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Message from the Publisher

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The Mystical Dimension of Our Life

BROTHERS AND SISTERS, when we look at the history of God's providence broadly, can we say we have ever seen such a time of transition as we are experiencing now? The importance of the current transitional phase of the providence is beyond what we can imagine.

Two thousand years ago, the birth of Jesus Christ greatly changed the course of human history, but an even greater change is occurring now. We are facing an unbelievable transition that will affect not only human history but, rather, all eternity. Nevertheless, do we really have a mystical awareness of this transition? At this time, we should ask ourselves if we truly feel connected in heart with it.

For 400 years, the Israelites lived as slaves in Egypt; for 40 years they suffered in the wilderness. How inspired they must have been to enter Canaan at last after four hundred years of hardship in Egypt and 40 years of thirsting in the wilderness!

As soon as the Israelites crossed the River Jordan and entered Canaan, Joshua held a circumcision ceremony¹. This was to make a new beginning in a new age.

No doubt it was a very mystical experience for them to hold such a ceremony in the Promised Land. After 400 years of slavery and 40 years of wandering, the circumcision ceremony, held in the land flowing with milk and honey, was not an everyday, routine event. Although it might have been conducted with the usual rites, it was a unique event that began a new age.

The Israelites were all given a share of the land in Canaan and began their lives anew. However, as time passed, the heart and mystical feeling that they had had to begin with disappeared. Instead of following God's will, they began to thirst for their own well-being and material wealth and started to follow the local belief in Baal. As a result, the Israelites failed. There is a clear lesson here for us from history.

It is the same for us. After going through the 40-year wilderness course, the 7-year course for a husband and wife to meet in the earthly realm, and the seven years of the Completed Testament Age, we are now seeing the wide open gates of Cheon Il Guk, which is the final, completion stage. We cannot fully comprehend what an amazing dispensation is dawning. The present providential transition is the culminating and final transition that will only come about once in human history, never to be repeated.

In this providential phase, we are responsible to restore all the mistakes that occurred throughout the course of history and the course of the providence until

the present day.

Two thousand years ago, Jesus died on the cross after completing a 30-year course of life as an individual and a 3-year public life course. After Jesus was murdered, the disciples fled and scattered.

When Peter met Jesus for the first time, Peter was a fisherman. Jesus said to him, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Peter was such a righteous man that he left the fishing net, which was like giving up his life, and followed Jesus. However, after seeing Jesus die miserably on the cross, Peter went back to being a fisherman.

Three days after his death on the cross, the resurrected Jesus began to gather his disciples. The first disciple he looked for was Peter. As Peter was with others out at sea, fishing, Jesus asked them, "Children, have you any fish?" And Peter answered, "No." Then Jesus said, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." When Peter did as he was told, he caught a catch so large that the net could not be hauled back in. Astonished, Peter realized that the person with him was none other than Jesus himself.

This was the most profound incident of Peter's life—a life that was itself heralding the beginning of a new dispensation. Peter had earlier concluded that Jesus could not be the Messiah. Later, however, he came to understand that he was the Messiah and thus went through the most crucial transition of his life. Peter had the kind of experience that securely entrenches a person's faith, regardless of the hardships that may come—even being crucified upside down.²

When Jesus resurrected, the disciples gained a mystical sense of the important, historic, transitional time they lived in and resolved to change their lives. They thus underwent a cathartic experience, one that would be ingrained within them regardless of what tribulations and ordeals might come. As a result, the level of spiritual salvation increased.

Dear members, we are already experiencing and realizing not merely partial spiritual salvation but substantial, total earthly salvation.

Our encounter with True Parents has to be of a different kind from those in the past. Just as there was a different quality of mystical experience when Jesus' disciples met him for the first time and when they met him after his resurrection, our encounter with True Parents in the age of Cheon Il Guk has to be at a completely different level from that when we first joined the church.

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¹ Josh. 5:4

² Greek Christian Philosopher, Origen (A.D. 185?-254?) states, "Peter was crucified at Rome with his head downwards, as he himself had desired to suffer."



The Little Angels Celebrate 40 Years

On October 27, the Little Angels held a special 40th anniversary performance followed by a reception. The arts troupe has given more than five thousand performances around the world, and have won awards for conveying Korean culture worldwide and for promoting the cause of peace. ♦

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The 14th Anniversary of Kae Cheon II

Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World

Father's Prayer at Pledge Service

BELOVED Father, residing in the world of heaven, We, the True Parents, here in the earthly world, give thanks to You that we can celebrate this 15th occasion of Kae Cheon II¹, 14 years since its inception, at this special time when we have a new name to represent the Kingdom of Heaven, now, in the second year since the declaration of Cheon Il Guk.

Centering on You, the four great saints and five great religious leaders in the spirit world have become one in heart and body. Tightly bound together, together with the 120 disciples, all the rallies and expressions of resolution have been carried out centered on You.... Transcending the individual, the clan, the ethnic group, the nation, and all of cosmic history, combining the spiritual world, of course, and extending even to the physical world, to carry out, centering on one purpose and one mainstream ideological thought, in order to achieve the unification of the heavenly world and the earthly world, we will carry out all these rallies and affirmations of our resolution.

Now, centering on this Kae Cheon II, and as we celebrate its 14th anniversary, and by carrying out identical resolution rallies on the individual, family, clan, ethnic, national, world and cosmic levels, the realm of the unified mainstream flow in the heavenly world, expressing all the victory of God, is to be bequeathed centering on the True Parents in the earthly world. In order that this may happen, we will carry out resolution rallies at an equal level. Therefore, deeply honored Father, in the presence of Your joy, I thank You that we can celebrate this Kae Cheon II with this anniversary gathering, on the third day of the tenth month of this year, the tenth month, which is the month of liberation, centering on this second year of Cheon Il Guk, the tenth month, which is a historical month in which the Unification Church fought and cut off the persecution of Heaven.

From the standard of having one heart, one body and one mindset with God, who has parental authority in the spirit world, and True Parents, who have parental authority on earth, and in order to transcend the historical bitter anguish resulting from the loss of all that would allow for the proclamation of the ideal Kingdom of Heaven that unified both the spiritual and the material worlds, centering on the completion of the ideal of creation in the garden of Eden with the family at its core, the True Parents, in the new age, have indemnified, resolved and paid the price for all the sacrifices made by those in the religious sphere and by Heaven, which has suffered so much. By resolving all this, and obtaining the right of inheritance, the True Parents have brought into unity the framework for the liberation of the spirit world and the

framework for the liberation of the earthly world.

We now greet this day, the fifteenth occurrence of Kae Cheon II—and it is a new day, one where all the billions of ancestors in the spirit world, on the levels of family, clan, people, nation, world and cosmos, can become one in mind and deed with the six billion people living on earth to attend God in Heaven and in unity with the True Parents carry out rallies to express and solidify their resolve.



All of Your children gathered here today are here as representatives of the world. Therefore, please remember all these things, and let all things under Your influence become one in heart, one in body and one in mindset. From this place, this starting point, please weave them all together into the cosmic history, and let the law of the heavenly nation rule in both the spiritual world and the earthly

world centering on Cheon Il Guk, so that finally this day can come when we can declare a new beginning in creating a new history. I thank You that such a day has come to pass.

Now, at this place, centered on God, please take Your position on Your throne. Centering on the four great saints in the spirit world, centering on the five great religious leaders and all the other religious leaders in the spirit world, may all these disciples make a new determination and resolution here on earth. Then, following the True Parents, and starting from the individual, which is the original domain of the ideal, may they bring completion to the family, clan, people, nation and cosmos, so that the Parent of Heaven and the Parents of Earth may find settlement here, on the earthly plane. Now, dear Father, please bless all nations, centering on the United Nations member nations with South Korea, Japan and the United States at the core. Please bless them so that they may form a global ideal, an extended family that You can claim and hold sovereignty over, so that from that place where Your will is completed, the spirit world and the material world can advance, in one accord, towards a liberated Kingdom of Heaven where they may set out towards the future in unity.

I have looked forward to celebrating this as a historic turning point. As all blessed families in the spirit world and on earth become one, and the Parent of Heaven and the Parents of Earth become one—the fulfillment of our aspirations—we enter the age in which this subjective authority can purge the root of all evils from the earth and bring even Satan to surrender. Inheriting the celebration, declared fourteen years ago, of Kae Cheon II, which symbolizes Cheon Il Guk, this ceremony is to newly celebrate the establishment of the day's victorious supremacy. Father, please be with us here and accept our offering with a joyful heart.

Father, please accept with joy everything that True Parents

¹ In Korea, "Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World" is generally referred to simply as *Kae Cheon II*: "Day of the Opening of Heaven"; In Korean: 9 9° ÈÁÍ ÷ œ ±¹ ° ³ Áµ ÷ œ (*Segye Tongil Guk Kae Cheon II*)

on earth want to offer to You with a joyful heart as we are completely one with You in spirit and flesh. And please make a universal beginning centering on the core of the realm of the resonance of heaven and earth, so that God's subjective love, which is the one origin of all this, can begin on the cosmic level. Please, Father, I ask for Your blessing for all these things to be successful.

In this holy ceremony, held with all the leaders of the great religions who are in the spirit world, because everything exists on the unified level between the Kingdom of Heaven, paradise and hell, the earth also must be in accord with that standard of liberation. For this to come about, we must realize the realm of the corresponding counterpart of the spirit world on earth, through our resolve, by establishing one heart, one body and one mindset and offering this before Heaven. I earnestly ask Your blessing so that Your own fatherland and Your hometown—the unified world in which we can restore what was bound in the family and offer it before Heaven—can begin anew.

All of Your wishes and hopes centering on Your one mindset must all go well, make rapid progress and keep advancing to realize unlimited blessing and victory through Your will. I earnestly ask for Your blessing so that the earthly realm can keep up with that which Your all-transcendence, omnipresence, supreme authority and omnipotence are bringing about—according to the original blueprint—in the spirit world, that we can advance into the world, the heavenly kingdom and the spirit world. I earnestly beseech You to accept with joy all that I have asked of You, and earnestly report all this in the name of True Parents! Amen! [Amen!] Amen! [Amen!] Amen! [Amen!].

Father's Speech at Pledge Service

YOU have to realize that the Family Pledge is your pledge, your family's pledge. The Family Pledge that we use in the Unification Church doesn't belong to heaven or earth; it is your Family Pledge. You have to have a firm sense of conviction about this point when you set out, when you make your start. Do you understand? [Yes.]

Up until now you didn't think about yourselves, but rather went through the pledge thinking of something else. However, now you need to have "one heart, one body, one mindset," so that your mind and body become one, and so that you have a unified philosophical approach. That is what the family is—a philosophy. The model family that is God's ideal of creation! That is what needs to be settled, to be firmly rooted into place. That is the reason why we just completed the rally for the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. And that is why we need to come back to this place and take all these things and declare a new, unified beginning on earth. It really is a precious day!

So here we are on Kae Cheon II. If we go by the number of occasions, today is the 15th, but if we go by actual years, today marks 14 years [since the initial declaration]. It is the same with Mother. After 14 years, in 1960 I returned to the same position and attended Mother.

All those kinds of things have to be done in accordance with the heavenly schedule. That is why we have to finish building Cheon Il Guk within the number 12, by the year 2012. If you can understand just how assiduously, how furiously Heaven is working for that, and become a family that can resolve to make that happen, and a family that can represent that goal, then by cooperating with Father, your family

can inherit that entire history. Just as Father started out from the era of the individual and moved on to cover and go over the eight stages, to finally hold the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, your family can inherit that, and the start we are making today is the start that belongs to that kind of family. That's what you need to understand. Do you follow? [Yes.]

Seen from this point of view, we can say that the Family Pledge is an oath, or vow, that the families of heaven and earth make in a public way; it is a public pledge. So that is why I'm telling you all to go to your hometowns. That's the first verse: "Our family" has to seek our original homeland and establish the original ideal of creation, the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven, centering on true love. In other words, those central families are you. And at this point, you have to resolve to do just that. You should hold your resolution rally and then represent Heaven, and you can't do that by simply following the ways of the world.

If and when Korea becomes the restored homeland, all our families from across the world have to come here, and then we must undertake the formation of clans and the formation of a nation, starting from the formation of new families that transcend ethnicity. Because that has not yet been achieved, your families have to stand in the core position and initiate this work from the position of core families. This is a very serious undertaking. If someone should go astray or go amiss, Heaven will not simply ignore it or allow things to go unchecked. Already the time when you could simply repent has passed.

In the case of blessed families, the husband and wife live together after they get married, don't they? But that sort of freedom is not what freedom is. This tradition shows just how important it is for blessed families to attend God and God's family, in line with the original will of God. From that close position, they have to prepare a family-level foundation, a clan-level foundation, an ethic foundation upon which God can work. Of course, now we are able to bless all the people, and you here in Korea have to do just that, no matter how hard it may seem. If this opportunity is missed, it will become a problem. They will have to hand their place over to those who come in from overseas. In other words, we are now



moving into the era of a colossal shift. You have to be aware of that point as you attend this ceremony.

We cannot have just anyone here to attend this ceremony. The church directors, who are like the priests, and then the family representatives, and then the peace ambassadors, representing the nation—we have to transcend these three levels of representatives.

So we have to make a new start as parents. And then what? The mother carries out the necessary education. The father establishes and teaches the tradition centering on the love of the realm of Heaven, and then works through the mother. That's why God is not only the parent but also the teacher and guide. Once you become a teacher, you have to establish and raise a family that can take the owner's role. Your families have been floating around like wandering clouds, but now all these things have to find settlement and take root in your families—your families are to be the landing pads. Do you understand what I'm talking about?

Rallies for the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth...! We have to bring this realm down to earth, this is what we have to plant firmly on the ground. And this is why you here on earth have to make this resolution, just as God and the five great saints in the spirit world have done. They made their determination and reported this through their written resolution. Before the True Parents of Heaven and Earth, before the Heavenly Parent and the Earthly Parents, they are making a declaration. They are declaring, "No matter what, we will become a family that establishes the tradition of the Heavenly Kingdom, representing these religions, representing all individuals."

What did Jesus say when he prayed? He prayed in the name of Jesus, of a blessed central family, right? [Yes.] Do you understand? It isn't just some joke or game. This content has the power to go right down to the very marrow of your bones. And that is where it needs to go. The bone marrow is the place where life can be created. So things are going to get even more serious. Don't just do as you please—smoking cigarettes or fooling around. Don't just blurt out words that have no meaning, or the kinds of things that Satan likes people to say. This is what I'm telling you.

That is a difficult way to live, so we have to establish a standard by writing up a constitution that even deals with those kinds of things. Then we have to announce it. The evil world is not capable of doing that, so I am taking responsibility for it all. I am taking responsibility and holding back the tide until we can establish a nation. Because all of you are surrounded by that environment, if you cannot become a family that can live that way or do those things in my place, you will all be washed away. When it becomes autumn in an orchard, when the fruit is ripe and the harvest comes, then the leaves on the trees all fall to the ground and become fertilizer. That's what I'm talking about.

So now, we are entering a time of that kind of crucial reformation. We are entering an era of colossal change and great revolution. And at such a time, we cannot get on by simply relying on our own way of thinking. We cannot simply say "I wish I could do as I like!" From this point on, the era when

we can say to our parents "Please do this or that for me. I want this and that!" has passed. What you do has to conform to heavenly law.

From now on, you need to conform to the law. Kwak Chung-hwan cannot simply come up to me whenever he wants and chat about what suits him. He should come only after he has been called. And it is the same with the blessed families. The time when you could just do what you please is passing. The period of my public life is now passing, and I have to establish the heavenly schedule and program, the constitution and the laws. Before I go, I have to enact all the necessary commandments and precepts so that they can be implemented here on earth.

The spirit world is the unified world—the world of unification. Because I have opened up all the roads and pathways, you will not find hell or paradise or heaven there—because I have built a super highway. So we are getting everything ready—before the Parents go there. The same goes for you. You have to arrange things here on earth and also in the spirit world in the same way, so that you can follow your True Parents. If you don't arrange and put things in order, you'll be unable to follow True Parents. So you have to be absolutely clear that we are really starting things now for sure. This is the real start. Do you understand? [Yes, we do.]

In this sense, the Family Pledge belongs to you; it is *your* Family Pledge. You need to realize that it is a pledge that God has given to your family for the sake of your family. And that is why, when we carried out this recent rally, Jesus and the four great saints with him made the resolution and carried out the rally together.

Your minds and your bodies are divided, aren't they? Well, your rally has to be a unified rally, unified, centering on all your ten senses—your five physical senses plus your five spiritual senses. And your family has to do that, and your clan has to do that, too. You see, what you have to

understand is that we are entering the era when that kind of thing is possible. You understand this, right? [Yes.] This is the reason I asked for representatives of the world to gather here if possible.

So, please keep this in mind, and when you read the Family Pledge, read it with that kind of mindset. You know, you didn't just come here alone; if you are a Kim, then you came here representing all the Kims. The spirit world representatives also offered a greeting, didn't they? You have to bring people that Heaven likes. You must select and bring representatives of nations. Not just anyone should come.

And you need to sort out the situation of your Total Living Offering. It won't be possible for someone with their own possessions to come. Do you understand? [Yes.] Your own knowledge or your own authority or your own money—if you have this kind of thinking, you won't be able to participate. Those things did not exist before the fall. So you have to ignore all those things, put your own self at the center, and firmly establish [settle] a family that can be totally one with God.

Up until now, you have basically just made your families and lived as you've liked. You have even been fighting. But you shouldn't fight. You mustn't fight. A man is not allowed



to hit his wife. So when you have made your new beginning, you have to set up a new way of education. The Cosmic Parents are showing you all the things that have never been taught. That was one source of God's grief—He has never been able to educate His children. And this is what hoondokhae is made to fix; this is the education that God has been longing to share with His children. So keep that in mind, and just be aware that this Family Pledge is very important.

So in order to participate here, you have to be able to write everything you do every day in a diary, and mark each day with an X [bad, not meeting the standard] or with an O [Okay, meeting the standard]. You must be able to be in the position of having 365 days of the year marked O. You need to be able to have that kind of result to be able to come to these occasions. If you can't meet that standard, then the ancestors of that country, all the people who have been forgiven, will be besmirched. That is why the ancestors from the spirit world will not simply let things slide—they will take action, and they will strike. Wherever you go, they will disturb you. All the situations in the spirit world will have to be indemnified beginning with the most difficult kind of lifestyle, the life of a slave. That is the kind of age we are now entering. Do you understand? [Yes.]

That is the kind of important era we are entering, so keep the attitude that "the pledge is *my* pledge," and "the Family Pledge is *my family's* pledge." Make sure you understand that point. And in the future, when you come here, don't just come alone. Coming alone is not an option. Come as a couple, or come in a group of three. If you can manage it, come with three other members of your family....

The church leaders don't have their own possessions, do they? That's exactly how it is with me. I don't own anything. So what is the next thing? Centering on the love of parents, a true father has to become one with a true mother and raise the children. When raising the children, you have to raise sons and daughters who can meet and continue the standard of your own parents' family, because that is the family from which you began. For that reason, children have to follow the way of absolute obedience.

Absolute faith. Absolute love. Absolute obedience.

I know that this is the kind of era we are entering. That's why I'm giving it to you straight today. If you get caught not meeting this standard, it won't matter one iota whether you have lots of land or what position you've held or whatever. It won't help you one bit when you get to the spirit world. None of that means anything. Be fully aware of this. So now we are starting out with the Family Pledge. You will have to be very serious about your pledge, to read the pledge with the kind of heart and mindset that represents history, and with which you can proclaim before the cosmos that this day is the day of determination, of resolution. Do you understand? [Yes, we do.]...

From the individual, to the family, clan, race [ethnic group]... You have to say to yourself: "The providential will has longed for the tradition of Cheon Il Guk, the providential will has long sought for the ideal of Creation. From a posi-

tion that can unite completely with that will, my family will focus and unify the tradition of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience—I will go forward to the nation, to the spirit world, and to the unified, cosmic Kingdom of Heaven."

We have to become the partners of Heaven. We must center on our mental and physical resolve and our conviction based on "one heart, one body, one mindset" to follow the most proper path, the way Heaven wants us to go. I want you to inherit that same tradition standing before the absolute subject, God, standing before the True Parents (who stand as God's object on earth) and standing before the cosmos. I want you to raise your hands as people who have brought to completion the family ideal, the ideal that will not divert from Heaven's will or from True Parents' will. Do you follow?

Repeat after me. Today... [Today...] on the 14th anniversary of Cheon Il Guk!² [on the 14th anniversary of Cheon Il Guk!] we, [we,] the blessed families of heaven and earth! [the blessed families of heaven and earth!] as the family representatives initiating Cheon Il Guk! [as the family representatives initiating Cheon Il Guk!] now after 14 years! [now after 14 years!] will consolidate and prepare for the future [will consolidate and prepare for the future] our clans and our peoples

and the nation and world [our clans and our peoples and the nation and world] and all the things required for this providence! [and all the things required for this providence!]

This is the stance we need to take when we pledge ourselves to this providence. Do you understand? [Yes, we understand.]

Our family pledges! [Our family pledges!] to establish a tradition! [to establish a tradition!] that will not deviate, be at cross-purposes to or go against! [that will not deviate, be at cross-purposes to or go against!] the well-being of our nation or of our descendants for a thousand generations! [the well-being of our nation or of our descendants for a thousand generations!] We will transcend! [We will transcend!] even absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience! [even absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience!], and head towards [and head towards!] the ideal of unification and ideal of creation

[the ideal of unification and ideal of creation!] which dedicates the new individual, the new family, the new clan and people and nation and world and cosmos! [which dedicates the new individual, the new family, the new clan and people and nation and world and cosmos!] to the Cosmic Parents! [to the Cosmic Parents!]

Put all this in the record. [Yes.] At this point in time, you cannot simply live carelessly or according to your own desire. Today marks the day which True Parents have decided on as the start-out day, the starting point. The family represents the foundation for settlement, upon which we can pass through the standard based on the new constitution, based on the different laws. That foundation for settlement isn't found in the nation, nor in the clan.... For that reason, we must think, "In my family, we will manifest absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. We will create that kind of family, a family that has no shame in front of the realm of God's all-tran-



At the Pledge Ceremony, Father appointed Rev. Kwak's family to be the representative family for all the world's blessed families; he later had everyone pledge in unison to fulfill the ideals of Cheon Il Guk

² In his prayer, Father expressed that *Segye Tongil Guk* ("Nation of the Unified World") – the opening of which was declared October 3, 1988–represented *Cheon Il Guk*.

scendent, omnipresent, supreme and omnipotent being." We must have that kind of thinking in everything we do.

And now that you have made this determination, you have to return to the satanic world and live with that kind of standard, a standard that makes other people say, "Those people went to Korea and came back very different." Don't do anything that will bring you into unity with the satanic world. Don't even play or take amusement with the satanic world. We have to become the masters, the owners who can establish the tradition of our own nation, the nation of Cheon Il Guk. That's the resolution I'm asking you to make, do you understand? [Yes.]

If you have a spare handkerchief or something, wrap a piece of this anniversary cake up, take it home with you and put it somewhere safe, somewhere where you keep your precious possessions. After you have a taste, of course. Keep it as a treasure you can leave for your descendants. Leave it as a keepsake of the time you shared this cake here with heaven and earth.

If you take this kind of material blessing to your house, and if you love and respect it as a memento of blessing and prosperity for your sons and daughters and descendants, then that standard, that respect becomes a condition in itself by which you can mobilize all your ancestors in the spirit world. You'll be establishing the condition that they attended this ceremony. Do you understand? [Yes, we understand.] You really need to do that....

Don't just steal things to eat in the satanic world, okay? And don't swindle anyone just to earn your keep. You have to perspire and bleed and shed tears to raise your children, you know. There is nothing else that Heaven desires. So should you live well, or live in suffering? From the point of view of society, it means the most difficult living circumstances due to having offered ourselves totally as a living offering....

As I have brought everything together and accomplished everything, I must go to the place of liberation. Haven't I arrived there? [Yes.] I have given you the special authority of liberation through which you can fully settle and live with God. This is the Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth. It is really an amazing thing that we have come to the realm where we can all live together with True Parents. If you make a mistake here, you'll have to pay indemnity thousands of times greater than the indemnity Adam had to pay. I won't give any attention to that kind of follower in the future. If someone falls, it would be better if they had no descendants. That's how serious the matter is.

Father's Speech at the Commemorative Service

WHAT new resolution should we make? God has only one mind. He has nothing but one heart, one body and one mindset. With one heart, one body and one mindset God created all things in the universe. For whom did God create all things in the universe? For mankind. The momentous conclusion is that we must be the owners of the earthly realm who bring to fruition the path of filial children, loyal citizens, saints and holy sons and daughters of God whose hearts resemble His.

The Chinese character for Cheon (heaven), is made of two Chinese characters, the one for the number "two" and the one for "person." Cheon Il Guk is the nation in which

two people become one. It is the nation in which subject and object become one, mind and body become one, father and son become one, husband and wife become one, and elder brother and younger brother become one! Whether from the east, west, or south, two people must initiate love according to the great principle of heaven and earth, which is the beginning point of 360 degrees.

If we look centering on God and True Parents, it is the same from all 360 degrees. If we establish all 360 degrees, then because we are people who have subjective character like God's, we can be like God and True Parents, that is, from all 360 degrees—even from a diametrically opposite position. We have to settle in a world where every degree of the 360 degrees resembles God and True Parents. This is God's ideal of creation. The purpose of the history of the providence of salvation, which is the providence of recreation, is to realize such a world. We all can have God's heart. We can live together with God wherever we are. It doesn't matter whether we are in the east, west or south;...we can live together with God as long as we are one in heart, body and mindset with Him. Do you understand? [Yes.] Say it! One heart, one body, one mindset! [One heart, one body, one mindset!] One heart, one body and one mindset centering on true love is not God's own self-centered idea. It means repeatedly investing for the sake of others with one heart, one body and one

mindset. If the position of the parent is that of the subject, giving love based upon the principle of "one heart, one body, one mindset" over thousands or tens of thousands of years, everything can be equalized.

It is not individuals but families that have to be perfected in all degrees, in a complete circle, as the owners of the existing world. Do you understand? There are parents and children as well as elder and younger siblings. Those two parties must have the same value. The higher party must raise the lower party to the point where they are equal and things have leveled out between them. The higher

party must be willing to accept the lower party.

If you have a father who's very different in personality from you, you must center yourself on the ideal and be willing to accept your father and be of benefit to him. Only then, can your relationship with your father generate circular motion. Any circular movement can gradually reach its limit and stop. To make the circular motion eternal, you must invest your energy strongly enough to make the circle spin continuously, by going beyond the critical point in your investment. Just as God has invested and forgotten how much He has done for us, we must return without limit the limitless love we have received.

As my father's personality and responsibilities are different from mine, I should invest myself to be of benefit to my father because I am connected to the power that teaches me to repay what I have been given. I must invest myself to be of benefit to the whole, completing the circle. The circle should be in perpetual motion to maintain its existence. God doesn't have anything; He has given everything He has. What we have received from God should grow here to an extent equal to that which it grows in heaven. Looking at it from all 360 degrees, everything should be equal. Parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters must be one at the center. Eventually, they should all be one at the root of the heart of the love of all things.

Fourteen years have passed and we are now celebrating



the 15th occasion of historic Kae Cheon II, which signifies a broad conclusion [of the providence] and a new step forward. But how should we prepare for it? Based on what Kae Cheon II signifies, your families should add something positive to the inheritance you have received on the foundation I have established. It means that you should be better than your ancestors. Parents want their children to be better than themselves. Elder brothers want their younger brothers to be better than themselves. Wives want their husbands to be better than themselves. Based on that very principle, in order to find the perfect foundation, you must be a benefit to the foundation you have received from your parents. If you are motivated by the love of God, you must establish families with the heart of God at their center, so as to eventually create tribes and a world belonging to God through expanding that family ideal.

By the same principle, that which has been a moving force for a myriad of years is still capable of molding the future vertically and horizontally for eternity. It moves the world eternally. With that in mind, you should always create one heart, one body, and one mindset when you interact with your elders. Your elders expect you to be of one heart, one body and one mindset with them when you are with them. You should receive everything of theirs 100 percent, and return something additional that you have created.

So it is absolutely logical that when one owes someone, he has to pay his debt.

Do you understand? [Yes.] Am I right? [Yes.] When a person comes to Sutaek-ri in Korea to celebrate a holy day and to meet True Parents after having made a sincere foundation of heart by blessing his relatives and other people he knows, I

am responsible to return something of greater value to him than what he has brought to me.

Because I must motivate people and inspire them to be devoted and giving, I have to return something more valuable to people who have come after having made sacrifices. If you owe something to someone, do you want to return something good or bad to him? [We want to return something good.] Are you sure? [Yes!] Those who are absolutely sure of that, raise your hands. If you are such people, you deserve to be true parents, true wives and true elder and younger brothers in your homes. You also deserve to be leaders of true-family tribes. If you have lived a public life with that principle in mind from the beginning of your lives to the end, then to the end of your earthly life and in the spirit world, you could surely be sons and daughters of liberation that are naturally able to transcend national boundaries.

We have to become one in heart [with God]. Say "One heart (*Il-shim*)" [*One heart.*] *Il-shim* means *Il Ma-um*.³ One body (*Il chae*)! [*One body!*] Mind and body have to be one, vertically and horizontally and front and back. One heart and one body; and next is thought (*saeng-gak*). One thought (*saeng-gak*), one mindset (*nyeom*), means one thought (*hana-eui saeng-gak*). The

Chinese character for *nyeom* means "today's mind."

What is the most fearful human organ? What problems can arise from that organ when you stand in God's court in the heavenly nation? In God's court, you'll be asked whether or not you lived as your own primary owner or whether you lived your life as though you were owned by your spouse. You'll be asked whether you were the first or second owner of yourself....

Male and female, subject and object are supposed to be one. If you oppose that, you are violating heavenly law. That's why a bride and her groom should make an oath in front of the heavenly law: "I will offer all of myself to my spouse for eternity!" You must swear an oath and keep it. It is a matter of having one mindset. Keep that in mind; from today you must begin with new resolve....

When the time of the great upheaval comes on the road of the dispensation, everything will be turned upside down. A grandfather will be like a grandson. A father will be like a son. An elder brother will be like a younger brother. Things that no one ever imagined in all of history will become real in front of your eyes. That's why all the doors must be open and I am opening those doors. There will be a great upheaval.

What's today? It's Kae Cheon II [literally: the day of the opening of heaven], isn't it? We're opening heaven. Think about it. Remember—one heart, one body, one mindset! Do

you understand? [Yes.] The seed of an ideal family is the seed from which an ideal nation and world grows. Where does such a seed originate? It originates in a family. A president of a nation is born into a family, isn't he? [Yes.] A king is born into a

family, too, isn't he? [Yes.] Everyone's origin is the same. You must remember that.

God's plan of "one heart, one body, one mindset" could not become an entrenched reality. You must try to realize this, in place of Adam and Eve, by achieving a perfect standard. You can directly communicate with God if you have the same heart wherever you are—above, below, in the east, in the west or on any other of the 360 degrees of a circle and at whatever stage you are at—from the level of the individual to that of the world. Sons and daughters of the ideal unified world that are one in heart, body and mindset [with God] are without a doubt princes and princesses.

You must all go over the new mountain pass today on Kae Cheon II. Starting from the day you register as people of the heavenly nation, you must change your life. You must have a new mind, a new body and new thinking so as to become families that eternally inherit the realm of peace and expand it. Those who have made up your minds to do so should stand up. As you stand, you should all raise both of your arms and make a pledge before God that can never be forgotten! [Amen!] (applause) ♦



³*Ma-um* (the word *Divine Principle* uses for "mind" in defining man's dual nature) also carries the meaning of heart, and indicating the centers of thought, feeling and will). In one heart, one body, one mindset – *Il shim*, *Il chae*, *Il nyeom*

(ì œ½••, ì œÄº, ì œ³ %) – "shim" denotes the aspect of heart more than mind, but includes both. *Today's World* chose to use the word "mindset" for *nyeom* as it suggests a focusing of the thoughts.

The First Resolution Rallies

How they unfolded and what they signified

SPECIAL RALLIES for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth were held on October 16 in Sutaek-ri for those in Seoul and the surrounding areas, and on October 20 in Asan (Sun Moon University campus) for those living in other regions of South Korea. These events were held not only for Family Federation members but also for leaders in society.

