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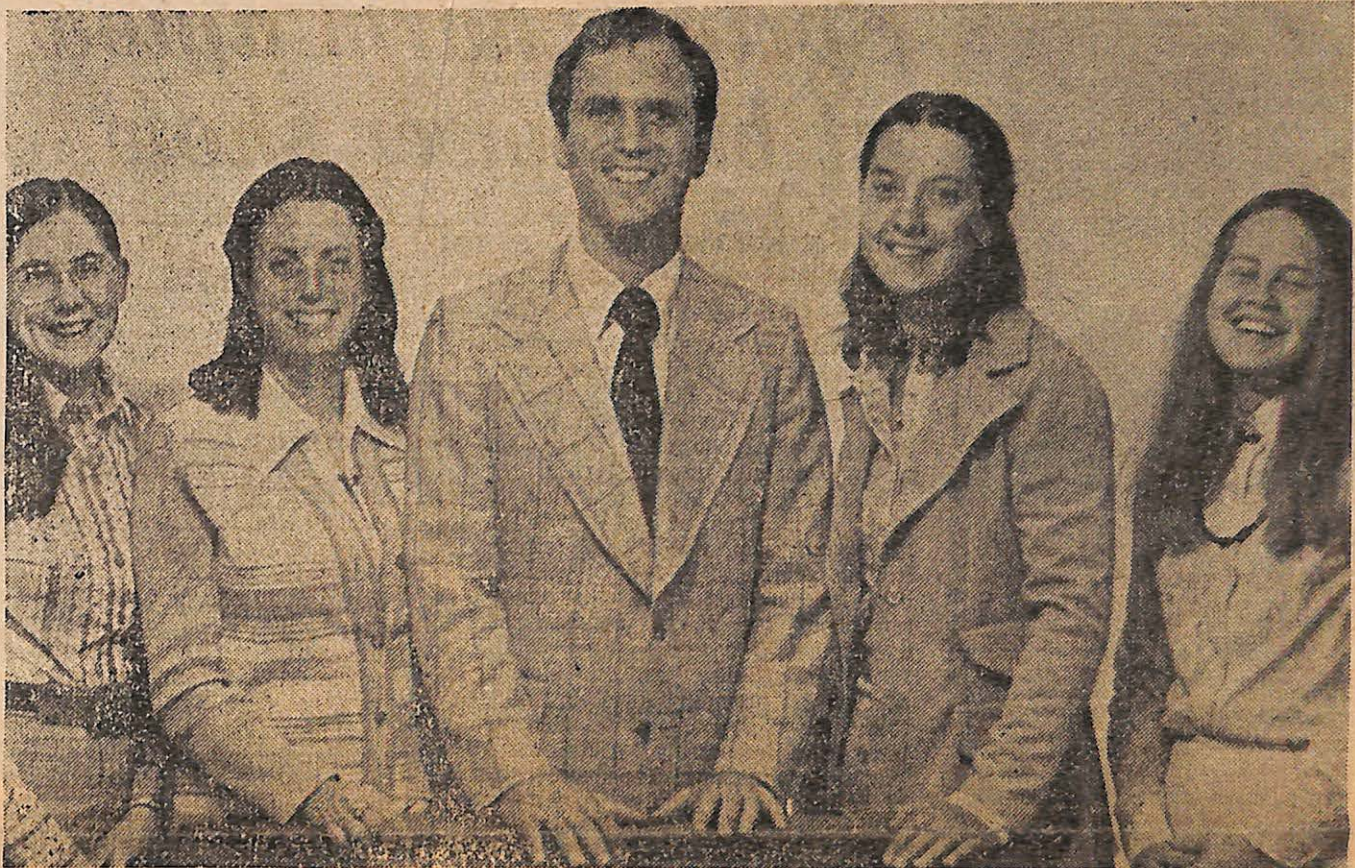
Victory: Stage One!

The fight against legalized kidnapping of Unification Church and other minority religion adherents scored a major victory on Monday, March 28 when San Francisco's appellate court agreed to hear an appeal on the conservatorships of five Church members, aged 21-26. In addition to granting an appeal, the court forbid "deprogramming" procedures against the five conservatees: Leslie Brown, John Hovard, Janice Kaplan, Jacqueline Katz, and Barbara Underwood all Oakland members.

However, despite the injunction, Hovard, Kaplan and Katz are still at this writing (March 30) held at an undisclosed location by the "deprogrammers." It is reported that Underwood and Brown, after a weekend with the "deprogrammers," "changed" their minds and have left the Church. A hearing is planned before the appellate court asking for a suspension of the conservatorships on the grounds that the parents have acted in contempt of court by subjecting the members to the "deprogrammers."

The case on appeal involves a ruling by lower court judge Lee Vavuris giving custody of the five to their parents after a hearing lasting several weeks and drawing nationwide publicity.

The parents of the five had followed a now-familiar process of obtaining 30-day custody of their adult children under a loose clause in California law allowing custody over one believed to be under the influence of "artful and designing" persons. Such orders are obtained through Arizona attorneys Michael Trauscht and Wayne Howard who specialize in this service to parents who want their children removed



Church members involved in California conservatorship dispute: Barbara Underwood, Janice Kaplan, John Hovard, Leslie Brown, and Jacqueline Katz.

from non-Establishment religions. Then the conservatee, who has no legal rights, is subjected to "deprogramming" at the "Freedom of Thought Institute" in Tucson Arizona, a ranch providing the desired isolated and confined environment for the brutalizing "deprogramming" experience and staffed by "deprogrammed" former

members. The cost of parents is \$10,000 to \$25,000.

Recently judges in several California counties have been routinely granting conservatorships without seeing the victim or holding hearings. Through efforts of attorneys for the five members, judge Vivarus granted a hearing to determine

whether or not the five were mentally competent. The hearing went on for days as parents alleged that their children were under "mind control" and their children were forced to prove their sanity. Several of the members performed original musical compositions and read poetry in an effort to

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Father talking to the MFT captains at the World Mission Center

MFT Leaders Convene

From March 14 to March 19, all 75 Unification Church Mobile Fundraising Team (MFT) captains gathered at the World Mission Center for inspiration by Father, Divine Principle training, and discussion of practical fundraising matters. While the ten regional commanders meet regularly, this was the first captains meeting in some months. National fundraising coordinator John Hessel explained that the workshop was meant to refresh all fundraising team members. "All the captains went back to their teams confident that their experience could be used to uplift each fundraising member."

Father spoke to the captains three times: on March 14, 16, and 18. In one speech he urged the members to set unbreakable records, encouraging them to

lead exciting, challenging lives. At another occasion, he offered spiritual and technical advice.

President Salonen and Mr. Kamiyama also spoke at length with the captains. They also heard Divine Principle lectures by Dale Garrett and a talk on world affairs by Kiyoshi Nishi.

On Thursday, March 17, the members heard testimonies of Peter Spoto and Scott Powell, both successful MFT captains. Reports were given, and advice about technical details such as insurance, etc. was shared.

Informal fellowship included dinner at a Chinese restaurant, an excursion to see "Mohammed, Messenger of God," and a shopping spree.

The conference concluded with a fundraising competition in New York

Father's March 13 Speech

Value, Sacrifice, and Repentance

On March 13 Father's sermon, "Who Was I?" dealt with themes of value and repentance. In it he elaborated on the attitude of unselfishness leading to goodness.

"In the entire history of life, the individual is always the problem," he

said. Hundreds of years ago and thousands of years ago, both evil and good people existed. It is therefore a mistake for us to think that all of our ancestors were good, especially when we consider how many people are in our lineages. "You are the product of the combination of your entire father's side and mother's side. In every cell of your body there is some component of the entire ancestral phenomena and history....That is 'I' "Between God and our lives at the present time," said Father, "there are so many different types of sin committed. The origin, God, is good, but the extension - man, is stained. Not only ourselves but our ancestors have been contaminated with sin."

Father continued to explain the difference between good and evil. Our ancestors, he said, thought of themselves as the center of the world. If they had realized that God was the center of the universe, they never would have contaminated themselves. To emphasize the point that man should not consider himself to be the center of the universe, Father explained that nature, although taken for granted by man, was not created

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City, made more challenging by snow, rain, and cold weather.

Before the captains went back to their teams, they had a farewell meeting with Mr. Kamiyama. Winners of a Divine Principle test and the fundraising competition were given prizes. Kathy Brown took first place in the fundraising competition; Carol Nevin and Joe Cohen were cited for high performances in both fundraising and the Divine Principle test.

John Hessel reports that when he asked a captain if he had received enough inspiration from the workshop to carry on for the next several months, the captain replied: "Not for the next several months...for eternity!"

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Father: Value Comes from Serving Others

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by him. "When you breathe the air, do you ever stop and think about whether you have the qualification to breathe the air...Have you ever had the power to create one drop of water? It belongs to the universe...Sun, water, air and such things are the most powerful things in the universe because without them none of us could exist for even two seconds...Yet they are not human-made."

We must realize, he said, that unless we purify ourselves, nature does not like serving us. "You must be subject by making yourself first the universal being, connecting with the original cause. Then you are in a position to control, to love, care for, and enjoy nature. If you make yourself a universal being, the sunrays will want to warm your body."

In order to become universal people, we must follow the law of the universe -- a law that our ancestors ignored. What is that? "To become an unselfish person, existing solely to serve others....Those who serve themselves, taking everything for their own benefit, will produce evil results. The person who is giving for the sake of others, willingly and lovingly, is producing good. This is what decides good and evil. What kind of person are you?"

"We must come to the conclusion, he said, that we individuals were not born for our own sakes. I was born to become the center of God's entire creation. God bestowed upon me the responsibility to take care of it as a servant." The more you serve, he said, the more you become a central figure. "America may decline, but this law of the universe will not change....By following this principle, you become strong, powerful, and influential."

Father then applied this formula to our life in the Unification Church. If we persecute those who are persecuting us, he said, chaos will ensue. Rather, he said, "Go ahead, take the beating, love them

and embrace them and serve them. Eventually you will win, because that is the universal law. The fact that our Church is making headway under such a situation is living proof...All the saints of history have gone the same way. They were persecuted by their contemporaries, but the universal law has embraced them, lifting them up to become saints, respected by the history of the world."

Father went on to further explain the law of service. "When you serve the world, your position is that of a servant. But if you continue your duties as a servant, God will make you a master of the universe."

Love and service go together, Father explained. Parents who love their children become their servants; the husband and wife who love each other are each others' servants. The true parent, husband, wife, society and nation are those who are willing to serve others. "If you want to be a true person," said Father, you must live the truth of service....When people try to serve each other, there is one power of unity and harmony."

Then Father spoke of God's service to mankind, despite man's unkindness to Him. Anyone who wants to become a good person, he said, must realize that he is greatly indebted to God and the universe, and should feel that he wants to repay the debt in the shortest possible time. He should repent to the air, the water, the sunshine, and to God. Man has been the destroyer of the ideal individual, family society, nation, world, and the ideal of God. Mankind has also the collective responsibility of also destroying the men of God, including Jesus Christ. For this, mankind must feel shame to his bone. Upon feeling shame, then man can feel gratitude for God's service to him. Finally, he said, "God will call your name." The steps, he repeated are:

shame, gratitude, and volunteering to God to take on His work...."After that process, then you are entitled to heaven."

"This is not just theory," said Father. "This is actual day-to-day life." It has also been his way of life: "My life has been in tears; there is no one who has cried out more than me."

The place of repentance, said Father, should be the place of suffering. When Father went to repent, he said, he chose slum areas, mining villages, and prison. In those places he could realistically repent for the sins of the world. "When you are treated roughly by the world, please accept it in gratitude. That is the real, ideal place for your repentance."

Arrogance, Father warned, is the real

enemy. "There are two ways of life, right here in our church. An arrogant person, regardless of how many years in the church, will end up in hell. The other person will end up in heaven. Are you saints or sinners?...." All of us must realize, he said, that "only because of God's love, there is a way for us to turn around and return to God. This is grace. Therefore, we should be thankful."

In the final analysis, Father concluded, "your goal is not just to become heavenly citizens. My teaching is that your sinners' position will be transformed into that of heavenly princes and princesses of God, through the process of rebirth. I want you to pass the test and become princes and princesses of God."



