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Rev. Hwang Passes on His Mission

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Ending One Era and Beginning Another

A ceremony marking the end of Rev. Hwang Sun-jo's term as the FFWPU International President and President of FFWPU in Korea was held on March 3, 2005, at the headquarters church in Korea. Present were Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan and some four hundred leaders, including former church presidents, national messiahs, church leaders, heads of providential organizations and elder members.

True Parents appointed Rev. Hwang president of FFWPU Korea in July 1996, and international president in June 1999.

Rev. Hwang has relentlessly devoted efforts to align himself completely with the

needs of the providence. Yet he still found ways to go beyond the demanding call of duty: for instance, in the area of publications he personally oversaw the creation of many texts for the education of our second generation, a number of which were translated into English (and are available from various sources). He also republished *Exposition of the Divine Principle* in English, French and (soon) Spanish—in special editions to be distributed worldwide to many nations that have been lacking this basic text. The Korean news video, *Completed Testament Magazine*, was also remade each month in English under his direction for the benefit of the

worldwide membership.

Rev. Hwang's efforts were highlighted in Rev. Pak No-hi's report of his presidency; and in his parting address, Rev. Hwang reminisced about both his early church life and time as president, expressing how he always felt unable to do enough.

Rev. Kwak expressed his gratitude to Rev. Hwang, presented him with a plaque, and hugged him affectionately. Rev. Kwak explained that the change of leadership was part of sweeping changes that will affect our organizations in this providential time period, in keeping with the opening of the era of heaven. ♦



A Message from Rev. Hwang to the Blessed Families of the Global Unification Movement

Dear respected, blessed family members,

I hope this letter finds you in the realm of God and True Parents' constant blessing, and in good health. I sincerely hope that we all can further fulfill the way of children as we enter the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, in which True Parents' victorious fortune is spreading throughout all of heaven and earth. In accordance with True Parents' instructions, I am now leaving my post as president of FFWPU. I have been given the mission of returning to my hometown and restoring my tribe. Therefore, through this letter, I would like to convey my greetings to all of you as I depart.

I am grateful to our True Parents for giving me this new mission, and I believe there is providential significance behind this instruction. From the viewpoint of God's providence, this year is an important time of great transition. The most important providential change in God's providence was the transition from 2000 to 2001. It was not simply a shift into a new millennium; it was a great qualitative transition in history from the viewpoint of providence. The year 2000 was the time of harvest for the overall providence marking eighty years of True Father's providential life course and the fortieth anniversary of True Parents' Holy Wedding. During this time, man was restored to his original state and the fourth Adam was proclaimed. Second, all things of heaven and earth recovered their original value with the declaration of the return of land, land, oceans, cosmos and the realm of the heart of the fourth Adam to

God. For this reason, True Parents opened the age of the culture of heart belonging to the original state of creation, wherein, in our own names, we express the details of our lives as a report, rather than as a religious act of prayer.

A new age began in 2001 with the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God. True Parents opened a new age belonging to the original state of creation centered on God. They designated the world under God's dominion "Cheon Il Guk" and implemented the beginning of the era of Cheon Il Guk that goes beyond the formation, growth and completion levels in the process of creation, and beyond the Old, New and Completed Testament Ages.

True Parents have said that the completion of the age of Cheon Il Guk will come by the its twelfth year. This period will progress through three stages. In the first stage (2001–2004), True Parents developed the basic models for Cheon Il Guk. This period can be likened to springtime. It is a time of taking root and during which the trunk and central branches grow. This process consisted of 120 tribes and 182 nations holding coronations on the foundation of God's kingship and the kingship of blessed families. The four-year period of the second stage (2005–2008) is like summer, where life flourishes and grows, with smaller branches spreading out and the tree becoming densely covered in leaves. This should bear fruit in the third stage (2009–2012).

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Perfect Restoration of Cain and Abel Brotherhood and the Ideal World of Creation

Father's Speech at True Parents' Birthday Celebration and Crowning Ceremony on February 14, 2005

Respected guests from home and abroad, ladies and gentlemen! This is a time of great transition in history. At this moment, the bright sun of the fifth year of God's Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk is causing flowers of life and love to bloom for all humankind and all things in the universe. God's grace and blessing are upon us.

Ladies and gentlemen, my entire life of eighty-some years has been consistently devoted to upholding God's will for the salvation of humankind. After holding over ten thousand meetings and public speeches to teach the words of truth, today my life-long ministry is reaching its fulfillment. Generally we think of history in terms of people and events as they happen. However, there is another way to understand history, from the vertical perspective of God's providence. Today you have all participated in the Peace King Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity. This was an event unprecedented in history. History will record this day in eternity.

Today we are receiving God's abundant grace. We are beginning the second four-year course in the providence of Cheon Il Guk, which runs from 2005 to 2008. In commemorating this significant day, I would like to inform you about the heavenly laws that we must know and practice in this age. The theme of my speech is "Perfect Restoration of Cain and Abel Brotherhood and the Ideal World of Creation."

GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN ADAM'S FAMILY

Ladies and gentlemen, if Adam and Eve, our human ancestors, had not fallen, God's original intention for them was to perfect themselves and establish a realm of unity of heart with God. They were to have been God's children and God's absolute object partners, relating only with Him. However, when they fell, they

joined themselves in blood ties to Satan, and they fell to a lowly status where they were compelled to deal with Satan as well as God. I am describing the situation immediately after the Fall, when Adam and Eve only carried the original sin and had not yet done anything good or evil. At that point, they were in a mid-way position, where they had to deal with both God and Satan.

God then worked to separate Adam's family, caught in this mid-way position, from Satan. God began with the children of fallen Adam and their descendants. He placed Cain, the eldest among Adam's three sons, on Satan's side according to the order of the Fall, and Abel, the second son, on the side of heaven. God worked this providence of salvation based on the law of restoration through indemnity. Since Satan had a claim on fallen Adam and Eve based on his connection by blood, God divided their children in this way and had them set up indemnity conditions on their own, with the goal of restoring them both to the side of heaven. Satan, for his part, knew that God had a claim on human beings as their original Creator. Therefore, He could not just seize the fallen people for his side unless they made evil conditions that would allow him to invade them.

In this way God and Satan carried out an invisible struggle in the lives of Cain and Abel over the conditions they would make to restore the lineage of true love. This invisible struggle has expanded ever since through the history of Adam's descendants.

We know from the Bible the tragic outcome. Cain the elder son killed Abel the second son. He should have naturally submitted to his favored brother, but he did not. How intense was God's grief and bitter His sorrow! Here were His children, whom He had created based on His heart of original true love. Yet now Satan had taken them away. True love, the very principle of heaven, was removed from this world. Heaven's lineage, which should have been passed down throughout the generations for eternity, was destroyed in one moment.

God created Adam and Eve as His children. When they grew to maturity He intended to give them the marriage blessing, so that they could establish the way of true love. God was longing for a family that He alone could love. However, to God's deep sorrow, he could not embrace His children, Adam and Eve, in true love. Nor could he embrace His grandchildren, Cain and





Abel, in true love. God's sorrow over this has persisted throughout history.

God, Adam and Eve, and their children were supposed to form a family of three generations. Had they established it, the Human Fall would never have occurred. Satan, who has tormented human beings and ravaged human history for tens of thousands of years, would never have existed. Humankind would be one great family. God would be the head of every family, living as three generations. Nonetheless, in the end the second and third generations of God's first family—Adam's family—failed to fulfill the conditions set up for them. They failed in the limited responsibility that was given them as their portion, in accordance with the principles of creation. Here was the beginning of humankind's tragic history. Yet, God could not give up on His creation. He began His providence of restoration through indemnity in order to find at all costs His children whom Satan had abducted. God is a Lord of principles, fundamental rules and laws. If God abandoned the realm of three generations that was lost in Adam's family, it would have been tantamount to abandoning His entire work of creation.

Accordingly, God waited 130 years after Cain's murder of Abel and raised Adam's third son Seth as a new central figure. Seth had to fulfill the responsibility that Abel did not, which was to establish the realm of the elder son and also to restore God's lineage. From that time forth, God called descendants from Seth's lineage to establish appropriate conditions of indemnity as He advanced His restoration providence to separate humankind from Satan.

God was to rule the cosmos with absolute authority as the true Father, true Teacher, and true Lord of humankind. Yet Adam's family trampled on God's ideal of creation and drove God into the back alleys of history. Today, all of you must understand clearly how the history of separating good from evil centering on Cain and Abel has providentially affected human history. You should be aware of the significance it has for us, as we begin the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk.

As the Lord of true love, God created human beings as His children based on the standard of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. This is the principle for all created beings. When God created, He completely and absolutely invested Himself, absolutely affirming His creation. This is why we human beings, as God's object partners, should offer our absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience to God, who is our Subject partner.

The same principle applies to the relationship between Cain and Abel, even though they represent the side of evil and good, respectively. It is a heavenly law that Cain, who stands in the position of an object partner, should go before God through Abel. Cain should attend Abel as he would his father, master or teacher. Abel, for his part, should maintain an absolute standard. His position is to represent God. Like God, he should embrace and love Cain as he would his own child, with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience. By having a character worthy of trust and respect, Abel should induce Cain to submit to him naturally.

This is the heavenly principle for resolving the countless Cain and Abel conflicts that have appeared in the history of God's providence. Whenever this path was not followed, the conflict, bloodshed and war only continued unabated. With each failure, God had to go through the ordeal of seeing His providence prolonged. The thousands of years of human history bear living testimony to this principle.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN NOAH'S FAMILY AND ABRAHAM'S FAMILY

I do not have time to explain in detail all the events that have occurred in the history of the providence to complete the restoration of the realm of the elder son and restore God's lineage. After Seth in Adam's family, and following a period of 1,600 years, the providence moved to Noah's family. God called Noah as the central figure and worked through his family to restore through

indemnity the failure of Adam's family. However, this providence also ended in failure, due to the mistake of Ham, Noah's second son who stood in the position of Abel.

God waited 400 more years and then called Abraham. He was the eldest son of Terah, an idol-maker who symbolized the satanic world. Abraham's life was a story of making conditions to restore the realm of the elder son and the lineage. Through the three generations of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God worked a providence to restore in a short time the three historical generations of Adam's family, Noah's family and Abraham's family. Finally, Jacob established the conditions for the restoration of the realm of the elder son and the lineage. By going into exile and living like a gypsy, he was victorious in achieving the condition of separation from Satan. Based upon that success, Jacob triumphed in wrestling with the angel and was blessed with the name "Israel." The relationship between Esau and Jacob was the same as that between Cain and Abel. Through the principled way of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience, and the successful cooperation between mother and son, Jacob was finally able to recover the realm of the elder son by bringing his father Isaac and elder brother Esau into natural submission to him.

In Jacob's family, Joseph, who was the son of Rachel, the wife on God's side, entered Egypt and was successful in his course of restitution. Later on he brought his eleven brothers, who stood in the position of Cain, into natural submission to him; thus he was victorious in the role of Abel. Having become the prime minister of Egypt, he brought Jacob's family to live with him. What if Joseph had also invited Esau's family to Egypt? Then the historical struggle between Cain and Abel would have come to an end. Later difficulties, such as the Israelites' forty years of wandering in the wilderness under Moses, would never have arisen.

GOD'S PROVIDENCE THROUGH JESUS

Four thousand years after the failure of Adam and Eve, Jesus finally appeared out of the lineage that stemmed from the victorious foundation of Jacob's family. God raised the ten northern tribes and two southern tribes into a united nation of Israel, and God prepared Judaism. God set up Israel and Judaism in another Cain and Abel relationship to create the environment for receiving the substantial Messiah. God raised Israel in the position of Cain representing the political realm, and raised Judaism in the position of Abel representing the religious sphere. The relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus was also that of Cain and Abel.

