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Welcoming the Spring

Rev. Hwang's sermon at the early service at the Headquarters Church on March 18, 2001. In it he reflects on True Parents' speaking tour and Hyun-jin nim's 21-day workshop.

GOOD morning brothers and sisters. The new spring in the new millennium is here. Spring always reminds us of the miraculous aspects of life. Even a little bud coming out of a dried branch is a miracle. I have a little potted plant at home. I could never tell during winter whether or not it was alive. However, as soon as spring came, little green buds came out. Needless to say, beautiful flowers are good to look at and fruit is good to eat. But just watching little buds coming out of old trees really touches something in our hearts. Such a seemingly small event is one of the many wonders of life you can observe if you look around carefully.

I have told you this story before, but I will tell you again. I met the vice president of Sun Moon University at the graduation ceremony there. He told me that he had already been to the spirit world three times [during near-death experiences]. At one point in his life, he could not breathe well or swallow one sip of water. Now, gradually, he has recovered from that. He feels how precious and wonderful it is to be able to chew on every grain of steamed rice he eats each day. He used to have to take medicine as large as a rice ball, but now he can eat rice balls instead. He now knows how wonderful it is to breathe, to drink and to eat and he is grateful. It is a very moving testimony. I think we have to check how much we appreciate the miracles and wonders of everyday life, especially in spring when everything around us is blossoming.

The culmination of Christian history

The spring of 2001 is the culmination of the past 2000 years of Christianity and of Father's life and a new beginning. I can easily tell that True Parents' lives were deeply affected and renewed by the Coronation Ceremony of the Kingship of God held on January 13th. I could not directly take part in Father's speaking tour. I was able to talk with Father by phone during the tour, however. The first thing Father said was, "You must remember deep in your heart how precious it is for us to have been able to hold the coronation ceremony for God's kingship. It is indeed a turning point in history."

America represents the fruit of all of human his-

tory. Right after Adam and Eve's fall, God's salvation work started. The entire history of salvation is bearing fruit in the United States. True Parents are effecting the culmination of the Christian culture in America and opening a new chapter in the history of salvation. The first concrete expression of this is True Father's speaking tour, which is now taking place in America.

In the Father's speech collection entitled *True Family and World Peace*, you can read "View of the Principle of the Providential History of Salvation," in which he talks about Tamar and Mary and the background of Jesus' birth. He comments, "I know how much Christians dislike my talking about this kind of thing; but I must speak about it for the sake of the providence and because these words are true." Even though he has received so much persecution from Christians since the establishment of HSA-UWC, he has never stopped loving Christianity. It has been forty years since True Parents began their mission as True Parents. And they have spent thirty of those years of public ministry in the United States. It is not because of personal preference, but because they had to do so for the sake of the dispensation. How much wrong has Christianity and the United States done to True Parents? In spite of that, True Parents are taking responsibility for them simply because they are their Parents, too.

The speaking tour: Father commits his life

This year, Father has been speaking since February 25th, fifty places in about fifty days. Of course, True Parents will stop for the True Parents' Day celebration on March 25th. But since they will host that too, it will not be a break for them.

As Father said, he is literally risking his life. You all know his age. And America is different from here. One needs to go by plane from one place to another. Father will have to go back and forth across the entire continent several times.

Half of the venues Father is speaking in are well-known Christian churches and half are public places. It is amazing to see that so many people are gathering at the events. It has been remarkably successful.

What is more amazing is that one third of the participants are Christian ministers, and another third Christian laymen. Christian ministers prepare the events; they pray and sing in the choir before the speeches. Christians gather and support True Father at each event. It is indeed historic. We cannot imagine

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The Family Federation in Korea is hosting preliminary blessing ceremonies regularly, in preparation for the next official blessing. Pictured is a recent ceremony for Korean—Thai couples.



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42nd True Parents' Day



Love-Right Absolutism



This year, the official True Parents' Day Celebration was held at Pasadena House, near Los Angeles, California. March 25th was just past the halfway point in True Parents' 50-state speaking tour

Father's Prayer

LOVING Father, it is March 25, 2001, and it is the first day of the third month by the lunar calendar. Today, we are in the middle of the fifty-state speaking tour to create a base of unity between all religions, centering on Christianity, and True Parents' victorious standard. Many ministers, pastors and other religious leaders have been mobilized to make one unified history and to realize the unification of the cosmos in the United States, representing the religion of the second Israel, on the foundation of the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God.

Please Father, allow this day to be the central day of all the days until now and of all the days in the future representing the entire history of the world and of the cosmos. Wherever the milestones of the victories are, please allow us the privilege of establishing our own authority, crushing Satan's underfoot, with the permission of the spirit world and the physical world.

We would like to permit all blessed members the realm of harmony and unity where God, the four great saints, other holy people and ancestors can support them when they pray before You as central blessed families in the realm of the fourth Adam. I sincerely pray and hope that You allow

them to have Your authority with all the privileges of the spirit world and the authorized freedom and special privilege—especially for all those national and tribal messiahs on earth who are working for Your will—so that they can entirely mobilize their own tribes and lead them to work for the providence as well.

We are truly grateful for the fact that we live in an age in which we can freely express our desire to inherit the victorious realm in which we can be born again in the closest possible relation with You who are the root of life, whatever our position today. It is the age of God's transcendence, immanence, full authority and omnipotence, centering on True Parents' victorious realm and the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. I truly hope and pray that You will work through the national messiahs and tribal messiahs and family messiahs all around the world who pray before You with utmost sincerity, so that they can manage and make decisions straightforwardly. Please let them be Your base and let them apply the standard set up as eternally Yours, not only in their own generation but also for thousands of generations to come.

I sincerely ask You to allow the thousands of believers and holy people in the spirit world who are participating in this event to unite with Your children who have been blessed on earth by True Parents, and make their unity the originating and motivating power to accelerate the liberation of all people.

Please answer the prayers of the national messiahs here, who have completed their workshop [in the Pantanal], when they pray and ask You to pour Your spirit on their mission areas and their nations in accordance with Your ardent wish to bring real results in the physical and spiritual worlds. Please make them Your heavenly people and claim ownership over them. Please allow the authority of all the saints in the spirit world and of God's kingship to be centralized in the physical world, as is True Parents' earnest wish.

I earnestly ask you to allow the national messiahs, tribal messiahs and family messiahs to become the core people tak-

ing responsibility for their mission fields. As new buds and branches are connected to the root of a tree, let them be connected to Your privileged power of life. Please bless this time of our meeting on this, the day of liberation. I sincerely ask you to permit this event to stand in place of the celebration of transcendence, immanence and full authority.

I truly hope that you will allow us the unifying power in the spirit and physical worlds and permit us to be the central figures. Please let those who are here understand that the everything of the spirit world is being passed down to the responsible leaders on earth. I truly ask you to register these people in Your realm of command. I report all this before you in the name of True Parents. Amen! Amen! Amen!

Father's Words

YOU have made great efforts in your workshop. [Father is speaking first to the Korean national messiahs who had just completed a forty-day *hoon dok hae* and fishing condition in the Pantanal] You should understand that what you have been doing was preparation for this event. I have already completed the ceremonies for this occasion. Although I have held the ceremonies of the return of the oceans, return of the land, return of the Creation [cosmos], and return of the realm of heart of the fourth Adam, I have still been unable to unify the spirit world and the physical world. This ceremony is to unify the two worlds into one. From now on, when you pray, you can ask things not only of God, but also of the four great saints, holy people, and all those who were involved in dispensational tasks throughout history.

Since people follow their own clique, you should unite with those who can influence their clique. You should let them

know that you are the children of True Parents' direct line who have inherited the victorious realm of True Parents and that they are responsible to support the central families of the Adamic era. You should ask for their support with full confidence. Nothing can stop you. Do you understand? Everyone was hesitant when I started the fifty-state speaking tour. I simply pushed them with full confidence, and the straight, open road was made for me once I started.

When you look at the history of the Unification Church, things that might take ten years or even hundreds of years can work out at a stroke. The spirit world wants such a thing. It wants us to turn the world upside down. Do you understand?

So, you must create problems from now on. I mean good problems! Say, "Stir up." [Stir up!] You must stir things up. You should stir up the spirit world and the physical world and then unite them into one. You are beacons. Beacons. [Amen!] Clap your hands. (Applause)

It is True Parents' Day. You should keep what I am going to say firmly in your heart. One of the many reasons people here take pride in this country of America is that they can be certain that human rights are protected better than they are in any other country in the world. However, the human rights Americans are trying so hard to keep cannot go beyond Satan's dominion. God's view of human rights differs from that of Satan. Human rights in the religious realm and the satanic realm are totally different.

God and True Parents' view of human rights—centering on God's true love, true life and true lineage—is different from the humanistic viewpoint. Once God and True Parents' view of human rights is realized on earth, not a single soul will oppose it. Now is the age of God's full authority. The time has come. Do you understand?

The time has come. It is different from the past. You talk a



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lot about human rights and freedom. What is freedom? Freedom within the satanic dominion, the fallen dominion, is also freedom. However, people who are drinking and doing all kinds of crazy things, being bound by the satanic world are not enjoying true freedom. From God's, True Parents' and the Principle's viewpoint, they do not know freedom and liberation. We should differentiate between the heavenly viewpoint and the satanic viewpoint of human rights and freedom. We should make a clear line between God's side and Satan's side.

Since the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, I have blessed my four children whose lives had been cut short and gone to the spirit world. On that foundation, I blessed the four great saints and created a family-like realm of brotherhood. Do you understand? Before that blessing, the four saints never saw each other as brothers. So I unified them in the spirit world and then made a foundation so that the saints and your families and my family—all the blessed families in the physical world could connect to each other, beginning on October 14th of last year.

Freedom, liberation and all the other good things we are striving for should involve God and the ideal of the Heavenly Kingdom. Only then can True Parents and all the blessed families unite. We will become one.

So how should you pray? You pray as "so-and-so of a central blessed family." You do not need to mention God, Jesus, or True Parents.

If you go where True Parents tell you to, you will be able to complete your life's mission. You have to walk that path to be liberated. There is only one way, not two. Whether you believe in Buddhism, Islam or Confucianism, there is only one way.

Those who are in the spirit world are also learning True Parents' teaching just as you are. So who comes first? True Parents should enter the Kingdom of Heaven first, right? True Parents are the first generation, and then there will be a second, a third and many succeeding generations. The preparation we have made for that is the registration blessing in Cheong Pyeong.

This is not some sort of game. Do you understand? This is not a game; we have constructed the heavenly highway. No one will want to change what True Parents have done. There cannot be two ways, only one way. Do you understand?

The highway is the way for the blessed families, that is, the central blessed families. You must not go sideways. There are three elements that form the basis of the laws of the Constitution. I taught you these at the Coronation Ceremony, don't I? What is the first thing? [Blood lineage!] The second? [Human rights!] And the next? What is the third? [Not misusing public money!] What is the fourth? [Exemplary families.] Yes, the fourth is for you to create exemplary families. Those exemplary families are the central blessed families. Do you understand? That is what I mean by exemplary families.

Central blessed families are families that keep those four points. You will be free wherever you go. No doors will be closed to you in the east, west, south or north. Even in the spirit world. Such a time will come. You can go anywhere with the name Rev. Moon. Even now you can go anywhere with the passport of Rev. Moon: to Russia, China, or wherever. You will be treated as special guests wherever you go in the near future. To make that happen within ten years is no problem. We can do that through the media. We have to educate people.

You must look at your spouse as the most precious and the most priceless being that you cannot possibly exchange with anything. Do you understand? A man cannot divorce his wife even if the most wonderful and beautiful woman comes up to him and tempts him. A woman cannot divorce her husband even if the richest man comes up to her and offers her everything he has. You must keep your lineage. Even if

you have to sacrifice your own life, you have to keep your lineage. Such a person can go to the highest place in the spirit world when he or she passes away. Some crazy young people might think that they should just kill themselves thinking that the highest place in the spirit world is promised for them without having to do anything. Well, they must not! (Laughter)

You pray in the name of so-and-so of a central blessed family. You should even forget about the word "prayer." Prayer has meant our asking God for things. There should no longer be such prayers. We are just reporting about our lives. You will be "filial son or daughter so-and-so of a central blessed family." The next level is for you to become a loyal servant and then a saint, and if you develop further you can be "holy son or daughter of God so-and-so of a central

blessed family." If you reach this level, you can be God's friend. Jesus was the holy son, but he could not create his own family. So you can be higher than the holy son.

One thing you should know is that even when you become a holy son or daughter, if you humble yourself, all things will cheer and welcome you. You do not need to ask anybody. Your heart knows. Your heart knows everything. Those whose heart does not know everything, raise your hands. So, you all know. Okay, then, raise both of your hands and say "Amen!" [Amen!] [Hallelujah!] (Applause)

Now, look at your teacher carefully. What should we be proud of now? The love right, the power of love. The true love-right! If you say, "true love," God will answer "Why that?" True Parents will also ask, "Why so?" Then I might ask, "Do you need help?" Then God will say, "Hmm..." and eventually He will help you. Do you understand? You will receive all the blessings.

Even if you are old, you should not worry. If you pray for a certain village with a specific wish more seriously and



ardently than anyone else, your prayer will be answered. There is no way that anybody who lives and prays that way will die as a beggar.

You must know that the world will be free. The spirit world has made all the preparations necessary. If you look at the reports from the four saints, am I important or not?

We must protect the right of love. All things are made in pairs. Insects come in pairs. Plants come in pairs. Animals come in pairs. So do humans. Our mind and body are a pair. Heaven and earth are a pair. This is the way of love. It is how things are in the world of true love.

Do you not have love? You have life, lineage, conscience—all these. However, your mind and body are struggling. That is the problem. Your own individual love-right can be achieved when your mind and body creates complete unity. However, the two are struggling right now.

There are individual and family love-rights. Say, "family love-right." [Family love-right.] Husbands and wives should not fight.

Who is the subject? Are women or men the subject? [Men.] Women! (Laughter) Why are you laughing? I am asking you. Who is the subject? Who? [Men.] Why? Because men have the seeds of life. The seeds of life connect us to God's love. Without love, a lineage cannot continue. Therefore, men are absolutely the subject. American women, do you understand?

American women have thought of themselves as the best, haven't you? In a family, you are like a queen and you treat your husband as a servant, right? From now, all such things will come to an end.