Father on March 13

Unification Church Fundraising Guidelines

Revised and adopted at MFT team leaders' conference

In order to best reflect the principles of the Unification Church and the teachings of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, certain Church policies pertaining to the solicitation of contributions should be clearly understood by all members. While these policies have always been in effect, problems have arisen in isolated instances where certain members may have misunderstood one or another of these guidelines. Accordingly, we urge strict adherence to the following guidelines:

1. Before any fundraising activities are to begin, members should be aware of state and local solicitation laws, and, where appropriate, approval must first be obtained from the proper municipal or state officials. If permission is denied for any reason, a report should be made to the national MFT staff. Remember that any application or report filed will reflect upon the Church, and all factual information must be accurate. If any question arises as to the factual matters or interpretation of the law, the regional or national staff should be contacted.
2. When speaking about the extent of the work done by our Church, clearly present those aspects which you know to be true and correct. Vague, misleading or misrepresentative statements that imply something other than the true nature of our work can only cause serious complications and damage. You will be successful if you explain the real work that the Church is performing.
3. The virtues of love, service, humility and sacrifice, which are known to both God and man as being good and eternal, shall be practiced and expressed by all members. Overaggressiveness, rudeness or use of high-



MFT team captains pose with Mr. Salonen and Mr. Sawamukai.

pressure tactics are strictly forbidden, in accordance with our religious teachings.

4. All members must clearly display official Unification Church Identification Cards on their outer garment.
5. All irregular solicitation, i.e., indoor theatres, funerals, church services, etc., is not condoned by the Church.
6. Solicitation at street lights or intersections must first be approved by the proper authorities.
7. Solicitation in residential areas shall be conducted only during the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Some local ordinances may further restrict the time or manner of residential solicitations.
8. All municipal regulations pertaining to the solicitation of funds, i.e., time or place, must be followed, and all rights of private property respected.
9. Always be truthful when speaking with municipal officials or police

officers. Have a sense of promoting good community relations in every situation. Remember, others will want to come back to the same city sometime.

10. All members should provide literature to anyone expressing genuine interest in the church.

The greatest policy of all is simple, honest, truth. God will certainly bless our efforts if our presentation is clear, precise and direct. The following is a list of activities that your efforts go to support. You may select from this list an activity or activities you would like to mention:

- 1) Domestic and foreign missionaries
- 2) Unification Theological Seminary
- 3) Evangelical tours
- 4) Preparations for a University
- 5) Religious publications
- 6) Other Church sponsored cultural civic programs
 - a. New Hope Singers International
 - b. Sunburst
 - c. Voices of Freedom

- d. Go World Brass Band
 - e. D.C. Striders Track Team
- Steer away from using vague phrases such as: Christian youth counseling, youth development, or young people with emotional problems. These can be used as adjectives in describing our work, but they are certainly not nouns or the formal title of our Church. Too often people mistakenly interpret these phrases as the official title of group soliciting.

Do not ever say that we:

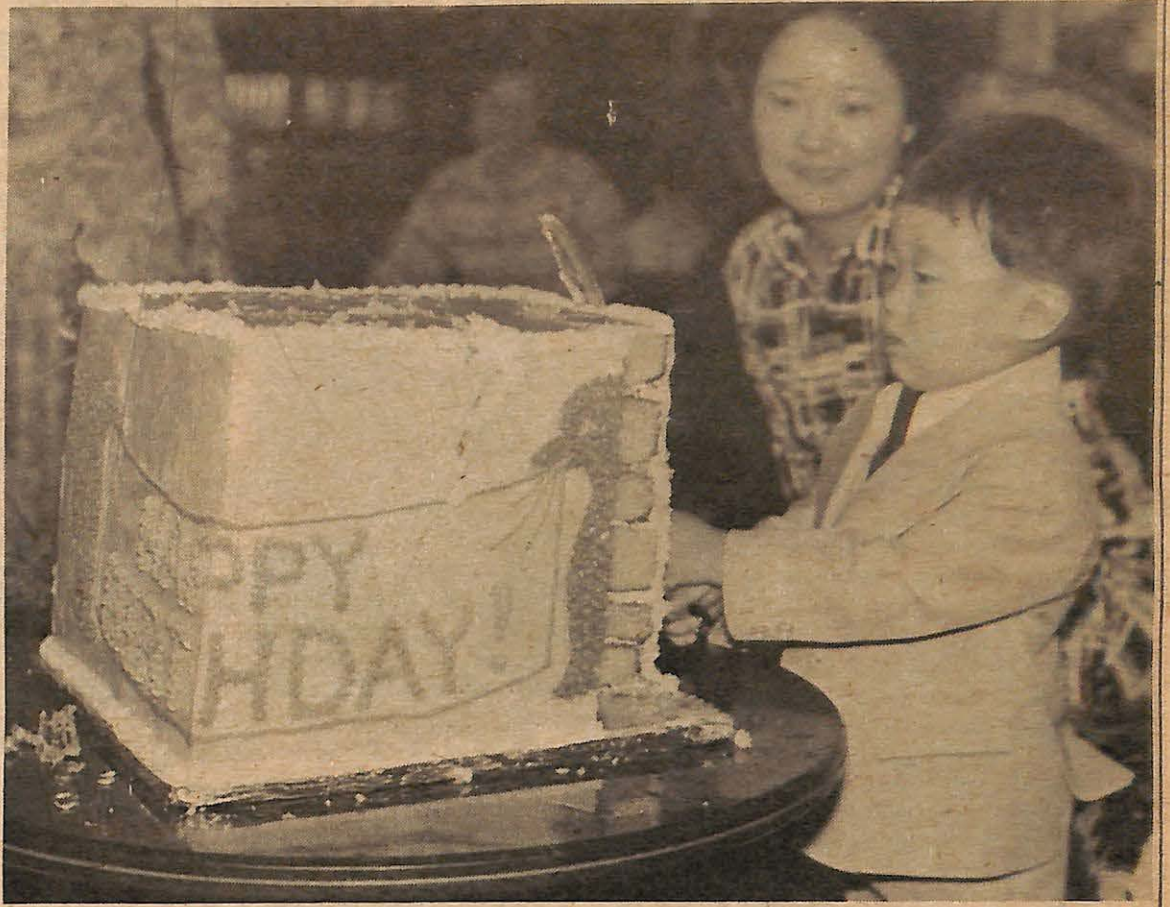
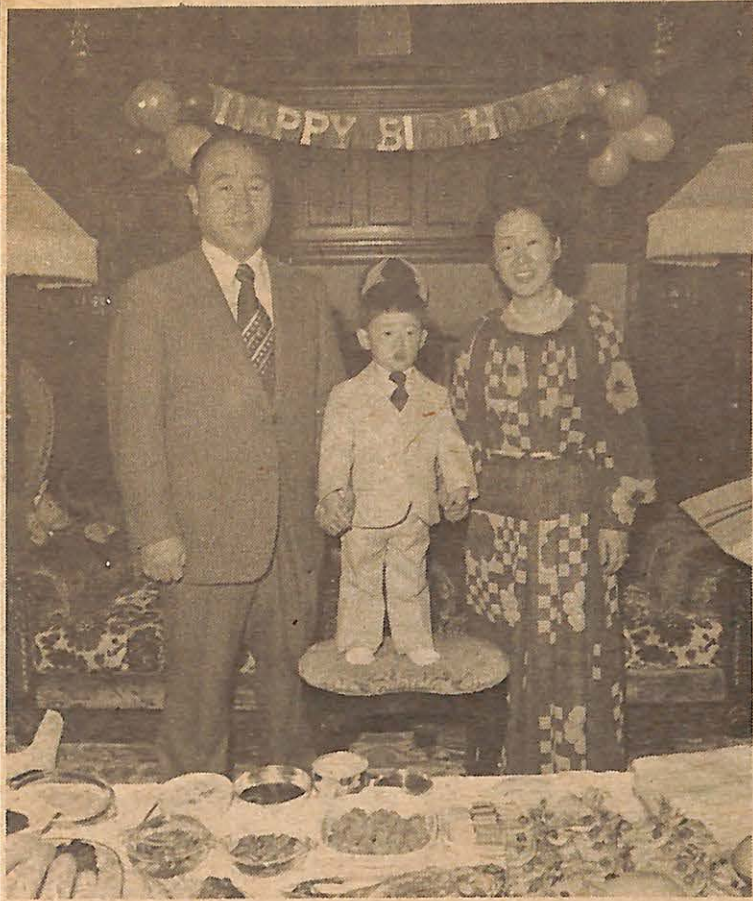
- 1) help crippled or mentally retarded children
- 2) operated drug programs or rehabilitation centers
- 3) offer marriage or psychiatric counseling
- 4) operate orphanages for underprivileged children

Although our work affects all these things, they are not our main focus and may be misunderstood if mentioned in this way.

