

Repaying True Parents' Love by Fulfilling a Child's Duty

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A new year has dawned, 2016. I sincerely pray that in the New Year, the providence can further advance in each nation of the world centering on the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind. On November 22, last year, at the Sao Paulo headquarters, we celebrated the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the church in Brazil. During their first world tour, True Parents designated a number of holy grounds including the one in Rio de Janeiro in Brazil. This event was to celebrate both the year marking the fiftieth anniversary of the start of the mission in South America and the fortieth year after officially registering the Unification Church in Brazil in 1975. Leaders entrusted with providential missions in South America and Brazil, members from around the nation, foreign leaders and guests took part in the five-day celebration which included (among other events) a rally hosted by the Universal Peace Federation, a special workshop and leaders meeting through many people gave testimonies and addresses.

The program of the main commemorative event was especially filled with grace with Rev. Shin Dong Mo, regional president of South America and Cheon Il Guk Special Envoy to Brazil, delivering True Mother's special message on

her behalf. In her message, she asked for members in Brazil to be reborn as heavenly tribal messiah who uphold the values of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to True Parents and fulfill their mission of restoring the nation, which is Heaven's ultimate goal. The members in Brazil listened intently with serious hearts to this message.

Our Determination and Vision 2020

During this opportunity to look back on our history, we once again recognized that the forty-year history of the Brazilian church was literally a history built on the victories attained through True Parents' blood, sweat and tears. True Parents went to the remote areas of Brazil including Jardim, Nabireki and Salobra to offer many conditions while crossing the boundaries between the physical world and spirit world and between life and death to advance the providence. There, they shared their love and teachings with our members. They asked us inherit True Parents' accomplishments while loving this land, nature, humankind and True Parents.

Among the many providential endeavors that True Parents instituted in Brazil, we can take particular note of the Sao Paulo Proclamation which True Parents made during the thirty-sixth True Parents' Day events, held at our headquarters church in Sao Paolo in 1995. Following this proclamation, True Parents made eight major declarations and proclamations in Jardim to advance the providence. Through the Sao Paulo Proclamation, True Parents proclaimed the start of the second forty-year course and explained that this course pertained to the portion of responsibility of second-generation members and each blessed couple. True Parents emphasized that our responsibility as children did not end with the cosmos but included a nation that we create by connecting victories made as tribal messiahs. They explained that this forty-year period may be reduced to seven years or even four years depending on how each of us implement our faith and carry out our portion of the responsibility. Twenty years have gone by, placing us in the middle of this children's forty-year course.

Let us engrave these words in our hearts and during the next four years, until 2020, make effort to learn how to care for and guide our guests through the hoondok family church (home groups) and make every member a Divine Principle lecturer through one-on-one lecture training. We resolve to guide each person to resemble and live like True Parents through oikos (lifestyle evangelism) and to develop further these programs as part of our training for each blessed couple to become victorious heavenly tribal messiahs.

We shall carry on WFWP, UPF, CARP and YFWP activities and continue to strengthen the education and training of our second-generation members, from which we shall raise future leaders. We shall all unite centering on True Parents and invest everything for the victory of Vision 2020 and the substantiation of Cheon Il Guk. More than three years have gone by since True Father's Seonghwa Ceremony. We are now hardening our resolve to liberate Heavenly Parent and True Parents from their bitter sorrow. We shall fulfill our responsibility and duty as children to repay the love and heart we received from True Parents, who have put their lives on the line and invested everything so that the world's seven billion people can be blessed and return to the bosom of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind.