

# New Hope News

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## Celebration of Life premieres in Oakland;

Father sees it as "a heavenly whirlwind across America."



the first fan formation, and shouted "Bravo" and "More" at the conclusion of the dance, bringing expressions of joy to the faces of the hard-working dancers.

For "Songs Around the World" the New Hope Singers International were costumed in native dress from all parts of the world, from Korea to cowboys, from Uncle Sam and the long white dresses and parasols of an 1890s garden party to the "Little Bo Peep" dresses of the Austrian and German countryside.

After warmly welcoming the audience, Marion Dougherty presented a short "Spirit of the Crusade" testimony, followed by Buk Chum, the Penitent Monk, a dance depicting the inner struggle of the Buddhist monk who has strayed from the lofty principles of Buddha, symbolizing the eternal conflict between the world of the spirit and the world of the flesh. The dancers, each positioned with three standing drums, are lined up across the stage and frantically hit first one drum, then another, turning around and around.

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Jubilation! "Celebration of Life" is everything you hoped it would be—and much more, truly "a joyful noise unto the Lord," an extravaganza of singing, dancing, truth and inspiration.

Opening May 15th in its world premiere at Oakland's palatially ornate old Paramount Theatre of the Arts, newly restored to its original gilt and grandeur, the crusade program began with several selections by the New Hope Singers International, resplendent in their new white gowns and tuxedos, and continued with Hwa Kwan Moo, the Royal Court Dance, by the Korean Folk Ballet, in which long tubular white sleeve-like cloths hanging down to the floor from elastic at the wrists are used to drape the dancers' faces or to emphasize hand and arm gestures. This dance is traditionally performed at the Korean Royal Court to welcome visitors to the palace, and was offered to "royally welcome" the crusade's guests, according to Na Kyung Pak, Col. Bo Hi Pak's 19-year-old daughter and the evening's hostess.

Next on the program was "The Kearney Boys," an offshoot of the New Hope Singers named in honor of Kearney, Nebraska, where the group was stranded and welcomed with open hearts and help when their van broke down there during the previous tour. The group (Dennis Carper, Lou Fournier and Tim Murphy) offered a medley of songs from "Godspell"—"Prepare Ye," "Day By Day" and "God Save The People," to the delight of the audience, which responded with enthusiastic applause. They were followed by a humorous rendition of "These Bones Gonna Rise Again" by Choir Director Randy Rummel, backed by the New Hope Singers.

Bu Chae Chum, the Fan Dance, by the Korean Folk Ballet was next on the program, and was described later by one poetic guest as "hundreds of beautiful butterflies." The dancers open and close their fans, which make a surprising clatter, and weave with them kaleidoscopic patterns through intricate formations and motions. The audience was very appreciative and broke into applause at the appearance of



"The Kearney Boys" at Oakland rally.

## SMMCC premiere

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Next came "Daisy," a comic pantomime by Barbara Snell and Mark Whitman in which a flower-hating country man is defeated by a simple and loving little girl in his efforts to remove a huge daisy from his lawn. Failing in his malicious attempts to stomp, ax, mow and dynamite the flower away, the farmer is astounded when the sweet little girl skips out, swoons over the flower's beauty and fragrance, and gently picks it and carries it off with her, "proving," according to Master of Ceremonies Gilbert Fox, "that love is stronger than hate."

After Ivan Janer's beautiful and reverberating rendition of the "Lord's Prayer," Na Kyung Pak held the audience spellbound as she introduced her father, Col. Bo Hi Pak, describing his earlier life, his heart-breaking war experience, his battlefield conversion to belief in God, and his later meeting with Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church.

In his heart-filled and passionate address entitled "Thy Kingdom Come," Col. Pak quoted Jesus when he said, "These things I have said to you in figures, but the hour is coming when I shall no longer speak to you in figures but tell you plainly of the Father."

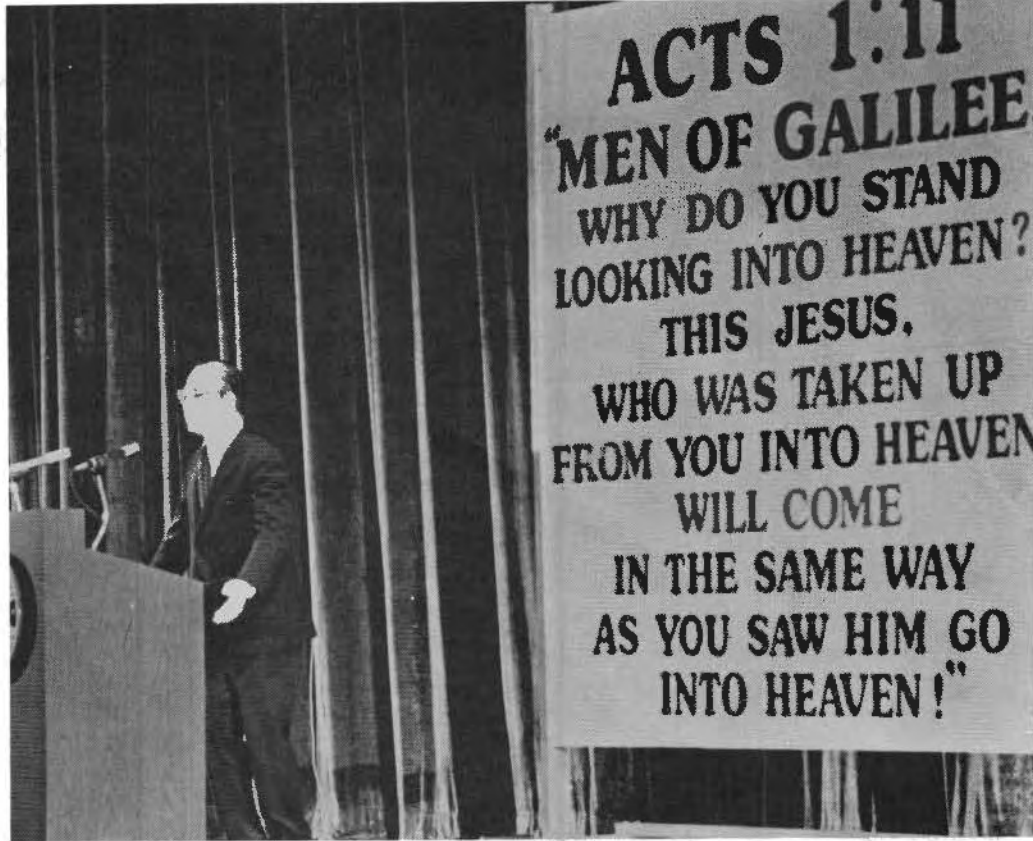
"That hour has come," Col. Pak said.

He went on to explain that mankind does not really have any life to celebrate but instead died spiritually at the beginning of human history through Adam's and Eve's fall, which cut man off from God, the source of life. In a dramatic illustration, Col. Pak held up a glowing light bulb connected with its sources of life, electricity, and compared it with another identical bulb which lacked that electrical connection and was consequently a dead and lifeless object.

At times close to tears, Col. Pak spoke from his heart with power and conviction to an audience of 794 persons (including Family members). He explained that Jesus did not come to die on the cross, and that because he was struck down before completing his mission, he could bring only partial salvation—spiritual, but not physical.

He said that the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth can come about only when both kinds of salvation, spiritual and physical, are complete. Thus the only solution is for Christ to come again, as he promised he would, to bring about total salvation.

"My gospel to you tonight is that Christ is coming now to complete the salvation... There is no greater hope



*For his Thursday night address, Col. Pak's topic was "How is Christ Coming?" Many people expect him to float down from the sky on clouds, based in part on a misunderstanding of Acts 1:11, which Col. Pak clarified.*

than this," he said.

The audience erupted into applause several times during Col. Pak's address, agreeing with important points he had so clearly and logically developed.

The Rainbow Reception following the performance, originally slated for only those persons who indicated on the response cards that they either liked our movement and wanted to join or wanted to attend a workshop, was thrown open to everyone because the cards and programs had not yet arrived, since the plane carrying them was delayed. The reception room was jammed with people of all descriptions joyfully talking and laughing, mingling with the singers, dancers, crusade staff, IOWC team members and local Family members.

President Neil A. Salonen spoke briefly, describing the upcoming workshop and urging everyone to attend, and then turned the microphone over to Randy Rimmel, who expressed his appreciation to Col. Pak on behalf of the New Hope Singers International and presented the evangelist with a huge bouquet of flowers. Col. Pak promptly expressed his gratitude to the singers and presented the flowers back to Randy with a bow.

