

FFWPU International President Song Yong-cheon's Tour of Africa

Song Yong-cheon
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During the tour, president Song Yong-cheon, acting as the messenger of True Mother's love, conveyed True Mother's warm heart, love, concerns, and worries to the leaders and members in Heavenly Africa. He encouraged them to be filial sons and daughters, fulfilling their duties of loyalty and filial piety in Heavenly Africa.



Grace-filled Family Gathering

It included family gatherings and was conducted in a total of five countries: the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo), South Africa, Zambia, Senegal, and São Tomé and Príncipe. Activities such as leader meetings, family gatherings, youth gatherings, Cheon Shim Won prayer meetings, VIP meetings, and visits to Goree Island were held.

President Song, who first visited DR Congo in Heavenly Africa, organized strategic meetings through general assemblies of leaders, discussing key tasks and exploring solutions centered around the field. Subsequently, he held special family gatherings online, attended by 1,135 members across Heavenly Africa.

Family gatherings also proceeded in Zambia, South Africa, Senegal. Despite the smaller number of members in these four countries, their passion towards Heavenly Parent and True Mother was tremendous. The leaders and members in Heavenly Africa responded to each word of President Song, who is touring on behalf of True Mother, with cheers, applause, and unique African exclamations, demonstrating their response to True Mother's love.

In this context, Song Yong-cheon, President of FFWPU- International expressed, "It has been a time to feel the hope of the African continent through substantial growth and transparent operation in Heavenly Africa."

Hopeful Future Generation of Heavenly Africa

Highlighting the promising future generation of Heavenly Africa, a report by Mika Kamara, the Vice-President of Heavenly Africa (UPA 2nd Generation Special Envoy), attracted attention during the

subsequent IAYSP Youth Gathering. She reported, "Heavenly Africa is a youthful continent, with 62% of the population under 20. Additionally, among the Family Federation members, those under 40 include 5,982 of the second generation and 7,048 of the first generation, totaling 13,030. This means that over 70% of the youth population in Africa are Family Federation members." She introduced the ongoing 'Hyojeong Africa' Future Leader Development Project in accordance with True Mother's teachings. This project firstly aims to guide African youths to grow into leaders united with True Mother, secondly, it aims to strengthen the capabilities of future talents who can lead the Church and providential organizations, and thirdly, it aims to train personnel equipped with the skills needed for fieldwork, showcasing the hopeful future of Africa.



In the evening, President Song, the touring team, Heavenly African continental leaders, and members fervently prayed through the Cheon Shim Won prayer meeting for True Mother's words to materialize swiftly across Heavenly Africa and for the victory of Vision 2025 to be realized on the continent through them.



Carlos Vila Nova, President of São Tomé and Príncipe (fourth from the left), Patrice Trovoada, Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe (on the right), Celmira de Almeida, speaker of the National Assembly (sixth from the right)

1st Nation to Achieve National Restoration: São Tomé and Príncipe

Following the directive given by True Mother, "Make sure that during this tour you visit São Tomé and Príncipe, which has been blessed as the first nation to achieve national restoration!" President Song and the touring team planned a schedule for three nights and four days in São Tomé and Príncipe. After the DR Congo itinerary, the touring team arrived in São Tomé and Príncipe and was able to smoothly conduct a meeting with Patrice Trovoada Prime Minister of São Tomé and Príncipe, who was anticipated to be not easy to meet through conventional means. Prime Minister Trovoada, a competent figure who has served as Prime Minister several times since 2008, is the leader running the nation of São Tomé and Príncipe.



The next morning, President Song was able to meet the Celmira Sacramento, speaker of the National Assembly of São Tomé and Príncipe's Parliament, and in the afternoon, he accomplished the remarkable feat of meeting Carlos Vila Nova President of São Tomé and Príncipe. Speaker Sacramento expressed her deep gratitude to True Mother for sending the world-touring delegation and considering the nation of São

Tomé and Príncipe, saying, "I came across Mother Moon's Memoir last year through UPF. Reading about São Tomé and Príncipe, which is mentioned first in the memoir, I could feel Mother Moon's heart towards São Tomé and Príncipe." She conveyed the message, "São Tomé and Príncipe is Mother Moon's country. She is always welcome."



President Song promised to jointly promote the character education of youth, a guideline of True Mother, through meetings with the President, Prime Minister, and Speaker of São Tomé. The meetings between President Song and the VIPs of São Tomé and Príncipe were reported as top news through the national broadcasting of São Tomé and Príncipe at the time.



1st Religious Order to Achieve Substantial Restoration: Congregation of Imboni, Dr. Uzwi-Lezwe Radebe, The Revelation Spiritual Home (TRSH), South Africa



One of the objectives of this world tour of Africa was to rejuvenate the relationship with Imboni, Dr. Uzwi-Lezwe Radebe, hereafter called Prophet Radebe, and his Church. This was a continuation of the restoration of denominations dedicated to Heaven in 2020. Prophet Radebe is the founder of The Revelation Spiritual Home (TRSH), which boasts five million followers in Africa; he has also been appointed by True Mother as the Chairman of Inter-religious Association for Peace and

Development (IAPD) Africa. Despite concerns about the relationship growing distant due to the impact of COVID, Prophet Radebe demonstrated unwavering faith and love towards True Mother and extended a warm welcome to the new International President of the Family Federation.



(Front on the right in a light brown jacket) Imboni, Dr. Uzwi-Lezwe Radebe, from the Revelation Spiritual Home (TRSH), South Africa

Indeed, long before meeting True Mother, Prophet Radebe had received a revelation that 'someday in the future, a great woman from the East will appear to lead and guide the world.' After meeting True Mother, he became convinced that she was the prophesied woman from the East. He testified that learning about the lifelong journey of the True Parents and hearing True Mother's words confirmed his belief that her intentions and teachings would unite the world and guide it forward.

Prophet Radebe, upon meeting President Song, expressed, "I take my position very seriously

because I was directly appointed by True Mother as the Chairman of IAPD Africa." He reported, "To actively carry out IAPD activities, branches of IAPD have already been launched in five countries, centered in Togo, Benin, Nigeria, Ghana, and Mozambique." Additionally, Prophet Radebe has allocated space for the IAPD headquarters in his privately owned building and held the official opening ceremony during this tour.



(First line on the left) Sheikh Mansour Diouf of the Murid Brotherhood in Senegal

Comprehensive Summary of the Heavenly Africa Continental Tour

Following True Mother's command, we embarked on the final leg of our global tour, and the outcomes of the Heavenly Africa Continental Tour can be summarized as follows: Firstly, it was a tour enabling a fresh start for Heavenly Africa, which has been stagnant since COVID-19. President Song and the touring team were able to tour Heavenly Africa comprehensively, starting from DR Congo, where the continental headquarters is located, to South Africa, Zambia, Senegal, and São Tomé and Príncipe. As a result, True Mother's words had the opportunity to take root throughout Heavenly Africa.

Secondly, it was a tour for rebuilding lost relationships. It provided an opportunity for African spiritual leaders, nurtured by True Mother throughout Heavenly Africa, such as Prophet Radebe, Archbishop Ndanga, and Sheikh Mansour, to reaffirm their love for True Mother. The relationship with São Tomé and Príncipe, the first country to achieve restoration, also became stronger through meetings with national leaders, including the head of state. The fruits of this tour have solidified the foundation of Heavenly Africa, established by True Mother.

Thirdly, it was a tour to build a new spiritual foundation. True Mother appointed Hwang Sung-min and Bishop Sakuwa as special heads of the African branch, focusing on revitalizing the spirituality of Heavenly Africa, which has been stagnant since COVID-19, centering on True Mother, the only begotten daughter of peace, the substantial Holy Spirit. This marked the beginning of a complete renewal.

Fourthly, it was a tour allowing leaders and members in Heavenly Africa to make a fresh start for substantial church growth. The tour served as a time to encourage leaders and members to become models for achieving the core goal of this Heavenly Africa Continental Tour, substantial church growth.

The Heavenly Africa tour was conducted with the unity of True Mother, the International Headquarters, the leaders, and members of Heavenly Africa, and it was a precious time to resolve the victory of Vision 2025 towards a Heavenly Unified Korea and a Heavenly Unified World.

Receiving True Mother's command last May, President Song and the touring team, who embarked on the global tour from June 14 to August 19, successfully concluded the World tour in Heavenly Africa, following Heavenly Europe, Heavenly Central and South America, and Heavenly Asia Pacific.