism. When we see things we don't approve of, within and without, we should speak out with love, if this is possible — but more importantly, we should exemplify the correct pattern ourselves. Let God use us as examples, and meanwhile we keep the momentum of our positive motion.

Divine Principle is a positive movement. Do not speak any criticism of any other denomination. Display more love than they. Display more service. Then they cannot criticize. The world over, all are seeking to gain love. Then you won't have to say, this is Truth. Show eternal life, show that there is more here than one can automatically gain in other religions. In any organization, become the worker who is desperately needed. Even if you want to leave, become a vital need to any organization. . . . Do you want to walk behind me, side by side with me, or ahead of me? Go even further, determine to compete with your Leader, in the amount of his dedication. Go behind or go ahead, not side by side.

(Leader's Address, June 30, 1965., Washington)

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Victory Is Sure

David Flores

Many brothers and sisters have written me asking for a real birdseye view of the Vietnam situation. Though greatly appreciative of their inquiries and letters, until now I have been unable to gather enough information to complete such a report. I do not feel this is nearly complete, but it tends to afford what I think is a real view of the war.

From my previous letter, I think you have realized that I have not been involved in any intense fighting. At first I thought this was due to the locale. I have gone from Duc Pho to Tam Ky then about 25 miles SSW of Chu Lai and then further north, near Da Nang. I have made the following observations of the war:

Last night and early this morning (5/5/68) L. Z. Ross, a base camp not far east of here, received light rocket and mortar fire — just as Da Nang air strip (also visible from here), Chu Lai air strip, Quang Tri, Hue, Saigon and other, small bases throughout I Corps area. A total of 119 bases were reported hit in South Vietnam.

If the Viet Cong have now launched, as they had promised, their "Second Great Offensive of 1968," then in this initial move they have made a poor showing. Their

attack, though widespread, was mild and even weak in comparison to the Tet Offensive of January. Only about 15 mortar rounds hit Saigon with 44 deaths and 300 injuries. From last reports all is being restored to normal. Ross, the base camp (by the way, "L. Z." means "Landing Zone") down the valley from here, suffered damage but was able to react fast enough to counter the attack. Once the point of origin was determined, mortars were heavily concentrated in that area. It must have seemed that it was really raining fire and brimstone.

Whether there was a diplomatic reason for attacking so mildly or whether it was due to short supply is not yet known, but what does seem evident is that we are due for a long, hot summer. Either Paris (site for the peace talks) will once more be burning, or else this poor devastated country will continue to experience this conflict. If peace is not won on the table — and I think the U. S. has learned not to settle for less — then it will be won by striking the hardest blow possible upon the military of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese. Personally, I hope that the former holds true because otherwise much more innocent blood on both sides will be shed.

I have come to the conclusion that the enemy is becoming frustrated and greatly disappointed in the longevity of this war. I think from many instances, that both high officials and the common soldier are realizing their inability to win. You will recall that the initial call to arms was given by Ho Chi Minh with the sound assurance that this would be a speedy and sure victory for them. It is evident from the many instances of surrender that the Communists are experiencing a serious defeat — materially and psychologically. A few weeks ago there was an article in our military paper concerning the surrender of two NVA officers, a major and a lieutenant colonel. Recently an article appeared telling of the surrender of two non-commissioned officers of the NVA. They were quoted as saying, "Victory will never come." They, like so many other Communist troops, are realizing the futility of their struggle. This is surely indicative of only one thing, that in this ideological war where the two major blocs confront each other face-to-face, that Communism is not winning. Communism has met its check.

Though no one ever likes to say it, sometimes God must use these manmade evils to win with man. It is God's war in His dispensation for today, just as surely as it was God's war when Joshua fought the Amalechites. Satan and evil must be stopped. Evil in the form of Communism, which stands in the way of free rights and the worship of God, must be crushed by the Free Powers of the world, who figuratively represent God. The United States, as the foremost nation of the Free World, is in a unique situation and finds itself engaged in a battle which seems lost, in a land which is distraught, for a people we do not even know. The U. S. does not realize its ideal situation or purpose in this Divine dispensation.