If Israel and Judaism had clearly understood the teachings of the Old Testament, which were given as a guide for the 4,000-year providence of restoration, they would have united internally and externally. Led by John the Baptist, they would have attended Jesus as the King of kings and True Parent. Jesus would then have been able to build the kingdom of heaven, God's ideal of creation, within his lifetime. Furthermore, if John the Baptist had clearly understood and fulfilled his responsibility as Cain, how could Jesus have died on the cross? Yet despite receiving direct revelations and visions from heaven, and despite hearing Jesus' guidance that Jesus was himself the Lord and Abel, in the end John the Baptist could not surmount the challenge to live by absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience.

Furthermore, Jesus came as the second Adam. His family was to have been the true ancestors of humankind, passing on the lineage of purity, pure blood, pure love and pure harmony. Therefore, God intended to give Jesus His marriage blessing, in order

that he might form a true family that would become the root of Heaven's true lineage for all the ages.

However, with his death on the cross, once again God was driven to the darkest grief, His hopes crushed. God had sent Jesus, His only begotten Son, to recover the lost position of Adam. God had given Jesus His seal as the second Adam, hoping that he would bring the 4,000-year history of the providence of restoration to its final conclusion. Instead, once again God's will was frustrated. Once again, the core that God had established as the central axis of history was pulled out from its root.

From that time on, God's providence of restoration began to accelerate. Still, God never deviates from the track of the principles and laws that He established at the creation. He cannot lead the providence arbitrarily or capriciously. Consequently, after losing Jesus, who was to have become the eternal Abel for humankind, God had to patiently endure another 2,000 years of history. During that time He prepared the environment and conditions that would no longer permit failure, and on that foundation God finally sent to this earth the person who is speaking to you now, with His seal as the Second Advent of the Lord.

THE MANIFESTATION OF THE TRUE PARENT

Even so, my life course has never been smooth. Satan is a creature so shrewd and cunning that he could trample even on the heart of the omniscient and omnipotent God. For the past eighty-plus years, my life has run the gamut of ups and downs. Yet by establishing all the indemnity conditions necessary for each stage of the providence, I gained victory at the great transition point of the twentieth century. This was when the conflict and struggle between Cain and Abel that had begun in Adam's family expanded into the global struggle between communism and democracy. On the foundation of overcoming that final level of struggle, in the year 2001 I was able to declare the era of Cheon Il Guk, the time of true love under the sovereignty of Abel, and to offer God His kingship.

On that victorious foundation, in Jerusalem in 2003 I offered Jesus his coronation as the King of Peace of the First Israel. In 2004, crowning ceremonies were held in America (the second Israel) in Korea (the third Israel), and finally on the global level. Thus I was elevated as the King of Peace transcending religions and nations, in the capacity of the True Parent of humankind. Standing upon these providential victories, now in 2005 the world's six billion people have entered the second stage in the three-stage process of building the Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk.

Today, humankind is mandated to fulfill three great goals. These are to change our lineage in order to complete the registration providence, to transfer the realm of ownership, and to inherit the realm of heart. You know that a lamb is obedient to its master even at the moment he puts a knife to its throat. With the absolute obedience of a lamb you should offer your life to the True Parent, who comes as the substantial King of Peace and your eternal Abel. You should fulfill your responsibility and your course as representatives of the entire realm of Cain.

Let us consider: where do we stand today in the course of providential history? Though imperceptible to the human eye, we are at a point of great transition. Now that we have entered the third millennium, Heaven's providence is moving toward completion with tremendous speed. Over the years I have established many organizations and institutions to advance God's providence. Among them, I highlight the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace and the Peace UN (the

Interreligious and International Peace Council) that I founded recently. Their mission is to embrace the satanic realm and, in the position of Abel, liberate the Mongolian Peoples Federation for World Peace, which stands in the position of Cain, representing Satan's realm. Thereby they are to bring the world into oneness, so that conflict and struggles between Cain and Abel will no longer stain history. America, which represents the sphere of the world's religions, should stand as Abel to love and embrace the United Nations, which stands as Cain. Thus will America and the UN fulfill their responsibility for the cause of world salvation.

Ladies and gentlemen, the True Parents are our ultimate Abel. The position of Abel is designated by Heaven. It is a position assigned by fate that cannot be evaded, even in death. Every Abel is called to plant the seeds of true love, even at the cost of his or her life. Every Abel must take the path of absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience before God. This is because the inverse purpose of this path is to bring Cain to natural submission.

It is our destiny to live in attendance to the True Parents as our eternal Abel. They are the vertical axis, coming as the incarnation of the incorporeal God. The True Parents are the Savior of humankind, the Messiah, and the Second Coming of the Lord. They are the King and Queen of Peace in the kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven.

The kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven now being set up by the True Parents is the ideal kingdom, the ideal of creation, which God has longed to see since the beginning of the universe. It is the central kingdom of peace. It will complete the era after the coming of heaven, which opened to humankind in the months prior to 2005, the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. It is a world of liberation and complete freedom. Here, all walls and borders that have divided people for thousands and tens of thousands of years are abolished, irrespective of their reasons and justifications. Here all humankind lives as one family transcending religion and nationality, and attends the True Parents as their True Teacher and True King.

OUR ATTITUDE IN THE TIME OF GREAT TRANSITION

Now that you know you live amidst such tremendous heavenly blessings, what should you do? How can you prepare yourself to receive these blessings? First and foremost, you should thoroughly rearrange your life. Begin by discovering the absolute realm of unity between your mind and body. This is how you can perfect yourself as an individual embodiment of truth, unblemished, clear, clean and shining. Your life should be free of debts. In other words, you should achieve a revolution through atonement. Next, you should be able to live eternally without any shame in your conscience. This calls for a revolution of conscience. Then practice a life of true love, of living for the sake of others, that you may not feel indebted in heart before True Parents or any person. In other words, carry out a revolution of heart.

The second thing you need to do is create heaven in your family life. The family is the palace of love. Perfect the four great realms of heart and the three great kingships in your family. Make your family a place that cultivates sons and daughters of filial piety, loyal citizens, saints, and divine sons and daughters. Let it become the paramount place to deeply experience God's heart. Let your family fulfill the promise of happiness that you and your spouse made to each other. Your ancestors will descend to your family and guide you on the path toward heaven. Turn

your family into a blossom of true love and the very place where that flower bears fruit.

Ladies and gentlemen, from this time forth your life will not be simple. Wherever you are, whatever you do, hundreds and thousands of your ancestors will accompany you. They have suffered bitterly until now because they could not attend the True Parents on earth. But for the next four years they will live with you in order to attend the True Parents substantially through you. They will cooperate with you, their descendants on earth, and support you as their Abel. Their goal is to enter heaven with you.

Keep in mind that while it may be possible to deceive the all the six billion people of the world, you cannot deceive your ancestors. They will evaluate every aspect of your life. They will determine your reward and punishment based on Heaven's standard of good and evil. Whether you are joyful, angry, sorrowful or satisfied, you should not disappoint your good ancestors, who will be watching your every move with blazing eyes. The next four years will be a serious time. Jesus, Buddha, Muhammad, Confucius, all the good spirits in the spirit world and your own good ancestors are being mobilized to come down to the earth. They will devote all their efforts to build the kingdom of heaven on earth, in other words, to complete the Kingdom of Cheon Il Guk.

Let us fulfill our responsibilities as Cains and as Abels. With God above us and below us, in front of us and behind us, and to our right and left, let us live with absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience—the standard that existed before creation. If we can unite and fulfill the way of embracing, forgiving and loving, then the era after the coming of heaven will be the literal Peace Kingdom, where all attend the True Parents and peace and prosperity reigns.

Now, carrying with us this heavenly message, we must depart to spread the seeds. Each of us should become the creators of this new world, as we go out to plant the seeds of true life and true love and represent heaven's family. Do not be so foolish as to scatter your seeds into the air, to be carried off by the winds of secular vanity and immorality. Seek the humblest and lowest position. Plant your seeds in the deepest and richest fertile soil. Break down the walls between races, abolish the national borders and bear the fruit of cross-cultural, interracial marriages that go beyond religion and nation. Let us do mighty works to uphold God's true lineage eternally. The providence of interracial, cross-cultural marriage shall elevate the Mongolian race and all humankind through the true love of the eternal God.

In the Bible, as Lot's wife was leaving Sodom, she looked back, disobeying heaven's decree, and was turned into a pillar of salt. Today you have received the heavenly decree. The heavenly decree is always a double-edged sword, bringing both blessing and judgment. The choice is yours. Without a doubt I have revealed tremendous secrets of heaven to you today. There is no turning back; the arrow has left the bow. There is no room for negotiation or compromise. The completion and perfection of God's providence alone awaits us at the finish line.

Let us make every effort to recover the three generations of God's family that were lost at the beginning with Adam. Let us complete, on this earth in our lifetime, a new heaven and new earth, filled with true love and free from the struggle between Cain and Abel. Let us complete the Peace Kingdom, where we shall all live as one family. Let us pledge to live in the eternal Peace Kingdom in attendance to the True Parents.

Thank you very much.◆

Finding Our Original Hometown

"God's Palace of Peace is the Home that We Long for in the Hometown and Homeland with True Parents at the Center"



Father gave this speech on January 19, 2005, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center. This date marked ten years since the beginning of the special providence that Heung-jin nim and Dae-mo nim have been guiding from the spirit world. Father spoke at a special service commemorating the anniversary.

So many people in the world still do not know that they were born as the unsatisfactory result of the Fall. I am aware that on earth, which is home to more than 6 billion people at present, there are still many places where people have not set foot. Such places are filled with many animals and plants in their natural environment; even the oceans dividing the continents are crowded with all kinds of underwater plants and living organisms. Who is the owner of all these organisms living either on land or underwater? People do not know that the owner is God, and at the same time, True Parents.

Throughout history people have prospered and established many nations on earth. At the moment, there are 191 member nations in the UN; when it becomes the new UN of God and of the kingdom of peace, these member nations will not still be separate countries. They will mark the beginning and the end of one united nation!

Apart from being one nation connected through one culture, one clan and one bloodline, no traces of the nations established after the Fall will exist in the kingdom of peace, the homeland and hometown, where all people will dwell in happiness, governed by God. That nation and hometown are not two separate places; they are one and the same. Considering that the nation and the homeland must be one united entity, that Japanese people—looking from a viewpoint that resulted from the Fall—call Japan their native land and have their hometowns in one of the innumerable prefectures in the nation of Japan should not be a source of pride for them. Rather, it will be a source of problems from now on.

The same is true of Korea. Though there are thirteen provinces in the nation, made up of districts with small towns and villages, if you were to think from the perspective of whether this nation could take the place of the eternal homeland of the original kingdom of God centered on the central family in the hometown of the eternal homeland, you would find that the place you are standing on is a different kind of nation, with no connection whatsoever to that homeland.

So what is that other kind of nation? The lineage completely changed. Through the love of God, that nation should have become the one nation, homeland and hometown where everyone is connected through absolute love, absolute life and an absolute lineage. Nevertheless, that originally intended nation was divided into pieces, and we plunged into confusion, chaos and oblivion, not knowing the central point in our bodies through which we can reestablish the homeland of God, the hometown of God. You must realize that—because this is the state you are in—you are in such a state of devastation that not one person among you can muster up the courage to seek the land and the nation of the homeland.