Some four thousand people, including hundreds of Ambassadors for Peace, clan leaders and local district government leaders, attended the first rally at the Central Training Center at Sutaek-ri. The rally was held to expand the realm of liberation of the spirit world, to unify heaven and earth and to push forward the complete establishment of Cheon Il Guk. Although it was a weekday, members and guests completely filled the auditorium.

In his opening address, Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, International President of IIFWP, said that the rally was not simply to harmonize a nation or the world but to promote harmony and unity between heaven and earth; therefore, it was a most historic occasion. He introduced the accomplishments of True Parents and quoted the testimony of one scholar who had said, "What Rev. Moon has done for world peace as an individual is equivalent to fifty years of UN work."

Following this, Rev. Kim Hyo-yul (Rev. Peter Kim), special assistant to True Parents, read messages from the spirit world. After the reading, the Venerable Kim Kwang-tae, director of general affairs for the Beobhwa Buddhist denomination, asked the audience to stand, and everyone followed as he read out the Resolution for the Realization of World Peace. After a recitation of the Family Pledge, True Parents came onto the stage. True Father's main address was *God's Fatherland and the One World*, which he had first given on September 22 at the IIFWP Convocation in New York.

In his extemporaneous comments, Father emphasized the historic importance of the rallies for the Harmony

and Unity of Heaven and Earth and that individuals and families must unite to establish a nation of peace. He said, "We are responsible to restore the original blood lineage that was taken by Satan, but religions up to now have not fulfilled their responsibilities...Now, the founders of four great religions, religious leaders and good ancestors in the spirit world can work with us freely through the liberation and unification of the spirit world. Everyone here should therefore feel a sense of responsibility in promoting this." In addition, he expressed that everyone, "must be



active in his or her community, achieving a breakthrough on the grassroots level of society¹ to foster unity between South and North Korea and world peace." He exhorted everyone to seriously address this task.

After the rally, participants held a special ceremony to burn a valued personal possession in a special fire that had been prepared. The meaning of the Holy Burning Ceremony for the Peace, Unity and Liberation of Heaven and Earth was the purging of all past wrongdoings and the making of a new beginning in life in this era of Cheon Il Guk. Its purpose

was to engender a change of consciousness within each person through leaving the past behind and inheriting a sense of ownership as citizens of God's kingdom.

The second of the two rallies was held at Sun Moon University's main campus in Asan, on October 20 (photos). Twelve thousand members, leaders of church-affiliated organizations and Ambassadors for Peace participated. Father once again gave his official speech as at the first rally.

In the wake of these events, instructions for the holding of family level resolution rallies were sent worldwide.

True Parents celebrated the success of these two events at their Hannam-dong residence at 5:00 AM the following day, October 21. Father stated that everyone should now make a proper new beginning from that day forward, based on the original standard.

He also said that we had been prepared through the ceremonies for the return of the oceans, the return of the land, the return of the cosmos, the return of Adam's four great realms of heart and the proclamation of the age of the realm of the fourth Adam. Now, we are in the position of making a living offering of the past, present and future, therefore, we must all be owners of true love, true life, true lineage, true people, true nations, the true world, true heaven and earth and true God.

In his report on the same occasion, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo offered helpful guidance on the providential significance of the rallies:



The month of October is a significant month: it marks Father's liberation from the Heungnam prison camp in North Korea as well as his release from Seodaemun Prison in South Korea. The 1988 Seoul Olympics [which concluded in October] ushered in the spirit of liberation for the Communist Bloc, and this year's Asian Games² [held in October] spontaneously fostered a reconciliatory mood between North and South Korea.

Photos: top to bottom, Rev. Peter Kim, Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, Rev. Lee Jeong-hoon (Christian pastor)

¹ In Korea, Father is currently emphasizing *Tong Ban Gyeok Pa*, breaking through in the Tong and Ban local administration units—community and neighborhood (see Father's speech, August 2002 issue)

At the conclusion of the rallies was the Holy Burning Ceremony. It signified that Unification family members should be owners of the new heaven and new earth, and people of the new nation, God's fatherland, with a new awareness of the culture of heart.

Through this event, the messages from the spirit world are now rooted on the earth. (Father interjected that that was in fact the purpose of the event.) At the rally for Seoul and the surrounding areas, 778 Ambassadors for Peace attended. At the southern rally, there were 1,918.

At prior events, when the messages from the spirit world were read, our staff members were usually very apprehensive about the audience's response. This time, however, they were not nervous, as the participating Ambassadors for Peace were very positive and readily assimilated our ideas. It appeared that the unity of heaven

and earth was actually taking place. As the Ambassadors for Peace recited the Family Pledge without any hesitation, we could see how people in the Cain realm could naturally be assimilated into the Abel realm.

Everything True Parents initiated culminated in the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God on January 13, 2001. In July, they hosted rallies for the Settlement of God's Fatherland in twelve different locations leading up to Father's invitational address to the Korean National Assembly on July 13. In November and December, Father and Mother spoke at the rallies for the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity. This culminated in Father's visiting the Blue House³ and meeting the President of Korea in February 2002. On June 21, the Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth was conducted to restore the number six that had been taken by Satan, eighteen

made the tie between the spiritual and physical worlds and set the stage for us all to make resolutions here on earth.

True Parents have fully discharged their responsibilities. They have set the standard. It is clear that we have moved from the age of the parents' responsibility to the age of the children's responsibility—our responsibility.

Beginning with the resolution rallies for the harmony and unity of heaven and earth and the holy burning ceremonies, it is now all up to us. We must henceforth take full responsibility.

In closing, True Father said that members must see clearly that the age has come for us to carry out the work of the providence while having a complete understanding of the spiritual and physical realms. We must have the mindset of being the ones to shape the new age on our own.◆



and earth was actually taking place.

Just as, in the spirit world, representatives of the five great religions have testified to the True Parents from the position of children, we must be ready to do the same on the earth. Ven. Kim Kwang-tae, representing the Beobhwa Buddhist sect at the Seoul rally, and Rev. Lee Jeong-hoon [a Christian minister in Seoul] representing Christianity at the rally in Asan, thus confidently testified to True Parents being the Messiah through their leading of the recitation of the resolution.

These rallies also universalized the Family Pledge. The conditions have been set to create the culture of heart of God's

months after the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God (18 = 3 x 6). True Parents thus passed through three stages and then declared the *Realm of Life of the Unity and Completed Settlement of Parents of Heaven and Earth* on August 5 at a members meeting called in the early hours of the morning. This proclamation launched True Mother's speaking tours under that theme in Korea, Japan and America, in the months of August and September.

The Leaders' Resolution Rallies for World Peace—public events held first in Korea—fell within the same period. These rallies constituted the seventh stage that

If there is one lofty task that the United Nations can perform for the sake of humankind, it would be to contribute to humanity's spiritual recovery on the foundation of God's true love.

For this purpose, I have chosen leaders of good conscience from not only the religious field but also from government, philosophy, business, culture and other fields, and provided true love education that teaches living life for the sake of others. On this foundation, I have already appointed tens of thousands of Ambassadors for Peace.

— From Father's main address

² Some 9,900 athletes representing 44 member teams participated in the 14th Asian Games, held in Busan from September 29 to October 14. A North Korean squad of nearly 400 athletes, spurred on by a 150-member marching band and a 130 strong all-woman cheerleading squad—which slept in a boat anchored off Busan and garnered more publicity than the

athletes—took part. It marked the first time the North Korean flag was officially hoisted in South Korea and the first official occasion that the North Korean National Anthem was played there.

³ The Blue House, named for its blue-tiled roof, is where the South Korean president lives and works.

Reflections on the Second Advent

Principle Workshop for Clergy
October 21-26, 2002



From a report Michael Jenkins gave on True Parents' efforts to reach out to and work with clergy of other faiths in America.

THE American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) was launched with the support of 120 Christian leaders at Cheong Pyeong in Korea, under the guidance of Heung-jin nim and Daemo nim. Many of the Christian leaders visiting Cheong Pyeong at that time had profound experiences with the spirit world. Father presented each of these founding 120 leaders with a gold watch. He personally selected the model of the special watch because it represented a bond of heart between himself and the ministers. I could feel Father's love by the fact that he took time over his choice and was unwilling to compromise on the quality.

When last year's fifty-state speaking tour began, it seemed Father was truly ready to die. We were worried because of the physical stress on Father. But Father was absolute, sweating and giving his whole heart each night as he gave his message on God's ideal, the fall of man, the blessing and the mission of Christianity. After the speech in Boston, as he got into the elevator he collapsed against the wall and had to be assisted. In Seattle, Father was sick and he could hardly speak, yet he continued relentlessly. That night he was so unwell that he could not sleep. His response was a four-hour hoondokhae the next morning.

Then the media became so

positive. In state after state we saw supportive headlines. And the Christian ministers were standing with Father—taking the position of John the Baptist.

Then, the campaign in America to bless 144,000 clergy with holy wine came this year. On that foundation, Father officiated a blessing ceremony for 144,000 clergy couples. The activities were organized by the ACLC. This was a crucial condition for God's providence. Korean national messiahs together with Japanese sister missionaries and American members achieved the goal. The Japanese missionaries went to every church, large or small. They had no barriers or preconceived concepts. Often the ministers could not understand what the sisters were saying. Our sisters would offer the holy wine, and say simply, "Please drink!" The day after the 144,000 Clergy

Couples Blessing (held April 27), Father announced that the condition had been fulfilled.

Since last year's fifty-state tour, many Christian leaders have begun to unite with Father. More blessing ceremonies for religious leaders have followed the initial one in April. This year saw the publication of *Clouds of Witnesses*, testimonies from the spirit world to Father being the Messiah. Such content is very difficult for Christians to accept, but now they have been having experiences with the holy wine in ceremonies held in their churches, and have seen that marriages within their congregations are being saved. Rev. Levi Daugherty [vice president of FFWPU in America] related one experience he had at a church during one such ceremony: A man was standing on his own. Rev. Daugherty asked him to bring his wife to the front with him. They drank the holy wine, first she and then he. Then he began to cry. Rev. Daugherty asked, "Why are you crying?" The man explained that up to that moment he had been planning to leave his wife that very day, and had even packed his bags and put them in the car.

The rumor began to circulate that the holy wine has power. The core ACLC clergy became confident in its use.

Father instructed that the September 14 blessing had to be interreligious, bringing together Muslims and Christians, which it did—to the point that some realized





Father's unique accomplishment in the religious sphere. Many Christians have begun to hear about the blessings and the Islamic world has started to respect Father for his work for the sake of Islam, and to bring Islam and Christianity together. One Imam from Detroit, for example, covered the blessing ceremony in his own group's magazine. Following the September 14 bless-

ing, Christian ministers have organized their own witnessing efforts, and have gone out to promote the blessing to other Christian leaders. The *Clouds of Witnesses* testimonies caused Christian leaders who read them to struggle deeply—but we continued to proclaim their truth, and more and more ministers have come to believe them. We recently held a Principle work-

shop for ministers in Ocean City, Maryland, where many ministers were brought to tears. In the past, when we taught the fall of man, ministers would get upset—but this time they stood up and applauded. The spirit world has changed so much. Overall, 80 percent of the workshop participants came to believe that Father is the Messiah. ♦ *More information is available on related*

Excerpts from letters written to Father at the conclusion of the workshop

Dear Dr. Rev. Sun Myung Moon,
I thank God for allowing you to know Him so that others may know Him through you. I am convinced that your vision and the unification of churches and movement for world peace are from God. I can see the reflection of God's hand in your work.
Thank you for inspiring me and for allowing me to belong to this movement, ACLC.

Father Moon,
This letter comes from one that for 25 years fought your movement. I could not believe that someone who did not speak my tongue could come to my land and do so much.
So, for many years, I fought trying to maintain my denominational and traditional training. But, after 33 years of preaching the Gospel of Jesus, my life was still missing something. So I began to ask God about my ministry—still no answer; then on Feb. 13, 2002, I lost my Father who was a pastor in Virginia for 50 years. My mother died seven years earlier on the same day, Feb. 13. Then, when I lost my father, I began to receive a message from spirit world. He said to me "Rev. Moon can help you." ...
So, now, I want to be the Paul for the

Messiah of the Second Advent, please forgive me and I ask that you bless me. I have lost much for my stand. All I have now really is my faith. Here I am, Father, all I can do, I'll do. Please bless my ministry so that I can continue to do the work of God.
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Father,
How can mere words express all that is in my heart and all that the spirit has shown me? I will never forget seeing you in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the 50-city speaking tour. It was the night that the lights went out. When the light came back on, you looked directly in my eyes. I know that you know my heart. That is where all things are expressed. Words cannot say all that is in the heart. Yes, I would have died for you. Yes, I will die for you.
Thank you Mother for sharing your breakfast food with me. I do not know why God loves me so much. Thank you True Parents. I love you. I pray that my efforts can be received by God.
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Dear Dr. Moon,
I Praise God for you, for your revelations, and what you shared with myself, a two-year member of ACLC. Prior to now I had no idea about the full concept

of ACLC and true values. Even though I signed on board, not having clear revelation, nonetheless my spirit encouraged me to keep on keeping on.
This past week has given me new insight into who you are, what and whom you believe in, and what you are doing. I'm glad to have the opportunity to attend the seminar on Divine Principle for clergy in Ocean City, MD, October 21-26, 2002. I praise God for your kindness and generosity. I would love to be able to spend time in the institute for theology and then some time with you, God willing.
I ask that you, pray God, unite me with a truly good man, inspired of God, a True Parent to our family, and head of our family and church. I praise God for your vision and leadership. I pray God gives you and Mother Moon long life, longer than another twenty years. I pray that God blesses your family and your ministries going on around the world. I pray the movement moves like fire and a mighty rushing wind.
I thank God for your insight in the people you've put in positions of leadership for the ongoing organizations. My prayers will be with you, your wife, and your family. May God bless you and yours always. □

A Matching of Families



Two families joined together through the matching explain how they received God's guidance

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The Interreligious and International Blessing and Rededication Ceremony, held at the Manhattan Center in New York on September 14, was the third major blessing ceremony True Parents have officiated this year.

Against that backdrop, the Kiely family and the Uruga family tell their story, which they hope will be of encouragement to the many other families who sooner or later will be following a similar path.

Michael and Maria Kiely

Spring Valley, N.Y., U.S.A.

TRUE FATHER'S direction last year that blessed couples match their own children created a bewildering dilemma for us blessed parents. The matching, once the exclusive purview of True Parents, suddenly became an inter-family affair. Over the past six years, I have spent most of my time away from America. I have been the "Senior Adviser" to the FFWPU in Nigeria. Maria, my wife, has worked intensely as an elementary school teacher to maintain our family financially and to help fund our work in Africa.

We knew nothing about our kids' contemporaries; we were not confident of our children's trust in us; and we wondered if our connection to Heaven was solid enough for us to engage in such a vertical task as absolute and eternal as matchmaking. In short, we worried whether our choices could possibly correspond to those of Heaven.



Accepting and embracing the matching by True Parents had already been an act of faith for our older second-generation children and for us, but now allowing their parents to choose a match was quite another matter. It demanded an even greater act of faith and considerable trust. It tested their belief in our connection to True Parents and spoke volumes about the depth of their confidence in and love for us.

Few second-generation children had ever had a conversion experience as we first generation members all had had when we joined the Unification movement. Rather, our kids had been nurtured and raised on the Unification Principle and with True Parents. Now as young adults having been reared in a secular, sexualized culture with competing ideas, they sometimes struggled with both the Principle and True Parents. Sometimes, too, their respect for and trust in us had become casualties of that struggle.

A third challenge we faced was that we ourselves lacked confidence in our own ability to make good choices. We had heard True Father speak often about how he matched physiognomies and destinies, but when faced with the need to apply his guidance, we felt incompetent to do so.

In sum, the matching became an intimidating project which we tended to put on a back burner. It languished at the bottom of our To-Do list as other

non-blessing-related, more comfortable tasks took precedence. During 2001, Kotun had spoken to us a number of times about going to the blessing. For months Maria in the United States and I in Nigeria communicated by e-mail and web phone about matching Kotun, but we had done nothing substantial about it. Nor had we taken any action during my infrequent visits home. As the blessing approached, however, we felt increasingly that we should give this important matter the priority attention it deserved. So, on my return from Nigeria to the United States in late January of this year, we decided to act.

We sensed we were in a situation similar to that of Joshua inheriting the mantle and power from Moses. Because True Father had given us this direction, we did feel that if we invested wholeheartedly despite our limitations, we would receive the guidance and help we needed beyond those limitations to accomplish the task. We also sensed that Heaven would be actively engaged in every step of the process.