So, women, raise your hands. Raise your left hands. You have been thinking wrongly so far, but now you know the truth that your husbands are absolutely the subject. As you come to realize the truth, switch hands. Now raise your right hands. This is the absolute truth. Without knowing this, you cannot go to heaven. If you want to come to the heavenly kingdom that I know, you should do as I say.

You should think about why this is. Thus, when you look at a woman's body, nothing really belongs to her. Her breasts are not hers. They belong to her baby. Her baby owns them. A woman's breasts are created for her babies. Is her baby hers or her husband's? Life seeds belong to her husband. A woman is like a field.

A woman's breasts are not hers. Her bottom is not hers either. Why does a woman have wide hips? For her baby. Her womb is also for her baby. Is her beauty for herself? Her beauty is so that she can receive her husband's love. To her husband, she is beautiful. Under the husband's protection, even their baby can sleep and play better. Nothing in a woman's body is for herself. Everything is for her baby. And the woman has to embrace all these things and bring them all to her husband.

In a home where a wife serves her husband like God or a king, there will always be the smell of flowers and other beautiful fragrances. Bees and butterflies will always come to their home, as will heavenly fortune. Would you like to create such a home?

Women must change their attitudes. I saw a demonstration the other day. Men were demonstrating their wish to be free from women. I saw those men demonstrating and shouting, "Liberation for men!"

Love right, love right! Are your mind and body united? Without unity between mind and body, you should not even think of saying the words, "love right." When you hear the words, "love right," you should think of sexual organs. If a man goes and sits on the lap of a beautiful woman should his sexual organ move or not? If it moves, it means that man has forgotten the value of the love right. So you should keep the dignity of your love right even in such a situation.

It is the 42nd *what day*?

[True Parents' Day.] Since I am the True Parent, I should teach you this. I should establish the love right myself and teach you it.

Do you think that I made up the words, "love right" myself or that God taught me? It is from God. What I have been telling you is about the individual's love right. And then what kind of love right follows? The family love-right. It means the love right concerning the relationship between parents and children, between husbands and wives and between brothers and sisters. If your younger brother is taken away by Satan through no fault of his own, must you risk your life to find him and bring him back or not? No matter what it takes, you must bring him back. If your wife is taken away, what should you do? How would you handle it?

God gains back the love right by being a servant in the satanic world. Satan cannot but say "You are too pure and conscientious. I cannot keep you." When God returns from having been the servant of Satan, He comes back with two-thirds of His once lost property. That is the providential view. The formation and growth stages belong to the satanic dominion. God has been suffering and working hard because no one could reach the perfection stage. Satan has to give us what he owns. We should make him feel ashamed of having what he has. We should make him feel undeserving to be holding what originally was intended for us.

Is it easy to keep the love right or is it hard? [It is hard.] If it is hard, how much effort should you put in to keeping it? You must put everything you have and gladly so.

So if you secure the family love-right completely, what comes next? The national love-right. And the next level is the world love-right. So you can understand how hard God's work of restoration must be.

When you secure the national love-right, then you invest





cious thing is true love.

Now, do you understand the love right? God is the subject of the entire Creation.

True love-right! You should keep the individual love-right. You are saying quite confidently at the end of your prayer, "I pray in the name of so-and-so of a central blessed family." You can truly pray like that only when you keep the love right.

Those of you who have ever hated your husband or your wife, raise your hands. I will forgive you. Those of you who broke the law of the love right must clear up the past right here and now and start a new life. Don't you think so? What is this? How come there are so many of you here raising your hands? You have had no concept of the love right, have you? Starting from tomorrow, you must keep the love right.

Have you been filial sons and daughters before your parents? Have you been loyal servants in your country? Have you been saints

in the world? Have you been holy sons and daughters before heaven and earth? Are you qualified enough to give the blessing on behalf of God? You should be like a younger brother or sister to God. Why is that so? Because you are one in blood lineage. Once you are connected to the true lineage, unification will be realized. Do you understand?

You must have enough knowledge about the love right by now. Say, "I am a love-right absolutist." [I am a love-right absolutist!] Once you are a true-love-right absolutist, you will automatically become a member of the royal family. Even if you do not want to go to God's castle, God will say "Come, come, please come." God would like to take you wherever He goes. You will see if I am telling you the truth or not. I have lived with this dream. And somehow, I ended up becoming the founder of the Unification Church and the True Father. I did not start out on this path thinking that someday I would be the True Father.

Do you think an eye is individualistic? Does it do whatever it feels like? What would happen if an eye did whatever it wanted and went against the entire body's life-preserving system? It should move along with the entire body system. When you breathe, should you close one nostril and breathe with the other only? No, they should both work together. When you eat, your lips should work together. When you clap both of your hands should work together. Everything is in pairs. Nature is like that. The laws of nature are like that.

So, those who have no friends are lonely people. People need friends. Isn't a man lonely without a wife?

American husbands and wives have different bank accounts. Is that true? I do not know, but it is widely thought to be true, isn't it? Having separate bank accounts, how can you say that you love each other. What kind of love is that? Is love or money more precious? That kind of love is false. The tongue of a snake is split in two. So it lies. Its heart is split in two. How can two people who are willing to give each other their hearts and bodies care so much about money matters? Do you think God made a mistake when He created people? One is concave and the other is convex. What does that mean? Is a person supposed to live alone? What should we do about the bank accounts? Should a couple have one or two? (Laughter) What are you laughing for? Have you not lived like that?

So, children learn from their parents. They learn from their parents that money is the most important thing. They can even sell out their own ancestors if they need to. They think money is more important than love. However, the most pre-

Now, let us pray.◆

Do you think I am telling you the truth or not? Give me your answer. [You are telling us the truth.] Those of you think that I am telling you the truth raise your hands. Wow! Put your hands down. If you put your hands up too high, they show you are arrogant. You should not put your feet on your head!

Now, you have to remember what I told you, and you have to follow it. You will always be on the right track if you follow it. Wherever you go, whether you are alone and naked, or you sleep with your wife, as long as you keep the love right, there will be no problems for you.

You must succeed in surmounting the problems to do with lineage—which deals with three generations, problems to do with equality in human rights, problems to do with the misuse of public money and the problem of creating an ideal family. Do you understand? You must be clean.

Now, let us pray.◆

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Photo: True Parents give their blessing following Father's speech

True Parents' 50-State Speaking Tour Final Events and Victory Celebration



The event of the penultimate day of the speaking tour, April 16th, in Washington, D.C., drew a crowd of some 2,700 including hundreds of Christian ministers, who signed a We Will Stand Resolution, a "Declaration of Interdependence" embracing and uniting religious leaders of all communities and denominations. True Parents are pictured here at the moment of adding their own signature to the document, watched by Christian and Unificationist ministers and leaders. True Parents' tour covered the final two of America's fifty states the following day.



The victory celebration at East Garden on April 18th was attended by leaders representing the whole world, and two Christian ministers representing all the religious leaders who participated in the tour events across the country



Pastor T. L. Barrett addresses the crowd in Washington. Holding Father's hand, is Mrs. Barrett. Rev. and Mrs. Barrett have recently reconciled following some years of separation, and they have testified to God's hand in the healing of their marriage.

Pastor T. L. Barrett has supported the work of True Parents over a number of years. On the occasion of the April 16th event of the nationwide speaking tour, Pastor Barrett and his wife were interviewed by the Cultural Department of the Family Federation's headquarters in Korea.

Hi, I'm Pastor T.L. Barrett and this is my lovely wife Cleopatra Barrett. We have been so blessed by this fifty-state tour. At the beginning of this tour, we were not together as a family. Ten years ago, due to several circumstances, one, if not the least being my youth and inexperience and not total dedication and commitment to God and to my family, my wife left my family, left me and sought peace and solace in another part of the country. And for ten years, I have been longing and hoping and praying—believing in God—for the restoration and rebuilding of my family. After my own repentance and rededication of my life to God, I found Reverend Moon. I found that what he was talking about at that point, five years ago, was true family values. And that's when I joined forces with Reverend Moon to help spread the gospel of true family values believing that the family is God's first love idea. So, when this fifty-state tour was proposed to us, I went into prayer and I asked God about my support and dedication toward it and in no uncertain terms God promised me that if I would stand with Reverend Moon on this tour that He would indeed bless my life, bless my ministry, bless my church. Having no idea then that the reuniting of my wife and myself would take place. But when we were in Miami, that was on the third of March,

after the midnight meeting...or after the meeting at the church I had a midnight meeting with Reverend Moon in his hotel suite and he expressed his desire for me to be married. And that is when I told him that in my heart I am still married to the mother of my seven children and I was waiting for God to send her back to me. Reverend Moon, as if he'd received a message from God, closed his eyes and shook his head up and down. He said, "Yes, it will happen very soon." I said to myself then, "Little does he know, we don't even talk very often. She lives in another city." I said to him, "Yes, pray to God that it will." Not two weeks later, we were back together. And we believe it's because God used the energy, the revival of the spirits caused by this fifty-state, fifty-city tour to bring us back together as a testimony to God's divine providence in this tour and in the work and in the ministry of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. So, I praise God. If nobody else was blessed (but I believe many, many were blessed), but if nobody else was blessed, I certainly feel that I am the most blessed man on the face of the earth to have my true love back with me and united as one and as family.

Mrs. Barrett: I just think, as Pastor Barrett said, that when Reverend Sun Myung Moon said...very soon, I really had no idea that this would happen... it all happened so suddenly, that I feel it was the will of God. And thank you for inviting me here to say something. ♦



I BELIEVE that all 50 states have been blessed, and been blessed, and been blessed, and for 52 days there has been and outpouring from God of blessing.

And I believe that everyone here today, as we celebrate this, has to realize that we are celebrating the blessing of our nation by Father Sun Myung Moon. For 23 years I have worked in Civil rights, and for 40 years I've been a pentecostal and today I'm a Unification pentecostal! And I just want to say this one more thing. I believe that whatever has been going on in the spirit realm that has brought the pain, that has brought persecution, and has brought the cross to the Unification Church, this Easter truly represented resurrection.

This is my sixth opportunity and honor to be with Father and Mother Moon in the United States. And I'm normally a really excited person and I



shout a lot; but I find myself tonight wanting to weep a lot.

That's the way prophets are: when everyone wants to rejoice, prophets want to cry. When people sometimes want to cry prophets want to rejoice. And tonight I feel the spirit of prophecy on me. And thus says the Lord God, that throughout this world, from this day forth, where there has been rejection, there will be reception. Where has been hatred and bitterness and brutality, this country, as a key to this world, will open the ears and the eyes to see and hear what thus sayeth the Lord God through Father Sun Myung Moon. God bless you!◆

From the words of Rev. Dan Johnson at the 50-state speaking tour victory celebration on April 18th at East Garden

(Photo: Father and Rev. Johnson embrace)

Photos: Top left, True Parents in Memphis, Tennessee; top right, Father speaking in Detroit, Michigan; below left, participants in the event in Portland, Maine; center, Father with Rev. Jackson in Houston, Texas; right, smiles in Providence, Rhode Island



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Heart of a Native Son



*Gayokla Nichi
California, USA*

The United States has its own elder son peoples, its native peoples whose ancestors have lived on the land we now call North America for tens of thousands of years. Today's World contacted one Native American brother, Gayokla Nichi, who spoke to us by telephone from California where he lives with his family. His voice resonating with great sincerity and warmth, Gayokla reflected on his experience of supporting the speaking tour, and Father's vision for "the Nations" (a confederation of various American Indian tribes).

ONE reason it's been hard...When I met Father in Portland, Father said to me in English, "I have waited for the American Indians for a long time. What took you so long?" It was so long because a lot of people don't understand our culture. If they would have come with the right heart...

The traditional way [of the American Indian people] is a twin brother of the Principle. We walk with the Principle and, in parts, we walk the Principle in a deeper way. In our philosophy everything has a spirit; even a stone has a spirit. We can talk to the stones, talk to animals. Our philosophy speaks a lot of the spirit world.

Our culture is not a culture of feathers and paint; it is a culture of heart. Never from the brain to the mouth, but from the heart to the brain, and then to the mouth. That's why it's easy to offend those of the American Indian culture. We live a traditional life. A traditional life means living with extreme respect toward others.

The American Indian culture does not exist elsewhere. The Japanese don't have it; the Koreans don't have it; the Chinese don't have it. The heart to heart approach means that you have to live a Principled life. That's what is most necessary to understand the American Indian culture. A lot of people I have seen know the Principle, but not in their heart. In the American Indian culture, we never shout at anyone—to do so would mean we do not care about their life or even their physical bodies. If Father is going to develop the American-Indian providence, then there will need to be an understanding of American Indian culture.

I was in Oklahoma, Oregon and Los Angeles. They'd asked me to go to Montana. I have a lot of friends in Montana. I called a friend and he participated in that event. I wish they'd called me to help with the Hawaiian speech. I know the King of Maui. We could have

brought all the native-Hawaiian people. Natives live from the Arctic Circle all the way to South America. Father really cares about all the native peoples.

In Oklahoma, it was a very strong spiritual fight. I don't know how much people know of the history of Oklahoma, between whites and American Indians, but that area was the end of the Trail of Tears [See page 33]. Also, there have been a lot of assassinations of whites by natives and by blacks there. Father told me not to persecute anyone and not to become involved in politics! He also invited me to Korea.

We traditional people have our sweat lodges [a hut with a hot, sauna-like atmosphere in which native people hold a special ceremony for spiritual and physical purification] and we invite other people to our sweat lodge. We invite Christians; we invite Buddhists; we invite anyone. And anyone has a right to speak his mind. Some of the Korean leaders said we ought to set up sweat lodges for ministers. We will develop some kind of a sweat lodge only for Christian ministers. And to those in the sweat lodge, I will teach the Fall of Man and then I will tell them, "This is the message that Reverend Moon came to give you." I will set it up for Christian ministers.

In our church we do indemnity conditions. When we do such conditions, it is with a repentant heart. We clean off all impurities before we do something right. I went to several sweat lodges to go with a clean heart, a purified mind and body before the speech events. I went before the events and set up war-





riors [in the spirit world] to protect Father and spirits that will keep bad people from coming. The sweat lodge is our church. It is the place to separate good and bad.

I asked my father to come for dinner with me to the Oklahoma event, but I didn't tell him what it was. I told him we'd have a very nice, very delicious dinner and he agreed to come. [Gayokla's father is Saginaw Grant, who has appeared in a number of films including *Grey Owl* and *Purgatory*]

When Father began talking it was as if he didn't even want to drink his coffee; his eyes were just on Father. For many years, I'd asked him to come and to hear something about Father; but he never would. I told him, "Come for dinner, please join me for the dinner; it will be very special, very meaningful for me." He said he would and we went. Now, he asks me, "How is Reverend Moon doing right now? How's he doing in Korea? Is he there, now? Did he call you? Has he said anything?" He keeps asking about Father.

There were a lot of very good quality people there. There were mayors from cities and new pastors. There were some politicians that had never heard

Father. It was their first time. For my father, also, it was the first time. He's a very traditional man. Natives would never usually have anything to do with Christianity. But even when my dad heard Father talk, he was very inspired and he feels very strongly that Father is the only man that can bring peace among religions. For a lot of people who hear Father for the first time, they'd heard a lot of negative rumors, but this time, they were all hopeful. They wanted to hear what it is that

this Reverend Moon is talking about. It was a very good experience for new people to hear Father.

[In approaching the tribal chiefs and elders to invite them to the events] we introduced Father as "Father Sun Myung Moon." Basically we just left it up to them. We told them there are controversial points—a lot of people talk against this man out of ignorance. People have ignorance. They have fear. And when they have fear, they have a tendency to persecute other people. But it's a lot easier for traditional people because they don't like to persecute people. We say that white people came from Europe to escape religious persecution, but once they came here they persecuted other religious people in the same way it had been done to them back in their home country. I pointed those things out. I told the tribal leaders, "We cannot go around persecuting anyone. If you want to find out about and listen to this man, then you have to come." So, many people came, including some from the Bureau

of Indian Affairs, who have never had anything to do with religion. They are the branch of the US government that has control over all the Nations. Even their leaders showed up to hear Father.

I was called to help in Oregon. The first person I called was Eddie McCrae [see photo p. 33] because he lives there. And from there we became very active. Eddie was really prepared by the Creator to help Father. Father invited him to go to Korea. Eddie has never heard the Principle. He's very close to me; like a brother.

There was a lot of opposition. The media has brought a lot of opposition to Father among the tribal people. And Christians have a lot of opposition in the churches inside the reservations. There are a lot of ministries among the Natives on the reservations. There is no persecution, because they don't persecute. And we wouldn't care about persecution. Inside native people there is no fear. We have no knowledge of what fear is; it's not in our nature. But we know from those of other groups that are mixed with white and native. There are people that have read the *Communist Manifesto* in school and they very strongly oppose Father. We went there and held our ground. We told them, "Some kind of warriors you are! You're afraid of an eighty-year-old man." We very nicely tried to bring a little humiliation, but not in an arrogant way. In a charming way, we tried to say, "You guys are brave and strong, but when you go around persecuting an eighty-year-old man, what kind of warriors are you?"

The speech in Portland was kind of a mild speech. The one in Los Angeles was very strong about Chapter Two. Father was very serious, especially

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Photos: Facing page top, Rev. Jenkins prays at lunch with True Parents, Saginaw Grant and Gayokla Nichi, at the hotel in Oklahoma City before the speech; bottom, Respected Native American elder Saginaw Grant offers a traditional invocation at the Oklahoma We Will Stand speech; This page top, Mother is presented with a native-American shawl from the Oklahoma church. The white buffalo motif symbolizes the Messiah. Next to Mother is Rev. John Copeland of All Tribes Christian Church, and Rev. Jung Hae-chul, regional director of our church in that region; bottom, Gayokla Nichi, Chief Lawrence Murray of the Iowa Nation, and Saginaw Grant: Mr. Murray wrote a proclamation for Father's coming to Oklahoma



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A New Paradigm of Leadership for the Settlement Age

HYUN-JIN MOON SPEAKS
TO PARTICIPANTS OF
THE SECOND 21-DAY
WORKSHOP

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WHEN I took responsibility for CARP, I created the motto “There is no such thing as Number Two, only Number One!” because I wanted to bring excellence back into our movement. I saw too much complacency, too much self-absorption, and so I created the motto to strive for the best. Why? Because we represent God and God deserves the best. And we represent True Parents and True Parents deserve the best as well.

Yesterday, I said that to turn an individual, you have to first turn the head. To turn around an organization, you also have to turn the head, that is, the leaders. If the leaders don’t have the burning desire to be the best, how can the members feel that way? By definition, leadership means setting the paradigm and example for others to follow. This workshop is designed to create leaders, not managers, politicians or bureaucrats. We will set a high standard for all the others who follow.

As you know, I went to Harvard Business School, arguably the best management school in the world. At Harvard, they recognize the difference between leadership and mere management and administration. How about us? Now that we are beginning this workshop, ask yourself “Am I a leader? Or am I just a manager, a bureaucrat or an administrator? Who am I?” Reflect honestly in the depths of your conscience. You can never lie to your conscience.

What does it mean to be a leader? It starts with being a person who strives for excellence, not settling for mediocrity.

A leader wants the highest standard, not the lowest. The people who made a difference in history are those who never accepted the status quo, but who were always raising the bar of their own standards. Whether they consciously intended it or not, they became the leaders of society.

You can see this phenomenon in every field, including modern technological development. Do you think Bill Gates and the Microsoft team started out to be the largest software company in the world? No. They just wanted to make things better. It’s the same in politics, economics and the military. It was always those who wanted to raise the standard that moved things forward. How about religion? The leaders who developed the Abel-type religions were also motivated to break out from the existing standard, wanting to improve it. This is true in every field. As a leader the prime requirement is to strive for excellence first, not to want to be ordinary.

Let’s talk about the Pilgrim Fathers. The first small group left to Plymouth in search of religious freedom. After that Christians came to America in great numbers to build an ideal community, a City on a Hill. Religion was not just a belief but a way of life. They wanted to set an example for all people of faith to look towards. That was their motivation. When they were striving to build that ideal Christian community, they did not want to live in a mediocre way but to set an example. They were dissatisfied with the old world and wanted to build a new paradigm. They wanted to be in the closest alignment to the will of God.

We have to strive for excellence. This has more significance than you realize. The general point I want to make is that leadership springs from the desire for excellence. If you do not have that burning desire you will not be a leader of men or of anything else. You will not be a leader.

God’s will comes first

Why did I tell you yesterday that I don’t like politicians? How many masters does a politician have? Many! He cannot really follow his conscience because he is a slave to his constituents, to human will. A religious leader cannot be a politician, because he is to advocate the position of God and his Will on earth. Not human will, God’s Will first. I will ask you the question again, are you a leader or something else? What are you? A bureaucrat, manager, administrator? When you reply “a church leader” that has profound significance.

I would say right now that many religions have forgotten God. They have forgotten the original purpose of religion, to build a bridge to bring humanity back to God and to build His Kingdom on the earth. I warned you yesterday that once we forget who we are, and what our original root and pur-

pose is, then God will leave us. Providential history will leave us behind. Though we stand in the blessed position of Abel, if we leave that position or forget our responsibility then God will leave us behind. God's providence is always moving and if the people he chooses do not fulfill his will, then he must choose someone else.

Whether you realize it or not, God's Will will be done. You have the responsibility to be a true Abel to the rest of the world. You have to know what this means, to know the expectation that comes with that position. History is filled with human failure, although blessing was often given to people. Just because you are given blessing, don't think that there is no expectation. There is. You cannot define it yourself, but you have to rise to the expectation that God has. Remind yourself of why you joined the Unification Movement. Was it not to build the Kingdom of Heaven?

How many of you here are members of the 6000 couples? What are you doing in this workshop? Aren't you too old! You are over forty, but you felt you had to come to this workshop, is that it? The 6000 and 6500 couples are in a position halfway between the first generation and the second generation, aren't you? When I look at you I see that you do have a relationship with True Parents, but you might not understand about True Family. And as a result you might not understand Father's directive clearly.

Why do I say this? Do you truly know what loyalty, fidelity, and finding the root means? Do you or don't you? Look at yourself honestly. Look at the elder first generation who came out of good schools, and could have been high-level people in Korea today, but they gave it all up. When Father told the national messiahs to go out again as a missionary at the age of 50 or 60, was that easy? How many of you could do that? It's easy to say, but it is harder to do. At a workshop where you are without your family and children it may be easy to say, but what will happen when you go home and try to explain it? In fact most of the first generation did go to their mission country.

Focus on learning, not position

There is a strange tradition in Korea that once you are a president of an organization you can never be anything less than a president in any other organization. Was that a tradition True Parents set? Not at all. Father himself was always willing to go to the lowest place, even after a great victory. Those who focus only on position will never grow, but those who are willing to go anywhere and do anything, even down, will learn and develop.

For an example, look at World CARP vice president Ken Bates. He has been working for me for eight years now. In the fifteen years before that, he had only managed to become the manager of a small company that was going nowhere, losing money. The first thing I did was to demote him, and then I kept demoting him until he was just a salesperson. However, in those eight years the organization changed completely and grew tremendously.

And Ken himself learned more and more the lower he went. Eventually he went to Columbia Business School when he was 42 years old. Usually business school candidates are 28 to 32. The chances of getting in at 42 when you come from a small business are almost nil. Yet he got in, taking the slot of someone else in that younger age group who had much more formal education. If Ken had gone into the job market eight years ago, could he have gotten a job anywhere as the president of a corporation? No way. No one would have hired him like that. But now, he could go wherever he wanted. He has the experience, the right attitude of a leader and the credentials to back it up. The point I am making is that the position you hold now or in the future means nothing. The question is, what type of leader are you?

Don't tell me that the ideal world cannot be made on earth, that dreams and transformations cannot be accomplished. A leader must keep the vision alive. Are you a leader? I have told Kim Young-joon here, that he went up the career track too quickly without paying all his dues. Anyone who does that will never really know what it means to be a leader.

Well, how about the rest of you? Do you really know what it means? Are you focusing on your own small organization with its own small goals? Do you do it for the pay, the perks, and the access to Parents? Does any of that make you a leader? What kind of example are you creating? What height is the bar you are raising for others to follow? That is the problem. There are not so many people who really feel responsible for the movement. Our leaders are so lacking. Who will educate them?

What is a leader? What do we mean by saying it must be someone who strives for excellence and raises the bar for others to follow? I will try to lead you on the right track so you reach the right conclusions. All the other skills can be learned, but leadership has to spring from within the individual. You can't learn it but have to find it deep within yourself. Faith is the same. It can't be given but has to be found. You all have children, right? Can you guarantee that you will pass down your faith and conviction to your children? You cannot. Even your own children have to find their own faith, though they



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World Seung Hwa Ceremony for Shin Yea Nim

Shin-yea Moon is the third daughter and sixth child of Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim. She was born March 24, 2000 (solar calendar), and passed into the spirit world on April 28, 2001 at the age of thirteen months. Father bequeathed her the name "Shim Yea Jeong" (Heart, Courtesy, Righteousness). After a farewell ceremony at Belvedere on May 1st, Shin-yea nim was flown to Korea, where the main Seung Hwa ceremony was held on the morning of May 3rd at the Little Angels Arts Center. Shin-yea nim was interred at the Paju Wonjeon at a ceremony in the early afternoon, attended by several hundred members. Hyun-jin nim spoke to the assembled members in the bright sunshine. Despite the very great loss for his family who were surely grieving very deeply, Hyun-jin nim's words were ones of hope, which strengthened the hearts of all who were present.

Hyun Jin Nim Shares Words from Father at the Wonjeon



I want to thank everybody for coming here today and celebrating the passing of Shin-yea. As you know, Shin-yea was my third daughter and that has great significance. She was born in the spring, and after only one short year she has gone back up to Heavenly Father. As you know, with the coronation of Heavenly

Father in January, we have really entered a new era in God's providence...

This is the beginning of the third millennium—and the seventh millennium from a historical, providential viewpoint. These numbers represent completion and fulfillment, perfection. Shin-yea was our third daughter. Her birth was in the springtime, and this is springtime in God's history. Being the third daughter, it is the number of perfection. Her passing is symbolic of a new age to come for God's providence.

Although we, as her parents, may view this as a sad occasion, from the viewpoint of God's providence, Shin-yea, as a true filial daughter, was a sacrifice for the furtherance of God's providence, especially in this new age of spring...

Father explained that in our family he had sent four of his children to the spirit world. And, especially, he mentioned about Hye-jin Nuna [who died as an infant in 1964], and how that was time of great darkness as our movement was under tremendous persecution.

By contrast, Shin-yea's passing, as the third daughter—especially in this new age where three generations of True Parents' family can be represented—marks a period when a new, great age can come for God's providence.

Father explained to me before I came to Korea, "You are not going there only to bury your own daughter. Through her sacrifice, she will be representing and freeing all those young women who passed away from infancy onward." And although she passed away in America she was flown to Korea. So she represents the union between the foundation that Father has built in the United States with that of Korea—especially, after True Parents' victorious 50-state tour, where Father was able to mobilize the Christian community of America behind him and bring that foundation to the nation of Korea. And also, as you know, Father is initiating the island providence, so in the process of flying over, Father was also saying that even the Pacific Ocean and Pacific rim—the island nation providence—can be united with the nation of Korea.

As a son of True Parents, I can see this as a great sacrifice for the furtherance of God's providence. But also, as a father, of course, there's a tremendous feeling of loss, too. Especially, she being the third daughter—and her character was very vibrant and energetic. So much promise! Symbolic of spring! All the life and energy that represented spring. She carried all the hope and promise, and the dreams, that a parent could have. Yet I do not look at these dreams and promises as ending with Shin-yea, but just beginning.

You must open up these new dreams and hope in yourselves. If we do this, then there is true meaning in the ascension of Shin-yea... Shin-yea can live again if you renew your hearts. True Parents taught me this. We are not living just for ourselves. We have to live first for the sake of Heaven. And for the sake of others.◆



are blessed.

It is good to be pushed

You don't become a leader just by following a great leader. If that were true, everyone who followed True Parents would be great. You also need to be pushed, kicked and encouraged, always being pushed to do better and better. For whose benefit is it? If the pushing and butt-kicking forces people to find new resources in themselves, shouldn't there be a lot of it at this workshop?