Today, the kingdom of God, the infinite and eternal homeland and the eternal hometown can be found here at Cheongpyeong. The love and the kith and kin of heaven and earth are being connected, and this is expanding to the rest of the world centering on this place; yet most people on earth do not even know of it.

What should we do about that? Wouldn't it be wonderful if this world became a place where I could teach everyone in it, all at the same time, a place where everyone could learn everything within a day?...

Since all of you gathered here today are aware of this fact, as representatives of history, you should become the one standard guiding others to the homeland, peaceful kingdom and hometown of God, and the token of the longing of the earth, illuminating the world in total darkness with the light of the bright sun.

Such is the way you should be, such is the way your families should be, and such is the way Cheon Il Guk—which you are searching for—should be. You should be able to shout out to others in pride, "This is truly it. This is it. This is it!" knowing that such a hometown and homeland starts from you. Contrarily, what you should understand is that when you look around yourselves you find that you are standing as a faint and faded standard, and that you are very far removed from the connection to the realm of the royal family in the palace that is centered on and can serve the kingship of God after regaining the hometown and the homeland.

Then the question arises: where does the homeland and the hometown, the kingdom of peace desired by God, centered on God's palace of peace, really begin? Everything crumbled because of the

Fall, but from where did the disintegration actually begin? A wall arose between God and humankind. You should understand that Satan built that wall. The borderline resulting from the existence of different blood lines has divided your bodies from your minds and left high barriers and innumerable walls between peoples through the great wars and conflicts of history. The likes of these cannot be broken down by the efforts of a single nation or individual. Who can solve these problems and establish the original garden of mountains and lakes on this desolate earth? Who can be the master and the center of the original garden of mountains and lakes, its fields and oceans and the animals and other living things dwelling there? A family that can become the master can protect the hometown of the homeland and give glory to God centering on the homeland. Such a central family, comprising the grandfather, grandmother, father, mother, husband, wife and grandchildren, who can assume such a position, has not appeared on earth yet.

That is why we need to find the palace of God, the eternally unchanging homeland, the hometown for which we have searched until now. How can that land be reclaimed? You must realize that we have reached the point in time where the blessed families of the Unification Church must reorganize their environment.

For the kingdom of God to be established, we must first create an environment in which such a kingdom can be established, and in such an environment decide on a historic day on which to hold the coronation and the enthronement of the sovereign lord, the king, to represent the kingship of God in His kingdom. If such a day is not decided on, there would be no reclaiming of the homeland or of the hometown of God.

The problem becomes more serious when pain from events in the past is involved. We must make sure not to contribute to future pain and sadness. Even if we have to sacrifice everything we have, even if we have to get rid of the oceans and of the garden of mountains and lakes so that we are stranded in a desert, such a history must never be repeated. So now we know that this is the task we all have been given to do! No-men, or A-men? [Amen.] Louder! [Amen!] ...

We have gathered here at Cheongpyeong on this day to commemorate the tenth anniversary. What comes after ten? Would you go from ten to twenty, then to a hundred? Who has taken possession of the position of the number twenty, God or Satan? [God has.]

There should be a place in your hearts for such a homeland, and also in your hearts should be the homes which would form the basis of this hometown. You should realize that such a home, in which we would find God and all of our ancestors, a home that all our ancestors could call their hometown and dwelling place, has not been discovered. This is a source of grief and lamentation to us as well as to God. Do you understand? [Yes.]

What kind of place is Cheongpyeong? "Cheong" is written with two Chinese characters, one meaning "water" and the other "the color blue." Together they mean "vividly blue waters," or "living surrounded by water." "Pyeong" means "to be flat or level, wherever you go." Bearing this in mind, the word "Cheong Pyeong" implies a level land surrounded on all sides by blue water. How many central points can this land have in it? It is illogical to suggest that there can be a Japan central point, a US central point, a Korea central point, or indeed a central point for each of the 191 member nations of the UN. There can be only one central point...

The person who appears at that point as the one lord, to take the place of the perpendicular in the horizontal world, should be designated by God: "You are the savior! You are the Messiah!"

Isn't that true for you, even at this moment? Though you have a fallen origin, and though the history of the fallen race has continued for thousands of years, you cannot deny that whenever you try to contravene your conscience and commit a sin, night or day, your conscience commands you to stop. You cannot deny that your conscience is still alive within you.

That is why your minds and bodies are in constant struggle. Do you acknowledge this fact, are you conscious of it, or do you deny it? Which is it? What is the difference between being conscious of something, acknowledging something and denying it? When you are conscious of something, you are in a direct relationship with it....

I am conscious of it! Say it. [I am conscious of it!] What are you conscious of? Only a family in the hometown of God can become the focal point, the starting point and the central point of the kingdom of God. In the minds of a father and mother who are centered on their family, in that area of their minds that is free of struggle and conflict, the seeds of the father and the mother, that is, the sperm and the ovum, can come together. In other words, centering on love the life of the mother and the life of the father can come together, spiral down to earth and delve the ground there, and start to go down perpendicularly. Unless the original sperm of God finds its way into the womb of the mother to meet the ovum, the owner who can restore the homeland of God cannot be born.

What is the title of my sermon today? What is it that I am trying to tell you? I am talking about the family in the homeland and the hometown desired by God and True Parents, with regard to the kingship of God and the kingdom of God. Where can sperm, hidden in the bones of the united body of God and Adam, and the ovum, hidden in the bones of the mother, come together and meet, according to the true standard as originally intended by God before the Fall? The desired homeland and the desired hometown can only appear from that place where the true love and true life of the husband and wife unite and intermix on the first night after receiving the blessing. Otherwise, the hoped-for homeland and hometown can never appear on earth.

In light of that, do you, as true men of the kingdom of God, have the true sperm in your bones, the pure sperm that would not pass on any fallen nature? Do the women have such ova, or not?

Is there even one person whose mind and body are not in conflict and who has a unified nucleus within him? Is there anyone who, with an unchanging form, can convey bright sunlight or moonlight through the darkness of night? Where can there be found someone who can bring together the sun and the moon and thereby drive the darkness out of the world and make it a world of brightness? Is there even one person who can explode with blossoming happiness, giving forth a wonderful fragrance, at a place vibrant and throbbing with life, and who has found the place where the fruit of the seed has been sown? Is there even one person like that? There is not.

Everything in the religious sphere was lost. History has developed through the efforts of trying to reclaim what was lost. Since the reclaiming must take place within the religious sphere, we are saying, "The savior must come." But what is the savior saying? "What an evil world this is! What evil nations!" They are not nations that need a savior. They are his enemies.

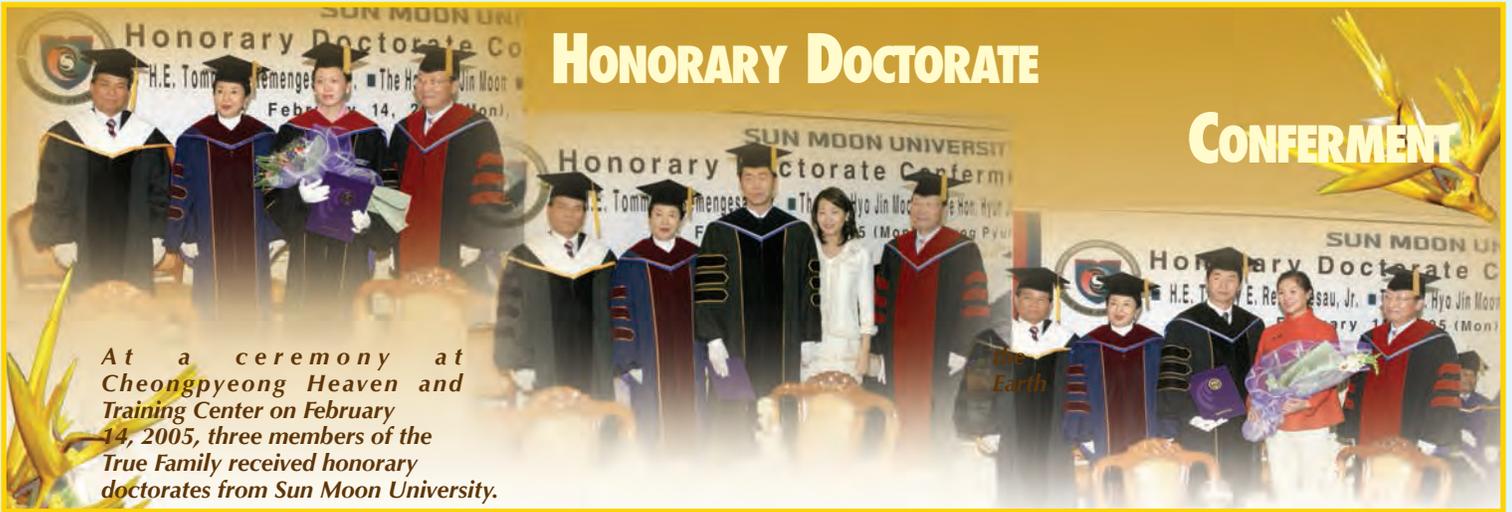
Amidst all this, the many religions existing on earth, as agencies of establishing the kingship of God for the restoration of the hometown and the homeland, must build a nation starting from the family. However, instead of doing so, they have been trampling on the ideals of God, the desires of God, His homeland, and so on and so forth, centering on the dictatorial systems of their own nations. Do you think the ideal path to the kingdom of heaven could be paved by such groups of villains? The answer is no, they could not....

Whether you are from Japan, Korea, or the U.S., we are of the same race, so we can conclude that unless we engraft all these people, who are the wild olive trees, to the true olive tree, so that we would be of one bloodline, we will never be able to restore the eternal kingdom of God, the kingdom of peace, the place the families centered on True Parents can call their own homeland and hometown.

That is why the families of grief, regret and despair come to the Unification Church to receive the blessing, with the hope of fulfilling

HONORARY DOCTORATE

CONFERMENT



At a ceremony at Cheongpyeong Heaven and Training Center on February 14, 2005, three members of the True Family received honorary doctorates from Sun Moon University.

their wish. What is the blessing? It is the process of overturning the bloodline inherited from the enemy and engrafting it. That is why everything can be achieved in the name of the coming True Parents, and through them you should be able to pass on true love, true life and a true bloodline.

What is this about the savior and True Parents? Even those who do not believe in Jesus or the Lord stand in absolute need of True Parents! Why? They must realize that they were not born in the lineage that is connected to the true love and true life of God. Since the True Parents who can become the lord and savior, what should you do once you meet them? What is the work of True Parents, who are the savior of this world that lost its True Parents? What is the work of the lord whose job it is to save the nation? The True Parents must purify the lineage, connect it to the lineage of God, become one with the possessions of God, and become the base of God's family.

However, a world whose ideological values are such that the Messiah could reign over it based on the family has not emerged in the fallen world until now. It is logical to conclude that unless such a realm of ideological values appears on earth, the kingdom of peace of God, the homeland and hometown and the home territory of God cannot come into existence.

You are in constant struggle. Aren't your body and mind in constant struggle? Unless that struggle within you ends forever, you will be nothing but a group of people without a homeland and hometown that you can restore as the lords of the eternal kingdom of peace. You will drift around amidst a cloud due to the fact that you came into the world without a homeland or hometown. You should realize that no matter how certain you were that you would be able to settle down, you will end up a drifting cloud, a wandering star! I can see so many people who are like that, even among the blessed couples here! You must understand that this is a source of great grief to True Parents and to God. It was the Unification Church I established to ease this grief, and it is the place where the grounds for the kingdom will be prepared from now on.