In gathering information, if we were able or unable to reach the family of a candidate by phone, or able or unable by other means to obtain information about him after a reasonable effort, then this was the hand of destiny. Whatever happened was neither positive nor negative; it was simply Heaven's will, and we accepted it as such and flowed with the process.

In our search, we further felt it was preferable not to look for a handsome,

pleasant, smart, well-connected or otherwise attractive brother. We prepared ourselves, rather, to choose even an ugly, poor or awkward husband if he otherwise fulfilled the criteria of complementarity and of offering an opportunity for dispensational restoration in relation to Kotun, and if we felt guided to select him for our daughter.

It seemed important to ask whether there was the potential for dispensational restoration in this relationship for both of them and perhaps for some larger whole that they represented by birth, ethnicity or upbringing, either individually or together. One other criterion we did feel was important was that he speak English. Knowing full well that True Father has historically often matched couples with no common language, we felt nonetheless that an inability to communicate by language was too much of a burden to place on their blessing.

We spoke with CARP and STF leaders, local youth ministers, other parents, older second-generation members, pastors and anyone who might be able to give us information about second-generation members, including those who had not attended a blessing workshop yet. Kotun felt that now was the time she should make her offering, and I also did not know how soon I would be back in the States again. It was clear to us that this was the time we had available to us, and it became increasingly apparent as we pursued this matching process that Heaven agreed.

Our son, Yung Kwang, and our other daughter, Inmay, produced an initial long list of names of possible candidates. Kotun also contributed to the list, but was careful only to provide factual information about possible candidates. She insisted that we make the final choice and refused time and again to express her opinion or feelings about any potential spouse we discussed with her. She was adamant about not influencing the choice at all and determined, in this way, to fully follow True Father's standard for the matching.

As a family we pored over our long list. Some brothers were physically too short or too young; most had not even applied for the blessing and had not completed the blessing workshop, though these last were not absolute criteria for us. We gradually developed a short list and began to call families and central figures for more detailed information.

Our search took us to a candidate on

the European website of second-generation blessing candidates, but after several weeks, he had not fulfilled all the requirements to go to the blessing. We also considered a Japanese second-generation brother whose father was an 1800 couple who spoke English. We did not know whether the son spoke English or not.

In reviewing our long list to be sure we had not left any stone unturned, we found Noriyuki Uruga, whom we had not initially considered. I don't remember why he had not made it to our short list initially, but we decided we had had no adequate reason to exclude him; so, we included him on our semi-final list of six candidates.

We then called each of the families. Four of them we could not reach—or the parents excluded their sons as not being ready for the blessing. This was worrisome because it looked as if we might end up with an empty list. We could only surmise that this was Heaven's way of helping us make this difficult choice. Only two candidates remained—the Japanese 1800 family in Japan and the Urugas in Israel.

We had several phone conversations with the father of the Japanese candidate in Japan. He seemed quite serious about the blessing as restoration. The father spoke English well, but his son

have a solid restoration course to follow between America and Japan. Perhaps this was the one whom Heaven had in mind for Kotun.

Our last call was to the Urugas in Israel. When Masahiro-san, Nori's father, came on the line, he and I both felt a special energy and a presence between us; someone was eavesdropping, and it was not a wiretap!

I told Masahiro-san we were looking for a spouse for Kotun and wanted to talk to him about the possibility of his son Nori as that spouse. We

exchanged information and spoke for perhaps ten minutes. Both of us, we each learned later from the other, sensed this was the end of our search. He, too, had been searching and praying for a spouse for Nori. Other parents had approached him a number of times with photos of their daughters, but he had not felt there was a match and had turned them down. Now without a photo of Kotun in hand, he sensed that this was the bride God wanted for Nori. At the end of our call Masahiro said, "Heaven was with us during this call" or words to that effect. I thought so, too. We both sensed we had found our future in-laws. Maria, my wife, and Mieko, Masahiro's wife, agreed; we all felt we had reached the end of our search, and the photos we subsequently exchanged only confirmed our feeling. Together we had

shared an apparent spiritual experience, and we were all humbled by this warm and special presence. In that moment we experienced firsthand that we were not alone as we faced the challenge of matching our blessed children.

Nori and Kotun's match offered a number of opportunities for restoration, too. Nori's family is Japanese; our family is American and European (Maria is from the Czech Republic). That provided opportunities for East-West restoration and Mother-Son cooperation. Also, Nori was born in Israel and Kotun, in Tunisia. That combination offered a framework for Israeli-Arab restoration and Christian-Moslem restoration. It was clear that this match offered a comprehensive package of restoration potential!

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was not as fluent. Nonetheless, we were impressed with the simple goodness and warmth of the father. This sounded like a good family, and Kotun clearly would



True Family members are present at the Blessing Ceremony; here, the benediction is given



Noriyuki and Kotun affirm their Blessing Vows

matching with Nori and Kotun. Then the two of them, without even speaking with each other, accepted the match. Maria and I offered details of the matching along with photos for church approval to the leader of our region, Rev. Kim Dong-woo, who presented the photos to Rev. Yang Chang-shik, the North American continental director. Quite unexpectedly for us, Rev. Yang presented Nori and Kotun's photos to True Parents one morning at East Garden, and they approved the matching. Rev. Yang said they were "very happy" with the match.

We had had no idea this would happen; we did not anticipate it or expect it, but when it happened, we were overjoyed. What had been a precious family-to-family experience had suddenly been elevated to a new providential level by True Parents' attention and approval.

Our matching process was not complete in time for the February 16 blessing; we were told that second-generation couples had not been invited to participate in the April 27 blessing; and the day after the July 3 blessing, Nori had an important college entrance exam to take in Israel. That meant they would have to wait until the next blessing in February 2003 to be blessed—that was, until True Father announced an earlier blessing, for September 14 in Manhattan.

What we did not realize at first was that their couple was a perfect match by birthplace for the theme of the blessing: Christian—Moslem unity. It seems that Heaven had matched Nori and Kotun with this particular blessing event in mind.

The blessing was spectacular with fiery prayers by blessed Christian pastors and Moslem leaders, and a Moslem—Christian newly blessed couple.

During a weeklong visit with us, as two original missionary families whom True Father had sent out in 1975, we reminisced about our Mediterranean adventures.

It became apparent that if Heaven can work through us—as we are convinced it did in this matching—it can work through any family where there is a receptive foundation for it. All we brought to the process was a conviction that if True Father said we should do it, then we could do it. Like the Israeli priests in Exodus arriving at the bank of the Jordan River, all we had to do was step into the water—for us, the challenge of the matching. We had to take that step with the conviction of the authority we had been given as blessed parents empowered by True Parents to match our children. Then the path through the water would be opened before us—as indeed it was. As it turned out, our job was simple and straight forward; Heaven did the hard part.♦

Masahiro and Mieko Uruga

Jerusalem, Israel

IN February 2002, I received a surprise telephone call from America, from Michael Kiely. I was intrigued by how he had found out about Nori, who had not yet attended a blessing workshop. Michael told me that through the STF office he had come to know about Nori and our family. It was quite touching for me to witness how God was working in this mysterious way. Michael said he wanted to follow Father's tradition and was looking for an international spouse for his daughter. I was so moved by his first words to me on the phone, because I was thinking in exactly the same way and looking for a spouse for Nori in America.

A few weeks before Michael's first call to us in Israel, I had been at Cheong Pyeong to participate in a blessed husbands' workshop. I met many close friends there, most of whom had brought pictures of their children of blessing age to share with other families in search of possible spouses. I saw a number of pictures, but they just didn't click in my mind—maybe because all of them were Japanese, and I could not imagine any possibility of spiritual development for a Japanese—Japanese couple.

One of our lecturers at the workshop told us if we were suffering or had a particular problem, we should go to the special prayer temple and ask for help with it. At that time, one of my main prayers was about finding a good spouse for my son. Through the prayer, I came to realize that God was even more seriously looking for spouses for all of the second-generation members than were the parents themselves. I understood my responsibility was to look for someone whom God was thinking about.

When Michael called us, I felt something deeply good in my heart. At that moment, all that I was praying and wishing for my son started to be realized. Michael's daughter was an American in her second year of STF. Her parents had overseas experience as original missionaries. I had not set my mind on such a background, but somehow God gave me such a comfortable way, which I could easily accept!

After Michael sent us Kotun's photo, I said to my wife, "That's it!" In just a few hours after his call, my wife and I made some very important decisions for our son. No doubt because we were thinking and suffering in the past few years,

when the right moment came, we were ready for it, and it happened quickly. We deeply felt God's guidance in this matching.

After Mieko and I had made up our minds, I called my son in America to tell him of our decision and ask him for his reaction.

For a moment, he was completely silent on the phone. Then he said, "Well, she is a good person." Then I asked him what he felt about our proposal. He thought a bit more about it and then agreed. About a week later, we confirmed with Michael that Kotun had also accepted the matching. That same day at Michael's suggestion, I called Kotun. I was a little bit nervous in the beginning, but after I talked with her, all my worries were gone. She was so sweet and gave us so much comfort. I asked her if she could accept Nori. She told me clearly, "Yes!" I felt our ancestors were so happy to welcome her!

During the seven-month period, we often exchanged e-mail with Michael and his wife, Maria. It was a loving and caring experience for both families. They invited our second son, Yoshi, to their home to stay when he had no place to go during a one-week vacation from STF. They told us their home was always our home. Kotun sent a letter and a small gift to each one of our children. Our hearts became so close to each other on a family level. And of course, more than anything else, it was so joyful to see Nori and Kotun calling each other. I came to understand that the blessing was not just for two people but for two families and two different groups of ancestors to rejoice together. ♦

Noriyuki Uruga (son)

Tel Aviv, Israel

AFTER completing two and half years on STF, I had a chance to go to a blessing workshop. I discussed the possibility with my parents, but we decided that it was better for me not to go at that time, because I had to focus on being accepted for university studies. My parents felt it was better for me not to be matched right away. As a result, I was not at all focused on the blessing.

A couple of weeks after we had that discussion, my father called me to say that he was thinking of matching me! Well, it was kind of shock because my mind was not geared up for that at all. My father told me on the phone that he was asked by an American family about the possibility of matching. As it turned out, the sister the family proposed as a match for me was a person whom I knew pretty well. We had worked together in the same team on STF....

Our blessing ceremony turned out to be quite special for Kotun and me. During the ceremony we were able to relate personally with True Parents. All the newly matched couples received their blessing rings directly from them, and we were just in front of True Parents when they gave the benediction and throughout much of the rest of the ceremony. Toward the end, because we were the only second-generation couple, we received the special grace of making the flower offering. I bowed and offered a bouquet to True Mother, and Kotun did the same with True Father. Because of these intimate experiences with True

Parents, I felt quite a close personal connection with them.

Two years ago I had applied for the blessing hoping to be matched by True Parents, but I was not matched. Kotun had had the same experience. Two years ago, she too had applied for the matching and blessing, and was originally accepted; then she was told that the age limit for the blessing had been raised and, as a consequence, she could not attend.

Now after two years we were matched by our own parents and received the approval of True Parents. What I can understand from this is that two years ago we were both still too young for the blessing and needed more preparation. I feel grateful now that God let us go a longer way. That period helped us to understand better what a precious gift we have been given. ♦

Kotun Kiely (daughter)

Spring Valley, N.Y.

IGAVE my parents a list of all the brothers I knew—every single one no matter how I felt about him. It did not matter whether I liked him, disliked him, could never imagine being with him, whatever. It was a pretty long list!

This was about half a year before my parents started looking for a spouse for me. I told them that I did not want to tell them how I felt about the people they looked at. I realized that because True Parents gave the direction to my parents to choose my spouse, and not to me, that I should trust that Heavenly Father would work through my parents and guide them.

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God Is the Origin of Peace

True Mother's speech from the "Realm of Life" speaking tour in America



The full text of the speech Mother gave in her twelve-city speaking tour of the United States in September 2002.

RESPECTED peace loving American dignitaries, ladies and gentlemen, I extend my warm greetings and gratitude to all of you for coming here this evening. You are now joining more than seventy million people worldwide including seven million in Korea and seven hundred million blessed couples in the heavenly spirit world who have participated in these gatherings for peace.

We are living in a truly historic and providential moment. This is a time of great heavenly fortune, the time when we will build the ideal world of peace that Heaven and Earth have longed to see for six thousand years. It is time to build the Kingdom of God in heaven and on earth.

Throughout providential history, God raised various religions to arise in accordance with different historical periods and regional cultures. Working among these diverse traditions, men and women of faith have made continuous efforts to achieve a world of peace.

Yet even today, human beings groan in travail, because we are still unable to free ourselves from all manner of unethical and immoral behavior. People everywhere are dismayed to face the truth that, having failed to stem the tide of immorality, it is now rushing in with the power of a surging storm, threatening to sweep us all away in its turbulent waves. This is the tragic self-portrait of the modern human being.

Does this mean there is no hope for us eternally? My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and I have dedicated our lives to conveying the Word of God. These prophetic messages have been proven to be a true witness that transcends the earthly limitations of this age and our environment.

Today, once again, I come before you with a message from Heaven. To believe or not to believe is for each of you to decide for yourself, but I stand here firmly resolved to act in God's stead to convey His message to the world in the time of the Last Days. The title of this message is, "God Is The Origin of Peace."

I sincerely hope that you will open the doors of your

heart. I encourage you to humbly receive Heaven's warning to all of us living in the Last Days. In this age of ignorance and confusion, we must demonstrate wisdom.

In the beginning, human beings were created to live centered on God in the garden of Eden, and to live in freedom and peace for eternity. However, as a result of the fall of our first ancestors, Adam and Eve, the vision of this original world never became reality. Instead, from the day the fall occurred, a history of suffering and sorrow has unfolded on this earth.

God intended human beings to live with His true love and true ideals, but we were unable to grasp those ideals and did not even know what true love is. He wanted for us to sing songs of freedom and peace, and to possess the complete happiness of becoming one in heart in the presence of the Creator, and return glory to Him. He intended us to live in an environment of perfect joy, but we lost the garden of happiness.

Tragically, we have not been able to become a holy people. Satan invaded the human family, defiling the relationships of true parents, true family and true brothers and sisters. Satan corrupted our true tribe, true society, true nation and true world.

That is not all. Satan is the one who has driven God Himself to spend the past six thousand years in a state of suffering and adversity. The fall marked the beginning of the history of death. From that day on, the earth became a world of suffering instead of a world of peace. No matter where in the world we live, we have been doomed to the way of conflict and struggle

Mother's Itinerary in America

Sept. 16 th	Washington, DC	Sept. 24 th	Chicago, IL
Sept. 17 th	Bridgeport, CT	Sept. 25 th	Seattle, WA
Sept. 18 th	Boston, MA	Sept. 26 th	San Francisco, CA
Sept. 19 th —21 st :	<i>IIFWP Convocation</i>	Sept. 27 th	Los Angeles, CA
	<i>True Parents attended (Father spoke)</i>	Sept. 28 th	Denver, CO
Sept. 22 nd	Atlanta, GA	Sept. 29 th	New Jersey, NJ
Sept. 23 rd	Miami, FL	Sept. 30 th	New York, NY



instead of peace.

Within the individual, there is continuous conflict between the mind and body. There has been conflict within families that has expanded into conflicts within nations and the whole world. Today we find there is no place on earth free of conflict. We need to come to terms with the fact that we are responsible for this history of sin. I repeat: all conflict is the result of the human fall.

If the whole world had originally grown from the good seed of a good

tree and in a good environment, then without doubt, the world would today be a world of peace, a world of hope, and a world with a secure future. But this is not the case. We live in a world in which good and evil are tangled together. Even a good seed cannot bear good fruit when surrounded by an evil environment. The same is true for human beings. For humanity as a whole to be good, first it is necessary that each individual be good, but for them to bear fruit, we must create a good environment in the nation and world.

Just as creation passes through the four seasons, human history should continue eternally by revolving through cycles that are like the spring, summer, autumn and winter. Because of the fall, though, our world has never had that first moment of hope in which all humanity could take delight, the joyous springtime when we could greet the day of glory.

Cain and Abel, the children of our ancestors Adam and Eve, were not born out of God's love. Adam and Eve were to have created God's true lineage, but they created Satan's false lineage instead through the act of the fall. So the children they bore were not God's children but could only be children of the devil, Satan.

Adam and Eve became the sinful ancestors of humanity, and the Bible records that they were chased out of the garden of Eden. That is why in John 8:44, Jesus scolded the people, saying: "You are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father you will do."

Without the fall, Adam and Eve would have received God's words of blessing. He longed to tell them, "My beloved Adam and Eve, I created you in order to build a world fulfilling the purpose of creation and to live in a garden of love. You are my children, and will be the masters, the parents, and the king and queen of peace and happiness." Adam and Eve, our ancestors, were destined to stand as the everlasting true owners, true parents, and true king and queen of both the earthly world and the heavenly world.

Then what was it that pushed human beings onto the path of the tragic fall? The fall took place when human beings took a self-centered view of themselves, instead of obeying God's Word. Today, the fruit of the fall is seen clearly in the extremes of selfish thinking and behavior that rage around us with impunity.

I am speaking of the reprehensible behavior of people routinely seeking their own benefit and convenience regardless



of the position and situation of others. I refer to the shameless attitudes of people trying to save themselves without concern as to whether others live or die. These are examples of the type of behavior that brought about the fall.

This is certainly not the type of behavior planned by God at the time of creation. God did not desire to bring about such a world, and we did not want to be born into such a world.

Therefore, God has set His purpose to clear away this tragic, sorrowful and painful history and return to the world of peace, happiness, freedom, and goodness that He originally desired. He is working to set this fallen world right. This is the path of restoration and the path of the providence of salvation.

As the descendants of Adam and Eve, all humankind is fallen. But within each of us there still exists an original mind or conscience that is directed back toward the original world. This is why people throughout history have always desired and longed for the world God originally wanted to create. This long-cherished desire remains today as an ideal that cannot be extinguished or ignored.

God has carried out His providence again and again, in each historical period, so that He could inspire fallen human beings to return to His ideal with a new heart. Finally, we need a Savior, for if no central person capable of moving heaven and earth with these ideals appears, then true freedom, peace, and other ideals will never come about. Humanity will be fated to endure an endless path of sorrow and indemnity of celestial proportions.

In these circumstances, God cannot appear to us in glory, peace or freedom, and the path of restoration cannot be an easy one. God appears in the midst of difficulties, and to meet Him we must first make ourselves a sacrificial offering. This is because the path of restoration is the way of indemnity.

This means that until we are able to wipe away the sorrow in God's heart and dissolve all the grievances there, we cannot hope to accomplish peace among humanity, much less see God's ideal of creation bear fruit on earth. Since we caused God's pain through the fall, we are responsible to liberate Him from the burden of grief that weighs like a massive stone in His heart.

But who among us is truly thinking like that today? Even the most devout believers in Jesus are blind and deaf to this truth, thinking that they will simply be saved. However, as fallen human beings, we need to return to the state before the fall.

Having lost God, we must go back to the state of grace we would have been in had we never lost Him. Having lost the True Parents of humanity, we must return to the position we would have been in had we not lost them. We must return to live in a garden of peace centered on God and True Parents as their children.

What strategy does the omniscient and almighty God use to change this hellish world into a world of peace? We need to be reminded that in order to accomplish this purpose, God has endured a history of sacrifice and bloodshed, and suffered through wearisome religious rituals and rules. This history is

referred to as the providence of salvation, or the providence of restoration.

Originally, if human beings had not fallen, our mind and body, being centered on God's love, would not contradict each other. Because of the fall, however, the mind and body came to stand in opposing positions. Even if it were possible to somehow arrive at an ideal world, without each individual solving this problem and establishing a true standard of heart, even living in the ideal world of one's dreams would be meaningless.

The Absolute Being, who is the Lord of Creation, created the entire universe to love and to become one with Him. Human beings, the highest among created beings, are to stand in the position of lords of creation. To do this, we must be able to incarnate God's heart.

Becoming one with God's heart does more than establish the parent—child relationship between God and ourselves. It is also the link connecting humanity with the rest of creation.

In restoring the ideal world of peace, the world of the original ideal of creation, it is first necessary to establish certain conditions. We must go through the process of restoration through indemnity.

What is meant by restoration through indemnity? Whenever something or someone loses its original position and state of being, it cannot be restored to its original position and status without first paying a certain price. The setting of such conditions is referred to as restoration through indemnity.

If there were only Heaven and earth, God and us, we would not need the word "indemnity." It is there because of Satan, who caused our first ancestors to fall. If Satan did not exist, there would be no need for indemnity. There would also be no need for the phrase, "unity of religions," which we now proclaim with all our might, nor would we need expressions such as "the liberation of God," or "the liberation of humanity."

The fall brought about the destruction of human life and turned history into a record of anguish and failure, a chronicle of war. In order to wipe away this history and unravel all the fundamental problems, God needs to establish anew the original starting point. He does this through a person who can live a life of true love for the sake of God, humanity and all creation. This is the mission of the Messiah.

What did Jesus do when he was on this earth? Although he was persecuted and died on the cross, he truly loved humanity. Jesus left this world giving the supreme example of love on the cross. Throughout his life, Jesus never said he wanted to receive love. Rather, he said that he came to serve, and that he would love even his enemies.

Without that kind of love, we cannot find the origin of peace; and without the origin of peace, we cannot establish a world of peace.

The world of peace can never come to exist as long as we focus only on receiving love. Our own parents are not our only parents, nor are our physical siblings our only brothers and

sisters. Even our own children are not our only children. Once we become people of true character, we will come to feel every person is our parent, sibling or child, and we will want to treat them as such. We will not be able to look at all the people now wandering in the world of death without tears coming to our eyes.

When you see young people thrashing around in a quagmire of drugs and debauchery, you will feel compelled to devote your full heart and soul to saving them, as if they were your own children. This is a manifestation of the love that unconsciously and naturally seeks to give rather than receive.

Unity is another prerequisite of freedom and peace. Consider the life of a husband and wife. If the two have not become one, how can they enjoy the freedom of husband and wife in a true sense? If a husband and wife are not one, then there is

no hope for harmony in the family. Peace in the family will be an impossible dream.

A person blasphemes God if he stands before the unchanging God and says he will become a changeable person. We blaspheme love if we stand in the presence of His unchanging love and practice a changing love. The foundation for peace begins in our own hearts when we share both sorrow and joy with God. From there, we can expand the base of freedom and happiness in the world.

For this reason, a religious movement must arise

on this earth that teaches us to achieve complete mastery over the body, and is able to unify the people of the world. Jesus started such a movement.

Please bear in mind that these words are a warning from God proclaimed to humanity wading through the turbid waters of a corrupt world in the Last Days. We are all called to fulfill this task of restoration. It is our destiny. We can never escape our destiny which is Heaven's absolute command.

I think that everyone, at some point in life, searches for the origin of peace and happiness. From where do peace and happiness really come? They do not originate from America, or Korea, or the United Nations. The crucial issue is how we human beings, whose minds and bodies are in conflict, can come to embrace a true view of the universe and find peace and happiness in our own hearts.

In our own hearts, the remnants of a 6,000-year long war between good and evil continue to flare. The First World War was fierce, as was the Second World War. Such wars, though, were relatively small occurrences in a much larger conflict. Neither of them lasted more than five years.

Yet the struggle between mind and body that goes on within each of us is the worst kind of war. It is a war that knows no end and whose inevitable result speeds us on to ruin. Everyone feels the torment of this struggle in his or her own life. The confrontation between mind and body is a fierce battle of good versus evil representing the eternal struggle between God and Satan.

Because of this conflict, the true human image has been hidden away in a dense fog and trapped behind a high fence. We



must generate a wind of truth and love that is strong enough to blow away the fog. We must tear down the mighty wall in ourselves that stands so high as to pierce the sky. The course of overcoming this struggle is our destiny.

To win this battle, we must overcome the desires of the body such as sleep, greed, and unprincipled sexual desire. When he set out on his course, my husband Reverend Moon declared his personal motto, "Before seeking dominion over the universe, first control your own self." And this is how he has lived throughout his life.

We must be honest about the state of the world and of our nation today. The Bible says that in the Last Days the hearts of men will grow cold, and that humanity will live like orphans. It also predicts that nations will flounder in confusion and despair. Have you ever experienced true peace in your heart, even for a moment? Does our nation have a true master?

Where are the true patriots who truly love this country and its people to the extent that they are willing to offer their lives to bring about peace? Who can put forward a philosophy or ideology with the power to save the young people of this country, who are sick and spiritually declining? Their plight is truly pitiful, and we cannot but feel intense grief over them.

All of this goes back to the fact that each of us has been unable to establish a standard of one heart, one body and one thought within ourselves. Without mind—body unity, how can we hope for harmony in the family or peace in the country or the world?

Throughout the ages, our original minds have longed for peace, happiness, and unification. The problem has always been our physical body, which is at war with the desire of the mind. Yet our flesh is the container that holds our mind, so we cannot just discard it whenever we want. The important thing is how we handle this physical body, whose impulses and directions change minute by minute.

After the fall, the body became Satan's dwelling place. As the apostle Paul laments in Romans 7:23-25, "I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin which dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?"

When we look honestly within ourselves, we can all see these elements of good and evil. Our mind or conscience is oriented toward good, but our body pulls in the opposite direction, toward evil. If we cannot resolve this conflict of mind and body, then sin will indeed torment us for eternity. This is true

even for so great a saint as Paul.

Ladies and Gentlemen: What is the true way to world peace? War cannot be the answer. Wealth, power or knowledge are not the solution either. Nor can it be done with the political or diplomatic power of the United Nations. Nothing can be expected from the forum of the United Nations as long as its primary considerations are the desires of selfish individuals and the national interest of each member state.

As long as fallen nature remains within us, it does not matter how much we may sing of our ideals or call out for peace; history will always be riddled with struggle and turmoil. That is why we conclude that we will not find the path to peace until we have pulled out this fallen nature by the root.

The way to world peace does not lie far off at the ends of the earth, but rather will be found only in the place where each of us is able to unify our divided mind and body. The wider the gap between a person's mind and body, the greater the struggle and the resulting pain.

The mind is God's sentry post, while the body is Satan's front line. We need to narrow the gap between the mind and body, and finally unify them as one.

To pull out our deeply rooted fallen nature that was inherited from our false parents, we need True Parents. They alone are able to remove Satan's false lineage. We must meet the True Parents, and achieve mind-body oneness and unity of thought by learning from them how to practice true love and to live a life for the sake of others.

Ladies and Gentlemen, look at the world. There are so many problems. They begin with struggles between mind and body, husband and wife, and go all the way to conflicts and wars among nations. They can be traced to countless causes. But if we dig down to the root cause we will always arrive at the problems between mind and body, and man and woman.

The history of human suffering itself began with a false relationship between a man and a woman. Disharmony within the family quickly develops into various problems in the society and then the world.

If we could just resolve the problems involving men and women in every family, every society and country, and on the worldwide level, and establish one model, then the world would be able to unite as a world of peace. It would be the ideal world of the original creation.

God originally wanted a world of true peace to take root on this earth centering on our first ancestors, Adam and Eve. If they had not fallen but had grown according to God's will



Archbishop George A. Stallings, Jr.



Pastor Jesse Edwards



Rev. Michael Jenkins holds up a proclamation that has been sent to True Mother

and perfected their character, they would have received God's blessing, formed an ideal family, and built the ideal Kingdom of Heaven, free of evil and pain.

That would have been an eternal world of peace. From generation to generation, humanity would have enjoyed a life of happiness. We would be able to communicate directly with God as His direct sons and daughters, and to commune freely with our ancestors in heaven. It would have become a world in which good would have absolute dominion, and people would be incapable of sinning.

Human history began on the wrong foot, but our Heavenly Father did not forsake us. Instead, for six thousand years, God has devoted His heart and soul for the sake of finding His lost children. Not once has He regretted that He created human beings. He has never been discouraged in the face of Satan's ability to have his way. With single-minded devotion, God has worked with true love and forgiveness to carry out the providence of restoration.

It is not by mere circumstance that we are able to study and learn a little more deeply about God today than we could before. We need to be grateful for Heaven's grace, and to our ancestors who guided us to this truth.

Our utmost task is to perfect our character through the oneness of mind and body, to set right the families that have splintered under Satan's rule, and to establish restored true families.

God's hope is to dwell eternally with a family that is united through three generations. The greatness of true love is that it enables us to become God's object partners and also enables God to become one with us. The ideal family attends the grandparents as they would attend Heaven, shows absolute obedience to the parents, and creates children through the absolute relationship of a husband and wife who raise their children in purity and without sin. When we do this, our families will attain a unity of heart with God and become the birthplace of eternal happiness and peace.

Ladies and Gentlemen, human beings were originally created so that our mind and body would respond to God's true love and form oneness. Many people on the earth today, however, live in ignorance of the role of the mind. They do not know that the mind actually is the basis upon which we can develop the character that can find peace centering on God's love. There is enough room in every human mind to embrace God.

Any person who comes to have such a righteous mind will want to move all people at once into the palace of peace. Because human beings are God's children created in His image, we all possess the potential to be free of mind—body conflict and to establish the origin of true unification in ourselves.

There is no possibility of contradiction or conflict within God, the

Absolute Being. His divine character is reflected throughout creation, and in the dual structure of mind and body and male and female in human beings. God exists in a state of having formed absolute and total unification within Himself. So it stands to reason that human beings, who were created to resemble God, the Great King of all creation, must also have the ability to achieve the full unification of mind and body.

Yet as a result of the fall, human beings lost the standard of harmony and unification between the mind and body and live instead in a quagmire of struggle and contradiction.

It is nearly impossible to live a life where the mind has total control over the body in a world in which the forces of evil are rampant. That is why God in His wisdom has permitted the necessary and appropriate religions to arise for the sake of saving fallen humanity, giving consideration to every age, culture, regional environment and circumstance.

Throughout history human beings have tried to follow the teachings of religion and to steadily pioneer the path of life centered on the mind. We have learned the path of self-denial, and how to place our hope in the eternal world and not be attached to the present reality.

In Christianity, for example, we are taught to focus on God's kingdom and His righteousness, not this world. The scriptures warn us not to be selfish or to seek to live lavishly in this world. Christianity has always emphasized peace that originates in the world of the mind and heart.

A good illustration of this is Jesus' teaching, "The Kingdom

of Heaven is within you." This concept of the Kingdom of Heaven has nothing to do with worldly affluence or power, and is echoed in many other faiths. Buddha's declaration, "In all of Heaven and Earth, I alone am the most honored one," can also be understood in the same context.

Methods may differ from one religion to another, but the mission of all religions is to strengthen the internal hope and aspirations of human beings. They guide us to examine ourselves and to live a life where the mind subjugates the body. In this way, God has carried on His providence for human salvation through religion for six thousand long years.

But the fact is, until now no religious leader or sage has been able to show us how to completely overcome the conflict between mind and body and bring about eternal unification and lasting peace. No one could teach us how to conquer the body once and for all by centering on the mind.

No one could show us where we could find the true standard for peace. No one could bring us to that point of complete unity where parents become eternally one, and husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, parents and children and all one's relatives can all become eternally united as one.



Printed copies of Mother's speech were provided so that participants could read along, and to keep afterwards

Now, however, the time for peace has come! Heaven's long wait has ended. We are living in the final moment of the Last Days of human history. Heaven cannot extend or allow any further delay of the providence for human salvation.

This is because the True Parents, whom Heaven and Earth have hoped would come and have longed to see, are now on this earth. They are taking all responsibility upon themselves and are successfully completing the providence of restoration. In the world entangled in chaos and debauchery, they are establishing an order of true love.

Ladies and gentlemen: It is said, that those who believe will be blessed. My husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, and I, who are bringing this truth of Heaven to you, are standing as the True Parents.

The philosophy and thought of True Parents revealed to Reverend Moon is a truth that promises peace to humanity. Both communism and democracy have tried and failed to bring peace. The thought that will prevail is "Godism," the philosophy and tradition of "living for the sake of others." Only this sacrificial way of life based on heavenly parentism is capable of leading us to eternal life and peace.

In this way, we will come to the amazing realization that, as God's reciprocal partner of love, we will come to possess a value even greater than God's. We should praise God for this. This love is the only way that we can at last connect to the eternal world of peace. It is the starting point of eternal life in the Kingdom of God on earth and in heaven.

In our capacity as the True Parents of humanity, my husband and I have already unified the entire spirit world. We are receiving messages of support and unity from the founders of the four great religions centering on Jesus, including Buddha, Confucius and Muhammad, and from 120 major disciples of each of these leaders. They sent these messages after having studied our teachings in the Divine Principle and Unification Thought seminars in the spirit world. They are filled with hope, and feel immense gratitude toward the True Parents.