Since we are not selling items, but asking for donations, two words that create a wrong impression are "buying" and "selling". The use of these two words imply that our solicitation is of a commercial or marketing nature. Funds solicited are strictly on a donation basis and a distinction must be made between the two concepts. The easiest way to phrase the amount we would like to receive as a donation is, "Most folks help with one dollar," or, "Most everybody gives one dollar."

Remember that no product used in connection with solicitation of contributions may be offered for sale. The product must be made available to all those willing to listen to your witnessing on the teachings and activities of the Church, whether or not a contribution is actually made.

Happy Birthday, Kwon-jin!



On Thursday, March 10, Kwon-jin Nim's birthday was celebrated at East Garden. He was two years old

Rev. Vincenz Adopts New Methods for L.A.

Since their arrival in Los Angeles in mid-January, Reverend Reiner Vincenz' International One World Crusade Team A has brought a steady stream of guests to lectures and workshops. Twenty-five to thirty people come to lectures daily, and the weekend workshop starting March 10 had fifty guests.

hitch-hiker unexpectedly showing up are not unusual events, marking what Reverend Vincenze points out as increased activity of spirit world to lead people to them. "Our witnessing is advancing," says Reverend Vincenz. "In time, we will achieve greater results as the team gains experience."

The nature of Los Angeles has presented obstacles which the team is on their way to overcome. Los Angeles, with the largest area of any city in the U.S., has no public transportation system and no concentrations of young people. To deal with the expansiveness of the city, the team has created a mobile witnessing center. Most of the team's witnesses operate from a trailer, which is parked in one location for a week at a time. Here guests can listen to introductory lectures and receive more information. In response to the lack of public transportation, the team regularly picks up all guests at their homes. This requires the teams vans to be on the road as early as 5:30 in the morning and 1 am at night. To find young people, the team often witnesses door-to-door in hotels -- where many young people stay -- in the late afternoon and afternoon and evenings. Outlying towns such as Santa Monica and Long Beach are also good door-to-door areas in evenings and on weekends.

everyone goes out to witness. Every day is also closed with a prayer service. A prayer vigil such as Father suggested at the February 1 conference is also very helpful, says Reverend Vincenz. Periodically, he also gives one-day training sessions in witnessing. Included is discussion on the practical applications of the Divine Principles, practice in approaching different people and situations, and internal guidance.

Witnessing results improve, says Reverend Vincenz, as each individual becomes aware of the purpose of witnessing and its urgency. "Each person comes from a different angle. Each person and each problem is different. Individual responsibility is essential otherwise the team cannot function."

[Other teams will be covered in coming issues.]

"We have found," comments Rev. Vincenz, "that the results of the weekend workshop increase to the extent that the guests are prepared for their experience." To this end, the IOWC has a variety of programs. In addition to hourly lectures on the Divine Principle, the team conducts daily one-day workshops to offer an introduction to the Divine Principle and preparation for the workshop. There is also a regular Thursday night International dinner.

Three, seven, and twenty-one day workshops are held at Camp Mazumdar in the San Bernadino mountains. Run by Reverend Vincenz and Michael Leone, they are jointly attended by guests of the IOWC and Mr. Leone's Southern California centers (primarily Santa Barbara and San Diego).

From the workshop, new IOWC members join a special team of new members under the personal direction of Rev. Vincenz. Each morning, while other members witness, the team is trained by Reverend Vincenz in the Divine Principle and internal guidance. In the afternoon they participate in regular team activities.