God has said that the True Parents are the savior who can save the religious realm and the world.... How complicated religion is! Religions have caused great wars to break out. Even today, there are conflicts based on Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Who can bring this struggle to an end? Only True Parents can do this. That is the work of the Messiah.

Not only nations but also the religious realm stands in need of the love, life and lineage of God. Be it Jews, Christians or Muslims, the entire religious realm is yearning for the true life, true love and true lineage of the True Parents, the Second Coming of the Lord.

It all comes down to the same thing. Through True Parents, all nations, everyone in the world itself, must be liberated and returned

to the original state of sons and daughters whose minds and bodies are eternally united—never in conflict—just as the mind and body of God are never in conflict. That is the historic task given us; its accomplishment is the solution to all problems in life, philosophy, religion, and so on.

There is only one starting point for that, which is nothing other than acknowledging True Parents. Why do we need to talk about the Savior, the Messiah, the Second Coming of the Lord and True Parents? Why is it so complicated?

If there had been no Fall, we would have formed a single clan, a single people, a single culture and a single nation centered on True Parents through the love, life and blood lineage of True Parents. However, because of the enemy we were all divided up, and are continuing to divide even further, so that we have separate nations, separate religions, separated chosen peoples and a divided nation of True Parents. They must all be connected, and a model needs to be created in which all can be united as one, centering on the crowning ceremony of peace, so that this confusion and division that has carried on throughout history can be disentangled and unified at the starting point of the hometown and the sovereignty of the homeland. For this to be achieved, everything needs to be fitted together in the reverse order.

You must go about this task with a firm determination to accomplish it, no matter how many enemies you have to face, and no matter how many times you have to die and be resurrected. Resolve in your hearts that the billions of miles you have to tread will feel like nothing more than a few necessary steps. You must be full of spirit, which will help you last till the end, and you must be vibrant with life, which will enable you to surmount and embrace everything in the world. You must be like a locomotive train, chugging along. Though it train has many wheels, it is the locomotive that makes the wheels move; it can never be the other way round.

When we think about where the enemy has his roots, we see that it is not in the sky, or in midair. You must know this clearly; the place where the mind and body are in constant conflict is the very place loathed most by God, the base from which the homeland and the hometown was destroyed! [Amen!] Those of you who understand what I mean raise both your hands and clap in the air. (Applause) Anyone who cannot control the battle going on inside you between your mind and body cannot become a citizen of the homeland of God, and cannot form his own family in the territory of the hometown and homeland.

What I have said today involves the family of the hometown and homeland of the kingdom of peace! What is the center? Your families must be focused on the central point, where the mind and the body are completely united. Man and woman were created in God's image

divided into male and female characteristics; they should form a base where they cannot be accused by Satan and where there is no conflict, and they should receive the blessing from God and form a family where the love of the man and the love of the woman can unite into one centering on the true love of God, and prepare the origin for the unified clan, where the parents and the children can never be separated ever again because they were born of the one and the same lineage.

Those who listen to this and practice it can bear the fruit of doing so and rise to the level of princes in the kingdom of God, the level of privileged grace where they can inherit even the kingship of God. ...

Now you understand all this, that the space in your heart is the space for the homeland and the kingdom of God, and the hometown for any citizen of that homeland. You also understand that since you lost the original places that should have automatically become your nations, you have wandered around; you have climbed up and down. This has been recorded as the risings and fallings of history and is how history has developed until now.

However, it is quite obvious that the Unification Church has the providential view of God. The Unification Church has clear views as to where the individual, family, tribe, race, nation and world should go, and what the kingdom of God should look like. If a family in the garden were to enter the palace of the kingdom of heaven, the path that family follows would be perpendicular to heaven. From the beginning point to the final destination of the highway, the most direct route is the restoration of God's homeland that the Unification Church is carrying out. Therefore you should be grateful and welcome with a big round of applause the amazing fact that families have begun that can connect with the land of their hometown! (Applause)

What is the basis for the breakdown of the ideal family of God and the destruction of the ideal nation? It was not just the body or the mind. It was the sexual organs! There can be no such thing as divorce. That is because the fundamental point for the original family, the kingdom of God, the point meeting the perpendicular, the cardinal point where God would come, and the point on the horizontal line are all one and the same.

The starting point of God's vertical love and horizontal love cannot be separate, but must be one. Since the mind and the body were born from one source, they should not be in conflict with each other. The fact that they are in conflict signifies that they are now two separate entities. They are in constant struggle and must be united, no matter what it takes. Anyone whose mind and body are not united

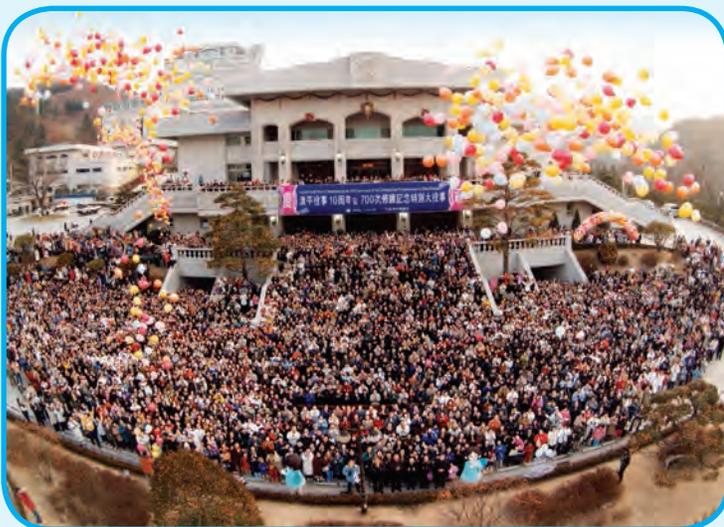
cannot enter the kingdom of heaven, can he? [He cannot!] Can he, or can't he? [He cannot!] Do you think you can? [No!] If you want to enter the kingdom, you must bring the conflict between your mind and body to an end.

The fact that today marks the tenth anniversary of the Cheongpyeong providence means that we have crossed ten original hills that had been lost, and from tomorrow we are entering a new universe based on the number ten as the new number of unity, where all saints that have passed on to the spiritual world and even God Himself can come down, become one with True Parents and attend them, together with you, for four years.

In this manner, by serving True Parents for three or four years on earth without going astray, you will be endowed with the rights of victorious princes and princesses, because such a thing is possible with my permission. Then you can set out from the earth, fly over Satan's walls and enter the palace of the kingdom of God without anyone opposing you; in fact, the angels will welcome you and guide you to the place themselves. There you will become citizens of the liberated homeland and royal, good descendants who can guide your ancestors on the path to the homeland. Amen! [Amen!]

Therefore, you need to make a firm resolution in your heart and be conscious of the fact that no matter what anyone says, you are a citizen of the homeland of heaven, and you were born as the son or daughter of God, born in the kingdom of God, the kingdom of heaven, the homeland. Bearing this in mind, you should set this day as the intersection and starting point from which you will start putting this into practice. In working for the restoration of the homeland and the hometown, in the eleventh year of Cheongpyeong, the ancestors will come down to earth and over the course of four years they will register themselves in the kingdom of heaven and seek their homeland in the kingdom of heaven where they can register their marriages. Do you understand?

Since they have to register their marriages as well as their births, the ancestors must come to earth, and for them to go through with the registration, the positions of the people living on earth needs to be inverted, so that the positions of the grandchildren are changed to that of the grandparents. In the father-son relationship, the father would become the son and the son the father, the elder brother would become the younger brother, and they would all be engrafted to the flesh of the True Parent, based on the victories he has achieved since the age of sixteen. The branches of the wild olive trees will be cut off and the body of the tree that is True Parents, the body that has victorious dominion, is grafted to you. Therefore, you would



left: The Cheongpyeong training center is packed with people to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the Cheongpyeong spirit world providence, right: True Father speaks with members

be second in becoming true olive trees, after serving the True Parents who are like a second Adam, for over four years on earth. Since, based on the standard of the same conditions, you received the blessing from True Parents on earth first, you stand in the position of the elder brother, and establish a unified realm with the position of the younger brother through absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience by serving their ancestors together. In this manner, with the Mongolian people as one family connected by blood, the 180 nations, the sphere of religions and the sphere of nations are in the positions of Cain and Abel, and those the position of Abel will absorb and take care of those in the Cain realm—absorb Satan and Cain, thereby achieving equalization.

This is how we would cross over the hills of all forms of sadness and grief, and establish the garden of God's kingdom, in a garden with mountains and lakes surrounded on all sides by grassy plains, where we can serve God as originally intended and sing in joy and praise. The fulfillment of our hopes will begin on this day.

From now on, the future that will unfold will be 180 degrees opposite of the past. You are not the citizens of Japan but of Cheon Il Guk. Japan will not be your homeland; Cheon Il Guk will be. And from now on, wherever you go in the world, the place where you register yourself will be designated as your hometown. A great movement of people will take place from now on.

There is the "Transition of the Three Ages Four Position Foundation Registration Unification Blessing Ceremony." Wasn't there a time when you were instructed to attend registration workshops in order to liberate and bless Adam's family? [Yes.] At that time, you drew lots and were given mission places. You should not just forget about them. The Japanese members should come back to Korea. Sell everything you own back home, come to Korea and quickly settle on the outskirts of Cheongpyeong and Seoul.

At present the people of the world, and in the case of Japan—its citizens and even its prime minister—oppose us. However, it will take only a week for the whole world to be blessed, to be registered in the kingdom of God and for all nations to welcome us. So, would it be acceptable if Japan, the mother nation, were the last nation in the world to be restored?

That is why so many tears and so much blood have been shed in history. So much blood, tears, and sweat have been shed for a homeland. Now that we are at the point of restoring a homeland, if you were to drop out of the process of establishing the relationship between that land and yourself, and if you were to deny it at all, there would be no way to revive you.

You must understand that, at this extremely dangerous time of great transition, you should prepare yourselves with dignity, reestablish the authority of the family, unite your mind and body, unite your entire clan through eight generations and relatives up to 16 times removed, become a tribal messiah, and render great service in resurrecting your people and nation. For instance, if you happen to be Japanese, living in one prefecture, you should have an influence on the four prefectures surrounding your own so that your whole nation can be united and resurrected. You should realize that, unless you can proudly claim that you have done your part for your nation, the path leading you to register in God's nation, in Korea, will be blocked forever!

You know that if you do not achieve this, you will end up as one of the group of people drifting away without having restored a nation with God as king, the homeland and hometown where everyone would live in peace and prosperity forevermore. Therefore, you should make a firm resolution in your hearts that, no matter what it takes, you must put this into practice and complete the responsibility of a tribal messiah and national messiah centering on one generation of your whole family. You should be determined to carry out this work with one heart, one body and one mindset, even if you have to die and be resurrected a hundred times....

That is why it is written in the Bible that those you are prepared to die will...? [Live!] And those who want to live will...? [Die!] Even if the path you are following requires you to die and be reborn thousands or tens of thousands of times, you need to follow it. In order to enter the kingdom of heaven, you need to cross the hills in eight stages, and even if you die ten times, you have to be resurrected each time and usher in the new heaven and earth on the eleventh try.

The era before the coming of heaven has passed, and we are living in the time after the coming of heaven; we have ushered in a

new heaven and earth, and we need to become brave warriors in establishing the homeland; we need to be able to claim God's homeland as our own homeland and make this earth the hometown of the liberated nation, as the hometown of God, connected to and centered on Adam. Only then can we become restored families. Then we can logically conclude that, in this manner, we can become the royal family of the spirit world, the liberated race that can open and liberate the hell that is this world on earth.

Since we are celebrating the tenth anniversary today, with the number 10 as the number of unity, you should renew your resolution to take part in this work, to be good vassals who work to establish the homeland and the hometown, to find the new heaven and earth, and to emerge in that world as completely transformed families. Only then can we say that the purpose of commemorating the tenth anniversary has been fulfilled, and only then can you establish families who will take part in restoring the position of the owners

of the liberated homeland and hometown of joy. [Amen!]

That home in the hometown and the homeland of the kingdom of peace, should be your home, and the basic standard through which you can restore sovereignty in your own nation. This home is like an elevator, leading straight up to heaven, so that if you were to stay in it, it could fly you directly to right in front of the throne of God. Then you would be standing in the position nearest to God; so it would be reasonable to conclude that you would be the first to be in the positions of the princes and princesses who would inherit the kingship of God! Those of you who welcome my message today, stand up, raise both hands and receive this message with open arms! [Amen!] (Applause)

On this tenth anniversary—which is based on the number of unity—you will become the owners who will take over the homeland and the hometown of the liberated heaven forever! [Amen!]

I'll conclude with these words: May God's blessing be with you all! Amen! [Amen!]◆

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IIFWP chairman Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan's speech at the opening plenary of the 5th World Summit, on February 12, 2005 at Cheongpyeong Youth Center

Your Excellencies. Most distinguished Delegates. Ladies and Gentlemen. On behalf of the Founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, welcome to Korea for this 5th World Summit on Leadership and Good Governance. Welcome also to the rich spiritual environment of the Cheongpyeong International Conference Center.

Many years ago, Rev. Moon and his followers began coming here to pray and fast. None of what you see now was here then. There were only the mountains in those days.

It is a high privilege to be able to address you today, and to present the Chairman's Address. We have assembled here representatives from 157 nations, including delegates from all the world's major religious traditions, and from a wide range of professional fields, including government, the private sector and civil society. Given this precious opportunity, I would like to choose my words carefully and use my time well.

This Summit series focuses on Leadership and Good Governance, and their relevance to human development and peace. The IIFWP was founded with a very serious objective in mind, to create a world of universal peace, a world in which true love is the basis of all human relationships; a world in which all people live together as one global family, in mutual respect, harmony, cooperation and co-prosperity; a world whose institutions, from governments, to religions, to businesses, carry out their tasks on the foundation of a deep, underlying culture of heart that binds all people together as one family. On this foundation, we can build social, civic, economic and political institutions that take us through and beyond the challenging problems of our day.

Leadership and Good Governance are essential in helping us to achieve these goals.

Leadership has its foundation, not only in knowledge, experience, and a will to lead, but also in the character of individuals. That is, it has to do with the traits, qualities and virtues that should be embodied in human beings. Good leadership is essential to good governance. When character is lacking, talent, knowledge, experience and skill can be misused. Furthermore, character is not merely an intangible, moral value. Good character, which includes honesty, loyalty, dutifulness, compassion, courage, wisdom, etc., yields good outcomes. Good character allows trust, cooperation, creativity, productivity and prosperity to flourish.

As you know, IIFWP upholds two primary principles. Both are grounded in the ideal of true love, which is God's most essential

characteristic. A world culture that is based on true love is one where conflict, poverty, and hostile competition will fade away. In turn, many very practical benefits will follow, including great happiness, freedom and prosperity.

Thus, we do not advocate these principles simply as ends in themselves. Rather, these principles provide guidelines for the way of true love, which in turn is the basis for solving our world's most critical global problems.

The first may be called the principle of unselfishness, or the principle of living for the sake of others. The second is the principle of unification, or the principle of overcoming barriers through acts of love, reconciliation and cooperation.

These principles underlie IIFWP's ideals of leadership and of good governance. They guide us on the path to peace.

The conflicts and struggles of history are not fundamentally problems of structure, resources, technology or knowledge alone. They derive from the problems within human beings.

Originally, humanity was created to inherit God's nature in all its goodness and greatness. That is why we were endowed with a conscience that expresses the God-given essence within each of us.

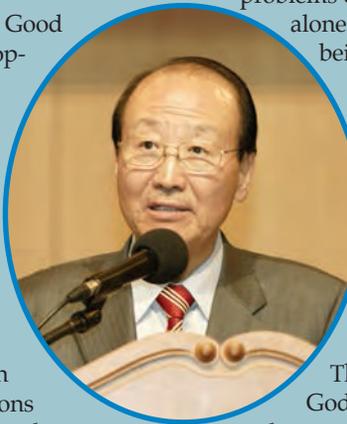
The human problem emerged due to the Fall of Adam and Eve, our first ancestors. As a result of the Fall, the conscience was brought under Satan's dominion and has been badly damaged, even though it could not be eradicated completely. This is because, up until the time of their fall from God's grace, Adam and Eve were able to develop, at least partially, their conscience. Still, the conscience is not fully matured or perfected in human beings, and so we are in need of continual efforts to elevate the conscience. This has been the purpose of religion and the teachings of the saints and sages throughout history.

Even plants need nurturing and support if they are to grow. Weeds can grow easily. The conscience, like a tender plant, needs cultivation or it deteriorates.

Our physical body has its origin in our physical parents. What is the origin of the spiritual self? After a baby is born from its mother's womb, the conscience emerges.

The physical body primarily seeks comfort and satisfaction of physical desires. Our desire to seek truth, beauty and goodness, however, is rooted in the spiritual self. The parent of our spiritual self is God. God is the invisible True Parents.

Without recovering this true spiritual nature, we can never





fully restore human beings, and can never achieve true peace or achieve the fullness of God's original ideal for each human being.

Father Moon teaches that we are each to become a True Parent, True Teacher and True Owner. A true parent is a person with a perfected heart of true love, developed within a true family and the experience of the four great realms of heart. These are the heart of a loving child, the heart of a loving brother or sister, the heart of a loving spouse, and the heart of a loving parent. The family is the school of true love and the school for becoming a true parent, a true teacher and a true owner.

The term "true teacher" does not mean simply one who teaches math and science or simply transmits intellectual knowledge well. A "true teacher" is one who practices and teaches true love, based on his or her own experience. A "true teacher" teaches the correct order of love, and the correct order of the relationships of love.

The term "true owner" describes a person who relates responsibly and unselfishly to the things of the material world, according to the ideal of true love.

If a human being has the character of a true parent, true teacher and true owner, then he will not be a source of conflict, fighting or disorder in this world. Such a person is a peacemaker.

So much of the work for peace begins with each of us as individuals. There is a tendency to focus on the broader contexts of peace, such as the nation or the world, in part because the quest for true peace within the human being is so difficult. But, without perfecting the individual according to the conscience, peace will never be attained on broader levels.

Even when we look to issues of governance, and the way in which larger social groups are created and carry out their activities and seek to fulfill their goals, we recognize the importance of individual character and conscience. For, when we think of families, governments, religions, businesses, civic institutions, etc., we know that each is made up not only of structures, rules, laws and procedures, but of human relationships that have their base in individual attitudes and practices.

There is no disconnection between the individual and the social, the private and the public, the local and the global, or the micro-social and the macro-social. Throughout history, great individuals have been catalysts for profound social transformation. Likewise, great ideas that cannot be embedded in the heart, soul, and will of individuals will only remain floating above the earth, and never enter human history. Ideals and principles, when embedded in the minds, hearts, souls and wills of individuals, become powerful.

Take, for example, the issue of development and the eradication of poverty. Many factors can contribute to poverty, including political systems, economic policies, climate and geography; but at the heart of poverty are human relationships and human practices, including the quality both of the leadership in a given

country, as well as the quality of the citizens. A leader who is not a true owner will mismanage wealth and contribute to impoverishment. A corrupt or unjust world will impoverish the many to benefit the few.

Corrupt leaders do incredible damage to the human family.

Character is critical for leadership. Good leaders make things happen. They create something out of virtually nothing. They give, and give, and give. Bad leaders create nothing out of something. They take, and all things diminish over time.

IIFWP's Ambassadors for Peace program was established in order to raise up a worldwide community of leaders who apply the principles of unselfishness and unification.

I recently attended the inauguration of President Bush and listened to his inaugural speech. He placed great emphasis on the value of freedom and democracy. Of course, these are important values. And yet they are not the only values; neither are they the supreme values. In addition to upholding freedom, it is also necessary that we look more deeply at other values that are necessary for peace. For, if human beings are not people of true love, then freedom or democracy may only serve the interests of the selfish. Thus, even more important than freedom are the principles of unselfishness and unification. Freedom needs to be balanced with goodness, and a heart of true love.

If America is to be a world leader and establish a model of governance, the value of freedom must be balanced with other values, and particularly the value of living for the sake of others.

I also had the opportunity, last month, to attend the UN Conference in Mauritius dedicated to the consideration of issues relevant to sustainable development for Small Island Developing States (SIDS). I was very inspired to see so many leaders gathered. I listened to hundreds of speeches over the course of three days. Great knowledge, wisdom and experience were shared. However, while much was spoken about sustainable development, economic aid, environmental sustainability and eradication of poverty, little attention was given to other necessary conditions for successful and lasting development.

That is, there must be a transformation of consciousness among individuals. There must be "true parent" leadership. Not enough emphasis was placed on the importance of the family, religion, spiritual growth and moral character. At our IIFWP sessions, we strongly urge delegates to give more attention to these factors. For example, in terms of a virtue or individual trait that has enormous social and economic implications, we can consider self-discipline, and the capacity to postpone gratification and to pursue long-term rewards. This trait has relevance to HIV/AIDS prevention, educational advancement, wealth-creation, and success in all human relationships. Such considerations need to be included in discussions of human development.

This year we will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the United Nations. In anticipation of this historic moment, there is much



discussion of the need for renewal of the United Nations. I had the chance to speak to H.E. Jean Ping, the President of the 59th General Assembly, and I urged him to give serious attention to the development of an interreligious council at the UN. This is an idea whose time has come.

Between now and the convening of the 60th General Assembly of the United Nations, IIFWP will convene regional summits, with the following goals in mind:

- Further expand the IIFWP vision of leadership and good governance;
- Develop Regional Peace Councils;
- Expand the IIFWP's work in support of the United Nations' Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC);
- Support the Philippines' initiative to establish an interreligious council within the UN system;
- Prepare for two major international programs later this year:
 - A program to honor those who served as part of the UN forces in the Korean War;
 - A program to convene the Peace Council (IIPC)
- Develop the governing council for all IIFWP programs and activities.

I hope you can see that IIFWP is moving forward, on the foundation of many years of lonely sacrifice and service, even going back 50 years, when Rev. Moon would come to these mountains by himself to pray for world peace, and to receive guidance as to how he could liberate God's heart and establish a unified family of true love.

Here at this holy ground, many people have reported experiences with angels and ancestors from the spirit world. This is actually natural. Our spiritual senses are meant to be open. Also, our ancestors want to work with us to achieve peace. I realize this sounds unusual. And yet, it is true. When you die and go to the spirit world, do you think you will no longer want to see a realm of true love, joy and happiness realized for your own descendants. Even after you leave this earth, you will continue your mission.

On February 14th, we will gather for a special ceremony that celebrates the 85th birthday of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the 62nd birthday of Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon. We will also pay tribute to the lifelong course of Rev. and Mrs. Moon to establish God's universal Peace Kingdom as a world culture of heart, centered on the ideal of true love. This event will be in many respects a culmination of their entire lives.