At that point Mr. Salonen stepped to the microphone and said that "an unscheduled speaker would like to say a few words," introducing a young black man named Charles Scott.

Scott said he had never heard of this group until recently when he was stopped in the street by a smiling young man wearing two "Celebration of Life" signboards, who invited him to come to the performance. He said he was very taken with this young man. "He was smiling, and you don't see very many people smiling these days," he said.

Scott said that he really liked what we were doing, that he had been looking for something like this ever since he came back from Vietnam, that he likes what he sees in this group and he wants to become part of it.

Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon attended the performance and afterwards smilingly posed for pictures backstage with the performers and crew and staff. To celebrate the successful world premier of the crusade, they invited everyone to luncheon the following day at "Shimjung Gardens," a beautiful hilltop retreat owned by the Oakland Center and overlooking the city and the Bay.

## 13 of the 18 girls in the Korean Folk Ballet had never danced before; Described as "hundreds of beautiful butterflies" by enthusiastic guest

13 of the 18 girls in the Korean Folk Ballet had never danced before being selected for the group, and only five were formerly Little Angels. The girls, all Unification Church members, were chosen from the 30 to 40 girls recommended for the group by church directors from each of Korea's provinces.

Before joining the KFB some were working with the church, many were college students and several had just graduated from high school.

For several months in Korea they trained very hard, enduring hardship and suffering to bring to America and the SMMCC the beautiful dances of their native land. They lived in a church center but trained in Seoul, which was 1½ hours away. They began during the winter when it was very cold and there was no heat in the buses which transported them back and forth. They felt like ice cubes riding back and forth and "hot cubes" while dancing. Many contracted colds or suffered pulled muscles, and they bought bottles of Ben Gay by the case.

In Korea, dancers train from early childhood through college to perform the rigorous and precise dances which most of these girls learned from scratch in three months. Because of the hardship and stern discipline necessary in such accelerated training, there was a great potential for catastrophes, both physical and emotional, but their strong motivation and desire to come together as church members with a great belief in God helped them avoid many disasters. During the training period to help lighten the mood of intensity, birthday parties were held whenever appropriate.

Dance training in Korea was very fundamental, concentrating on basic steps and outlines. When the girls arrived in America the dances were pulled together into their final form, requiring many hard hours of rehearsal. They spent an entire day rehearsing the Masked Dance in which two "lions" cavort and frisk around, and the girls dancing the part of the lion's head have to crouch down while holding the heavy mask in their upraised arms. When one girl finally removed the lion mask that day, it was all wet inside with her silent tears of exhaustion, yet she had never once complained. Such is the spirit and dedication of our Korean sisters!

Mr. Byung Woo Son is spiritual director for the KFB and travels everywhere

with the girls. He is a respected DP lecturer in Korea and a long-time Family members.

The girls are divided into four groups, each led by a Beng Jang or "mother hen" who wakes them in the morning, sees that they're ready on time, and keeps and distributes personal supplies.

While the KFB was rehearsing and performing in Oakland, Mr. and Mrs. Chi, a Korean blessed couple, now living in Oakland, gave them Korean breakfasts and dinners in their Korean-American restaurant. "The Korean food there was the best I have tasted anywhere in the world," reported Na Kyung Pak, who added that the girls really loved it. "The gave us such

great hospitality—they could not have done more," she said. Mr. and Mrs. Chi did this while simultaneously running the restaurant. They also cooked for Father's luncheon at Shimjung Gardens when he hosted the entire cast and crew of "Celebration of Life."

In San Francisco Mr. Sung Soo Kim, Mr. David Kim's oldest son, took the KFB on a tour of Holy Ground and Golden Gate Park, and then to a Chinese restaurant for a sumptuous 12-course Chinese dinner.

The girls are studying English when time permits, but already know all the words to American popular songs of all types.





*The New Hope Singers International, centerstage group*



*Mr. Moo Kyung Lee, Mrs. Won Pok Choi,  
Father after the premiere perf.*



*"Songs Around the World"*



...ther, Linda Rimmel, Randy Rimmel and  
...nance of "Celebration of Life."



*Chang Go Chum, the Hour Glass Drum Dance*



*Buk Chum, the Penitent Monk*



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Nineteen-year-old Na Kyung Pak serves as hostess on stage for "Celebration of Life," introducing and interpreting the different dances by the Korean Folk Ballet and also introducing her father, Col. Bo Hi Pak, to the audience.

Following is her own introduction of her father in which she describes his earlier military career and the events which led to his joining of the Unification Church.

Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.

I have the great privilege of introducing to you Col. Bo Hi Pak and sharing with all of you why he feels the urgent need to speak to the American people.

Col. Pak is a graduate of the Korean military academy, comparable to America's West Point. He is a person of remarkable talent and firm ambition. Many of his superiors saw in him the potential to be a great military leader of Korea. However, a series of unusual events changed his destiny. He tasted the tragedy of war and on many occasions barely escaped death. Thus Col. Pak began to search relentlessly for the true meaning of life.

He explains in his own words his dramatic story:

"In May 1952, during the Korean War, the Red Chinese Army launched its spring offensive in Korea on an unprecedented scale. Our defense line totally collapsed and a tragic retreat to the South took place. I was in this retreating stream of helpless soldiers as a company commander leading what was left of my men."

He said, "When the retreating multitude came to the Chang Chon River, we were forced to cross with our equipment carried over our heads. Just as I was about to cross behind the several who were already in the water, enemy gunfire opened up directly upon us. It was a trap! In a moment the river turned crimson with the blood of my comrades. I fell to the ground, trying to take cover. But there was no cover. A steep cliff blocked us from behind, the river lay ahead of us. The shower of bullets came even faster. My friends were dying all around me."

He said, "In this moment of utter despair, I, this man who had never been to church, shouted in desperation, 'Hananim, Hananim! God, Oh God!' I knew no one else could save me. But I also knew in a moment that my heart was empty. I had no God. I saw no reason why God should favor me.

"In the next flashing instant, I firmly resolved, 'Let me have God in my heart. I may die in the next ten seconds. Let me have faith in God in those ten seconds. Oh God, come into my heart!'"

He said, "Then all I remember is that a miracle came. American fighter bombers appeared in the sky and began to strike. This was our only chance to escape. I ordered my men to follow me. But there among the multitude, only three showed any sign of life. Yet I was alive and safe, without a scratch!"

After this horrible experience, Col. Pak realized in humility that his life had been leased out to him, and the one holding the contract was God.

So in desperate fervor, he began his search for a clear direction. He knocked on the doors of many Christian churches. He searched through the Bible and he met many leaders of Oriental religions. But the more he searched, the greater became his frustration. He knew his heart was not yet kindled.

Finally in 1957 Col. Pak met Rev. Sun Myung Moon through his followers. For the next several days he listened intently to Rev. Moon's revealed truth of *Divine Principle*. He then truly experienced an explosion of spiritual fire. Something happened so quickly to his heart! His eyes deluged his cheeks with tears of joy and repentance. He said, "I became a person no longer afraid to die. I was assured I would not die in emptiness. I felt I could really be used as His tool."

Since then, Col. Pak has spent the last 17 years in close friendship and intimate working relationship with Rev. Sun Myung Moon. He began teaching the *Divine Principle* while still on active military duty. He became accustomed to addressing thousands of natives Koreans and proclaiming the new revelation that the Kingdom of God is at hand.

During Rev. Moon's "Day of Hope" tours in 1972, 1973 and 1974, he was chosen and served as Rev. Moon's interpreter and special assistant. With his flair of evangelical fervor, Col. Pak is presently speaking on many U.S. campuses to young people eager to hear God's voice in this modern age. Young Americans by the thousands will be filled with excitement as they are nourished with spiritual food.

For your inspiration tonight, I present to you Col. Bo Hi Pak.

*Barrytown is now officially ours. The papers have been signed and the deal is closed.*

*Here, from a May 1st address to the Washington Family, is President Salonen's account of his recent visit to the property with MFT leaders who were then meeting at Belvedere, as well as his trip into New York City and the actual signing.*

We had all eight MFT leaders at Belvedere from the four teams and the four satellite teams, so I decided to take them to

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Barrytown. The closing for Barrytown was scheduled for 2:00 p.m. that day in New York City, and it takes two hours each way to Barrytown, so I thought, "Unless I just get there and turn right around and come back, it won't work. We'll just have to drive faster. That's what we'll do."