When I was young I did a lot of sports. The best coaches were not the nurturing type. They never won the games. Anyone who played sports will realize this. The best coach goads you and pushes you to do better, even though you don't think you can do more. Yet with practice, the potential can come out at game time. Did you ever have that experience? The one who was kicked gets to new heights and new levels. I am amazed at what people can accomplish, and yet how much they often underestimate themselves.

The world today teaches us that being average and mediocre is okay, fine, more so now than ever before. This is not just an American phenomenon. In Korea and Japan I saw many kids with yellow hair. Yellow skin and yellow hair is very weird! God gave Asians black hair to make a contrast. And what about the kids with tattoos and piercings who just want to hang out?

In the movies, the heroes are no longer the John Wayne types living for a high ideal. They are social outcasts who just want to be accepted for who they are. What message does that give to young people, and what dreams are they likely to have? What do they have to look forward to, to aspire to? Look at our second generation. They are the same as outside kids.

The root of our movement

Yesterday, I told you we had to rediscover the central root of our movement. Our root, our meaning must come from True Parents, True Family and the blessing. But too many of our leaders have a very institutionalized and political mindset. If we go that route, then the Unification Church will just be another denomination, another Christian group. Is that the legacy of True Parents, the legacy of God's Kingdom? No! Father did not come to the world to start another religion, but to fulfill the will of God.

Ask yourself, "Is my view of what it means to be a member the same as Father's view?" For 80 years Father has been moving in a singular direction, with a singular purpose. Father did not plan to create the Unification Church, or *The Washington Times*, FFWPU, or CARP for their own sakes. The will of God is and always will be to create the ideal family. That is where true love, life and lineage are manifested. If we ever lose and forget this the Unification Church will go into the dustbin of history. That's why the purpose of this workshop is for reorientation, going back to the original root. Where is this root? In God, True Parents and the ideal family.

You can go and fight for our movement's institutions, but it means nothing. God will recognize you for the life you lived, not the position you held. Who cares about that? At the last workshop I spoke to the continental directors. I heard that many leaders want to hold a high position because they



want to work closely with True Parents, but in fact True Parents do not rate people with that kind of motivation so highly.

Think about it. If Christianity had connected with True Parents, would we have needed the Unification Church? Absolutely not. God had prepared Christianity for two thousand years, so there were already many smart and prepared people there. When they were lost, Father had to go down to the gutter to make a new foundation.

What about Jesus? He should have come as the King of Kings, but once his foundation was lost he also went down to the beggars, to the lowest people. What were you doing before the church? Were you important in society? Probably not. Still Father had to use these people. Some of the church leaders are almost like gangsters, but they are the ones who responded.

We have to understand the importance of gratitude. Sometimes I meet members who are so proud of themselves. What is this, the "chosen person syndrome?" In fact, as chosen people we have to understand what it means to be a true Abel. The fact that you are gathered here is because you have the privilege to hold an important position in God's providence. It is a privilege, not a right. That privilege means the expectations are already built in and you have to rise to them.

If Christians had fulfilled their mission, then these seats would have been filled with top-level Christian leaders from every walk of life. All the young potential leaders of the world would be here. Do you understand that? You have to feel to the marrow of your bone how privileged you are. What do you have alone, what did you create alone? You second generation members in the back should also ask yourself this question. The fact that you are given the opportunity to carry God's providence on your shoulders on behalf of True Parents is a tremendous privilege not given to just anybody. Such a person will be a historic person with historic significance.

Think about those who founded this nation. There were those who fought for independence, and those who aligned with Britain. They may not have wanted to be born in the revolutionary era, but they had no choice. What happened to those Americans and their families who aligned with Britain?

They faded away.

We cannot choose who we are

There is a fallacy, particularly in the West, of believing that you are free to be or do anything you want. Actually you have very little choice. You did not choose to be born in the first place. Nor could you choose to be born as a man or a woman, or in the twentieth century, or as an American, Korean, and Japanese? And there are great implications to all these. For example if you are born as a Yugoslavian at a time of civil war you will be swept into the civil war. You don't have a choice.

What choice do you have about who you are? You should realize you have no choice over so many things about life—almost all of it. The question is not, what shall I make of myself? but what shall I live for? The answer that resounds in the chambers of your soul and conscience is “to substantiate the will of God, in my life and in the world around me.” I am historically pertinent at this time. I can choose to find my responsibility and fulfill it, or not. That is what I can choose: what am I living for.

This is what I mean by bringing the movement back to the root. What are we living for? If you forget the will of God, you no longer stand as a disciple of True Parents or a member of the True Family. It is up to you, especially the 6000 couples of the so-called “1.5 generation.” You have to be the kind of people that God, True Parents and True Family can trust.

We can learn from the examples of history. Look at the Old Testament Age. For two thousand years, God built a covenant with the Jews. How difficult did it seem to the Jews when Jesus seemed to be teaching something that was different, even contradictory to the law and covenant? And yet the promise of God was not in the law but in the coming of God's son as the substantial Messiah.

There were many types of expectations about the Messiah, but only what Jesus defined mattered. His mission was to create the true olive tree and graft onto the false trees. Practically it meant that he should create a true family and true lineage.

For example, to mention God's name was a sin in Judaism. Yet Jesus started talking about God as his father. How disappointed the religious leaders were in Jesus! They did not realize that Jesus was not like them. He was the only begotten son. Father has explained about all the conditions of restoration needed for a True Adam to be born, who had no connection to Satan and who was under the direct dominion of God. You cannot create the kingdom by words alone.

The Christians realized that Jesus was the substantial Word. Yet for the Jews, the very foundation of Judaism became the stumbling block. John the Baptist is an example. They all questioned Jesus about whether he truly believed in the law. Jesus said, I am its fulfillment!

Today the theology and tradition of Christianity are likewise a stumbling block preventing Christians from recognizing Father. Even those who were prepared forgot God. I tell the UTS professors that I have a problem with Christian theology. It doesn't seem to make sense, and that is because there was no substantial root of an ideal family. Instead the church fathers came up with a high theology of Christ.

Yet this was needed because Jesus was not able to leave his true legacy. That's why I ask you, What is Father's legacy in your eyes? The Unification Church, *The Washington Times*, things like that? No! The important thing is that Father and Mother were able to build the first True Family on earth, and to fulfill the mission of Adam and Eve. That is the great achievement of True Parents. The legacy they leave behind

is not some finite legacy but an infinite legacy that resonates within men and women who have received the blessing, who have been liberated from the yoke of Satan's dominion.

Did we understand True Parents' lonely course?

If you look at it like this, then even if True Parents are not on earth anymore, their presence will still live with us for eternity. Why? You should feel that the veins that carry your blood have been connected to the original root that is connected to God, True Parents and the True Family. You should be convinced that through you God's providence will move forward, with full ownership. This is why you can pray in your own name. The contract or covenant is not in simple written form but rather is written in blood. This is the reason you, as blessed families stand differently from the rest of the world in the eyes of God.

You are here in a position of great privilege, which you did not earn. Still it is yours. Now that we are in the settlement age this has tremendous significance. In the restoration era the focus and burden of True Parents was on unlocking and restoring all the conditions of history. None of us really understood this. All of you know how guilty you are. You asked, why do we do this, why do we do that? As we were moving from condition to condition, many were getting tired and are now living somewhat separately from the church.

Throughout that time, who felt they were willing to put their lives on the line? Who was leading and took ownership? True Parents. How many times did you, like Peter, deny True Parents and True Parents' work? Or how many times were we like the tribes who constantly questioned the suffering in the wilderness under Moses?

This is a leadership workshop, and I keep asking you to reflect on the meaning of leadership. Start by reflecting on the example of True Parents. Father took ownership of the history of indemnity by himself. But it was not his original mission to do so, not at all! That was not his mission given by God. He was supposed to come on a two-thousand-year prepared foundation, as was Jesus.

Jesus said “The kingdom is at hand!” His mission was not to die on the cross; Father's mission was not to indemnify six thousand years of history. Nor to create the Unification Church. However, history went this way because the prepared foundation of Christianity was lost. When Jesus lost his foundation, he went the way of the cross and said there would be a Second Coming. Yet when Father lost the foundation he did not go the way of the cross and did not say there would be a Third Coming. He took ownership and promised to fulfill his mission with or without the prepared foundation. This is how True Parents could liberate God, creating the ideal family. He found the formula to liberate God on earth and in heaven. Unlike at the time of Jesus, the restoration providence was not extended for another two thousand years.

Yet during the forty-year wilderness period, how many of you understood this? The road of a leader is the loneliest course. How many of us understood True Parents' most lonely course? There was doubt and cynicism every step of the way. You say you were following along, but were you really in alignment? Who stood alone? True Parents took that responsibility.

Father is eighty-one now. Most of his youth, and life, was spent in solving restoration history. But his original mission was not to restore six thousand years of history but to create God's Kingdom on earth. Father's mission was to bring the settlement age, starting from 1945. To establish God's Kingdom, after working with the prepared foundation for seven

years until 1952. But it was lost and prolonged for forty years until now.

The role of true Abel

As Unification Church members, we have to understand clearly how important this time is, as we start moving forward in the age of the fourth Adam. Until this workshop, you probably had no clear idea about this. Many of you may have had the concept that as a blessed member, you are already saved. But as an ideal Abel there is a responsibility with that position. The blessing was given not just for your sake, but so that your family could be mobilized to build God's Kingdom on earth.

God blessed Abel to be able to restore Cain, not for his own sake. How about you blessed couples standing in the position of Abel, is the blessing and salvation only for you? No. You must be an agent to save the Cain type world. Until this world comes under the full and absolute dominion of God our work is not done. You have to have that kind of conviction and identity coursing through your veins.

Do you think I am happy with the current state of the second generation? Our young people have lost sight of their responsibility to have a public mission. They do not recognize that they stand in the Abel position. How can I blame them, though, when their parents are exactly the same? That is because all of our movement, and you as leaders, have lost the concept of what it means to be Abel. Instead of actively going to the world and changing it we have focused on ourselves too much.

From this day forward, this will change. We will go on the offensive to bring God's substantial kingdom on the earth. In order to reorient ourselves we need to have a vision that looks forward not backwards. And what do we have to do? I realize when I started resurrecting the CARP organization that it could never fulfill its mission without first changing the leadership culture. How can you change the world if you yourself are not willing to change, not willing to be actively engaged in the world? How can you be a leader of the world if you do not have a public mindset, if you do not know truly what the meaning of leadership is?

Breaking down the barriers to success

When I came to CARP it was full of problems, institutionalized, bureaucratized, politicized, you name it. Systematically I went to work. I brought all the CARP chapter presidents together, but found there was so much division and nationalism it was ridiculous. If World CARP is merely defined by national chapters, it cannot be an agent to bring one world under God.

I remember how J-CARP President Eiji Tokuno knew and thought about only JCARP. Kim Young-jun was the same, thinking only of KCARP. Howard Self, Mike Balcomb and Robert Kittel knew only about US CARP. How can you create the solution from that, when you cannot separate from your own ethnic, national background? I told them that from now on there is no such thing as those chapters, and from now on to teach members only about World CARP.

On the 50-state tour, Father asked the ministers who created all these denominations. Did God want that? Did he want a world divided by nation and culture? No, he wanted one identity, one culture and one language. All the divisions we see today are a root of the fall. Just as the garden of Eden shattered, so did humanity crack and divide and go different



ways.

In America, even in our own movement, the idea of feminism is strong. Many of our second generation women are feminists! Would there be hatred between men and women in an ideal world? This animosity began at the beginning of human history with the fall of Adam and Eve. God told Eve she would bear children in great pain. Cain killed Abel. These are the sources of conflict and division in the human family.

How many of you received an international blessing? Almost all. Why did Father do that? It was to break down the national and cultural boundaries. How can world peace be accomplished? Only when all human beings see ourselves as one family under God, not as citizens of separate nations but as my brother and sister. If you create that kind of family then you are creating the solution right there.

Were your blessings with a former enemy country, or a former ally? Usually with an enemy country, right? I explained at the *hoon dok hae* conferences about our policy of blessing enemy nations. Many great scholars and philosophers have contemplated peace, but how are you going to create a substantial solution? When men and women come together in loving relationship from different nations, then they have found a solution for world peace, bringing together nations and cultures that are very different.

That's why the international blessed couples are ambassadors for peace. Think about their children, for example of a Korean—Japanese couple. Can they grow up purely Japanese or Korean? No. But if it is a Korean—Korean couple, won't they have a bias toward Korean? An American—American couple would also have a bias.

The responsibility of blessed families

Well, now that you blessed couples have responsibility for matching your children, how will you do it? Are you Koreans going to choose other Koreans, or what? The way things are right now is that you are simply re-adapting the cultural habits of your respective nations. You will not bring about the kind of change that True Parents expected this way. Even though this was God's original intention for our blessing, we are not fulfilling even this much.

We have entered the settlement age. What is your respon-

sibility as a blessed couple and family in the settlement age? Father has mentioned that it is no longer just a time for belief. This is the era of the fourth Adam. That means we must not just believe in True Parents, but also become a true representative of God as a Blessed Central Family. This is a time to focus on service and action. Belief is not enough. The expectation is much higher.

One member who may have been following True Parents for 20 or 30 years recently wrote me a letter, the thrust of which was "I believe in True Parents, but I wanted to go a different route by myself." This is a totally clueless attitude, the blind leading the blind. What does it mean to say we have a covenant written in blood? Can you run away from your family? Your identity is unchangeable. Your destiny, and the expectation for you are unchangeable.

Through this workshop, I am going to wake up our movement and our families. We are going to take our true place, no longer being on the defensive but on the offensive, and let the world beware. Who are going to be the revolutionaries? You? But many of you have the concept of wanting to keep a certain position after many years. How can revolution begin with you? Outside people are exactly the same. But you are being given the opportunity once again to participate through this workshop.

Make a new determination today

Father has often said that God needs young people more than old people. Originally I wanted to call only the young people who can be absolutely dedicated to this workshop, young people who do not have attachments. Since many over forty came, I made it so that even though you might not be young, you can participate. Those of you who are above forty, I am giving you a chance to be reengaged, but the condition is that you have a new heart and attitude of a young person, that you can be a revolutionary. Will you do it, you 6000 couples? Are you revolutionaries, or do you just want to



Above, Kim Kyoung-hyo, former missionary to Ukraine, is inaugurated as the new president of Korean CARP at a ceremony held at the Headquarters Church in Seoul on April 10th. He succeeded Kim Young-joon who was assigned as World CARP vice president. Inset, Kwak Jin-man in Quebec

keep the status quo?

I will not just believe you when you say it. I have heard many promises that are not kept. Now is the time to substantiate in action. In Canada, I spoke only for an hour and a half. Why am I working so hard now? Is it because I like you or because you are dense and I keep having to say it over and over!?

We have entered a new age and you have to understand deeply what this means. I told the participants of the first workshop that through it, they would make the first step as a new and reborn leader of our movement, prepared for this age of settlement and the era of the fourth Adam. You have to realize, just as I realized, that the dream of God and True Parents has always been to usher in this new age. That is, to realize the three blessings, to be fruitful, multiply and have true dominion over the earth. This is the age when a new history can dawn, a new culture of heart can be established and all the promises can be fulfilled! Amen!

This is the third millennium after Jesus, the seventh millennium from the biblical perspective, and the twenty-first century. Are these numbers just coincidence? Seven represents completion, as in the seven days of creation. Three represents perfection. The number 21 is 7×3 or 3×7 . This is truly the century in which a new world order can be realized.

This is the time of harvest. We have entered the plentiful fields that have been sown for seven thousand years. It is just a matter of us rolling up our sleeves and harvesting all that was sown. To be able to do that you have to know who and what you are, the age in which you live, and to be willing to forgo all the baggage that you brought. Turn around 180 degrees and look forward to the promises that are to come. Will you do it or not? You have to have a new mindset, have to make a new beginning. Those of you who will do it, stand up and raise your hands! Thank you very much!◆

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Photo facing page, Hyun-jin nim and Jun-sook nim celebrate the conclusion of the first workshop; left, Greetings from its participants

Finding God in a Deeper Place in My Heart



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A FEW weeks ago, I returned from spending forty days in the city of Pohang in South Korea. I have had some time to reflect on the experience, and wanted to share my thoughts and feelings with you.

I went to Korea because I still felt the urgency of Father's words when he spoke to the blessed wives at the end of our 21-day workshop in Cheong Pyeong last September, encouraging us to go there as soon as possible.

My city is on the east coast, just north of Pusan and Ulsan. It is well known for fishing and, more especially, as one of the world's major steel manufacturing centers. The area where I

stayed was very poor, and a bit unsafe as it was a district well known for prostitution. The food was simple, the water always cold, and the toilet was outside at the end of a small driveway. The primitive conditions were quite a shock to me when I first arrived. Also, to sit on the floor for forty days was quite a challenge.

All these things you can learn to cope with in time, and it's good to go back to a simple way of life, and to feel grateful for all the many things we have here at home. However, the most difficult thing for me was not being able to communicate with people, sometimes for several days at a time. That is a very hard experience, feeling so isolated. Sometimes I would find myself crying

without any reason, feeling such a deep loneliness and not being able to contain my tears. In that situation, there is only God to turn to, just God and myself.

Another difficulty was the fact that the area assigned to me was a one-and-a-half hour drive away. Many times I wasn't able to go there because no-one was free to come with me who could speak English, and I couldn't go there by myself. Sometimes I felt incredible frustration, because I had so much desire to go there but was stranded in the house. I felt like I was in prison, and often thought about True Father when he was confined in prison with all his dreams to save the world. Also, my Moksa-nim (church leader) was very strong, and I was wondering how on earth I would be able to build a relationship with him when I couldn't even speak!

To be honest, after a while I just wanted to come back to England, but I heard God's voice telling me "Hold on. Don't give up. Your offering is just to be here, whatever your results, because you answered my call and took it seriously. You came here to this country and cried all your tears. Your tears are very precious for me. I can use them for a purpose." I felt such a comfort, by feeling God so close to me. And then I tried to look at all the things I could be grateful for.

I was able to help some of the Filipino sisters who are paying so much indemnity, coming to Korea with so little internal foundation, and then finding themselves in very challenging blessing situations without being able to speak Korean.

I could pioneer something for other sisters who will come in the future, trying to make sure that things will be better for them. I was able to speak my heart with Mrs. Young Whi Kim, Elizabeth Kang who takes responsibility to



Photos: top, Patricia with an elderly couple in their orchard; far left, with the Filipino sisters at Pohang Church; left, with her church Samo-nim; Facing page top, with Yang Sook-ja, an 80-year-old North Korean woman, separated from her family at the time of Korea's division; she never saw them again; bottom, Singing together with the ladies at a hoon dok hae meeting, held at a village hall in her district



(church leader's wife) who was such a positive, caring person, and to all the Japanese sisters with their mission spirit and closeness of heart. They are paying a big price to live in Korea and adapt to a different culture. Some of them helped me a lot just through their smiles.

I was grateful for all the times I could cry out to God, all those intimate moments. I will never forget the very last day when I was invited to the house of some Korean elders. As usual, according to the custom there, we

bowed down to True Parents and said a prayer. And there, kneeling down, I had the deepest experience of my life with God's heart. It was like crying together with God, like coming back home in this house, in this country of God. I truly found the deepest heart of God.

This was my experience. I'm sure everyone who goes will have their own experience, according to your life and circumstances, but I feel sure God is waiting there for you.

The experience of returning home [to England] has been that of a completely new beginning. I could touch something deeper in my own self, and it was so nice to see my family again and renew so many friendships. It was as if my life stopped for a little bit, and I was forced to look into myself and find God in a deeper place in my heart, with a feeling of peace.

Yet again, I realized that by serving a higher purpose, blessing always comes back to us. I feel that we definitely have something to offer to Korea, that Korea needs us, but what we need from Korea, and what struck me the most, is the real joy of friendship and community centered on God's providence and a higher purpose, where God is clearly at the center of things, through the sacrificial lives of brothers and sisters who can laugh and cry together, supporting each other in trying to do God's will and living for the sake of others. I could feel part of it, drawn into everyone's closeness in spite of hardly being able to speak. So much hardship, so much sacrifice, but genuine joy in such simple things as eating apples together, smiling at one another, walking in the villages. I hope there is a way to rediscover this spirit, this way of life in order to help God, and to help True Parents, to build a new world. ♦

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help sisters who have been mobilized to Korea, and even to church president Rev. Hwang.

I could go to Cheong Pyeong for one weekend and liberate many more ancestors, having a very deep experience there.

I found great beauty in my area – the natural beauty of my fourteen villages tucked away in the middle of mountains, lakes and apple orchards, and the personal beauty of all the elderly Korean people living and working there.

In the end, my relationship with my Moksa-nim changed and he began to help me. I could feel God working a lot during the last ten days, when we could hold *hoon dok hae* meetings in six villages for around 120 people. This was really a miracle for me. I felt that it was linked to the fact that we became close to each other in heart. I had tried to help the church leader's family in any way I could, especially teaching his children to speak English. I prayed hard to God that I wanted to touch his heart before leaving Korea. For me personally, to link with my Abel is so important for God to have the possibility to work in my own life, and the lives of others. I think he could see and feel God working in the end, and one of the last things he said to me was "You must have prayed very hard. A lot of prayer!" The Korean character is often very strong, but deep inside people have a beautiful heart.

I was also grateful to my Samo-nim



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Nudging the Second Generation Toward Their Own Leap of Faith

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[From the written guidelines for parents] For the past eighteen years, young Western blessed children have been coming to Korea to study. A program was originally established on Father's own initiative when he sent three 12-year-old European blessed children here to study the Korean language and culture, the history of the Unification Movement and Father's life. The program has expanded and developed under the love, guidance and sacrifice of dedicated couples and individuals since then.

In 1986, with Father's blessing and support, Dr. Hugh Spurgin, an elder American brother, initiated what is now called the General Orientation Program (GOP). This allowed more children from the second generation to live and study here.

GOP is a one-year intensive Korean study program. Along with the subjects Father instructed them to study, the students are kept abreast of their Western subjects such as English, Math, Social Studies, some Geography and Physical Education.

When students graduate from GOP, about ten to fifteen are chosen for the continuing program of "Prep," a six-month preparatory course for entrance into Korean middle school. These middle school students are encouraged to continue their education in Korea for as long as possible with the hope that they can ultimately fulfill Father's vision and advance all the way up to the university level.

Fifteen years ago, Father spoke to the group of blessed children who were in the program at that time and encouraged them by sharing with them his vision for them and for those that would come after them:

Father's Words (May 4, 1986)

"By the time you finish your entire education in Korea successfully, universities from different parts of the world will need you and call upon you. I want you to complete even university-level studies in Korea. In 10 or 15 years from now, when you obtain a master's degree or doctorate, prestigious universities like Oxford, Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cambridge and Columbia will certainly compete to employ you as professors for their own campuses. When this happens, you will lead all



Head Western dorm-parents Steve and Jeri Tamayo (Steve is also head Western teacher), and son Sung-min, welcome Hyo-jin Nim to the dormitory

the youth to the heavenly side. Through your scholastic position, you will exert a great influence on important scholars of educational institutions. Therefore, you had better realize the importance and the purpose of your education in Korea, and you should be proud of your position as God's pioneer, as well as future leader of university faculties.

I know that you are undergoing the difficulties of the language barrier and differences of culture and customs while living in Korea. This is especially true of Western blessed children. But bear in mind that you are in the process of preparing for the successful fulfillment of your great future mission...

I wish that you blessed children would realize how much I want you to be more enthusiastic about preparing yourselves for the accomplishment of God's will. I know that there are hardships in studying here, but once you have cleared the path for your younger brothers and sisters to come, they will find Korean life easier than you did. Pioneers at any time in history had to go through trials. Now, you are the pioneers of Korean study."

James and Katja Chisolm have worked with

the GOP program as the supporting couple for three years. We asked James some questions, and he made time to send us the following answers:

Today's World: Could you say something more about the vision for the program. In your Outline, you mention Father wants blessed children to be educated in Korea. How much can your program deliver on this vision given the limited time most of the children can stay in the country?

James Chisolm: The GOP (General Orientation Program) is only supposed to be the first step in fulfilling Father's vision. The next step would be for the students to enter 6 months of PREP and then enter a Korean middle school. Beyond that, the students can then go on to enter and complete their high school and University education. Such a student would then be more than qualified to be a vital link between eastern and western cultures, values and of course language. Such a person would then of course be extremely valuable to God if they could then play a part in solidifying the link between these

two deeply contrasting realms. We believe that it is Father's vision to raise up such 'unifiers'. Our program can only deliver as much as each student is willing to put into it. We have one student who went through the program (learning Japanese too in the process) and who is now presently starting his second year in Sun Moon University. We've also had a few cases of students not being able (or willing perhaps) to complete their GOP year. In our opinion, the GOP year really lays only a foundation for students' experiences in Korea. In itself, the GOP year provides some unforgettable and deeply bonding experiences for those who participate in it. It is hoped however that parents will then allow and indeed encourage their children, if possible, to stay on here in Korea until such time as they can discover their own vision of what True Parents were hoping for when they founded this institute for the western second generation.

TW: What are the obstacles it has come up against in fulfilling Father's vision/your vision? How do you see the path forward to overcoming these difficulties?

James: The program has suffered several drawbacks in its brief history (founded in 1983) but one of the most prominent right now seems to be size. The GOP program at present has a capacity of approximately 30 students, whereas the PREP year has a total capacity of 15. With an ever-increasing number of the second generation becoming eligible for the program, and this still being the only program of its kind at the moment, this is clearly becoming a problem. There is a feasible plan to move middle school students on to Sun Moon University campus and expand the language school there to accommodate for them. This would leave a little more room for more GOP applicants to be accepted into the program. Or, due to increasing demand for such a program it might be possible to see the establishment of a similar Institute somewhere else in the near future that could effectively manage the increasing number of applicants. However, with increased numbers, we then have to worry about effective

educational techniques, classroom size, staff and so forth.

In Korea, the heavenly tradition of vertical relationships is a living reality. When students arrive here from the west they are at once confronted with this. Some take longer than others to adjust to this but in the end it's fair to say that everyone finds their place in this sort of heavenly pecking order. I could never really appreciate the heavenly aspects of this social habitat until I could witness first-hand the powerful effect that elder blessed children have on younger blessed children. There is nothing more wonderful for a teacher than to have a charismatic elder blessed child, who has understood Father's vision, to be a vibrant force in raising up his or her juniors in the program. Such a person is an educator, unifier and standard-bearer of the heavenly tradition. I think the renowned educator Maria Montessori, who believed education must develop the initiative and self-reliance of students, said it best; "We teachers can only help the work going on as servants wait upon a master." Having said this, it really leaves huge gaps in the children's lives then when elder students, for varying reasons, leave the program prematurely. Hence, the idea of moving the middle school students on to a different location would not be a good solution to the size problem, in my opinion.

TW: You have fewer places on the program than potential candidates, and you have to implement a selection policy. Is part of this based on academic performance? What other criteria are relevant?

James: Students have to be able to have a certain level of independence, integrity and self-reliance as well as good study habits. The students need to

have no illusions when they come here. They need to be ready to study hard, for considerable periods (considering their age) in order to keep up with the Korean-learning pace. The classroom format may not be the ultimate education style but it is the one that exists here and so students need to be able to accommodate to it. Another criterion is personal desire. Students should not feel forced or pushed to come here but should want to, from their own desire. Parents who are interested in sending their children here are advised to warm them up to it well ahead of time as opposed to springing the idea on them to go suddenly and urgently. This gives the students themselves plenty of time to do their own research, as well as the parents. Also, as much as possible we try to project whether a student's personality would thrive or suffer in this kind of environment. This program is not suited for everybody. However, all this decision making should be done very, very sensitively and open-mindedly because the truth is, we are all pretty poor judges of such complex matters.

TW: How do the children respond to the environment of being away from their families, in a foreign culture, probably for the first time?

James: It's very exciting at first for some, and then, when the daily grind begins, they are liable to get homesick. Others are homesick from the outset but are determined to see things through. Others plead with their parents tearfully on the phone to take them back home. Others just deal with the ups and downs and just get on with being a student. After about four months however (that is, after the Christmas vacation period—which they spend here), it's fair to say that everyone has settled in and feels pretty well established in the program and with each other.

TW: How would you like to see the pro-

The new 4-storey dormitory, which opened late in 1998, is adjacent to the Little Angels School. Father named the building "The World Student Garden of Brothers and Sisters"



gram develop, with reference to present levels of resources (human and budgetary) or from the viewpoint of a more ideal situation?