In particular, since the year 2001, when Rev. Moon offered the Coronation of God's Kingship, he launched the era of Cheon Il Guk. The term Cheon Il Guk means literally, two people become one. This image represents the ideal of humanity living as one people, one family, bound together in heart, mutual trust and joy.

Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon will be honored as the King and Queen of Peace, and the King and Queen of the realm of Cheon Il Guk, the nation of the people of true love. The citizens of Cheon Il Guk are bound together by a culture of heart. It is a nation without boundaries, and its core principle, and the criterion of the true patriot, is to "live for the sake of others."

We are living in the era after the coming of heaven. The old world is dying away. The world that has brought God so much grief and pain will fade. The world of goodness is coming into being. This is the life mission of True Father.

I am so happy that you can all be here and can celebrate this moment together with God, with the saints and sages of history, and with our ancestors, all bound in oneness of heart to restore all the past history of conflict, hatred, violation and heartbreak.

Thank you and God bless you. ♦

Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan holds the position of special representative of True Parents, and he is also international president of IIFWP. He has now returned to the position of FFWPU international president, and thus will also oversee publication of TODAY'S WORLD magazine, beginning from the next issue. TODAY'S WORLD magazine began in 1980 under the World Mission Department (then based in New York), which Rev. Kwak was in charge of.

VIP participants at the conference, February 12, 2005



Inside the 5th Summit

The spirit of a convention of peacemakers

By Glenn Strait and Eric Olsen

Fifth Summit on Leadership and Good Governance Universal Values and Lasting Peace: Toward a New Model of Global Governance

Cheongpyeong, South Korea, Feb. 12 – 15, 2005 Excerpts from the Executive Summary by Glenn Strait and Eric Olsen

The World Summit series of conferences has convened an unmatched level and variety of people experienced in the spheres of government and diplomacy, religious leaders committed to interreligious dialogue, and academic experts in these fields. We are pleased to offer readers the following overview, adapted from an executive summary of the Summit by Glenn Strait and Eric Olsen. It touches upon some of the many themes the Summit addressed and offers some insight into the spirit of the dialogue. We hope it will afford the reader a more intimate insight into the work IIFWP is carrying out within the movement for peace.

Conflicts in the Middle East, on the Korean Peninsula and in dozens of other flashpoints around the world take a bitter toll in human lives and in the hopes of peoples in achieving the promise of lasting peace. Divisions over land and resources, endemic poverty, political repression, and ideological tensions all contribute to instabilities that can lead to aggression, systemic injustice, and, ultimately, war.

A major international conference bringing current and former heads of state, diplomats, scholars and leaders of nongovernmental organizations from some 150 nations worked to address the underlying factors that lead to conflict and to advance alternatives to preempt the outbreak of hostilities and bring reconciliation to warring factions.

Convened February 12 in a dramatic mountain setting at Cheongpyeong in South Korea, the assembly, on the theme *Universal Values and Lasting Peace: Toward a New Model of Global Governance*, empha-

sized the need for the collaborative efforts of government, civil society and the faith community to meet the heightened security and humanitarian needs of the twenty-first century. The three-day conference, the fifth such summit on leadership and good governance, met under the auspices of IIFWP, which was founded in 1999.

IIFWP Secretary General Thomas J. Walsh called the assembly to order in the opening plenary session and praised the nearly three hundred delegates for their selfless efforts to seek solutions to the problems of underdevelopment, social discord and political insecurity. He urged participants to use the time given to work together and to find in the commitment and experience of those assembled new paths that won't replicate the failed experiences of history.

The opening plenary address by Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan laid the groundwork for the days of deliberations and working sessions that followed. He outlined the two core principles of leadership and good governance advocated by IIFWP—the principle of unselfishness, or living for the sake of others; and the principle of unification, or overcoming barriers through acts of love, reconciliation and cooperation. These principles of governance ultimately have their roots not in structures, rules or laws, but rather in human relationships that have their base in individual attitudes and practices.

Dr. Kwak, who attended the recent inauguration of U.S. President George W. Bush, noted that the values of freedom and democracy that President Bush emphasized in his address are still not the most important values, for freedom misused for selfish ends leads to abuses.

Only when informed by the ethic of living for others and the motivation to overcome boundaries can the promise of freedom be realized. Dr. Kwak also reported on his recent meeting with the president of the UN General Assembly, H.E. Jean Ping and his attendance at the UN conference on sustainable development for Small Island Developing States, held in Mauritius.

Dr. Kwak was followed to the podium by the Honorable Jose C. de Venecia, speaker of the House of Representatives in the Philippines, who marveled at the magnificent setting and suggested that this could be a location for a United Nations of the East. Speaker de Venecia affirmed his support for an interreligious council within the UN, and reminded the assembly of his own efforts to present that proposal before the international body.

"Changing the heart is the only way to end the clash of civilizations, which really means a clash of religions," he said. "In the old days [such conflict] was tolerable. Today it is not tolerable. And only by implementing Dr. Moon's idea [of an interreligious council] can we learn to avert war.

"I personally advocated this view before President Bush, who was enthusiastic and referred the matter to Secretary Powell and National Security Advisor Rice. I brought this proposal before the UN General Assembly, which passed the resolution unanimously. Now I would like to ask this forum gathered here to begin to organize such an interfaith body to address the problems in the world's conflict zones—in Sri Lanka, Kashmir, Chechnya, Sudan, Nepal, Nigeria, and

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The Reign of



True Parents' Birthday (February 14, 2005) was an especially meaningful occasion this year. Following the morning Pledge Ceremony, the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity was held, representing the acknowledgement of the King and Queen of Peace on the level of the cosmos.

Heavenly Father, who is the original being of true love and origin of all things, on February 14, in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk, at the Cheongpyeong Holy Ground in Korea, the spiritual world and physical world, together with representatives of the realm of Abel and realm of Cain will hold a coronation ceremony for the True Parents of Heaven and Earth and Humankind to become the King and Queen of the Peace of Cosmic Unity. Please officiate this ceremony directly and establish the realm of the dominion of true love, which is of Your all-transcendence, all immanence, full authority and omnipotence. We therefore proclaim the coronation ceremony of the King and Queen of the Peace of Cosmic Unity.◆

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Upon the accumulated and historical tradition, Sun Myung Moon and Hak Ja Han Moon, who the True Parents, the Savior and the Messiah, were. True Parents have devoted all of their lives to bringing unification and peace to mankind, and have been victorious....

In earlier times, Rev. Moon led the efforts to end Communism and to break down the Soviet Union. He met the late President Kim Il-sung and opened a path of peaceful unification between South Korea and North Korea. In recent times, he has focused on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, which has been exacerbated by bloodshed; he has called on both sides to live and reconcile and to move toward a future of

peace—not through force of arms but through true love expressed in living for the benefit of others. These teachings of Rev. Moon's constitute the principle of peace that can overcome the era of conflict before the coming of heaven and usher in the time of unification after the coming of heaven....

It is my pleasure to nominate Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon as the King and Queen of Cosmic Unity.♦

Lee Chul-gee
President of Chondo-gyo
(Korean indigenous faith)

Nomination Address

Palestine. I appeal earnestly to the men and women of moral courage to use your learning and experience to reconcile the great religions and to relieve poverty, injustice and oppression.”

Following Speaker de Venecia, Dr. Konstantin Dolgiv, department chief of Russia’s Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry, spoke of the futility of politics uninformed by the great insights and gifts of the great faiths; His Excellency Dr. Ejup Ganic, former president of Bosnia—Herzegovina (1997 – 99, 2000 – 01), reminded the delegates of the failure of international leadership before and during the outbreak of war in the Balkans in the 1990s; Dr. V. Mohini Giri, chairperson of the Guild of Service in India, spoke of the price of conflict on the civilian population, particularly women and children. “No longer are women willing to be mute,” she said. “Sustainable peace can only be achieved with genuine collaboration between men and women, government and civil society.”

Dr. Lee Soo-sung, former prime minister of South Korea (1995 – 97); the Honorable Ashaji Ibrahim Mantu, deputy president of the senate in Nigeria; His Royal Highness Prince Sirivudh Norodom, Cambodia’s deputy prime minister; and His Excellency Dr. Punsalmaagin Ochirbat, former president of Mongolia (1990 – 97), spoke in turn of the urgent need for effective governance; for leadership informed by moral seriousness, and of the practical introduction of principles advocated by IIFWP through educational initiatives and interreligious dialogue to lessen tensions and provide for basic human needs.

Session: Peace and Unification on the Korean Peninsula

As Father’s homeland, and with nearly two million armed troops facing each other along a border only 151 miles (248 km) in length, the politically divided Korean peninsula is a natural and urgent arena for applying the IIFWP approach to peacemaking. Presentations in this session, therefore, included a major statement of the IIFWP peacemaking principles as well as perspectives offered by academic experts from Korea, Japan, and Russia.

“The goal,” explained Dr. Antonio Betancourt, secretary general of IIFWP North America, “is to change the ethics and logic of power to the ethics and logic of love, which means to live for the sake of others, from the neighborhood and

community, to nations around the world, ultimately to the United Nations body.” Dr. Betancourt has been deeply involved in facilitating dialogue between the two Koreas, and between North Korea and the United States, since 1990.

IIFWP proposes a restructuring of institutions in not only North Korea but the world over, based on the ethics of “I am even my enemy’s keeper,” he said....

Dr. Moon’s philosophy, or headwing ideology, according to Betancourt, can be the point of convergence “not only for North and South Korea, but for the left and right forces all over the world.” Headwing ideology aims to harmonize not only the purposes of the whole and of the individual, but also the ideals of the forces of production and capital represented by the right, and the forces of distribution and labor represented by the left. Through such harmonization, all forces and resources “can be harnessed for the good of the individual, family, nation, the region and the world, realizing a new state of interdependence, mutual prosperity and common cause.” A sovereign state embodying this ideology, then, could rightfully be called the peace kingdom, the long sought ideal of God and of Dr. and Mrs. Moon.

Other speakers each offered an array of suggestions for surmounting barriers to unification. To bring about a “Paradigm Shift on Non-Proliferation,” Professor Kim Kyoung-soo of Myongji University proposed three approaches: supply-side (deny materials); coercive (sanctions, military); and demand-side (look at reasons for acquiring weapons).

Mr. Tamotsu Nakano, visiting scholar at American University in Washington D.C., favored the development of a grand design for peace in northeast Asia with the effort for bringing peace on the

Korean peninsula as part of that larger design. He encapsulated alternate paths centered on the two Koreas into four scenarios: soft landing in which South Korea’s Sunshine Policy of constructive engagement would continue to develop successfully; hard landing involving the use of sanctions or military action against North Korea; status quo in which the current stalemate continues with little real change; and nuclear escalation triggering Japanese development of nuclear weapons and destabilization of relations between the U.S. and China.

In contrast, Dr. Vladimir Petrovsky of the Institute for Far Eastern Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences noted that the successful European model for developing collective arrangements in security and cooperation looked promising for the Korean case. In particular, a European Union pact for bringing stability to Southeastern Europe could be a model for a similar type of agreement linking the security concerns and economic interests of North Korea and South Korea, U.S., Japan, China, and Russia.

Professor Yoo Ho-yeol of the Korea Institute for National Unification in Korea views Korean unification from the perspective of having visited North Korea four times and having interviewed many defectors from North Korea. From such a perspective, he argued, the Sunshine Policy requires urgent reevaluation because it hasn’t taken into account the real nature of the North Korean government, which has taken advantage of the policy in ways that strengthen the North Korean position.