We did. We drove a lot faster, and we found a better way to get to Barrytown.

At the time I thought, "I wonder if it's really worth the investment of their time?" Still, I know how inspiring it is to see something in reality.

I've seen Barrytown a number of times, but as we drove onto the grounds they were absolutely stunned. They had no idea it was that big. They just couldn't believe we actually owned a place like that.

We went down to the water and showed them where the place would be for swimming. There's also a pool on the property, as well as some buildings. We just quickly blitzed through the place and then I left them there with Chris Killingbeck who gave them a very thorough tour, and immediately Michael Brownlee, my wife, Bill Torrey and I headed for Manhattan.

We drove like crazy and I kept falling asleep (I wasn't driving), and I was always waking up and saying, "Are we there? Are we in Manhattan yet?" They said we were "way back, way back."

Finally we arrived down in the tip of Manhattan. Closings usually take a while anyway, so we called ahead and said we were still in Red Hook and would be a little late. We got down in the area about 45 minutes late, and it took us almost another 45 minutes to actually get to the building.



# RYTOWN

It was really strange. Everybody we stopped to ask directions would give us very concrete directions which were completely wrong. But you couldn't tell it from what they said because they were very clear-cut. It got frustrating.

We arrived at the closing just in time. Everyone was in a good mood. The two realtors were there. The surveyor was there. Mike Warder and Mr. Hiroshu Matsuzaki were there. All the attorneys were there, and Brother Leo from the Christian Brothers was there—a big group. And we arrived just at the right moment, because they had just gone through all of the minor details and were ready for someone to sign and deliver the money, which is exactly what we did.

We took a lot of pictures and they really felt light about it. It had been very meaningful to them to turn the property over to someone who was going to use it for religious purposes. They were very, very happy about it.

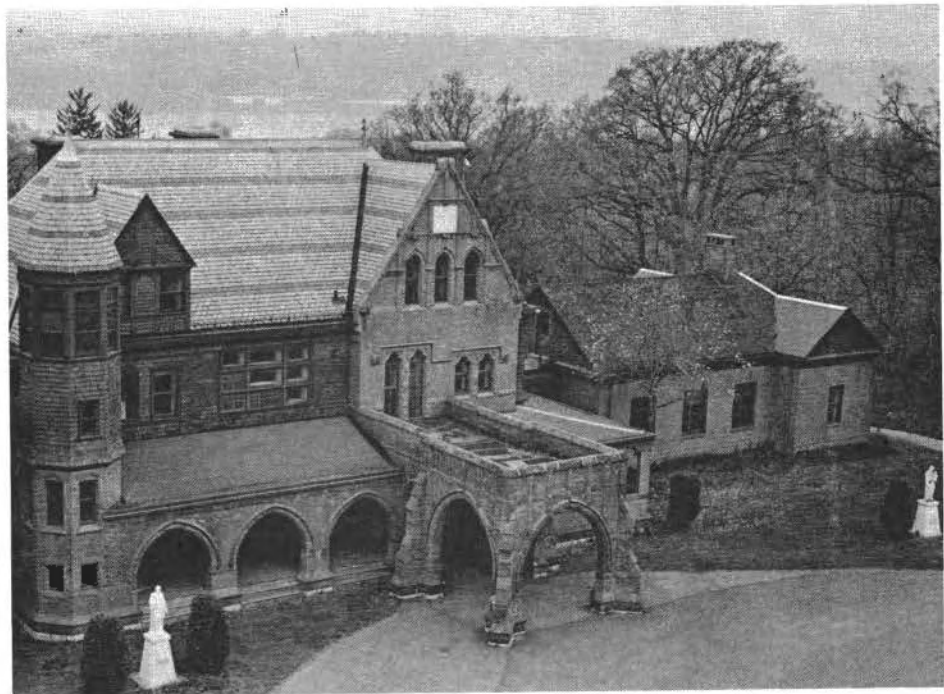
The main reason that we were able to get that property is our attorney, Michael Golden. He's done a fantastic job for us. When many, many other people would have let the deal slip through his fingers, he persistently kept up. He's a very good negotiator. And we got it in the end for \$1.5 million, which they had just laughed at to begin with. They were originally asking \$3 million, so they came down by one-half. (On the way out we teased Brother Leo, saying we were going downstairs to meet with the people who had offered us \$4 million for it.)