Even Communist leaders from around the world who have gone to the spirit world, beginning with Marx and Lenin, have completed the Divine Principle seminar in accordance with True Parents' command. They too are sending messages soaked with tears of repentance and deep lamentation.

All of these people in the spiritual world now have only one hope. This is that their believers and followers will accept the teachings of the True Parents as quickly as possible, work for peace, and prepare themselves for their eternal life.

Their messages implore us not to waste our precious, fleeting time on earth, but to prepare wisely for life in the spirit world, where all people will live together for eternity after casting off our physical body.

What does this mean for men and women now living on earth?

First, it means that all people—men and women, young and old, rich and poor alike—must believe in the unequivocal fact that God is actually alive and is working His Will. We must not think of Him only conceptually. God is watching our every step and every act with eyes of fire, bright with expectation.

God is waiting for the day when all human beings, who left His bosom and went to Satan, will repent and return to Him. Long ago, he painted a picture of what it will be like when the prodigal child, who once left Him, returns to the Father with



Morning hoondokhae with True Mother, with many second generation members present

tears of repentance. Now His urgent request is that we actually do this. God wants us to comfort and attend the True Parents, who still remain on earth and walk the path of blood, sweat and tears for the sake of human restoration.

God's desperate hope is that we will receive the warning that He gives in these Last Days with a serious heart, correct the errors of our lives, and live in a way that we will not regret later.

Second, we are being warned that we must accept as fact the existence of the spirit world, and live every aspect of our lives in accordance with heavenly law. God is sternly telling us to discover our higher selves, develop a more advanced spiritual nature, and establish a world of peace on this earth without delay.

God is watching us. Tens of thousands of wise men and women together with all of our ancestors are watching our daily life. When we realize this for a surety, how will you be able to go against heavenly law?

Soon, you too will begin having spiritual experiences. The time has come when your ancestors will be mobilized to directly observe and guide your life, and even your thoughts. The numerous Unification members, who believe in and follow the True Parents' teachings, are already experiencing this state of life.

Ladies and gentlemen, thank you again for coming here this evening. You are truly blessed, because you are able to live in the historic and providential age when the Messiah, the True Parents of humankind, have returned to earth.

This is the time when North and South Korea and all other nations will be unified, not by guns and knives but by love and truth. This is the time when all the religions of the world will become one under the guidance of the True Parents, and when all the sages and ancestors in spirit world will come down to earth to live with us and communicate directly with us.

I would like to conclude this address by urging all humanity to fulfill the responsibility to which we have been called by uniting to build a world of peace that transcends race, ideology, and national boundaries.

I pray that God's boundless blessings will come upon your family and nation in abundance.

Thank you very much. ♦

Coming by the Busload

This issue carries articles written in Korea about activities that, under the guidance of True Parents, are the current focus of the movement.

*Lee Kyu-yeol
East Incheon Church Leader*

TRUE PARENTS have emphasized that we must break through on the grassroots level [carry out successful activities in our communities], but it is hard to know how best to do it and where to start. I had made various attempts to succeed, including holding hoondok gatherings in my hometown, which went well for a few months, but then faded. So I was interested when, in a monthly FFWPU leaders' meeting at the end of March 2001 it was mentioned that one region had set up a well-organized mountain hiking club and that success in their community for them was only a matter of time.

I realized that I didn't know very much about starting a club, so I visited some hiking clubs and got hold of some articles of association from a club an acquaintance had been running. After revising these to fit our needs, I decided to give it a try.

On our first outing, thirty-three people hiked up Mt. Odae. I resolved to do better. As is written in the Holy Bible, "And though your beginning was small, your latter days will be very great." I started with the belief that I would definitely succeed. The following month, on August 15, I took ninety people in two buses on a trip to Myeongji Mountain. The whole of the Incheon church district was involved. Since then, the number of members has grown and there are now 650 members and 63 organizers.

After the Myeongji Mountain trip, the region's overall leader Rev. Kim Heung-tae said that there should be at least one bus per city district. We had a total of five buses for the eleven districts of Incheon in November when we set out for Mt. Sokri, but such a large number of people showed up for the outing that, although we dispatched an additional bus, more than twenty people had to return home.

When Mr. Kim returned from a trip to Brazil [where he is the Korean national messiah], he asked how many people had made the trip to Mt. Sokri.



COURTESY EAST INCHON CHURCH

Upon hearing that six busloads of people had gone, he said that it was time to educate the leaders of the club. It was time to refresh ourselves before embarking on the next phase in our growth. He said that he would buy lunch and pay for a trip to the public bath for the club leaders. So beginning from November 2001, we arranged for the leaders to attend Principle lectures, passionately presented by Rev. Kim.

The participants were impressed, and grateful to Father for guiding our Hoondok Unity Hiking Club. After that, to ensure internal growth rather than just external expansion, Rev. Kim felt the organizers should attend a proper Principle workshop and receive the blessing. We therefore brought forty-five people to Cheong Pyeong for a two-day workshop last February.

They were deeply moved by the holy wine ceremony. Yet, anything of value has its tough moments. Even in the short period of two days these non-members complained about the lack of chairs and that their backs and legs ached—though the lecturers stressed the importance of the lectures and tried to persuade the people to just sit and listen. As I watched our Family Federation members, who will stoically endure, not just for a day or two, but for eight, twenty-one or forty days, I thought that there is nothing

that our members, trained as they are, do not have the patience and perseverance to accomplish! True Parents have taught us well.

As a civic organization, our hiking club decided to also become involved in the election for the leader of our district of Seoul. Without making a lot of noise about it, the club organizers got together and organized the campaign of a qualified man, who was the president of the Citizens' Federation for North-South Unification in our area. There would be no shame in giving it our best shot, whatever the result.

My wife and I worked day and night and the members around us worked with the same heart. It seemed to me that we could honor God and True Parents by getting this good man elected.

At last, the June 13 election day arrived. We waited in silence for the outcome of the election. Saying that all is up to Heaven, we watched TV until 12:30 AM and fell asleep exhausted from accumulated fatigue. At 3:10 AM, the phone suddenly rang and the new district leader announced, "Thank you pastor! I was elected!". Rather than saying "Congratulations!" the first words that came to my lips were "Thank you, Heavenly Father; some of your pain might now be quelled."

The members' spirit of self-sacrifice was pivotal to our success in other ways as well. They did the shopping for supplies and prepared the food for breakfast, lunch and dinner a day before our trips—even though there were times when some club members complained about the food. Many others, though, saw their hard work and thanked them for what they had prepared.

We have to truly feed people, keeping in mind what Father has said: "There is no one in all of Korea that has not eaten at my house. Do you know what a virtue it is to feed people?"

Now we have come past one turning point. When we go forward with total faith, the road ahead will be a broad and level highway.

Just as Father said, "From this point on, it is our age." ♦



Photos: top, Buses at the mountain; above, rallying the hikers

Fellow Travelers in Life

In recent weeks, groups of Korean Ambassadors for Peace have been traveling together overseas to build closer relationships with each other and to attend seminars geared to their work for peace. Here is an account of one visit.

Kim Bok-seob
Kyungnam Church Leader

IN LATE SEPTEMBER, forty-five Ambassadors for Peace from Ulsan went on a four-day trip to China to strengthen ties of friendship between members of their provincial Ambassadors for Peace Association and to engage in international exchange.

The tour began in Shanghai, China's greatest industrialized city. There, they visited the building that had served as headquarters for the Korean government in exile during the time of the Japanese occupation. It is a humble three-storey building where items used by the patriots of that era are on display and where their spirit of independence can still be felt. They also visited a park and memorial hall dedicated to Yoon Bong-kil, a martyr of the independence movement. Participants could sense how much those fighters for Korea's freedom loved their nation.

In Hangzhou, three hours by bus from Shanghai, the ambassadors visited Young Un Temple¹, which is very large and is considered one of the best in China. They next went to a pearl farm and then a boat tour of Xi Hu ["Hu" is Chinese for "Lake"]. They also visited a tea plantation, where they toured, sipped tea and indulged in the fragrant



The group at a historic site in China

air. Everyone was fascinated with China's charm and had to readjust their ideas about the country.

Next was a journey to Suzhou for a seminar. The first lecture was given by a Chinese, Wang Chong-li, who had graduated from Kim Chaek Industrial University in North Korea. He gave an hour-long lecture in fluent Korean on "The True Situation of North Korea and Kim Jong-il's Open Policy," with a question and answer session afterward. It was helpful to learn about North Korea from an objective viewpoint.

The next lecture was given by Mr. Shin Myung-gui, the leader of our provincial Ambassadors' association. He spoke on "Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Activities to Promote World Peace and the Role of Ambassadors for Peace." The lecture was impressive; many people asked for copies of the written text—but there weren't any! The peace ambassadors then listened to a further presentation on "Change in China

and a Vision for Korean Companies Setting Up in China," which greatly increased their knowledge of the country.

The following day the ambassadors drove along Tai Hu, which is four hundred times larger than Xi Hu. It looked like an ocean; the drive took thirty minutes. They also visited Han San Temple¹, Ho Goo Pagoda¹ and a silk factory. Then, it was on to Jol Garden¹, one of the four great gardens of China and the pride of the Chinese people. Everyone was astonished by its beauty and scale. It took about an hour to walk

around the garden once. With aching legs they returned to Shanghai.

After dinner, they watched the famous Chinese Circus, which made them nervous and thrilled at the same time. Afterwards, they went out to see Shanghai by night. No one had imagined that the city could look so astonishingly beautiful.

The following day, they packed and left, expressing sadness at having to depart so soon. As a means by which the Ambassadors for Peace could deepen friendships and encourage each other, it had been a very meaningful trip. Gratitude was expressed to the host organization. Having understood more clearly about living for a large purpose, they resolved to fulfill their mandate to contribute to the cause of world peace.◆

¹ These names are based on the Korean pronunciation of the Chinese characters.



Peace Embassy to Open in Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Acquired as a new building, the Peace Embassy—which has fourteen rooms including a hall that holds 120 people—is scheduled to open this December. It has already been the venue for a blessing of fourteen Korean-Uzbek couples, officiated by the Korean Blessed Family Department director and his wife.

The Cultivation of a World Culture

The work of IIFWP and Ambassadors for Peace to inspire leaders of religions and nations to champion the

THE Special Convocation on *Global Governance and the Role of Religion in Peace and Security*, held in New York City on September 20-23, 2002, was a significant step toward developing an interreligious council at the United Nations.

The convocation brought together participants from 75 countries—from the world’s religions and cultures, both major and minor, and from a wide range of disciplines. Discussion focused on ways in which an interreligious council, one of the core objectives of IIFWP, might become a reality. It was at the IIFWP Assembly in August 2000 that Father had first proposed the establishment of such a body to complement the UN’s peace-making efforts. Among those participating on this occasion were politicians, lawyers and scholars that understand the United Nations and the real obstacles on the path of such a change. The Convocation was part of IIFWP’s outreach to leaders in all fields soliciting their support, encouragement and advice for this initiative. ♦

Source: IIFWP website including Dr. Gordon Anderson’s account

Photo right, At the IIFWP special convocation, Father and Mother make a statement for the unity of all faiths, posing in the traditional garments of the Druze religion



James Mancham (see article below)



Mrs. Mohinda Giri (India) addresses the convocation



Questions from the floor enrich the discussion

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The Global Mission

Island of Adventure

David Hanna
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THE Seychelles is a cluster of small jewels in the Indian Ocean, tropical islands of palm trees and white coral sand. The population of seventy-thousand is predominantly Roman Catholic, lastingly influenced by spells of control by both Britain and France, and characterized also by its own version of easy-going, island charm.

One man, Sir James Mancham, brought to this idyllic island culture the status of a respected and independent nation. An admirer of America and its founding ideals,



The Seychelles meeting

and a lover of Britain, Sir James survived a Marxist coup in the seventies when his own Prime Minister, Albert René, forcibly took over whilst Mancham himself was at a meeting in London. From a religious perspective it fitted the classic paradigm of Cain and Abel conflict, with the brutal confrontation of democracy and communism so unnecessarily and tragically imposed, and so out of place in a small island nation.

This was a conflict that, through love for his country, Mancham himself sought to transcend, with uncommon effort and commitment. Having seen his country ‘raped’,

as he puts it, and himself wrongfully deposed, he now occupies a special status as an international ambassador for his country, while his rival, René, survived elections to remain as president. On reading his articles and his autobiography, I knew that here was a man who would agree with many important aspects of True Father’s vision and philosophy. Mancham has developed his own theory of national reconciliation, and practices it, understanding the importance of overcoming past resentments to ensure peace and stability.

On my second two-week visit to the country, I had been working with our one member in Seychelles, Suganda, a blessed sister from Thailand, who lives

of Heart

work for global peace

IIFWP International Leaders Seminars Continue Globally

One in a series of day-long leaders' seminars was held in Surinam, South America, on October 23. Photos: Rev. Kwak gives the main address and (below) prays to bless couples in a ceremony held at the seminar's conclusion.



View from the Indian Ocean

IF YOU enjoy an insider's tale on the intriguing relationships between nations and the people who run them, taking account of the present age with all its tensions, then read *A War on America Seen from the Indian Ocean*. The perspective is a unique one—that of Sir James R. Mancham, founding president of the Seychelles islands in the Indian Ocean.

Mancham's account of events affecting this remote nation, and thus his own life—including its becoming home to a U.S. satellite tracking station during the Cold War, and the target of a coup d'état or two—is told in the style of a hearty raconteur. Written in the aftermath of the September 2001 attacks, the book looks beyond the Seychelles to the larger issues of peace in the world, and to how the United States could have a more consistent and positive effect on that through a more other-sensitive foreign policy. For the romantic, this is a rich story of fledgling nationhood and love of country.

In his final chapter the author describes the proceedings at an IIFWP conference, and mentions his appointment as an Ambassador for Peace. His experiences with IIFWP have, he says, impressed him with "the need for the active cultivation of a culture of peace." The author is seemingly making the benefits of his experience working for

The Republic of the Seychelles

87 widely separated islands
80,000 inhabitants
90% Catholic, 8% Anglican
700 miles of Indian Ocean to its nearest neighbor
2% arable land (chief exports: copra, fish, cinnamon)
Main industry: Tourism
Languages: English, French, Creole
Ethnic background: mixed Asian, African & European
1609: discovered, uninhabited
1756: first inhabited as a French spice colony
1810: captured by British during Napoleonic Wars
1976: became independent republic
1st president: James Mancham
1977: France-Albert René took power by coup d'état



reconciliation in his homeland available for all to be empowered by. Matters of interna-

tional intrigue are exciting, but the book's beauty nonetheless lies in its hopeful outlook. The author—who has suffered a fair number of slings and arrows in his time—writes in a style refreshingly free from cynicism or recrimination.

The title of the book may indicate the present reality, but the message to be gleaned is that the proper war to wage is for nations (and people) to act with moral integrity above political might. As one reads, the Ambassador for Peace deep within us feels stirred to action. ♦

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there with her in-laws, and Akiko, the wife of our Eve national messiah couple, who was visiting from America. We had blessed more than forty couples, taking Holy Wine to their homes, but I did not want to leave without meeting Sir James. With only a day left in the country and still no appointment time secured, I turned up at the gates of his well guarded home. Shown in, I waited on the veranda for Sir James, finding it hard to take in the breathtaking view of Silhouette Island rising starkly out of the blue Indian Ocean. He greeted me warmly, almost like an old friend, for he is a bright-eyed and generous man. I gave him a caddy of Earl Grey tea I had brought from England, which brought back fond memories for him of his time as a law student in London. I found I could speak openly of our work with the

Family Federation and of True Father's vision, suggesting to Sir James that he could contribute a great deal to the movement and that he too might benefit from attending some of our conferences in the future. We agreed to meet in London when he would next be passing through. In the meantime I sent him an invitation to the upcoming World Culture and Sports Festival in Korea.