Reverend Vincenz stresses the importance of maintaining strong spiritual activity. After morning service, Reverend Vincenz gives the team training in the Divine Principle. Before breakfast,

Minorities and religion discussed at Barrytown



Reverend William Hawkins, pastor of the Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church in Manhattan and professor of History and Western Civilization at Malcolm King College, addresses a March 2 convocation at Barrytown on "Minorities and the Problem of Human Restoration." Rev. Hawkins was one of three speakers and six respondents at the conference drew over two hundred people including seminary students and ministers from the New York and Washington, D.C. area. The conference, sponsored by the Society for Common Insights, is an outgrowth of an earlier series of lectures on current religious problems, which were very well received.



Rev. Vincenz

Bruce Brown: Hawaii

1-1-1 Achiever Reflects on Witnessing

Bruce Brown, new state leader in Hawaii, led his state to reach the 1-1-1 goal during February. He gives his observations on witnessing in this interview to the New Hope News.

The way that we won the membership was through the conditions that the family here in Hawaii laid. I like conditions which are focused to help you do what needs to be done. The external form of the condition is not so important except in that it can give you a more formal setting to go out and get things done. The Hawaiian family did three forty-hour witnessing conditions. That was when the new members were met. We also have a prayer vigil every night, which helps keep us spiritually in focus and builds up our spiritual power.

I've thought a lot about why people join our church. It is not just a matter of paying indemnity. Each member needs to have a constructive understanding of witnessing. The correct understanding of bringing spiritual children is that it is Heavenly Father's children who are coming. Too often we get to thinking that bringing spiritual children is some kind of achievement on our part. But they are God's children; He is the one who is witnessing. In one sense, it is part of Father's mission to bring people. It is our blessing to be able to share that mission with him. We may sense that we are not even qualified to do that, but Father really needs people to share his work in that way. Sometimes I feel so finite and cramped in my personality. I wish that I were a better person. But I still have faith that God can work through a pure offering.

If we can put ourselves in a position to

be used by God and spirit world, we can be successful. It comes down to having the right understanding of what you are doing when you are witnessing. If you have the right attitude -- if you know why you are



Bruce Brown

there and you have a pure heart -- spirit world can work.

It is natural to be afraid to talk to other people. We don't want to be rejected. It is difficult to open your heart to a stranger. But that is not taking God's point of view. It is His family that they are being invited to. It is His child that you are talking to. What does it really matter if someone rejects you? You are probably not even going to see that person again, anyway. It is wrong to think of witnessing as trying to talk -- someone into doing something that you think that he probably wouldn't want to do. That is not taking God's viewpoint. Dying to yourself really means being able to give yourself over to God.

A good witnesser must look at each

person as God sees him. It has been my experience that God will give you sensitivity to each person. If you can make oneness with a person, he can sense it and feel secure. God has to be able to trust you and understand that you are taking His point of view. The people have to feel that you are on their side. If you are really sensitive to God, you can become a different type of person depending on who you are witnessing to. It is so important for people to feel that you understand them because understanding is so lacking in the world. Very few people feel that anyone really understands them. In fact, understanding itself is a form of love.

People want to feel valued. If they feel that you are receiving their value, then they will be drawn to you. You can learn to relate to different types of people and make oneness with them. That comes with being a universal person. This is something that we are striving for in the family -- to have universal understanding of people. Witnessing is a good way to develop that. If God feels that you are one with Him, He can trust you. If the person feels that you are one with him, you become his point of connection with God. You can bring the person you are witnessing to into a direct relationship with God.

It is very important to be humble when witnessing. If you make oneness with someone, he will see that you are not trying to compete with him in value. Most people try to establish their value in the other person's eyes at the first meeting -- who they are, what they know, what they own, etc. When people meet on the street, they usually don't put their true self forward. No one wants to show insecurity at the first meeting. If people see that you

are not trying to compete with them, they will realize that you are a special person.

That is one side of it. On the other side of it, a great deal depends upon the family situation that you are bringing people to. If God can trust that you can take care of people when they come, then He can bring people. He has to consider what kind of lectures a guest will hear, what kind of attention he will get, what kind of love he will receive.

A person's first few times with the family are so critical. We've all seen how God will overextend Himself to protect a guest the first time. Maybe you think that he doesn't deserve for God to come and help him so much, but he has to get his anchor.