The United States continues fighting because there is a sour memory and because something tells us that if we stop short in Vietnam that not only Vietnam will fall but also Indonesia, Thailand, Cambodia, and all those nations of Southeast Asia that have so trusted in our way of life -- the democratic way of life. The memory of Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, and Poland, to mention a few, weighs heavily in the remote subconscious of our history. Just as they were sure prey and fell like dominoes into the hands of USSR after World War II, so it is sure to happen in Asia. And we will not permit another Korea.

Not only the nations of Asia, but the world depends on our success here. An even higher goal for which we should strive should be to complete the plan of God. So if the war in Vietnam is not fought because of Vietnam, then it should be fought to confront, check and destroy Communism. This is the goal of which we so often lose sight. And it isn't a paranoic hatred for the word "Communism," but a real junction of good and evil.

This seems to be the way the war is developing, and from my limited and feeble observations, the victory is sure for God. Communism has met its check.

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## TESTIMONIES

Washington, D. C.

Beverly Bayne

Father gives each of us a mission. I seriously doubt if mine is in the writing field, but I am nonetheless anxious and ready for whatever role I may be called to play.

I never dreamed when I came to Washington that I was to find anything as wonderful as what I call "the Family" or what my daughter calls "the Family Youth Home," but providentially I have and it stands out as the greatest experience of my life -- but then it hardly is necessary to say this.

Every time I recall how dubious I was when I was first witnessed to in Dupont Circle, I feel embarrassed. Still, I know the Spirit of the Father must have been present, for the desire to come to the first lecture was like a wind at my back. To hear only one chapter and go away is like trying to eat one salted peanut. I found each week more exciting than the one before until I had received the conclusion and the wondrous truth. Now, every week is Easter week and restoration is at hand.

All of my life, I have been plagued by shyness, and yet last Sunday I was among the singers in the middle of the Circle while many curious onlookers sat about us. Instead of embarrassment I felt a sense of pride at being a member of the Family and having the privilege of sharing Father's heart with others who hunger after the truth as I did for so long.

Yours, in Father's Name.

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Washington, D. C.

Jim Molen

Two newsletters have gone by since I asked to share in the wonderful belief that is ours and, having despaired of finding words either poetic or meaningful enough to express my heart, I am setting forth herewith to say what I can of this new and most wonderful of experiences.

If our beliefs can be described in a word, the word would be truth. Not only do I now know and accept everything contained in our Divine Principle as truth, I have learned that those longer with Principle than I are so burnished with this quality that they have thus far told me in advance precisely the emotions I would know after joining.

Typically human, I have had my "highs" and my "lows" since Principle, and in these early days of living in the New Age it seems something like a treadmill. I wonder about my progress, I have feelings of gross inadequacies and even unworthiness. Shedding the spiritual diseases I have known is a formidable task, but from our Leader's heart and from the knowledge of his words, I know that indemnity must be paid.

Each day I see the truth of the Principle borne out. I see it in the words, faces and hearts of those confused souls who appear from time to time on the television medium to describe phenomena in their experience which they do not understand. Around me I see my fellow men acquiescing to the will of Satan and, while I am troubled and know how this hurts Father's heart, I am not yet able to minister to them as I would like.

That restoration is in our future, I have no doubt. Our Leader has given us the mandate of going forth "in the shoes of a servant," and each day I rededicate myself to this idea.

In the Name of the Father .

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Los Angeles, California

Gary Fleisher

I was born into the tribe of Judah and the priestly clain of Cohen. I've had all the Jewish rites, including Bar-Mitzvah and Confirmation. During high school I experimented with many philosophies; none, however, satisfied me. Being a member of the Jewish faith, I decided to become a rabbi and change Judaism to suit me.