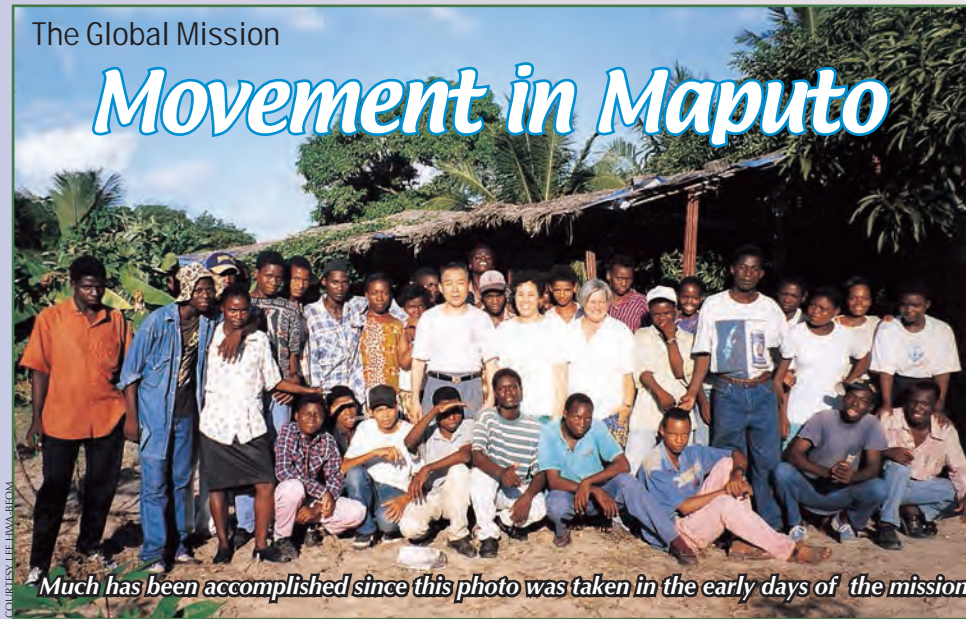
When we did meet up in London, December 1998, it was in his hotel suite. His son, who lives in London, and several aides were also present. At one point in the general conversation Sir James silenced everybody and asked me if I would read aloud several pages from his recently published book on America. They were powerful words that captured, with great insight, the importance of America in God's providence. My con-

cern, however, was whether he would agree to attend the WCSF meeting, for he had not finally made up his mind. Then he asked me, "David, do you think I should go to Korea?" Somewhat taken aback by the trust he was placing in my advice, and mustering some British reserve, I calmly, but forcefully said "Yes, Sir James, I think it would be a very good idea!" And so he decided to go.

I am very grateful that since then he has been able to attend, and speak, on several important occasions where True Parents have brought world leaders together—particularly pleased because chances to visit the Seychelles and make substantial progress there on the ground are so few and far between. ♦

David and Kyungja Hanna are from the 1800 couples

Movement in Maputo



Much has been accomplished since this photo was taken in the early days of the mission

Mozambique gained independence from Portugal in 1974. It had a communist government until Marxism-Leninism was formally abandoned in 1989. The following year, a new constitution came into effect, providing for multi-party elections and a free-market economy.

In 1996 True Parents assigned national messiahs to 183 countries around the world. Although the Korean national messiah couples were recalled to Korea, many of them try to continue the work in their countries. In September, Rev. Lee Hwa-beom and his wife (Seo Sun-ja) returned from their most recent visit to their mission country where they had spent several months. They shared some of their thoughts and experiences of the past years with Today's World.

OUTREACH activity in Mozambique began in 1992 when Mr. Georg Pawlicki of the 2075-couple blessing returned to his hometown of Beira with his wife Milu. HSA-UWC was officially registered with the government as a religious organization in 1994, and Japanese missionaries from WFWP arrived in 1995. They initiated

the concrete missionary work—so it has been just seven years since the mission to Mozambique began.

My wife and I were called to be the Adam national messiah couple for this country in 1996. A few days before I was given my mission country at the workshop for national messiahs, I had a dream about a bull pulling a cart. I had a feeling that I would be sent to a place that I had to pioneer from the bottom, yet we had never dreamed of going to Mozambique.

My wife had prayed for a country where it was not too hot or cold, with a lot of fish and fruit. When we went to Mozambique for the first time in October 1996, we found a country full of natural beauty, totally unspoiled.

However, I soon discovered that the country had been destroyed by a lengthy civil war [which had ended in 1992]. Ruined roads testified to the disastrous conflicts the country had seen. There were so many widows and war orphans in both the cities and the almost deserted countryside. My heart

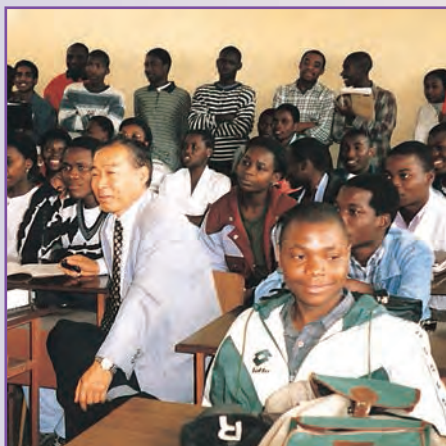
was broken to see these orphans suffering from poverty and disease.

The most difficult initial experience there was our inability to communicate in Portuguese; and there was no church center from which we could work. It was also hard for us that we were unable to help the people financially. Even so, we appreciated the people's pure-heartedness, however poor they were.

When I visited the country this last time, however, I felt as if the darkest night was over and a new day was dawning. Within just a few years, industrial sites and highways have been built, the number of cars has visibly increased and the construction business is developing positively.

On that first visit, spring was changing into summer. The Women's Federation was preparing for a leadership seminar to be held that November. There was no mail delivery service to homes, so my wife and I delivered invitations door to door, to churches and to well-known people. Three hundred people came to the event at the Hotel Plana. The church ministers and leaders we met at that time have been good contacts for blessing activities and for our mission ever since.

As well as carrying out witnessing activities for the 3.6 million couple blessing, we purchased wedding gowns,





bouquets, sets of dishes and other gifts in Korea and went to our mission country. In the capital city, Maputo, there were no solid church members, so we visited our Women's Federation members and Christian churches for blessing activities. At first, we visited churches we had been to before and spoke about our Pure Love activities to minister couples. We invited them to our center and showed them brochures and videos to explain the blessing. We then began hosting the blessing ceremony at Christian churches. When brides and bridegrooms wore their wedding clothes, it usually sparked a very festive mood in the church. African songs and whistles burst out. As we watched the blessed couples being so joyful, we could feel in our hearts that God and True Parents' love was with them.

At the time of the blessing ceremony in November¹, we held our own ceremony for five hundred couples from various Christian denominations. It was held at a church built to hold a congregation of eight thousand.

The main event was held in Washington D.C. and was broadcast to countries around the world by satellite, though it was difficult to receive it in Mozambique. I had sent several ministers to the Washington event as youth representatives and they relayed every minute of the blessing ceremony to brothers and sisters in Mozambique by telephone. I felt that the global age we are living in is a miracle.

The following year, Cain-nation national messiah Werner Elias came to Mozambique, and on June 13 we hosted a blessing ceremony held in conjunction with the main ceremony in New York.²

In the midst of our mission work, I had an opportunity to participate in the special forty-day Pantanal fishing workshop for Korean national messiahs. I reported our blessing activities in Mozambique to True Father, who instructed me to educate ministers as soon as possible. As soon as I returned to the country, therefore, I invited sixty ministers to a seminar where I distributed copies of *Divine Principle*. I could see

then why Father had told me to educate those ministers.

We also hosted a lecture, *The Way Humankind Must Go*, at the Cardozo Hotel in May 1999. The president's office sent us a letter of congratulations.

It is said that 70 percent of the world's AIDS patients are in Africa. In Mozambique, 10 percent of the population has AIDS. We planned an AIDS education project with Georg Pawlicki and his wife as part of our Pure Love outreach campaign—which we do with Christian leaders. We prepared slides and films and visited the Ministry of Education. The result was that we were able to lecture in universities and in junior and senior high schools. At the country's only teacher training college, in Maputo, we began giving our presentations on AIDS. The students seemed shocked to see the slides and films showing the way people transmit AIDS.

We explained the importance of realizing true families and remaining pure. We distributed pure love candy and held a ceremony during which the stu-

¹Blessing of 40 Million Couples

²First phase of the 360 Million Couples

Photos: Facing page, top, Rev. & Mrs. Lee with missionary Milu Pawlicki, members and students at the site of the school in Beira in 1997, run by WFWP (the old awning has now been replaced with a building); bottom left, Mrs. Lee presenting scholarships to children; middle, Rev. Lee gives an AIDS-prevention presentation at a school; right, Mrs. Lee with her spiritual son, who works for an international company; this page top left, Rev. Lee prepares holy wine for couples among an 8,000-strong Christian congregation (middle photo) in August 1997; right, Mrs. Lee offers a prayer at the same event; Photo at right, Mrs. Lee spends time caring for children at an orphanage.



dents vowed to remain pure.

When we showed the slide presentation at two high schools, we gave pure love candy to the principals as well. At one school the principal added his comments on the seriousness of AIDS and urged us to show our slide presentation on purity in all the schools. Every Sunday and Wednesday night, we visited local churches and taught young people and teenagers. Local ministers were very enthusiastic and supportive of our work. Everyone showed great interest in our work wherever we went.

In February 2000, the most devastating typhoon in the nation's history hit Mozambique.³ The Korean chapter of WFWP sent clothes and the Aewon Volunteer Organization⁴ sent medicine. We handed these precious gifts over to churches and the Red Cross, and later received heartfelt letters of gratitude from them.

In 2001, in New York, the wife of the mayor of the city of Matola, Ana Tembe, was appointed as an

³ More than 600 people died and a million were made homeless

⁴ A social services support organization run by our members in Korea

Ambassador for Peace by True Parents. She asked me what she could do to help us. I believe that founding church-related kindergartens, as primary-level educational institutions, would help our mission work in Maputo and Matola. I told her it would be nice to have a

cultural center where we could have kindergarten education. We could lend the building to those who have not yet had their wedding ceremony. We could hold cooking classes there and literacy classes for women and provide cultural education to women and teenagers. She asked me if I would be able to erect a building if she donated a piece of land. We are now working on that project.

There is a local church that has had True Parents' picture hanging in the church and has flown the Family Federation flag since 1999. When I visited, they were holding a blessing seminar that was full of God's grace. The minister of the church invited thirty ministers from other churches and introduced the Principle to them.

This year, thanks to several Japanese members and one other benefactor, we could give approximately thirty students scholarships to attend elementary and junior high schools.

I believe this is the best time for our missionary work to develop.◆

Rev. and Mrs. Lee were blessed with the 777 Couples in 1970.



Mrs. Lee (in front of white pillar) with Japanese sister missionaries at a church in Mozambique

The Global Mission

Aiming for the Top

Ek Nath Dhakal

Acting National Leader of Nepal

NEPAL, the birthplace of Buddha, and home to Everest, the world's tallest mountain, is mountainous overall and has a population of 23 million people. The Unification movement in Nepal is growing rapidly both in terms of its grassroots membership and in its foundation with leaders in society. Its nearly 100 full-time members living in centers, 300 active home members, more than 2,100 associate members and 1,200 leaders in society connected with IIFWP are together a strong voice for God in the nation.

I would like to tell you about a three-day Principle seminar for leaders in society, which was recently organized by our movement in Nepal from October 9—11, 2002. There were 12 doctors, a former president of a university, a former member of Parliament, 4

school principals, professors and youth leaders—nearly forty people in all, each of whom had paid a thirty-dollar seminar fee.

Asia continental director Dr. Kim Byung-wooh, South Asia regional leader Rev. Ursula MacLackland and FFWPU-Nepal president Dr. Kishor Bajbhandari presented the Principle lectures. There was a happy family environment throughout the seminar. The partici-

pants listened to the lectures with interest. There was a lot of discussion on the question of the Messiah. On the third day, Mrs. MacLackland proclaimed that Father was the Messiah. They were so inspired and convinced that when I later asked, "Who is the Messiah?" they answered in one voice, "Rev. Moon is the Messiah." Again, I asked, "Do you believe Rev. Moon is the Messiah?" They responded unanimously, "Yes."

It was the first three-day Principle seminar in Nepal exclusively for leaders in society with the expenses paid by themselves.

Dear brothers and sisters, let us pray, unite and resolve to educate our leaders in the era of cosmic peace and unity.

The time has come when those having positions of influence should lead God's providence.◆

The seminar participants



Moving Pictures

Letting the Blessing Speak for Itself

How one brother's vision and desire to make a difference inspired the making of a film.

Andrew Davies
Winchcombe, England

SO FINALLY the program is finished—and only twenty years in the making! That's roughly how long I have wanted to make a film like this and, perhaps not surprisingly, roughly how long I have been in the church.

I have had many program ideas over the years. This one came whilst attending a workshop at Cheong Pyeong in January. I had flown in from England and was extremely fortunate to find most of the New York church members already there.

One evening, Dr. Yang, Rev. Mike Jenkins and Archbishop George Stallings gave a presentation about the upcoming April 27 blessing event. Now, I don't know which planet I had been living on, but I had never heard of the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC). When they explained what was going on all across America, I was flabbergasted. This, I thought, would make one amazing documentary.

I knew the blessing ceremony would be recorded anyway, but I was interested in the story behind the event; what it would take to pull it all together; who the main characters behind it were, and so on. Certainly, if such a program were ever to reach a broadcast audience, that human story would be their point of interest. Also, I was still feeling pretty mad about a BBC program, part of a series called "Reputations" that had recently aired in Britain. This was another media hatchet job that bore no resemblance to the movement I knew. So here, I thought, was a story crying out to be told.

Despite having contracted pneumonia in Korea, I came back to England inspired. As soon as I was well enough, I put a program proposal together. Of course, I had no idea where it would

lead, but I started to e-mail anyone I thought might be interested in it.

It had been ten years since I graduated from U.T.S. Over the ensuing years, I had worked professionally in England as a video director and producer, which is good for gaining all sorts of production experience, but not good for being remembered by anyone in the American Church. I was lucky, however, in that six months earlier I had met up with sympathetic fellow Briton, U.T.S. graduate—now a World CARP vice president—Mike Balcomb, at a U.T.S. reunion. It is quite clear that without him as producer

sitting on a plane bound for San Francisco with Une and my brother, Chris, who was soundman as well as the main program editor. At the same time, Australian director Simon Kinney was taking another crew down to Miami. Up to that point, all my energy had been spent on trying to get the project off the ground, now I felt the weighty responsibility of delivering the goods.

We hit the ground running. After a quick equipment check in the airport parking lot, we were whisked off by one brother to our first location—a small but friendly church in Oakland. That first day lasted twenty-five hours for us, as England is eight hours behind California. Actually, the succeeding days only got slightly easier; it was adrenalin and, I am sure, a lot of help from the spirit world, that kept us going through the next two weeks.

The next morning we filmed Rev. Dr. Charles Kenyatta at a prayer breakfast in the Bay Area. He was once an aide to Malcolm X. More recently, he was chosen by Father to be one of the national evangelists for the blessing. I must confess that to begin with I still didn't know what he looked like, so Une and I anxiously scanned

the tables trying to guess who to point the camera at! No one was quite sure who we were either; we received a fair amount of persecution from members who mistook us for the BBC. That same morning a couple of disapproving sisters shouted at us, "Make sure you tell the truth now!" Afterwards we flew with Rev. Kenyatta and his wife-to-be down to Las Vegas for an evening revival meeting.

In an extraordinary first week, we crisscrossed America—San Francisco, Las Vegas, San Jose, Sacramento, Oklahoma, Chicago and New York. At the same time, Simon's crew followed Archbishop Stallings down to Miami, Atlanta and Washington D.C. Each time we flew, which was everyday, we had



With Father are, I to r: Chris, Une, Andrew and Dr. Yang

this program would have remained just another good idea.

Still it took many more months to secure any funding for the project, and all the time we were getting nearer and nearer to the April event. My first choice for cameraman had always been a second-generation member called Une (pronounced You-nee) Herzer, whom I had worked with on numerous productions. At the time, I thought was living in Australia, but, amazingly, at the end of March I received a call from him saying he had just moved back to the U.K. My ever-intuitive wife took this as a sign that the whole project was going to work out after all.

Only three days after the welcome go-ahead finally came, I found myself

to check thirteen flight cases and luggage through security and, nowadays in America, that meant three times in every airport—right down to taking our shoes off.

Throughout all this, Mike Balcomb remained at his “mission control” in Ossining, NY, fixing up flights, accommodations, ground transportation and appointments for both crews. Rapidly diminishing funds meant that in the second week just our crew remained to cover New York and Washington D.C., including the main event itself.