James: I think my answer to the second question can also be applied to this one, except that I would like there to be many such institutes in Korea, in all sorts of locations. I would like to see inter-institute sports events and conferences etc. I don't think that building one massive institution is necessarily the answer because that might possibly compromise the quality of education. I mean the strength of this program is that we try to create a family-type atmosphere and once you reach a certain number of students then it becomes a very different sort of program. If there were many such institutes dotted around the country all "synergizing" with each other, the energy between and within these institutes would be tremendous.

TW: What would you say you have learned through taking responsibility for this program?

James: I have learned many small things about teaching and techniques for guiding people, to big things like how to gain the trust of students. I have seen the world of blessed children and I have experienced their heart, their visions for the future, their fears and their concerns. I have seen so many limitations in myself in the process of being their guardian and have gone to work with a lot of internal remodeling as a direct result of my discoveries. I am learning how to teach and how to be a parent and sometimes simply how to be an elder and a friend.

TW: How has being dorm parents, and being responsible for so many children, affected your family situation?

James: It's been quite a challenge because I've been so off balance most of the time. The demands of the students as well as the program in general can potentially absorb a person whole. Then, there is the tendency to lose oneself in the mission. When this happens,

and domestic problems follow, then there is always the temptation to hide behind the mission in order to avoid the neglected other and a host of other issues. But, I'm gradually learning how to straighten out get my priorities, how to balance my time between family and public life and also how to mix the two together sometimes. This has really been the solution I believe, because recently I've been feeling a lot more relaxed and happy in both realms. But, this could also have a lot to do with the students being more calm and harmonious with each other at this stage of the year! Still, I believe that practicing the delicate art of balancing is the only way for me to walk this particular road.

TW: How has the response of parents

On the other hand, a child with an unsatisfying relationship with his or her parents might leave home as a sullen twelve-year-old but return home as a more assertive, self-expressive teenager. Who is to blame for this then? Was it the parents, the teachers or the hormones?

Most parents really appreciate the program and the staff that take care of their children here. We have mandatory letter writing for the students to write to parents once a month. We do this to make sure that everyone is making at least some contact each month to home base, but most students exceed this by making numerous other phone calls and e-mails to home. Also, parents are free to contact their children as much as they want, by phone, fax or e-mail.

Some parents even happen to visit Korea, as in the case of going to Chung Pyung, and are able, with prior planning, to take their children out to spend some time with them.

TW: What would you say to encourage parents who are thinking of sending their children to this program?

James: I think it would be good for them to find out as much information as they can about this place, especially the testimonies of students who have passed through this program, or their parents. Only when parents have a lot

of information under their belt can they make a truly informed decision. Otherwise it might be good enough for parents to simply trust the fact that this is a well established program with some staff having worked here for 12 or so years; and that it works! The children go home happy and an overwhelming majority of them don't experience any difficulty with transferring back into their rightful grade.

Consider the present day alternatives. Do other schools, programs have what you want for your child? If not, then you may want to consider sending them here. ♦

James and Katja Chisolm are from the 30,000 Couples Blessing



Staff and students mark the beginning of semester in September last year. At front is Mrs. Choi Won-pok, who is president of Sun Hwa (Little Angels) School. James Chisolm is at top left, and Katja is at top right.

to the program been (either over the years if you have seen some change, or generally in your experience)? Have there been problems with children becoming distant from their families due to the passage of time or cultural influence, or is the reverse the case?

James: Well I have heard some parents blame the school, the teachers or the institution itself for a distancing between themselves and their child, but I'm not sure what this phenomenon is truly attributed to. I think it's fair to say though that if a child has a good relationship with their parents that they don't lose that by coming to Korea. On the contrary, such an experience usually seems to heighten a child's sense of gratitude towards his or her parents.

A Student Reflects

I've grown a lot spiritually here. My family always did blessing and fundraising, but not always *hoon dok hae*. It's great to have this opportunity to read True Father's word daily. I've learned so much about God's providence and about my responsibility as a [member of the] second generation.

I'm an only child. In America, I had close friends whom I could call my sisters. Here, though, is so much deeper. Not only do you share and laugh together like friends, but you cry, yell, and get yelled at. That's what makes us family. You don't just have fun together but suffer together as well. This is a new experience for me and I love it.

I've always wanted (and needed) an older brother or sister figure. It's so inspiring to see older second generation here who are so positive towards True Parents and have such a good relationship with God. Also, they're open to talk with you about any problems or discuss life. They set a very good standard which I admire and hope to live up to.

I'm also strengthening different aspects of myself here. I gotta tell you (and you probably already know)—life in Korea is hard. I've been struggling some lately, but through this I'm understanding God's heart more. Here, I've learned that difficulty can be a very good thing. Hard times help you learn and reflect more about yourself, your beliefs, about God. I've experienced that here and am grateful for it.

I've become a lot more independent since I got here. Of course, I have the teachers and I can talk to my parents on the phone. But...here we learn to solve our problems on our own. We have to take responsibility for our own money, our own schedule, etc. That also leads to better self-control (waking up on time and following rules). I've become a lot more strict with myself because of the schedule.

Respect... towards my teachers, my elders, my friends, and maybe even myself. When I think about it, I was never really rude to my elders, but I didn't always follow their orders. They'd tell me to do something, but if I thought it didn't make sense I didn't do it. Now I know, you don't question what an elder says. Even if it may sound a bit odd, you do what they tell you out of respect. I'm starting to learn to follow without hesitation. Also, my opinion is always good and I've always had it, but sometimes it's "not needed" (if you know what I mean). I used to start so many stupid fights just to state an unneeded, self-centered opinion. I wasted so much time and energy that way. (Jeri Sonsaengnim: if you're reading this, I learned that from you!)

Last, but not least... Korean. My desire to learn Korean is so strong. I want to *truly* understand True Parents. I had a dream a few years ago where I was alone with True Father and trying desperately to talk with him, but he couldn't understand me. Finally, he spoke and said, "Mari, my daughter, I have so much to tell you, so you must learn Korean." Since then, I've wanted to learn Korean so much. Also, to learn True Parents' culture. We take for granted how blessed we are—To be able to learn the heavenly culture and tradition of the Messiahs of the entire universe! Amazing! I'm so grateful to have this opportunity to learn the language, customs, and ways of our True Parents. In order to totally become like them, we must know their origin. Remaining here will really help me to grow closer to God and expand my heart to become more like True Parents.

Studying here is not only good for me in my life, but it also affects all those around me and all those who will come after me. Now I am making the foundation to serve God more and in some way help my descendants. Everything I do is for the public, so this is a very good condition.

(To my teachers: I'd also like to thank you. I can't express my gratitude because you've all helped and taught me so much through your love and guidance.)◆

Mari Grace Leavitt



Outing to the mountain



The writing on the wall



Halloween party

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The Healing Power of Hoon Dok Hae

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A testimony to the life- and love-producing efficacy of the hoon dok hae tradition.

To begin with, we give our profoundest gratitude to our beloved True Parents for bringing true life to us by taking us into their family, their lineage. But even more, they have also bestowed their true love on us as only real parents can. With all this they have taught and guided us, and now through the living word of *hoon dok hae*, they, in their great and immeasurable parental love, have given us an effective solution to all the problems and difficulties that we are encountering in our married lives. Now, we can finally see, even if we haven't seen and responded before, just what is the true way to live in the Kingdom of God—here on earth and later in the heavenly spirit world.

Since my beloved wife, Pat, and our precious son Peter Dong-myung moved here to the Washington, DC area, a number of brothers and sisters have asked us to explain to them just what formula (or “secret” method) our couple has employed for making a breakthrough and resolving our marriage difficulties. Yes, if you can believe it, my spouse and I have finally arrived into the beginning of the realm of a true-love marriage. And for us there is absolutely no doubt about it either. This, after more than twenty-one years of constant struggle. We couldn't believe that this would ever happen to us. The only thing that we had going for us until then was a stubborn determination to be faithful to our True Parents. In near despair, we sought and searched for a resolution to the great distance that separated us. It was a real and most painful ordeal for both of us. We kept wondering if we would ever, in our lifetimes, come to see the ideal of true love for one another. This was a question we had asked ourselves in our hearts over and over again during those twenty-one years.

Nearly thirty years ago, my spouse and I came to our True Parents when we were both over forty years of age—in the time when most couples have settled down into comfortable and friendly marriages. We, both Pat and I, had come to the Unification Family after

about twenty years of religious life—she as a Trinitarian nun, and I as a Franciscan priest. We had dedicated our lives in religion through the three vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. Now, this may seem like something that we really had in common, and which would help us in our marriage relationship. No way! The obstacles were enormous. In the first place we were male and female (enough said), and had come from a life of celibacy, with its goal of individual salvation. Marriage had been a kind of taboo for us religious people, and to be considered as an inferior state, yes, especially due to the sexual aspect of it. This was deeply ingrained in our psyches, and we were constantly being taught it.



The Piorkowski family

Here I am reminded of our True Parents' allusion to the way he and Heavenly Father matched our couple, and many other couples also. We begin, he said, our marriage restoration course from totally opposite poles (north and south) on the globe. Our course then, is to trudge, even though painfully to indemnify the long trek back to the equator. So, the reason, sometimes heard by us, that “Oh, yeah. You guys were a priest and a nun, so it must have been easy for you.” Again, it was not that way. Believe me, it surely wasn't!

Now we reach the more recent present in our lives. About three years ago we were told of the work that our elder brother Heung-jin nim and our grandmother Daemo nim were doing with liberations at Cheong Pyeong. This woke us up to the fact that possibly our ancestors and other spirits were somehow an obstacle to our union as a blessed couple. So, we decided to go to

Cheong Pyeong. After a deeply moving experience there, we came away gratefully relieved of a part of the burden we had been carrying. On the heels of this experience we were introduced to what Father had inaugurated as “Gathering for Reading and Learning”—*hoon dok hae*.

Well, now comes the exciting and relevant part of our story. Having accepted True Parents' instruction to be faithful to *hoon dok hae*, there was the challenge of getting up rather early for this exercise. (Hey, we're seventy years old, and ailing!) But that was soon overcome. A symbolic washing seemed to be in order, too. At the time we were reminded of True Father's saving a few drops of his drinking water each day at Heungnam prison, in order to cleanse himself before approaching our Heavenly Father. To continue, after *kyungbae* and a serious reading of the Family Pledge, came the reading. At first, I must admit, I considered this as “reading Father's talks,” as we had done from time to time over the years. But as the days and weeks progressed, there came gradually, a slightly different attitude of mind and heart. This gift of *hoon dok hae* was something very new and powerful that was being given to us at that time by Father. This was no simple skimming over of the talks that Father has given over past years. No definitely not! It was, instead, a truly deep reading.

This offering of *hoon dok hae* is now, at this time in the sad history of some of our Unification families, a newly empowered way (a panacea if you will) of giving the strength, the healing, the life-giving and love-giving means that could change our lives radically from what they had previously been. This slowly began to dawn on us and began to uplift our spirits. But as time went on there also came an understanding of many things that we had not grasped before. Above all, we had not understood the nature of real love, that is of true love. We knew that it certainly was not the Hollywood type of romantic and debased love to which we had been, and continue to be, exposed. No, it was different—so far beyond our expectations.

As this realization began to sink in, I

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how intense he is when he speaks to these people. He invests everything of himself for the time he is with them.

He invests his entire life in his speeches. We might think that Father could speak at the beginning of the tour, then True Mother or one of the True Children or some leader could take over for Father. But Father has a different idea. He himself said, "I am doing this at the risk of my life." Fifty days, nonstop; putting his life on the line. This is not a casual matter.

Are we setting a good example?

In 1971, when True Parents went to America, it was like a bridegroom going to see his bride. He did a fifty-state tour at that time. Now, to finalize the last thirty years of his ministry in America, to fulfill his final responsibility as a parent for the second generation, he is speaking in all fifty states again. Moreover, he will begin a new providence.

Father is using two speeches: "The Path for America and Humanity in the New Millennium" and "In Search of the Origin of the Universe." What we should pay most attention to is what he says about true family values. What has God lost since He created humanity? God lost true love, true life and true lineage. The goal of a true family is to recover what God once lost.

Those American Christians surrendered to Father's teaching on the values of true love, true life, true lineage and true family. Their hearts were moved. What can move American society today? It is the most advanced nation in the world. It has one of the most developed social systems in the world. Externally, they already have a heavenly environment. However, they've lost the life out of it. That lost life is the ideal of a true family. Father's words are like injections to heal them.

At this point, we have to ask ourselves how fully we have realized the precious values True Parents have been teaching us over the years. The true family values they are teaching us are not just a concept, but a reality. Is there evidence for what they are teaching? What is that evidence? We are.

Not only True Parents but also all brothers and sisters should be the living proof of what True Parents have been teaching. So that is why we must ask ourselves if we have been good examples in front of True Parents who are investing their all to realize the true family ideal. When we are not good testimonies for True Parents' teaching,

do we not make their teaching empty? When we become truly good examples of their teaching, are we not giving them so much more power and life? I think we all need to sincerely reflect on how legitimate and true we are.

Well, the MC has already told you about my family. Last week, we gained an additional family member. When a wife is pregnant, what normally happens is her husband visits her gynecologist with her at some point. I could never do that. I felt too awkward about being a new father at my age.... Of course, I went to the hospital when the baby was born. But I did not stay long. The other fathers were so young. So, I just quickly saw our new baby. When I took more time with them at home, my feelings were a lot different from those I had had about my children when I was in my twenties. I could appreciate it more now. I felt tremendous joy over the miracle of new life.

When we joined the church, didn't every word of Father's have such a miraculous power in our hearts? When we received the blessing, didn't we feel that creating our own family was precious and mysterious? The feeling can be compared to the feelings we might have when we see new buds coming out of the dried branches of an old tree. The excitement and gladness in our hearts, "You have been alive all along!" With that kind of appreciation of life's miracles, we started our family life. Now is the time of registered blessed families when, independent of True Parents, we have to bear our own fruit. So, we need to check to what degree our families have been fruitful, if at all. True Parents do not talk about how many of us have been blessed but how many of the blessed families have borne fruit and have made significant changes in history. This spring, we need to check how good a testimony to True Parents' teaching we have been. We need to start the new age with such a standard and with such an outlook on life.