Having been accepted at Pepperdine Christian College, I traveled to Los Angeles in August of 1967 to attend school. At Pepperdine I was 50 percent of the Jewish population. Seven weeks after coming to Los Angeles, one of my friends told me about some people who preached "Love and Truth." The next Friday, a group of Pepperdine students and I attended the New Life Workshop of the Unified Family in Los Angeles. Two weeks later, after hearing the Principle lectured, I heard the conclusion. Another son! Two weeks after accepting, I met Miss Kim on her visit to Los Angeles. Wow!

Not too long after this, I found what a great honor it is to be allowed to enter Father's family. There are no words in me to express my thanks to all of you who have helped spread our Family to me and others. The world is waiting very impatiently for us to grow.

Often, especially while street preaching, it's evident that people want very much to believe what we say. Very few truly listen; I think they are afraid to believe in anything promising a better world. When I think about the people who need us so much, I feel very small and helpless. Poor Father, we cannot work hard enough for Him. The full-scale advance must be redoubled.

In the Name of the most beloved Parents.

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Paris, France

Henri Blanchard

Man has always been and still remains for the majority of mankind "an unknown being." All branches of knowledge devoted to his study ramify themselves more and more towards more complex specializations, faced with the complexity of a subject in which the macroscopic, microscopic, experimental, finite and infinite elements, and "mystery" seem to merge in an indestructable unity. Throughout the ages, philosophers, poets, scientists, musicians, political leaders, men of religion, have only given an incomplete answer to the pascalian question: What is man in the universe?

I asked myself this question in an ever more vital and dramatic manner. I could not accept the condition of man in today's society. Dostoyevski, Camus, Sartre, Saint-Exupery no longer satisfied me. In spite of deep feelings of hope kindled in me by Jung, Fromm and Krishnamurti, I remained alone, terribly alone: Jesus Christ himself was silent to my call, in spite of the vow pronounced one day to devote my life to him. Baudelaire became my companion of fortune for only a short while.

I refused this world and its splendors: its outrageous publicity, its deathly "production-consumption" rhythm, its narrow nationalistic attitudes, its gods. The night returned — or rather, the dark. I was no longer entitled to the starlit archway, the many-formed glows of a sunrise or sunset. I wanted to end it all.

And yet, O Father, you have taken me by the hand. I have discovered your Divine Principle, Satan's crime, your unlimited love. O Father, thank you for this wondrous light. All my life is placed in your hands.

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London, England

Ian Alexander

For me always the small things in life have seemed to count. The odd phrase or word has brightened my life, the doing and helping instead of the telling and shunning.

I was brought up as a member of the Church of England and longed to serve God. But how? I just kept seeking but couldn't find the right answer.

In 1964 I joined the Army to leave home and really try to find me. Who was I? Did I have any purpose of living? Was there any life after death? How could I best lay down my life for God as an example for those to come? In May, 1967, after my three-year apprenticeship at Carlisle I was posted to London. The life was so physical that often it made me feel ill. My escape was to be alone. To cut from that which was wrong. As the year progressed I really seemed to drift from God and yet when people talked about God I felt that He was my only true, trustworthy, loving Friend.

I was airing my views on religion to a soap-box speaker at Charing Cross tube station when one day I met Bob Duffy and the rest of the Family. I went back to the Family house that night and heard the beginning of the Divine Principle. I felt the great love and joy of God in the house. The Family was as if at one with God.

I am now living with the Family, with each one of you, brothers and sisters. If only words could express the joy to serve God, to come to His house, to know His children, to serve Him. I hope to meet you all in the physical one day. My thoughts and prayers are yours. May we grow as a true Family of God's children. It's such a joy.

In the Name of our True Parents, your loving brother.