It felt good to get that deed in our hands because the last chance for someone to take away the property was gone. It was a great victory.

*Top left: Mr. Salonen and our attorney, Michael Golden, at the Barrytown signing.*

*Above: The size of the Barrytown Chapel stunned visiting MFTers.*

*Below: The original building at Barrytown, which is much smaller than the main building.*



# Illinois Report

by Zella Steward,  
Illinois OWC

Quite a while ago Father told us to "kick a duck" when witnessing to get the attention of the people. Well, sparked by that theme the Illinois OWC team headed by Gilbert Fox decided to get a few little ducklings and put them in a box on a table we were setting up on campus to sell terrariums. The sign was to say, "If you don't buy a terrarium I'll kick this duck," and as people walked by we would jiggle the box and let them hear the little quackers. We also figured that people would come over to the table just to see and talk about and maybe even buy the ducks.

Well, we all went off on our daily routine of witnessing and fundraising as Gil and Jay Van Buskirk, our center director, went in search of some ducks. As I returned to the Center for dinner I saw a U-Haul trailer in our back yard and Gil and John, one of our members, were looking in the back of it. I thought someone was moving. Then I looked in! You won't believe it! There was a real live 250 pound pig! Yes, dear Family, a pig. It was eating cracked corn and putting on a few pounds.

When I inquired as to how we came to possess him, Gil replied, "We went to get a duck and got a pig." Later we received the entire story: Jay and Gil went into an Amish community near Champaign in search of a few baby ducks. They chanced upon an auction while they were there. The auction was of farm animals and such. Before long, Gil and Jay, with visions of pork chops dancing in their heads, had ribbed each other into bidding on our new friend.

For the few short hours we had our guest here (about 20, to be exact) we grew quite fond of him. Jay named him "Little Delaware" because he said that the pig "Delaware" was as big as the state, and because I'm from Delaware, so he did it as a rib.

While we had the pig we thought of such ideas as getting a collar and a leash and taking him for a walk. In a college town we would surely make our presence known. But alas, the pork chops won out. He was taken to the slaughterhouse to be made into bacon, spare ribs, pork roast, ham and pork chops. The cost, even with slaughtering and renting a freezer, is only about 80 to 90 cents a pound, so we're all eating better for less.

Now every time Gil goes shopping I am afraid that he may come home with a steer!



# Alaska Report

by Barry Cohen, SR

Perry Cordill's IOWC team came to Anchorage for the Day of Hope Campaign, and it was really thrilling to see brothers and sisters witnessing all over town, giving lectures three times a day, etc. 38 people heard Conclusion during the campaign and also the additional week that the team stayed. 14 signed membership, and three have moved in so far.

Meanwhile, with the cooperation of our seven or so really active new members, we've just instituted a very full and very ambitious new schedule—three lectures a day.

Three members, soon to be joined by a fourth, are starting "New World Gardeners" to rake and mow lawns and maybe do some planting, too. Through their efforts a more substantial economic foundation will be laid. Their names are: Mike Liston, Kim Peterson (our first sister) and Thane Mathis. All three are still living outside, but plan to move in. The fourth gardener is Paul Betz, now living in the Center and currently completing his last two weeks of outside work. Al Moore and Marc Paine are the other two brothers living in the Center.

I have divided the Family into trinities and assigned each trinity to follow up on those who have heard all or some lectures (the team left us hundreds of contacts!!). I feel the harvest must be done quickly, otherwise many of these people will be lost.

Father's talk was extremely strong and brought swift judgment to many, so we're operating now on that powerful foundation. 400 people attended his talk.

# MFT Winners

"You have done very well," Father told MFT contest winners Libby Mitchell, Mike Chapman and Mike Putano at a special dinner he held in their honor just before the opening performance of "Celebration of Life" in Oakland, to which each had won a trip based on results in the recent contest.

Selling one day less than her competitors due to a wisdom tooth extraction, Libby still came out top seller, and broke her own previous record and the record of the entire American movement for sales in one day.

Team Leader Mike Chapman was present, representing the team with the highest sales, and Mike Putano was recognized as the most improved seller, increasing his daily totals by 213 percent.

Mrs. David Kim cooked the special dinner for the contest winners and the True Parents, and Mother presented the winners with pen and pencil sets from Japan.

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