Making serious conditions

True Parents are in the process of beginning a new dispensation right now in South America, which represents Catholicism. Father gathered all the national messiahs representing the whole world in the Pantanal, in Brazil. He is having them make strong conditions and is educating them.

Those who have been to the Pantanal know it is like the garden of Eden right after God created it. It is so pure. It is a little inconvenient to get to, but it has

no contamination or pollution. Father chose a place close to nature to begin a new history and to advance his work in a new area.

He could have chosen a place in Seoul or anywhere in America where there are many educational facilities. But he chose the Pantanal since it is the closest to his heart for its original quality, and the freedom it represents. Father says that he feels most at home there. Externally, it is an inconvenient place to live. Toilet, transportation and communication facilities are very poor.

But Father is at home with such inconveniences, because he is an original man. In the same way that we can relax completely in our mother's embrace, Father longs for a simple lifestyle that resonates with his heart. Since he could not have all the national messiahs join in the speaking tour, he let them make good conditions for it in the Pantanal. Father was present personally when they began their condition. When he began the tour, he told them not to eat anything and not to do anything else for three days, but just to read Father's speeches to make good conditions for the new dispensation.

That way, it was as if he was investing all of history in the tour and the national messiahs were conditionally participating.

The original way of life

True Parents are educating us. Do they teach us about technology or the latest trends? What are they supposed to be educating us about? They should be teaching us about original nature, how to be people of original nature. They are the only ones whose lives are completely one with their original nature. They are the only ones who can teach us how to be our original selves.

Last spring, True Father was here in Korea. At that time, he spoke in twenty-one different venues all over the country, from the middle of January to the end of March. He taught solely about how to live the original way of life.

There must have been a little potted plant in the rest room at the Hannam-dong residence—now the house is being repaired. As spring came last year, little buds started to grow out. So whenever Father went to the restroom, he must have checked those new buds. They were just about 1mm tall in the beginning of the spring and later they grew up to be about 5mm as spring reached its peak. Father was so moved and touched by life's wonders in the seemingly insignificant changes in a small

plant. He asked us if we grew as much everyday through studying his words. That is Father's main concern.

When we were on Cheju Island, one fine day, we all went to some botanical gardens. Father looked around the whole place and pointed at some lotus flowers. He said, "Look at the lotus flowers. Look at them blossoming in the muddy water. We cannot see the branches or roots. But they have taken root somewhere in the right place in the middle of that muddy water so we can see the flowers. Our life is exactly the same. We must take root in the original world to be able to blossom and flower in this evil and suffering world."

Every aspect of Father's life teaches us something about the value of the original way of life. Father is educating the national messiahs in one of the most humble environments, close to nature, to teach the original way of life.

As we observe the way True Parents live, let's think about how we should be living. We need to get in touch with our original nature. How much have we actually realized the ideal of true family in our daily lives? True Parents have acknowledged and entrusted us as independent and self-supporting blessed families who have registered in heaven, in the beginning of the new age. We must check to see if we are worthy of their trust.

The leadership workshops

It is hot in the Pantanal. It is spring in the United States, but the snow had not yet melted at the Canadian workshop site. Spring has not reached there yet. Young people, aged forty and below, from all over the world came to make a

new beginning under Hyun-jin nim, in Quebec. The theme of the workshop is "A New Paradigm of Leadership for the Settlement Age." In the new settlement age, second-generation brothers and sisters are being trained to take responsibility in a place where it was sometimes 30 below zero [celsius]. I was there for a week tumbling around in the snow.

True Parents assigned Hyun-jin nim to be the vice president of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, as the president of World CARP and as the president of the Youth Federation For World Peace. They put him in the central position of the new age.

Hyun-jin nim told the second generation three things. The first was a confession of how he had struggled with his faith. As he was born into the True Family and grew up as a True Child, he had to agonize over so many things. Mostly, he agonized over what he ought to live for—what sort of future he ought to have as a direct child of True Parents with whom he has an unbreakable tie. He knew that he could create a nice, well-to-do family without having to be indebted to anyone. But he felt that he was destined not to live as a private man. This was not because True Parents told him so. He felt strongly in his heart that, for God, he ought to take up a responsibility. It was for him a tearful decision to step into a public life. He confessed this about his faith.

He is now only thirty-two this year, but I see in him a very mature leader. I felt naturally able to surrender to him. When we think of the second generation, we think that they were born into this religion and that they simply inherited their parents' faith. We easily

think that the second generation do not have to go through what we had to go through to choose this path: agonizing over and over until we made our final decision to choose True Parents above everything else.

But I could learn from Hyun-jin nim's testimony. He also had to go through a lot and agonized long and hard before determining to put himself at the center of the movement as he is now. I was so grateful to Heavenly Father and him for his being what he is. I felt and still do feel so proud of him.

The second thing he talked about was how he struggled after he had made a decision to walk a public course. After he analyzed the reality of our movement from a socio-scientific view point, he simply was at a loss. There seemed no way out.

He asked what the most important thing was in our lives. He said that nothing was more important than love. Don't you agree? Even if you have everything in the world, all the money, all the power and everything you want, if there is no love, everything feels like death. This is the way God created us.

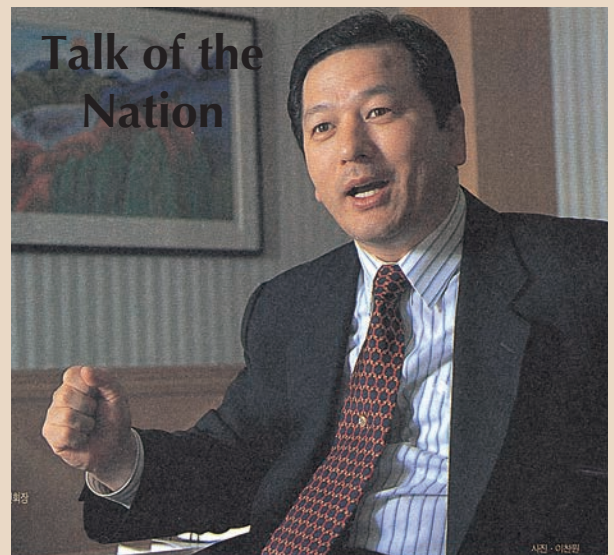
Let's welcome eternal spring

It was not because Hyun-jin nim resented the first generation or those who are in the Cain position, but, rather, to make a completely new beginning, he concluded that we had to start everything new.

Hyun-jin nim emphasized that we should all go back to the point at which we first fell in love with Father's words. He said that our external accomplishments are not truly what we essentially are. He emphasized we must go back

A FEW months ago, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo was interviewed by *Wol Gan Joong Ang*, a monthly magazine of a major daily paper, which appeared in their January issue. Rev. Hwang spoke of the transition the Korean movement went through from passionate foe of Communism to an advocate for interchange with North Korea. He reminded Korean readers of the cloud of confusion that had hung over the nation during the mid-1980s, and detailed the steps Father took in stabilizing the South and gaining the trust of the North Korean regime. He spoke of the important role of *The Washington Times* in melting the Northern heart and challenged the Southern readers: "Though the rest of the world has gone beyond the ideological era, North Korea is still in a Cold War state of mind. We can take the initiative diplomatically and economically, but can we take the ideological initiative?"

Rev. Hwang made the point that there are limits to what government can achieve in the movement for reunification. The task must be divided between the public and private sectors. He expressed his determination that our movement would play a leading role.



to where we all began our faith. He asked, "Isn't our essence true love, true life and a true lineage? Isn't our essence the true family ideal?" With tears in his eyes he appealed to the participating second generation brothers and sisters to start the new settlement age centering on that essential teaching.

I was moved by Hyun-jin nim and deeply repented in many ways. What can we offer to True Parents, our brothers and sisters in the Abel position and the second generation following our foot steps? This is the reality we must face. Father is putting things in order for American Christianity, the fruit of all his work in the America at the risk of his life. In South America, Father called the national messiahs representing the world and history to educate them on our true essence and to have them make conditions. In the frozen land of North America, centering on Hyun-jin nim, new life is beginning with the education of the second generation about our true essence.

As Father has said, how miserable our spirits are going to be if we never experienced spring in our lives here! What kind of spring does he talk about? Eternal spring. Without experiencing eternal spring, we end up becoming miserable spirits wandering around.

The spring we are welcoming now is the eternal spring. In the prayer I read to you today [one of Father's prayers from 1970], he said how sad it was for him not to have welcomed a new spring. Now is the time of the eternal spring he longed to meet back then.

This spring, True Father is risking his life in America. and the new history

is emerging in one part of North America centering on Hyun-jin nim. We must ask ourselves precisely what we are doing here in Korea, the central nation of the providence.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus had to go to the spirit world without completing his mission on earth. Three days after his death he resurrected, and stayed on earth for forty days before going to the spirit world for good. For forty days, he built the foundation of spiritual salvation, rather than the intended one of complete salvation, and then ascended to heaven. As he left the earth he said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

True Parents are asking us to do exactly the same. As Jesus asked his disciples to make disciples of all nations, True Parents also have asked us to make children of our nations. As Jesus asked his disciples to baptize their disciples, True Parents have asked us



Rev. Hwang passes out cards to church leaders whose churches have brought a way to attend the settlement age.

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to bless our spiritual children. Just like Jesus, True Parents have asked us to teach our spiritual children.

So we must go and make spiritual children of all nations, blessing them in the name of True Parents and teaching them to follow everything True Parents have commanded us. Father told us that our country is where we will all settle and that we will regain this land for eternity.

So we must prepare for that. In this eternal spring, we must determine to go to our tribes and bless them. We must generate in ourselves a new heart to be the central figures of the eternal heavenly spring, and to greet True Parents on their return with true joy in our hearts.◆

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CONTINUED FROM PAGE 28...**EFFECT** could only cry out to God, "Then what really is this true love? How do we get to possess it and really experience it?" The answer that came was: "With real desperate and sincere determination of will, you must shout out to your spouse, from the very pit of your existence, 'I love you! I love you! I love you,' Centering this absolutely on the true love that you have so casually pledged in the Family Pledge on Sundays. Even if you have to do this silently in your heart, by making it a silent scream, do it humbly, but with a fevered determination, over and over again." Well, this is what occurred in our lives: In a short time, maybe just a few weeks, there began to emerge rather dramatically, as from somewhere below, a new and strong

reality. At first we didn't know how to identify it. It was, we were finally able to understand, the sweet and gentle emergence of what we now recognize as true love. No, nothing elusive or transitory about this substantial reality. And no employment of psycho-techniques to have it enter our marriage. We felt that God and True Parents' love was subtly and quietly entering our lives. Tearfully, we could finally say, so truthfully and feeling it, "I really love you," to each other and mean it at a level of existence never before imagined possible.

But, let it be known, that continuing the daily *hoon dok hae* is the fuel that makes the experience of true love continue, and to grow. Of this we are certain. To this day, it is the ongoing nourishment for the unity and love that my

Pat and I feel for one another. It is such a comfortable and peaceful pleasure to experience.

Let credit be given, with gratitude, where credit is due: God and True Parents, in their absolute oneness, have wrought this unfathomable wonder for the world and the cosmos. Now, cosmic humanity and creation are being transformed. Our Heavenly Father and True Parents have paid the entire indemnity for mankind, and have given us the very means to be reborn, resurrected and brought to the Heavenly Kingdom. *Hoon dok hae* is their ultimate gift to us.◆

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about ministers with Chapter Two problems.

In Oklahoma, when Father talked, throughout the whole speech he was very relaxed. For the whole speech he was speaking about the Fall, but in a very relaxed, comfortable way—giving funny examples. Nothing like in Los Angeles. In LA he was blowing all the Chapter Two spirits out. In Oklahoma he was joking a lot; there were some of the chiefs there, and ministers. Some were very old. My grandfather came. He's an elder of his tribe and he's about Father's age.

Gifts were given to Father, like the gift that was given in Portland: it was a tomahawk that has been in my family for a very long time. I took it and framed it and it was given to Father. They were very, very special gifts. Even my father couldn't believe that the pipe and the shawl and the drum were given to Father. There was no rational explanation. Because the way the drum was prepared, and the way the pipe was prepared, and the way the shawl was prepared, if they were sold to us, they would have been very expensive, but because it was for True Parents, they were almost given away. It was as if the drum automatically wanted to go to Father; there was no other explanation.

I joined back in 1979. I joined under Chun-goo [Tiger] Park. A lot of my life in the church... I told Father in Oklahoma what happened to my life. I was sort of outcast. When I met Father in LA, he gave me the direction to find my own wife. I did so. I found my wife and I brought her to the church. Now, we are home members. But I have never lost my identity in my relationship to Father. I feel very strongly that his chil-



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dren died because I should have given my life instead. Every day of my life I did certain conditions, prayer conditions, physical conditions to somehow do the right thing. I know in the future I will bring the native Nations together, and I will bring them all to Father. I didn't want to say these things to Father. In the traditional way, once we speak, it's been signed with blood, and we can never retract it. And that's why we have to be very careful when we say such things to Father.

For a long time, [the Nations] have spoken of unity, but there's no true unity—yet. There are certain goals we have to achieve to bring unity among Nations. Father spoke very seriously about this issue. He told me that if I could bring the Nations together into one state, from one state we could have a voice in America. If we have one state, we could turn the nation in the direction of the Nations. That is one thing; the other one is to gather one thousand scholars from the Nations, all Nations. This is not easily done. You're talking about a lot of traditions. Each Nation has its own tradition. We're dealing with an 85,000 year-old culture. It's not like it's a two hundred-year-old culture, a five-hundred year old culture.

Photos this page:
Three Korean regional leaders (Revs. Kim, Hong and Jung) attended the sweat lodge purification ceremony in preparation for Father's speech in Oklahoma. Top, After the first session, with elders of the Sac-and-Fox tribe; left, with Gayokla outside the lodge, the entrance to which is visible

It's not easily done.

Native culture is very, very similar to Korean culture because every day of our lives, we exercise our spirit. The spirit grows according to the behavior of the body. The more unconditional we become, the more our hearts grow. In the native way, the more we give of ourselves, the better we become spiritually. We grow stronger, we grow wiser, but then from the time of childhood, we begin training to live in a spiritual life. So, by the time we have grown up, we always have a very vertical relationship with the Creator.