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Laren, Netherlands

Frank van der Stok

We are a Dutch family now living in Laren, Holland, after a twenty-five year stay in Indonesia, during which we were imprisoned for four years during the Second World War. Our eldest son Johan went to the United States, and there he came in contact with the Divine Principle and wrote to us about it. But unfortunately, without a clear explanation, which it was impossible for him to relay in writing, we consequently did not understand his new idea of living. Teddy Verheyen during that time visited us, but on several points we could not agree, and so it remained until Miss Kim arrived with Johan in Amsterdam and stayed with us for a few days. She came with Johan from America via London and Paris. Fortunately, Miss Kim while in Rome decided to advise Miss Doris Walder to join Johan on his return to Amsterdam to strengthen the small team there. It was Johan and Doris who after giving us the twelve chapters of the Divine Principle thoroughly brought home the real significance and joy of Principle to us. We, my wife Margot, daughter Gieta, age eighteen, and son Frank, age fifteen, accepted and started witnessing.

Our home is now the Center here in Holland. Teddy, Hans Kroll and Reinco come regularly Sundays to Laren. Reinier van Hofslot, our neighbor, has accepted also

and is witnessing.

I myself thank my True Parents for all they have done for us. I see the value in studying the Principle. It brings me closer to God and it will strengthen me in witnessing.

In His Name.

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Laren, Netherlands

Margot van der Stok

My name is Margot van der Stok. I am a housewife, and I have five children, four sons and one daughter. My two sons Erik-Jan and Wouter are living in South Africa. Wouter is married and has two little children, so I am also a grandmother. Previously in my life, I taught little children. I liked this very much, especially the Montessori method.

It was so wonderful to have met Miss Kim on her visit to Europe. We are now in the process of trying to make Principle the center of our lives and to do this takes much study, prayer and witnessing.

I have had the most beautiful dream of our Master and I am so very, very thankful for this. It was in a very large hall with many, many people. The Master appeared and he had a baby in his arms which was all dressed in white. He was dressed in a suit which is used for weddings. As I followed the Master he placed the baby in my arms and as I looked at it I saw it had his face. I was feeling so very, very happy. I pray in the days ahead we shall bring many more children into the Father's Kingdom.

Your sister in His blessed Name.

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Vienna, Austria

Hans Fuetsch

My contact with the Catholic Church diminished more and more after I was 17 years old. After that I had my own view about these things and more or less formed my own opinion. Also, while studying sculpture I got a clearer outlook on life and religious problems.

A fellow student told me one day that he is living with people who have an ideology whose structure is somewhat like a good piece of art. He also told me that these people could discuss art very well and invited me to come along. I got interested

and came to the Center. At first we talked in his room about different things for some time. Then Bernhard Maierhofer came in and started talking about the Divine Principle right away. During the discussion I realized that this was something extraordinary. When listening to him I felt as if I had waited to hear those words for a long time and experienced great joy. I had no difficulties in recognizing the truth, although my sense of values was somewhat confused.

The next evening I was picked up by members of the Family and got to hear more about the Principle. The news that Christ has returned and that these are his words, a complete revelation and at the same time the full explanation of the Bible was the crowning of all. I felt great joy, although I couldn't fully comprehend the impact of all this.

What struck me especially was the positive way of life and the untiring action of these people from whom I had heard the truth. So, after a few days, I moved into the Center to follow our Leader. From the bottom of my heart I give thanks to the Father for our True Parents and that I may know the truth and work for Him.

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Vienna, Austria

Franz Wasenegger

I love nature very much. One evening at the end of July, 1967, I looked out of my window, saw the beautiful stars and wondered why people keep hastening and running without seeing the beauty of God's creation and without having any goal in life. I prayed to God over this question. The next morning turned out to be very beautiful, and since I didn't have to work that day I went out into the open with a friend.

On the way back I was urged to take another way home than usual. I know now that I was being led, for all of a sudden I met Bernhard Maierhofer, a friend whom I hadn't seen for a long time. We talked just for a little while and he invited me to a public lecture of the Divine Principle. I attended this lecture and thus had my first contact with the Principle. Afterwards I was invited to the Center and could see and feel that the Spirit of God was moving here, but I wanted to make sure. The love and high spiritual atmosphere that surrounded me here convinced me that this Family has the truth.