Session: Toward Peace in the Middle East

This session was convened in the cautiously optimistic context of the recent election of Palestinian Authority



President Abbas, significant signs of rapprochement of the new president with Israeli Prime Minister Sharon, and other recent steps to lessen tensions and foster peace. The wide-ranging session sought to build upon IIFWP's Middle East Peace Initiative and to underscore the importance of an integrative approach that moderated demands for justice in favor of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

Moderator Rev. Michael Jenkins, co-chair of IIFWP-U.S., introduced a distinguished panel of Middle East experts and participants in Middle East peace efforts, including Dr. Frank Kaufmann, director of the IIFWP Office of Inter-religious Relations; Yaakub Salamee, head of the Non-Jewish Sector of the Israeli Ministry of Religion; the Honorable Taleb El-Sana, deputy chairman of the Democratic Arab Party in Israel; the Honorable Abu Ali Shahenn, member of the Legislative Council of Palestine; and the Rev. Hod Ben Zvi, secretary general of IIFWP in Israel. The conference was particularly honored by the participation of the Honorable Sheik Taysir Al Tamimi, the supreme judge of the Sharia Courts in Palestine and among the most influential voices among Palestinians to secure a just and enduring peace.

Dr. Kaufmann began the session with a generous testimonial to the movement toward reconciliation between the Palestinian and Israeli presidents. But such moments of hope, he noted, are too often overtaken by conflict with roots far deeper than politics. "The shattering [of] the dreams and lives of undeserving innocents do not stem merely from political differences," Kaufmann said. And politicians "can only solve the political aspects of the problem." No one bears greater responsibility than religious leaders, Kaufmann concluded, to take on the

task of pursuing a peace that reaches beyond politics and draws upon our spiritual resources of humility, trust and forgiveness.

The Honorable El-Sana expressed feelings of hope and optimism among so many world representatives in such a beautiful and nurturing setting. "As an Arab Palestinian and a member of the Israeli Parliament," he said, "I feel torn inside when my state fights my own people.

"From past mistakes we can learn that peace is not the agreements signed by leaders in front of TV cameras," El-Sana observed. "What is important is the peace between the people, which has its implication on their day-to-day life. The Palestinian side must show sensitivity to the historic sufferings of the Jewish people and ease their fears and feeling of being threatened. The Israeli side must admit its responsibility for the Palestinian sufferings, and get rid of the paternalistic attitude towards the Palestinians, treating them as equals."

Sheik Taysir Al Tamimi, the highest-ranking jurist of the Palestinian Authority, recognized the pioneering work of Dr. Moon to foster an environment for interreligious cooperation in that divided land, and he appealed for tolerance and respect as a critical stance for people of faith. "Religious leaders and clergy should take up their natural role to bring peace," he declared. "The honor of humanity belongs to all people. The prophet of Islam says that all are children of Adam, and that none should hold themselves superior."

Workshop: HIV/AIDS Prevention

Dealing with the urgent threat and reality of HIV/AIDS draws people quickly to the point of unity regardless of race,

religion or nationality. At the same time, judging from presentations in this workshop, responses to the pandemic carry the distinct mark of the local culture. In Bahrain, said Dr. Somoya Al Jowder, the A, B, C, and D of HIV/AIDS education is Abstinence, Be faithful, Change character, and Don't use drugs or alcohol.

Dr. Robert Kittel, director of the IIFWP office of peace education, introduced a PowerPoint presentation of a powerful HIV/AIDS education module. He offered a copy of the CD to any who were interested, courtesy of IIFWP. Beyond the specific content being presented he also emphasized the importance of involving religious institutions in the fight against AIDS and of educating people in the value of living sacrificially for the sake of the whole.

"We're sitting on a time bomb," warned Dr. V. Mohini Giri, chair of the Guild of Service in India. She was referring to the explosive expansion of HIV/AIDS in India to the point that in 2005 India will likely displace South Africa as the country with the largest number of people carrying the HIV virus. Dr. Giri's long years of devotion to defending the rights of women and children positions her well as an advocate for meeting the needs of women and children threatened with or already carrying the disease.

Speaking as a Christian minister, Bishop Nzishura Simeon, chairman of the Union of Christian Churches in Burundi, represented a country with an HIV/AIDS infection rate of about 6.5 per cent. "At that rate of infection, HIV/AIDS education," he said, "needs to be about not only prevention but also about the importance of caring for people who are already infected."

Session moderator Alan Saunders, director of IIFWP's office of character education, kept the session moving by drawing on his own extensive experience, in diverse countries, of teaching the essentials of human character development, which are so central for raising up the matured people who will naturally maintain the pure life style that keeps HIV/AIDS at bay.

Session: Strained Relations Between Islam and the West: Toward Healing and Reconciliation

Chairman Tajeldin I. Hamad introduced a distinguished panel of commentators, including the Rev. Dr. Clinton Bennett, a visiting fellow at the Birmingham University Graduate Institute for Religion and Theology in the United Kingdom;

Three prominent Korean politicians greet True Parents at the Birthday Banquet



Dr. M. Habib Chirzin, president of the Islamic Millennium Forum for Peace and Dialogue in Indonesia; Chief Imam Cheikh Assane Cissé, president of the African American institute in Senegal; Dr. Eva Latham, president of Human Rights Teaching International in the Netherlands; and James Flynn, president of the American Family Coalition.

“There is a view held by some politicians and scholars that Islam does not belong in the West and is incompatible with Western values,” remarked Dr. Bennett. Conversely, “some Muslims’ belief that the West is not only a threat but actively engaged in a campaign, a crusade, to suppress Islam.” To counter such trends, Bennett suggested, NGOs play a leading role, involving Muslims and non-Muslims in both organizational management and in service and other mission work.

Dr. Chirzin observed poignantly that the recent tsunami had no nationality. “It didn’t pay any attention to religion, color or ethnicity,” he said. Imam Cissé empha-

sized that Islam means “peace.” “You will never find terrorism in the Qur’an,” he said. War is mentioned 6 times in the Qur’an; peace 32 times. Much of the pejorative use of Muslim is without justification, as in the Balkan conflict where the media reported on conflicts between Serbs, Croats and ‘Muslims.’ This presents a false view of Islam.”

Islam and the Christian West have a long history of cooperation and mutual interchange in the areas of the arts, science and commerce. In these challenging times, all sectors of society need to look beyond crude stereotypes to a shared tradition of spiritual values. Despite periods and episodes of conflict, what unites these civilizations is a more profound and enduring legacy that can again lead to peaceful and prosperous coexistence.

Workshop: Organizing Peace Programs for Youth

The session produced linkages across oceans and cultures as participants pooled their collective wisdom of how to

engage youth in peace-oriented activities, including the Young Ambassadors for Peace program, which was introduced by Rev. Gehring.

Rev. Dr. Janick Castor of Hollywood, Florida, recounted her experience of pairing youth from Florida with youth from Haiti. The youth from Florida raise funds for trees that will be planted by the youth in Haiti. The trees are selected to be income producing, so they are less likely to be cut down for firewood.

Special Session: Dreams, Determination and Destiny

In a change of pace that evening, Mrs. Karen Judd Smith, director of IIFWP’s Office of UN Relations, chaired an informal panel of five presenters seated on stage in armchairs to discuss the life, vision, and legacy of the IIFWP founder, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon or Father Moon.

Listening to their comments, one could realize that Father Moon’s ideas

Who Are the Ambassadors for Peace?

One ambassador for peace reflects on what provides the motivation to live for the good of humanity and to take up this calling

by Dr. Reet Pool – Estonia

Becoming an ambassador for peace makes one think about a question we do not ask ourselves every day: What is peace? One begins to wonder where peace begins and who sets it in motion. I wonder how it will develop on the local level here in Estonia. By profession, I am a psychologist, and one of my most requested lecture topics is “Crises and Their Management: Preventing and Solving Conflicts.”

As a psychologist, I would define “the road to peace” as “particularizing conflicts and solving them.” But though the Earth looks peaceful when seen from outer space, there are actually an awful number of conflicts on our planet. Advances in technology have led to increases in the efficiency of violence and of warfare. In the time of Christ, wars were fought man-to-man between soldiers; nowadays, greater force is directed anonymously and from great distances against armies. Peoples and nations stand against one another and danger fills the air.

As long as there has been fighting, fighters for peace have also been active. That struggle too has widened in scope in an effort to keep in step with the escalating chaos. The question is what we in Estonia can contribute toward the work of peace. I am grateful that Dr. Sun Myung Moon, a man with lofty ideals, and who is persistent and strong, has started work to make



world peace real; but what is our local role?

If, as I’ve stated, peace means “preventing and solving conflicts in a reasonable way,” we ought to look at the conflicts that Estonia faces. In society there are conflicts on every level—in the psyche of an individual, in relationships between two people, in relationships between groups—from small ones up to struggles between ethnic groups and nations. The problem is that people do not know how to disentangle conflicts. They do not try to discuss problems, to hear the opponent out or to accept him. My rights are the most important ones in all levels of conflict.

In our country, we are fortunate not to have war. We do not have to deal with conflicts that engulf the whole of our society. Here, we need to pay attention to solving and preventing conflicts in immediate human relationships. This is the same person-to-person relationship, with a priority on mutual relations and respect among family members and relatives, the parent-child-grandparent relationships, that Dr. Moon, the peace philosopher, is insisting on. Estonia is a crisis area in that sense.

There are problems with spiritual and mental health; Estonia has one of the highest rates of suicide in the world. It seems a reasonable conclusion, based on studies that have been done, that with every Estonian who is unhappy in personal matters,

carry great persuasive power, not necessarily because they are original (although many of them are), but because of the way he has synthesized, elaborated, and personally exemplified them. What they said also demonstrated that through his continuous emphasis on becoming a better person and on embracing both the enemy and one who is different, Father Moon naturally brings one to realize that it is better not to focus on what I receive but on what I can give. As a couple, Father and Mother Moon also model the course of living for others. One of the panelists explained, Father Moon's lifelong motto is "Your life is not yours; it is for the sake of God and for others."

Dr. Eva Latham, president of Human Rights Teaching, International, has found in Father Moon's movement a high-minded manifestation of the motto she learned from her mother, "Success comes to the person who gives more than he

Dr. Lee Soo-sung, former prime minister of Korea, greets Father on February 12, 2005 at the 5th World Summit



receives." Further, she finds in IIFWP people who reflect her own ideal of preferring to be real and even socially alone rather than to be plastic and socially embraced.

Clearly the most provocative panelist was Dr. Hildreth Glennel McGhee, Jr., pastor and evangelist of the Peaceful Zion and Praise Learning Worship Center. Explaining that for twenty-one

years he was a persecutor and detractor of Rev. Moon, he went on to offer a powerful endorsement of Father and Mother Moon as the universal king and queen of peace, transcending the realms of traditional kings and queens whose kingdoms have been segregated and exclusive. Dr. McGhee is convinced that God's heart has longed for just such a couple to emerge as the King and Queen of Peace for all people.

In conclusion Mrs. Smith reminded all that in Father Moon's radical views, sovereignty is grounded in the depths of true love, and that his hope would be for people not to seek comfort for themselves but rather to become people who draw energy from the realm of heart so that we might be ones who give to others. ♦

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and who attempts or commits suicide, it is those who are close to him such as the whole family, or workmates, who are connected with his problems and conflicts.

Though Estonia is not alone in this regard, our country has a serious level of violence in the nucleus of our nation, the family. Being a member of the Estonian Women's Associations Roundtable, I am aware of this hidden side of life. Gender equality is another area related to women that needs to be tackled in Estonia. Drug abuse and alcoholism are also problems in our country. These are problems of spiritual health, in the ability to cope with oneself and to relate well with members of one's family. HIV/AIDS is a problem here as it is around the globe.