Even when we plant something in Mother Earth, we have to ask permission. Sometimes, Mother Earth doesn't want us to plant certain things or doesn't want us to plant in a certain area. We have to respect our Mother, we have to ask permission from our Mother: "What do you want us to do?" We speak the language of the earth and we speak the language of animals. We are one with the Creation. And from the time we are children until the time we are grown up, we develop our character this way. We always say that a word is given from the Creator to the brain and from the brain it comes to the mouth. Once the brain gives it to the mouth, the body has to execute it; it must be done. We don't say something and then forget five minutes later.

There are only two things that we own in this life. One is our body. The other is our words. Those are the only two things we own on this Mother Earth. Wherever we go we are known through how we speak and how we walk. If I speak with a cheating tongue, then other people will say, "This person listens to two voices in his heart." Our heart only beats in one direction. Our tongue only speaks in one direction.◆

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The End of the Trail of Tears

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THE Trail of Tears is a dark shadow in American history, which should only be remembered with words of repentance on our lips and thoughts of other people's sorrow in our minds.

In the months between June 1838 and March 1839, the Native American tribes of the southeastern United States were forced to leave their homes and travel westward to a piece of land that the United States Government called Indian Territory. Before they could use the gold-rich land of the southeast United States, the white people had to first find a way to "legally" remove the native people.

For those in favor of removing the Indians, the image of nomadic hunters without a connection to the land they lived on, unable to assimilate into the great "melting pot" of American life was very convenient indeed. In his "Essay on Cherokee Civilization," John Ridge wrote that his Cherokee nation had 14,000 citizens, a court system, written laws, English newspapers and schools, farms with cattle and orchards as well as cotton plantations. Though it seemed contrary to the concept of "one nation under God," the Indian Removal Act, which affected various tribes—such as the Kiowa, Seminole, Creek, Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Cherokee—passed.

Once this was done and President Andrew Jackson had signed the papers taking away their lands, the southeastern states began to suffer the worst drought in history. No one that I know of seemed to make the connection between this drought and the great sin that the U.S. government was about to commit.

Because the native peoples couldn't be expected to travel during the terrible drought and because the whites couldn't wait for the fertile land, the government forcibly removed 13,000 native people from their homes and placed them into internment camps,

awaiting the end of the drought. In these camps 1,500 people—men, women and children—died. By the time the drought ended in late autumn of 1838, the cold winds were blowing in Tennessee, Georgia and Missouri.

There were protesters who stood up for the Native Americans in Congress and the Senate and there were outraged citizens all over the country. These were voices crying in the wilderness... it had all been done "legally."

There were white faces to be seen

should have special content. Reconciliation was the national byword of True Father's tour and we in Oklahoma had great need for reconciliation at this, the end of the Trail of Tears.

To facilitate the beginning of reconciliation between American Indians and Caucasian people we looked to the WFWP bridge-crossing ceremonies as our pattern. We wanted a bridge-crossing between the tribes of American Indians and the Caucasians that would somehow symbolize the white people's

recognition of the things that had happened in the past and their repentance, as well as the American Indian's first steps towards forgiveness.

Gayokla Nichi [testimony on page 12] and I discussed plans for a reconciliation ceremony, which we could offer to Rev. Jung, our regional director, and US church president Rev. Jenkins. For Gayokla, the term "bridge crossing" was decidedly feminine. He said in the Indian mythology, the word "path" would relate a more universal sense of meeting and uniting as brothers on a journey. So it was decided we would hold a path-crossing ceremony at the end of the Oklahoma

"We Will Stand" speech and banquet.

There were American Indian dances and prayers and the presence of several chiefs and elders of various tribes. There were many Native Americans in the audience as well as black and white clergy. In fact, True Father's first words were, "I see there are many brown faces here tonight, so you won't feel it is so unusual to have someone who looks like me on this stage."

As the white participants and the Indian participants crossed the stage, met each other and embraced, there were many misty eyes. We were all remembering, and even sensing the presence of, those many ancestors who came to Oklahoma on the Trail of Tears.



Claire Bowles and her husband John are active with the church in Oklahoma



Eddie McCrae (right) participating in the reconciliatory path-crossing ceremony, part of the We Will Stand event in Oregon

on the 1,000 mile trek to Indian Territory: husbands or wives of American Indians, children and grandchildren of mixed race, missionaries who chose to travel with the Indians and the troops which were sent to force the people on and on—ever westward to what is now Oklahoma, the "land of the red man."

An estimated 3,000 American Indians died on the snowy trails to their new land; 800 more died in Oklahoma, during the remainder of that terrible year of 1839.

So that was the beginning of Oklahoma, but not the end. The government continued to buy or coerce the Indians out of even this land, until, in 1907, we became a state. Now the Indians own only small pieces of this vast area.

Because of this sad history, we felt that the "We Will Stand" banquet held in Oklahoma City on April 5, 2001,

Like Seeds Borne on the Wind

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WE tend to think of Korean people as living mainly in South and North Korea with only some having emigrated for economic reasons in recent years. Yet, some scholars use the word “diaspora,” a word more commonly associated with the dispersion of Jews outside of Israel beginning with their exile in Babylon, to describe how Korea’s difficult history has caused her people to spread across the earth. There are presently Koreans scattered throughout the world in a hundred and forty-two countries. They are people like Jose Emilio Corona Hernandez, a third-generation descendant of Korean immigrants to Mexico and Masayoshi Son, founder and CEO of Softbank Corp., the largest investor in the Internet portal, Yahoo.

The Korean diaspora

Koreans have indeed gone to distant lands. There are 66,000 of them in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania and an equal number in Saudi Arabia. There is enough of a Korean community in Paraguay that the first Korean Jesuit missionary was sent there in 1979. In nearly every country of the world there are those who come from the same ancestral soil as our True Parents.

One of the earliest recorded groups of Korean immigrants to the United States arrived in 1903 in Hawaii, which had become a U.S. territory just three years earlier. There they worked under terrible conditions on sugar cane plantations. Though they lived in poverty, it is estimated that they contributed 3 million dollars (a much greater sum by today’s reckoning) to the establishment of the Korean government in exile, set up in Shanghai in April of 1919 that produced the first president of the republic, Syngman Rhee.

There are approximately 700,000 people of either North or South Korean descent living in Japan today, the majority of whom have been in Japan for four or five generations. Few Koreans resided in Japan prior to Korea’s annexation in 1910. After that, a variety of factors caused them to emigrate to Japan in the years prior to their being brought over as forced labor during

World War II. Of course, some may have been Koreans who favored becoming part of Imperial Japan. However, many came out of dire economic necessity. In the first eight years after annexation, large amounts of property were confiscated from Korean landowners and a policy of increasing rice production in Korea for consumption in Japan between 1920 and 1934 brought famine to the Korean peninsula.

At the conclusion of World War II, those conscripted into service against their will, as forced labor or as sex slaves, mainly returned to their homeland. This included 5,000 survivors out of the 10,000 who were in either Nagasaki or Hiroshima when the atomic bombs were dropped. Most of the Korean residents in Japan today descend from the earlier group of immigrants who came either by choice or in seeking refuge from poverty though jobs in Japan. Though the Japanese surrender meant the end of its domination of Korea, it left behind a nation divided and in chaos. Many of those who had earlier lost their roots in the country and developed new ones in Japan remained there.

A 1993 survey showed that the vast majority of young adult Japanese residents with South Korean ancestry feel attachment to Japan as their native land. As is natural to immigrants anywhere, the first generation may have longed for the home they once knew, but to succeeding generations, the new country is home and they are fully assimilated. One researcher reports that while traveling with third-generation Koreans brought up in Japan, native Koreans described them as seeming “completely Japanese, judging from their hairstyle, clothes, expression and attitude.” Only a handful of those of Korean descent living in Japan today can do more than exchange greetings in the Korean language.

Koreans still living on the Sakhalin Islands north of Japan, which were absorbed into Russian territory with Japan’s surrender, are another vestige of the Second World War. These are Koreans who were forcibly taken to work there, or their descendants. Since the islands became free of communist control with the rest of the former USSR

in 1989, 1,350 people have taken up residence in South Korea with support from the Red Cross organizations in Japan and Korea.

Whereas Koreans living in the southern provinces of Korea tended to emigrate to Japan, the same set of circumstances drove Koreans in the north to the maritime region of Russia—especially Vladivostok and Khabarovsk as well as what was then Manchuria, now northeastern China. The 1990 Chinese census shows there are nearly 2 million Chinese who speak the Korean language. These descendants of Koreans are known in China as Chaoxian and live in the Yanbian Korean Autonomous District which runs alongside the Tumen River in the Northeastern Chinese province of Jilin, which borders North Korea. South Koreans refer to those who have settled in China as “Chosun-chok,” the Chosun clan.

Many lives are uprooted

For those Koreans that fled to Russia, something occurred that had tragic consequences. The preceding circumstances were described by former Fleet Admiral of the Soviet Union Nikolai G. Kuznetsov:

“Late in July 1938, a conflict broke out at Lake Khasan at a relatively small distance from Vladivostok. Frontier incidents were constantly occurring in those days, and we were used to Japanese provocations. In the beginning we regarded ... this [as] just another sally. However, the fact that it occurred so close to our Main Base alerted us. The Japanese intended to seize the hills Zaozymaya and Bezmyannaya. Had they taken these heights they would have constituted a direct threat to Vladivostok.

On July 29, the enemy [Japan] committed a big force to action, which compelled our frontier guard units to withdraw. Both sides were bringing up and committing to action more battalions, regiments and even divisions.”

[Editor’s note: It is presumed that these military actions were by Japanese troops based on Korean soil due to the proximity of Vladivostok to the Northeastern reaches of Korea, and as Korea was occupied by Japan at that time.]

It was in the build up to this final

incursion at Lake Khasan that paranoia gripped then Soviet leader Josef Stalin. Fearing that those Koreans who had fled to Russia to escape Japanese rule might in fact include spies for Imperial Japan in their numbers, he ordered the NKVD, the Soviet Secret Police, to remove all Koreans from the region and to transport them to the Central Asian parts of the Soviet Empire.



Alevtina Ogai's Seung Hwa ceremony was presided over by Dr. Yang Chang-shik and Rev. Michael Jenkins. A few days after her passing, Father signed a We Will Stand program in her honor. Father wrote "Ogai Family", signed and dated it.



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Within two weeks [in a move reminiscent of the Trail of Tears: see p. 33], nearly 200,000 Koreans resident in the area had been loaded onto trains and sent on a month-long journey. They were off-loaded in places such as Tashkent, Uzbekistan and Alma-Ata, Kazakhstan. In the packed trains, as a result of illness and the cold Siberian weather, 10,000 Koreans died en route.

One sister whose family were displaced Koreans

On March 21st of this year, a sister from Uzbekistan named Alevtina Ogai, who had been in America for less than two weeks working to bring ministers to True Father's speech in Cheyenne, Wyoming, suffered a heart attack and passed away in the church center. Alevtina's grandparents were among the

Koreans who had survived that journey by train to Uzbekistan.

Alevtina was one among 200,000 Russians of Korean descent living in Uzbekistan. (There are also 100,000 in Kazakhstan and 90,000 in Russia). She even spoke some Korean.

She had joined the church in 1995, still single in her fiftieth year. In March, she came to the United States, and immediately committed herself to the task of inviting church ministers. It was one evening just a few days before True Parents came that her earthly life came to an end.

Her sudden passing was reported to True Parents by Dr. Chang Shik Yang, continental director of North America, who was himself deeply touched by Alevtina's sacrifice (as he was mindful of her family's painful history). True Parents permitted that, even though

she was not yet blessed, she receive the honor of a national-level Seung Hwa ceremony in the United States.

Dr. Yang officiated the Seung Hwa ceremony which was also attended by two Christian ministers who had heard about Alevtina's passing and wanted to publicly recognize her contribution. One of them mentioned in his dedication at the ascension ceremony that Jesus was working from the spirit world, cooperating with True Parents in their labors to rebuild Christianity.◆

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 Corrections for the February issue:
 P. 9: The caption should have read "Former US Vice President Dan Quayle"
 P. 25 (end): "English-speaking members": more accurately "members from overseas."



**In Memoriam
 Yoo Kwang-yol 1928-2001**

Rev. Dr. Yoo Kwang-yol, national messiah to Romania, and member of the 430 Couples Blessing, made a unique contribution to our Unification heritage, both as chairman (for the past sixteen years) of the Unification Church History Committee archive, and through his poetry. He authored or guided the production of many publications recording the history of our movement and its founders.

Personally, Dr. Yoo was a man of simple tastes. He had a disarming, child-like innocence and openness of demeanor. On returning from his first period of activity in his mission country of Romania, he cheerfully testified to how reborn he felt through witnessing on the street. His writings similarly reflect an uncomplicated heart that was nonetheless matched with meticulous attention to detail in maintaining the historical record.

Those who worked with Dr. Yoo in Korea testified to his happy and productive life. His work was an act of filial piety in that he sought to inspire True Parents through his writings—not only his poems of praise and joy, but also those that kept safe the record of their lives.◆

Dr. Yoo joined our church in December 1954. Upon his passing, on April 27, 2001, Father honored him with the title "Shim Chul Kwang Yol" (heart, wisdom, brightness, virtue). His Seung Hwa ceremony was held on April 30th in Seoul.



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On earth, where sin, disease, and starvation, No! where death itself prevails, our True Parents overcame loneliness and suffering, and planted the flag of victory in the midst of heaven and earth...

All four seasons will find the world of people and the world of creation filled with the grace of heaven...

From today on all people will live enraptured with eternity, love, and joy in the bosom of True Parents and in the grace of God.

From a poem Dr. Yoo wrote to True Parents for Father's 80th birthday



The graduates from the tenth registration 21-day workshop spell out the word “ipjeok” (registration of the family). Registration workshops are scheduled to continue at Cheong Pyeong until the summer.

Just prior to this We Will Stand rally, on an inspiration from God, I fasted for three days. Since the conclusion of the rally, I’m more persuaded than ever of the fact that Father and Mother Moon are indeed the True Parents of all humanity. As Father Moon addressed the audience this time, I was so moved by the conviction he has, and I so enjoyed the humor he displayed. After his speech, as he and Mother Moon stood side by side on the stage, their position as the True Parents was so clear to me. I was overwhelmed by a strong feeling of contentment.

Sandra Davies
We Will Stand Event Participant