Paul talked to me openly and frankly, and I just knew and felt that he was speaking the truth. I came back to the Center to hear more and also attended the public lectures. On August 4, 1967, I made my decision to follow our Leader and moved into the Center to become a part of Father's Family.

Life in the Principle is a battle for the highest goal, to help bring mankind back to our Father.

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## NOTES FROM PHILADELPHIA'S VISIT WITH MR. WON PIL KIM

Think of some very famous person like George Washington or Abraham Lincoln. Why is it that people respect them so deeply and build statues to them? Think about it.

We have many good friends and neighbors. When we have a hard time, they help us and sympathize with us. But we don't think of building a statue to them; we only think of them as good neighbors.

There is a difference between famous persons and good neighbors. Famous people are thinking on the national and world scale; good neighbors only think on the individual level. Who is more significant? It is those with a broad consciousness that become famous and it is to them that we erect statues.

Everyone who comes to this movement thinks about and dedicates himself to the world. This makes our movement so important in the world. And because we think of the world, we have a great task. If one just thinks of himself, he does not experience much suffering, but on the scale that we are living we must really struggle and be willing to suffer. Our Leader is a man who is trying to accomplish something very great and wonderful for the world — much greater than anything that anyone has done before — so he must be the greatest man.

Let me tell of our Leader after he came to South Korea in 1951. We built a small hut at the seaside in South Korea. There was an old woman from Pyongyang, the capital of North Korea, who had served our Leader for many years and who was desperately searching for him. She had first heard about him five years before she met him, when a voice from heaven told her, "In five years you will meet the Messiah. You must prepare for him." So she had busily begun preparing food, clothing, blankets and all things. Five years to the day, she met our Leader. She was now separated from him by the war and continually asked the heavenly Father where he was. By His leading she was seeking our Leader.

As she was looking, her only son located Father in Pusan but was so grieved by our living conditions and poor hut that when he returned to his mother to tell her of our Leader he did not want to bring sorrow to her heart, so he said, "He has a wonderful, large house!" But the heavenly Father's voice told her, "No, he lives in a poor, small hut." She did not know which to believe. When she went to Pusan, she saw the poor, small hut and knew that Father was right. Whenever we desire to accomplish something, spirit world will assist us; but they will only assist us, they will not take over our responsibility.

In North Korea, our Leader had his separate, tiny room and lived apart from us. In Pusan, he and I would have to share the same small hut. When we consider a saint or

famous person, we think of him in rather supernatural terms. But when we live closely with anyone, we can no longer separate ourselves from them in such a way. I was hesitant to live with and get to know our Leader too deeply for fear I would no longer respect him. It is easy to love and respect Jesus as the Christ 2000 years later. But at the time of Jesus, even his parents could not feel that way toward him. It would have been very difficult for us, probably.

In the tight, cramped conditions we shared, I did come to understand our Leader very deeply. Over and over again I was surprised when whole new aspects of his character would be revealed to me after I thought I knew him well. Contrary to my fears, the more I got to know our Leader, the deeper my respect grew.

We came from North Korea with nothing; we had no money. As our Leader was teaching, preaching, praying and working for the establishment of the kingdom of heaven, I worked in an office of the U. S. Army. Also during the night I would do oil paintings. So I worked until 6 p. m., then painted until 12. Then I slept until 4 a. m., when our Leader got up to sell my paintings and get to the office in time for work. But our Leader always went to bed after me and was up first to awaken me.

In the beginning, our Leader would watch while I painted. But as time went on, the demand became so great for the paintings that I would paint the difficult parts and he would paint the rest. At that time, there were some members of Divine Principle that came to talk and discuss and be taught by our Leader. Sometimes they would be so tired as they watched us paint that they would fall over in sleep. Our Leader would awaken them and ask how they could sleep when we were working. If they could not physically help, at least they should spiritually support.

During 1952 and 1953 our Leader wrote the Divine Principle down. Each morning after I went to work, our Leader, sitting on the floor, began to write and would write all day. When I returned from work, he would be checking over the day's work, so I never saw how he wrote.