We should do everything in our power to make it easier for a person to join. God wants to make it as easy as possible for a person to make the initial connection. That initial period is not the best time for members to go through struggles... Rather, it is the time to make a deep impact and offer a pure experience. The person presenting the Divine Principle has the responsibility of standing as a mediator between God and the guests. The Principle can be expressed in a variety of ways with lots of different examples to appeal to all kinds of people. The lecturer himself has to be flexible. He should know the Divine Principle well enough to be able to express it in many different ways.

One last thing. Often we don't know who is going to join. If I would have seen myself before the family, I wouldn't think of myself as a very high-quality person. I would have even avoided witnessing to myself. It scares me to think about that. It is important to be open to God. Sometimes people really surprise you.

From Overseas Representatives

FROM BANGLADESH

Our representative reports on a speech given to several murdered Bengalis:

You must now call on God. As a nation, you must call out to God, to find out what direction you must go from here. You have a mission to fulfill, but you must call out to Him to lead you in finding it. Because of your spirit and long suffering, God's heart has been moved, and He is waiting to pour out even greater blessings on you. But now, to receive it, you must find out your mission and responsibility in relation to His purpose. You must go in

the direction of truth and righteousness. Instead of chanting slogans and swinging fists in the air, you must search your hearts. I don't want to say much about development, because on the foundation you have now, development will come automatically if you can only find and follow your purpose and find the spiritual center of Bangladesh. You are a great people, you have endured much, and you have a right to be proud. But now you must fulfill that greatness. You are the central nation of the Eastern hemisphere, and I believe that you are to be the central nation for the developing world -- chosen

to be the model of spirit, heart, and achievement. But you must find God.

That was the bulk of the speech. It wasn't so much, but it was our declaration. I hadn't known exactly what to say before that point, but after looking at their faces, I could tell. God spoke.

Up until that time, no one could have received our words if we spoke in such a way. Bangladesh had no form. Nothing. She was struggling just to have a foundation to survive. She couldn't receive the word. It's like Heavenly Father first created man's body from the

dust of the ground and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. So Bangladesh had to have a body. At least, she had to be breathing, and have blood circulating through her body under her own power before she could receive the spirit. Without the foundation of a physical body, the spiritual body can't grow. That's why it is necessary for us to roam throughout Bangladesh, going to so many villages, without apparent hope of finding anyone to hear of knowing exactly how we could work. We, like Bangladesh, had to fight until there was a body to receive the spirit. But now that body is here. Now we can openly and clearly declare what God has been hoping for them. Now suddenly there are many people who can hear. So now our purpose was stated out right, without any other qualification.

Victory Stage One

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convince the judge -- who has recently granted other conservatorships -- that their creativity has not been diminished since joining the Church.

Public interest in the matter heightened toward the end of the hearing when another Church member under conservatorship escaped and told the press of his brutal treatment at the hands of the so-called "deprogrammers." Lawrence Baer, 24, leaped to freedom through a window, hopped on a freight train and sold his pen at a gas station for \$.20 to make a phone call for help. Baer was granted by a court injunction against further "deprogramming" and a hearing on his conservatorship.

On Thursday, March 24, the ruling came

down from judge Vavuris -- granting the conservatorships. The judge justified his decision: "A child is a child even though a parent may be 90 and the child is 60." Public opinion against the decision mounted. The New York Times, the Oakland Tribune, and ABC TV spoke against the decision. Volunteers for the Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty were on the streets of San Francisco circulating petitions demanding the unseating of judge Vavuris. Ralph Baker, attorney for the five, said: "I just can't believe that we're trying this case in the United States of America. It's more like Russia or Nazi Germany."

A petition for appeal was immediately submitted to the appellate court. Although

appeal on conservatorships is seldom permitted it was granted due to the constitutional issue -- freedom of religion -- involved. Briefs on behalf of the conservatees are due at the end of April. While members are apprehensive about the fate of the three members still in the hands of the "deprogrammers," the ruling of the appellate court brought joy and hope that the unscrupulous tactics of "deprogrammers" will be exposed. President Salonen commented: "These kidnapers are racketeers who have been shopping around to find judges who would issue these temporary conservatorships. I'm glad the court has taken action to stop them. The ruling of the higher court will no doubt be a landmark decision and a significant event in the history of religion."

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