On one occasion, we went to East Garden to film Archbishop Stallings and Dr. Kenyatta reporting to Father about successfully completing their speaking tours. At the end, U.S. continental director Dr. Yang Chang-shik introduced us to Father and explained about our film. Father said we should make sure it is a “number one” film and that it gets shown around the world.

We had so many adventures and met so many fascinating people during that time. At the end of it, we had amassed more than eighty hours of footage that had to be edited down into a film of less than an hour in length. How we did

that was far less exciting, but even more challenging than the filming itself.

In order not to make the program sound propagandist, I decided not to use a narrator. Instead, the story is told through the authentic voices of the many pastors, rabbis and imams involved, as well as some of the key staff members—not least the amazing Japanese sisters who contributed so much to the April 27 event’s success. The program tells the moving story of the struggles and sacrifices they have faced to come this far. There was opposition to the event and I thought it made it more real to let the protesters have their say too.

The program had its world premier at the recent minister’s workshop in Ocean City, Maryland. The showing was slightly later than planned as we first went to Ocean City, New Jersey (two States north) in error! That day happened to be my birthday also, so to hear the ministers respond so well was a truly wonderful present.

I still find it hard to believe that the whole project actually came together. Above anything else, I feel extraordinarily privileged to have been able

to experience and record this historic moment when Christianity finally, substantially began to receive Father.

I’m just very glad that my wife talked me into going to Cheong Pyeong.◆

Andrew Davies and his wife Ingrid are from the 1275 couples blessing in 1989.

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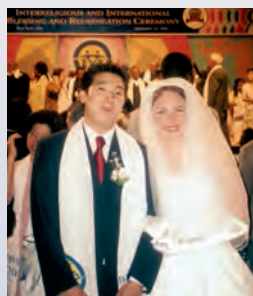
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Many times, I was nervous and scared. When names were mentioned, my heart would beat out of fear, nervousness or excitement. They would ask me questions about some of the brothers, but they usually just asked for facts, not what I thought or felt about them. Even if, on occasion they did ask for my feelings, I was careful not to say what I felt about them.

This was not easy for me to do. Many times, it was hard for me not to tell my parents what I felt. I was scared; I wanted the comfort of sharing my difficult feelings with my parents as I often did. But I couldn’t do that in that providential moment. One thing that helped me through the process was thinking that even if now I may not be so happy with the person, or I may feel awkward with him, in the future it may be different; I may be really happy in the future.

My parents told me that they felt two brothers seemed to be a good match. One whom I knew (from STF), the other one I did not know (from Japan). At that point, I became very scared. I don’t



know exactly of what, but that moment was the one I had been waiting for all my life—and it was finally here. At one point, however, I did not know if I could go through with it. To actually be able to commit myself to someone I hardly knew or did not know at all—I felt very uneasy about that.

That night I talked with an elder German first-generation sister, Gundi, who shared her own challenging experience of being blessed with a Japanese brother whom she had not previously known. She shared how grateful she was that she and her husband had been able to make their unhesitating offering at the

time of the blessing and to come to love an “impossible other.” She did not say it would be easy, but it was clear to me she was a happier and more fulfilled person because of her blessing.

After our talk, I felt that I could accept anything. I could commit myself to a person whom I did not know because I trusted Heavenly Father. He has always guided me, and he still is guiding me. I was ready to accept anyone. The night after my talk with Gundi, my parents made the decision to choose

Noriyuki Uruga as my future spouse. I accepted unhesitatingly....

My parents thought it would be good if I talked with Nori’s parents and Nori talked with my parents before we make the match official. I was scared. Are they going to analyze me? Am I going to say something wrong and ruin everything?

However, when Mr. and Mrs. Uruga called, they put my fears to rest. They were so kind and loving; they immediately made me feel comfortable. Then I felt happy to become their daughter-in-law. A few days later my parents, Nori’s parents, Nori and I all got on the phone together and agreed to the matching as a family. It was the first time we had spoken after being matched. Wow, was that ever embarrassing! I mean, what was I to say to someone I had just heard was to be my future spouse? Um, er, uh, “Hi!”...

I pray that Nori and I, through our relationship with each other centered upon Heavenly Father and True Parents, will become an inspiring example to other blessed children and will stimulate them to have strong enough faith in their parents and in Heavenly Father that they, too, will have the joy of offering their matching and blessing to Heaven right from the start.◆

Abigail's Story

How a young member of the second generation landed a part in a movie



Patricia Iversen
Dublin, Ireland

OUR ten-year-old daughter Abigail arrived home from school one day excited that a film company had taken photos of all the 8 to 11 year olds in the school and in other schools too. They were looking for someone to act as a precocious nine-year-old in a movie with Michael Caine and Dylan Moran. Abigail is the youngest of our four children. She is exceptionally quiet and has never had any drama training, but she is pretty, so we weren't particularly surprised when she was called to an audition. There were more than two thousand girls and they had to confront each other, in pairs, arguing over who had stolen a ring. They weren't given any lines and

all Abi could think of saying was, "No, I didn't. No, I didn't." We decided that she had definitely blown it.

A phone call came, asking her to learn some complicated lines and to come for another audition. Without reading the whole script it was sometimes difficult to know what emphasis to put into the dialogue; and at each audition the director, Conor McPherson, asked her to do it differently from the way we had practiced. Each time we thought she was out. It went on for three months. There were more auditions with fewer and fewer girls until there were four left; some of them were from drama schools and were very con-



fident. Finally, in February we heard that she had gotten the part!

We went to London for a read through with the rest of the cast; Abi was the only child, so she felt a bit out of place there. Back in Dublin, in March the shooting started in the coastal suburb of Raheny. Dylan played Abigail's uncle and he was always very friendly; Conor was a great director, he always praised the actors before he suggested any changes. Everyone loved him, especially Abigail. She was a little bit nervous about acting with Michael Caine, but he was great and complimented her on her natural talent. One of her favorite scenes in the movie was where

Michael Caine chased her through a maze. It was all great fun.

The car would arrive to pick us up outside our door and drive us to the base. She had a little room to change in, then to hair and make-up, where we would meet other actors like Michael Gam-

bon, and then we would be driven to the set.

We really enjoyed the whole experience. The film is called *The Actors* and will probably be released at the end of the year. It's really funny. I hope you enjoy it. ♦

Halvard and Patricia Iversen are the FFW-PU national leaders in Ireland.

Photos: above, Abigail on the set; below, with the director at the celebration of the completion of filming

Hi, I am Abigail Iversen. I am in a film called *The Actors* (but don't watch it if you don't want to hear cursing!). The other actors in the movie are Michael Caine, Michael Gambon, Dylan Moran, Miranda Richardson and Lena Headey. The director was Conor McPherson.

I play a nine year old girl called Mary, who is very intelligent. My uncle is Dylan Moran, and he and Michael Caine try to trick Michael Gambon into giving them money. I tell them how to do it.

I've never been to drama school or anything like that and I got the part by a film company taking photos of all the 8-11 year old girls in my school. They started with 2,500 and I auditioned five times. My mum and I didn't think I would get through each round but luckily I did. We filmed all over Dublin from March to May. The film will be released sometime next year.

I hope I get a chance to do it again sometime. ♦



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This is not a spiritual encounter like the one between the resurrected Jesus and his disciples. Our experience of True Parents is substantial and of the heart. Just as the Israelites held a circumcision ceremony and started anew when they entered Canaan, as we enter this new age we need to meet the True Parents in a new state—through a new consciousness and self-determination—and bring the providence to a conclusion.

So, what is our present state? Through our ignorance, we have an habitual attitude toward providential events. True Parents have conducted numerous conferences and rallies. There is great providential meaning related to the fulfillment of God's will connected with each conference or rally. It is a necessary and providentially significant undertaking in beginning a new age in the providence of re-creation. But have we fallen into the habit of thinking they are just the same old conferences we have always held?

We did not come to be part of the providence by chance; there are inevitable reasons for our becoming the fruit of the providence of restoration. It is not because we are special or because we are holy; it is the result of the unseen providential work of God and our ancestors. Ninety-five percent of our relationship with God's will and of our going this course is already predestined. Only 5 percent is a matter of choice. In being connected to the providence, being granted a providential mission and following God's way, the choices resulting from our own will are only 5 percent of the whole.

Ninety-five percent is the work of God and the spiritual fruit achieved by our ancestors. Representing our family trees, the world and all history, we should maintain a deep awareness of our relationship to God's providence.

Beloved members, what attitude should we have as we confront this remarkable time of transition?

First of all, we must go back to having the pure and unsoiled heart of a child. Just as new wine must be put into new wineskins, we who are welcoming a new age must go back to our true selves.

We first encountered True Parents through their teachings, and the direction of our lives changed. Just as Saul became Paul, we were inspired about receiving

new life and joined the church, and have followed the will of God until now. We have fought countless battles in order to realize the nation of God and uphold righteousness. In these battles, some have fallen, some have been wounded, some have died and some have even fled. There are numerous stories...

However, through the amalgamation of all our efforts, finally the age of Cheon Il Guk has arrived. We have raised the banner of God's royal authority and have retaken the summit. We are creating a new culture in front of God.

When Peter first met Jesus, he threw away the fishing net that was akin to his lifeline, and followed Jesus. After Jesus died, Peter returned to his homeland. When he met the resurrected Jesus, he experienced the mystery of new words and the value of new life, and he was reborn, becoming an unchangeable person—even though he is said to have ultimately been crucified upside down.

What about us? We are not attending Jesus, who was prevented from achieving all he wanted to. We are entering a new age directly attending the True Parents who have fulfilled their calling despite untold trials. Thus, as tribal messiahs who are to welcome a new age, we have to achieve what is demanded of us in the providence of that age. Next, we have to set up the model of ownership.

Now is the time to build Cheon Il Guk, but it cannot be built instantly.

reap the providential fruit.

Beloved members, the many tasks that are given to us now will, in the end, make us all new people. They are the challenges that can bring us honor. In this situation of great transition that is the fruit of the providence and the opening of a new age, we must encounter everything through mystical experience.

All the directions that True Parents have given us, and each of the things that headquarters is pushing to achieve in accordance with True Parents' directions need to be felt like the water of life at a time of thirst. We must align ourselves so that this kind of mystical experience comes to us. We must all be enraptured with mystical experience and grace through this dispensation.

We must come when we are told to come, go when we are told to go, and run when we are told to run. This is the reality of the present time and the command of Heaven.

True Parents are deeply inspired at this time of dramatic change and are hastening the providential work to open the new age. True Parents have instructed us to each bring the one thing that is most important for us to the Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth that is to be held on October 16 [see page 10]. If your family is most important to you, then please bring a picture of your family. If clothes are the most important things to you, bring your most precious

clothes; and if money is the thing you value most, bring money. We will gather all these things and burn them, and get rid of all worldly values and customs.

Yet, will our evil mind disappear just because we burn some clothing? The ceremony has the providential meaning of commencing a new age through burning our most precious things and offering ourselves as living sacrifices in front of God, and beginning anew as heaven's citizens.

This is what True Parents are concentrating all of their effort on as they are standing before the new age. Thus, I would like everyone to realize that we must stand as objects of heart to our devoted True Parents.◆

The sermon from which these excerpts were taken was given on October 13th.



Rev. Hwang has been organizing blessing ceremonies for Hwang clan members. This photo shows the participants of the first one of several that have taken place. Rev. Hwang is at front in the dark suit. The man in the tan clothing is to his right is the Hwang clan leader in one southern province.

God's eternal world is finally established when we endure the labor pains of the new age and are victorious.

Hence, many tasks on different levels will be required of us. This is the time when we must take responsibility to open the new age. Now is the time when we, who are true heroes and heroines, must proudly set the model of ownership and

A Gathering of the Clans

Rev. Kim Bong-tae is the president of the Youth Federation for World Peace in Korea and works with a number of organizations for the promotion of purity and marital fidelity.

Kim Bong-tae
Seoul, Korea

TRUE Parents have told us to be tribal messiahs, and twelve years have already passed since the hometown providence began. In 1991, at the Chil Il Jeol (7.1 Jeol) ceremony when Father proclaimed God's eternal blessing, he went on to say, "All blessed members have to become restored Adam and Eve, save their tribes, inherit the blessing of True Parents and God, form eternal tribes of true love and build a world of true love." We went to our hometowns, but up to this point we haven't accomplished what Father asked us to.

True Parents have said a lot of things since then. This year on January 3, at an international leaders' meeting at the Cheong Pyeong, True Father stressed that all blessed couples must bless groups of 36, 72, 124 and 430 couples and become the leaders of their tribes. He said it is imperative that we accomplish the mission of tribal messiahs. Father instructed all leaders to maintain their position while doing tribal messiah work. On the twelfth Chil Il Jeol (July 1 this year), through the serious tone of Father's words we could feel how urgent and important the tribal messiah mission is in relation to the providence.

I also thought that I must restore my tribe, but I have a public responsibility so I haven't been able to accomplish a lot.

In March I decided that I had to accomplish my mission as a tribal messiah and went to Moo-an, my hometown, which is in South Cholla Province. My ancestor's tomb is there; my family has lived there for a long time. I called my relatives and held a meeting of the Kim clan on March 24 at a large, local restaurant. I showed a video introducing True Parents and gave them a talk on purity and true love. I specifically spoke about the value of the blessing and the road of eternal life.



Rev. Kim at the Asia Youth Forum for Peace and Unification, August

I finished with a pre-blessing ceremony, which included a holy wine ceremony, and then prayed representing True Parents. Eighty families—136 people—were there. There were Catholics, Buddhists and Protestants, but no one objected. Everyone accepted the blessing, so I felt the time has really come.

God is working, and I can feel that my ancestors, who have been reborn through the liberation ceremony and the blessing through the work of Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim [at Cheong Pyeong] are cooperating as well.

I was so happy, especially after the blessing. I can strongly feel that my ancestors are also happy. I am sure that restoration is possible through the blessing of one's tribe.

This spurred me to invite those members of my clan who live in the Seoul area to the Dowon Building on April 28. Twenty-two couples attended and came to have faith in True Parents. I explained the reason for receiving the blessing and then held the holy wine and pre-blessing ceremonies. Without exception, people went through everything well and thanked me. I was so happy and felt that good spirits have been active since the Coronation Ceremony.

I invited my brother to a tribal blessing that took place on July 20, because I must arrange a 36-couple blessing group which I think will consist of my brother and some close relatives.

My close relatives hadn't attended the April meeting, so I held another event and three of my siblings and seven of my cousins came with their families .

On that day, I felt the heart of True Parents more than at any other time. I conducted the blessing with solemnity; the event was profoundly meaningful. Some who had been virulently opposed to us drank the holy wine, submitted to the blessing prayer and had their photos taken at the conclusion of the ceremony. The atmosphere was so warm and the time we spent together so valuable. We talked about True Parents' worldwide activities and I distributed the spirit world message "God is the Parent of Mankind."

Our meeting began at five o'clock in the afternoon, and we stayed until 10:30.

Members of our immediate family have substantial authority as tribal messiahs if they center on True Parents. That day was so joyful that I prayed to God and True Parents with tears and a grateful heart; I also thanked my ancestors. Since the Rally for the Unity and Completed Settlement of the Parents of Heaven and Earth, I can feel that heavenly fortune is coming—because God, the vertical True Parent, and the horizontal True Parents are living on earth and the original Eden is being realized in heaven and on earth.

The mission of being a tribal messiah means connecting our tribe to God. This is the "breakthrough on the grassroots level"¹ necessary to accomplish the unification of the fatherland. Day and night True Parents have emphasized that we must work and be successful on the local level. Blessed members have to accomplish this direction from True Parents. The only way to repay True Parents' devotion to us is by bringing others into Cheon Il Guk.

I feel we need to be mindful that "Those that only think and never act perish." If blessed members bring the message of the blessing to their tribes with absolute faith and true love, and give the blessed members of their tribes the Cheon Il Guk ID card, they will be successful. Through this valuable tribal restoration activity, eternal happiness and the joy of Cheon Il Guk is just one step away.◆

¹ Rev. Kim is referring to Father's catch phrase, *Tong Ban Gyeok Pa*, which means being successful in neighborhood and community level activities.



And now that you have made this determination, you have to return to the satanic world and live with that kind of standard, a standard that makes other people say, "Those people went to Korea and came back very different." Don't do anything that will bring you into unity with the satanic world. Don't even play or take amusement with the satanic world. We have to become the masters, the owners who can establish the tradition of our own nation, the nation of Cheon Il Guk.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
October 3, 2002
Sutaek-ri, Korea