One night we didn't have to paint so I was sleeping. In the middle of the night our Leader called me to get up, get a pencil and paper and write what he said. We didn't have electricity, so in the darkness I wrote our Leader's words, which he spoke in a steady stream without even taking a breath.

So it is that the original Principle was written by our Leader working alone, with the exception of one chapter ("The Resurrection of Jesus"), which was written by the hand of Mr. Kim. Even now, I don't know why our Leader asked me to write this part, but I think that the heavenly Father wanted a witness so people can know how the Divine Principle was written. If our Leader got the Principle from his own head, he couldn't have spoken and written it without interruption. But it was done with the help of the

heavenly Father. If I hadn't written that chapter, there would have been no witness to the original composition of the Principle. Many times we ask people, "Can't you believe the Divine Principle? Ask the heavenly Father; He will give you a clear, affirming answer." Since God is true, and since Principle comes from Him, He will answer.

Mr. Eu is a medical doctor. His Family are all strong Christians, but he could not understand or believe in God. He was brought to the movement by some very spiritual friends and I taught him. I taught him only a rough outline, and he wanted to hear more deeply, so he was given the original copy to read. But this copy was really confusing so he had to study very hard. Once he asked me to answer a question which I couldn't put into words, so I told him, "Pray and you will find the solution." So he prayed and received the answer in a vision. Mr. Eu was a very difficult man to bring in. He pondered, thought over and questioned everything, but now he is the president of the Association.

Many times I was awakened from sleep by the voice of our Leader crying out in prayer. Sometimes he would wake me up to go with him to the mountain in the early morning. On the mountain we would pray together.

Ten days after we arrived in Pusan, our Leader met the man he had roomed with in Japan while in college. This man -- of Buddhist background -- is now one of the top architectural consultants in the country. They had not seen each other for seven years. What should our Leader say in greeting? They were so glad to see each other, and he grabbed our Leader, slapped him on the back, and said, "It's so good to see you after so long! Come over and visit!"

In Japan, when they had been in school, our Leader was very withdrawn. He didn't go out with friends or play, and nobody knew he was a Christian. But they felt something deep, strange and very mysterious about him. Our Leader was happy to visit the couple and over supper he talked of the heavenly kingdom which is coming. They talked far into the night, and when the friend slept he dreamed: A beautiful lady came to him saying she was Jesus' sister: "I have a deep sorrow for my brother. I want to be happy. There's one solution which can resolve the sorrow. If I can open this door there will be joy." The door appeared and was opened; a second door appeared and opened. A third door appeared, but it did not open. "There is only one man who can open it. You know that man -- Mr. Moon."

In the morning, the friend asked our Leader, "Does Jesus have a sister?" Even most Christians do not know the answer for sure, but our Leader answered, "Yes, Jesus has a sister." Then the friend told his dream, and suddenly he was no longer a friend but sat up formally before his Leader and became a wonderful member. Before, he was a strained and tense man with the pressures of work. Now he has no more worries.

During the Korean war, refugees had to walk thirty to forty kilometers each day. It was in December and the temperature was around 15 degrees below zero Centigrade. One night, long after midnight, we stopped to sleep. We stopped in an old deserted house but we had to have a fire. I went out in search of some wood, but the town was stripped clean. Suddenly I came across one of the monay graves that were everywhere. There were two sticks attached to the canvas that wrapped the body, so joyfully I grabbed them. I broke them and made a small fire in the kitchen of the house and the heat began to warm the floor where our Leader sat. "Won Pil!" he called to me. "Where did you get this wood?" When I told him he said, "You had better select more pure sticks for me." So many times I carefully consider even the everyday things that serve our Leader — Is it pure? For example, he cannot enjoy food if it is cooked hurriedly.

Our Leader stresses that the most important thing is heart. Food is not important; material things are not important; number of members is not important — but that we do all things with our whole heart, this is the most important.

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