

## True Mother, we thank you for calling us; we thank you for believing in us

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True Mother, we love you! Oh, my gosh! Mother if you could have seen what I saw this morning! The hall downstairs was completely full. Both stairways were full of people. Going out the door it was full of people and all around the corner down the front of the parking lot was full of people, just waiting to come to see you. [Applause] This was hours before we were going to start.

How can I put this as simply as possible? It is truly simple. Every single person in this room, you are amazing. I watched brothers and sisters in Las Vegas, from all over the country, do their absolute, very best. Now, before me I see Europe. I see South America. I see Korea and Japan. Brothers and sisters, we have Kodan in the house; we've got the youth here. Everybody comes when True Mother calls. Isn't that what the song says? When True Parents call, we come, right? We answer the call. What was really beautiful about this for me was that I got to meet pastor after pastor after pastor -- men and women, who when I would walk into their church, who didn't know me, had never met me, but I had something to share with them we were able to talk to them. And it wasn't just me. Our youth were going out there to meet pastors. Rev. Compton, who's a teacher here, took a month off to visit pastors and to "adopt" [focus on, care for] a pastor. Rev. Doo, [Ken (Su-yeon) Doo] who is the pastor and the district pastor... He fell in love with a pastor, with the couple, and just attended the church. Every time the church doors opened, he was visiting this pastor and his wife. Two hundred members came yesterday from that church because of his love.

### **An object-partner**

I am the district pastor and the subregional director, but I live in Dallas. [Dallas and Las Vegas are a great distance apart.] I asked myself, Should I come to Las Vegas or should I work in Dallas? It would be easier for me in Dallas. I have a foundation there; I could do it. I felt called to Vegas, but I needed a strong object-partner. I was looking for someone and I sat down with this couple, Bishop MacDonnell and his wife Faye. I explained to them "I have a choice; I could invite True Mother to come to Dallas or I could ask her to come to Vegas. Vegas is her home; I think she would like to come to Vegas. What would you like me to do?"

[Members speak out for Las Vegas] Yes, but I was asking a pastor. The pastor looked at me and his wife reached over and took my hand and said, "Rev. Jackson, please ask True Mother to come to Vegas. [Applause] It was at that very moment that I decided that absolutely Vegas was going to be the place, because I had a clergyman calling True Mother to come, longing for True Parents. This why we did it here.

### **How pastors see True Mother**

It was from this stage that Bishop MacDonnell stood up here and started telling us about how Mother's

vision stopped a war, stopped a war between North Korea and America. He said, "We went to Korea. It was because Mother called us that we went there. I didn't want to go; it kind of scared me but my wife said we're going anyway." He said, "When we got there, I had a realization when we went to the DMZ and prayed. Mother called us and eighty thousand people came to a rally. I believe today that it was because True Mother called us that a war was quelled. It was because of that call; because we listened to the call." And he said, "Because of True Mother's call, my ministry became a worldwide ministry. She's the only one who can do it. She's the only one who is trying to do it."

He was talking have the attitude that we're fishing in a small pond, looking for the same people; trying to get "new sheep." He said, "We have an adversarial attitude. Only True Mother can unite us. Nobody else is doing that." He told everyone in the room, pastors and other people, "You have to come; you need to hear this. This call you need to attend."

Just yesterday, one of the bishops got a hold of me, Bishop Thomas, and he said, "Rev. Jackson, please tell True Mother that I am so grateful she cares for me. Please tell True Mother that I realize the assignment she has given me is more important than religion. Please tell True Mother that I have fully received that assignment that she has given us." (I have just told her, if Bishop Thomas is wondering.)

### **True Mother's success**

None of this could've happened if True Mother hadn't called. Mother, we thank you for calling. We thank you for believing in us. I'll never forget how I felt when you looked us in the eye and you said, "I believe in you. I trust you." ... I want to be clear: This is not a John Jackson victory; this is True Parents' victory. This will always be True Parents' victory!

We live to attend. I watched brother and sister, one after another, in this community... The Vegas church was completely activated for God and True Parents. They changed the time of their Sunday service to early in the morning and everybody went out, visiting pastors, visiting friends. Rev. Doo and Rev. Compton took care of the church and focused totally on outreach. We completely united on this single goal -- to attend the True Parents. Mother clinched the victory when she said, "I want to see one thousand pastors there." When I heard True Mother calling the pastors and then the pastors started calling to True Mother, I knew we would be victorious.

I will close with this tiny sample of what happened all over Subregion 4 and all over America. Mother, this became so much bigger than Subregion 4. All of America came. All my brothers and sisters came. The subregional directors, the four brothers, came. Repeatedly they came to visit pastors. David Rendel was here from the beginning. I don't know what I would've done without him. Dr. Rouse came. He kept coming. Mark Abernathy came. He made an incredible impression. All of my brothers, Demian came. Everybody came. People called from all over America. I had to tell them, "Stay where you are; bring someone from your town." Thank you, America, for attending True Parents. Thank you, True Mother for allowing me to serve. Thank you for allowing us to serve.