When I agreed to work in the Ministry of Social Affairs of Estonia as the leader of a unit in the Public Health Department, I had hoped that I could work effectively for the sake of the people in a ministry that is supposed to take care of their employment and health difficulties. It is a pity that the heart of the ministry is actually far from the people and that most energy is expended in political maneuvering and games between different parties. Far-sighted concern for the nation vanishes in the fight for personal interests.

Thirteen years ago I created *Active Health Studio ReetTer*, a civic organization, to provide people with the knowledge and skills necessary to care for their mental and physical health. I give lectures, hold consultations and organize practical lessons, seminars, courses and activities. For four years, I have also done a volunteer weekly radio program, "Be Healthy!" on a religious radio channel. This has brought me into immediate contact with people and their problems, conflicts and wishes.

I consider these my contribution for ensuring peace. I reflected on these career-long efforts and their

results when I agreed to become an ambassador for peace. If we start our work from the level of individuals, we can reach multitudes. That is why, based on my personal experience, I have concluded that the best way to get to know people, and to represent their interests, is through third sector, civic organizations. I am very glad that my conclusions have been confirmed in a wonderful way—Dr. and Mrs. Moon, the leaders of our efforts for peace and their co-workers, especially our active local leader Mr. René Chaillié, also consider social action groups the most effective tools for fighting for the well-being of people. I am glad to be one of the founding members of Estonian WANGO.

Being aware of, analyzing and providing solutions for the problems of people in our local area is a contribution to global peace. Starting from individuals and working with families will bring a collective result!

"Those whose minds and bodies are united must create families of unity, then a nation and the whole world. Only then, can we have a world where everybody sings a song of happiness, peace and liberty." (Rev. Sun Myung Moon, 1965)

I had a wonderful experience at the seventh IIFWP Europe "Living for the Sake of Others: the Life and Thoughts of Rev. Sun Myung Moon" seminar in Rome, Italy from February 3 – 6, 2005. I also had the great honor of being a special guest at the fifth World Summit on Leadership and Good Governance and participated in True Parents' birthday tribute and the King of

Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity, in Korea. These great events gave me a lot of ideas, the most important of which springs from Rev. Moon's words, "Without love we cannot build peace. In love there are no walls." ♦



Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly 2005

Cheongpyeong Training Center

February 15 – 17, 2005



The Cheon Il Guk Leaders Assembly, held at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, featured hoondokhae with True Parents as well as guidance on the providence and presentations from leaders on a diverse range of projects. True Parents held a banquet for the leadership during which Father walked among the tables speaking with participants. They gave awards to continents, nations and leaders who had demonstrated exemplary effort and success during the year of 2004.

Leadership Awards

1. Award for Meritorious Service
Rev. Dr. Kwak Chung-hwan
(IIFWP International President)

2. Awards for Exemplary Continent
Asia Continent
(Rev. Kim Byeong-woo, *Continental Director*)
Northeast Continent
(Rev. Seok Joon-ho, *Continental Director*)

3. Awards for Exemplary Nations
Mongolia (Rev. Kang Sang-hyeok)
Nepal (Rev. Ek Nath Dhakal)
Solomon Island (Rev. Chris Bokabule)

4. Awards for Exemplary Leaders
Korea: Rev. Han Seok-soo
(*Church Leader, Kae-san Church*)
Japan: Rev. Kim Man-jin
(*Regional Leader, Region One*)

The Philippines : Rev. Michael Zablan
(*National Leader*)
U.S.A.: Rev. Mark Hernandez
(*Regional Leader, Texas*)
Mongolia: Rev. Kang Sang-hyeok
(*National Leader*)
Israel: Rev. Hod Ben Zvi
(*National Leader*)
Benin: Rev. Zinsou Paternie Sosie Lin
(*National Leader*)
Guatemala: Rev. Gerhard Bessell
(*Cain-nation National Messiah*)
United Kingdom: Rev. David Earle
(*IIFWP and FFWPU Leader, Birmingham*)
Australia: Rev. Richard McInerheney
(*National Leader*)



This year is the start of the second stage. True Parents have instructed all blessed couples to recreate their tribes based on God's lineage with the cooperation of their ancestors in the spiritual world. All blessed couples are fourth Adams, tribal messiahs and true parents. It is our destiny to walk this providential path of engrafting each of our tribes to the cosmic True Parents and True Family.

Within this providential current, True Parents have instructed me to step down from my positions as FFWPU international president and president of FFWPU Korea and focus on establishing the tradition of tribal restoration. To this end, I am making effort in pioneering today's providence with a happy heart.

I must confess that, looking back at the past nine years, I have been an inadequate leader. I feel so unworthy in failing to fulfill my responsibility before God and True Parents and in fulfilling Cain's responsibility to the True Children. I feel sorry beyond words for not

having fulfilled my duty as the one responsible for all the leaders and members of the Family Federation worldwide.

Looking back now, I see that during these past years I have amassed many debts. As I carried out my mission, I became indebted to everyone. I hope that I can repay those debts from now.

I will repay my debts to God, True Parents and the True Family and fulfill my responsibility as I sincerely carry out the providential task given to me. I will also fulfill my responsibility to all blessed families and repay my debts to you all with a joyful heart.

I am deeply grateful to all the members who have taken care of and supported me. Let us all become providential leaders in this new age, with loyalty and devotion to God and True Parents. Through each of us fulfilling our responsibilities, let us quickly make Cheon Il Guk into our community, where we can dance and sing with joy. Thank you very much.◆

Excerpts from Rev. Hwang's Speech at the Ceremony to Conclude His Mission

After graduating from UTS, I served as the regional director of New Jersey for three and a half months before I was suddenly given instructions to go to Washington D.C. A month later I was appointed church president in Korea. I has been nine years since then. God had given me a great blessing, even though I lacked the ability, experience, faith and capacity to hold such a position....

There is no way to suppress my sense of unworthiness before our elders and early members who preceded me and worked so hard. I have tried to become a better person, to become a son whom True Parents could trust and a leader whom the members could trust. But looking back I can only confess my inadequacy. This crossed my mind whenever I dressed or put on a necktie. I was no longer simply the individual, Hwang Sun-jo; I was someone who had to think about True Parents. When I thought about how the world would see the Unification Church when they looked at me, and that they would see True Parents through me, I was careful even when choosing the color of my necktie....

We published books and I had them distributed in public bookstores. I would walk into the bookstores in various parts of Seoul to see how well the books *Father's Prayers* were selling. I would stand there deep in thought, agonizing in my heart over how to plant Father's teachings in history.

I thought hard about how to change the negative publicity we were getting. At times, I argued with the company presidents of magazines to have them correct any negative articles. I would stay up all night in demonstration to prevent those false reports from going out. Now I have become good friends with these people. Especially, I often fought with the magazine, *Woman Sense*. I sat down for many nights in the company president's office trying to prevent issues of the magazine from being released.

I developed policies oriented toward work in the mission field but I can only confess that they nevertheless fell short in many ways. Yet I will never forget the day we entered the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea with True Parents. At that time, when God's Fatherland was being declared, I developed many tactics to have True Parents' teachings declared in the National Assembly. True Father was able to declare the will of God to some seventy congressmen including the speaker of the National Assembly, Lee Man-seub.

True Parents also gave instructions to educate the President of Korea, so I worked to set up the occasion of having True Parents meet the president and proclaim their teachings. I can never forget the day True Parents entered the President of Korea's official residence, the Blue House.

And when True Parents would instruct me to fill stadiums with

people for a speaking tour, I worried about whether the stadiums would be filled, but in the end they were packed with people.

One Chuseok, when many members were in their hometowns, Father called for a gathering at the headquarters church. Right before it was to begin, there were only three members sitting in the chairs. Originally the meeting was to begin at 6:00 AM, but True Parents, knowing my fretful and tense heart, arrived at 6:40, giving us enough time to fill up the hall.

There were many times when I felt elated with happiness, yet other times when I was so ashamed of myself, I wanted to find a hole and bury myself in it. The nine years I served as president I lived the life of a debtor. I have truly been a burden, especially to the True Children. I am indebted to the elderly couples and leaders. I am also indebted to and can never forget my comrades who passed away to the spirit world during my time. Ten leaders passed away during their tenure as church leaders. We held a *seunghwa* ceremony for each of them. I touched their bodies, and, burying them, I felt indebted to these people. Now as I leave this post, once more I ask for their forgiveness in not being able to manifest their devotion.

There are two photos I keep with me. One is a picture of me attending True Parents—a small photo of myself after I became president. The other picture is of a person whose face is hidden. It is a picture I took thirty years ago. At that time I was attending theology school and I was given the task of guarding the mobile restroom during a church event. I had to stand guard so that True Parents could use it. As I stood there on guard True Mother came to use that restroom. I did not dare take a picture of her up-close, so I took a picture of her as she was walking back. Such a small, shabby and unprepared person I was. That picture was my source of pride and proof of my life. After becoming president I had many opportunities to take pictures with True Parents. Although I attended True Parents closely, I tried to live without forgetting the heart I had in my early years of faith. Yet I wonder whether I wasn't arrogant before the members or too officious. I hope to return to being the person who took that picture long ago....

True Father has said that Cheon Il Guk will not be realized without restoring and organizing our tribes, which is our task and destiny. I will take the lead in fulfilling this task. I will strive to live for others in order to repay all the debts I have accumulated in my lifetime. I want to thank Rev. Kwak and my fellow church leaders for taking care of me until now. With your blessing, I hope to make a new beginning as a tribal messiah. I pledge to become Hwang Sun-jo, the tribal messiah and with this I would like to end my speech. Thank you very much.◆

An Overview of Rev. Hwang's Time as Church President

By Rev. Pak No-hi
National Messiah to Nicaragua



At the ceremony to conclude Rev. Hwang Sun-jo's mission as president of FFWPU, Rev. Pak No-hi offered the following insight into the mission of the church president.

The years since Rev. Hwang Sun-jo took office as president of the Korean church on July 10, 1996 have been an extremely dynamic period in terms of True Parents' providence within God's providential history of restoration. It has been a time of great transition, wherein we progressed from the New Testament Age through the Completed Testament Age and have entered the Age of Cheon Il Guk. During this time, True Parents founded the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) and have increasingly been working beyond the boundaries of denomination and religion, finally offering the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God in 2001.

This marked a change of an era. True Parents also founded the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace (IIFWP) to lead the movement for world peace. As a culmination of these developments, the King and Queen of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity was held for True Parents, marking a climax in the providence.

For nine years of this dynamic period in the providence, Rev. Hwang served as church president. It is impossible to explain the achievements of a church president without mentioning the extraordinary pressure that comes with the position and the extraordinary care and devotion that is necessary to navigate through untold difficulties in order to fulfill the expectations of True Parents. What he achieved during his tenure cannot be expressed in a sentence or two. In fact, as we began to compile a record of all his work during this period, it became an entire book.

Today, I would like to briefly introduce the more important among his achievements, which I have classified by category.

First, there were more than fifty national-level, providential events during Rev. Hwang's tenure. We consider Rev. Hwang a master of rallies and events. In presiding over these many events, Not only did Rev. Hwang thoroughly plan, prepare and watch over each occasion, he was always able to extract their

providential significance and clearly explain it to members either at dawn services that he gave at the headquarters church or in numerous tours that he went on in order to inspire mem-

bers nationwide. Another hallmark of Rev. Hwang's leadership is that at any event, whether in front of our church members or leaders of society, he unfailingly gave glory to True Parents.

Some of the important events included the inaugural assembly of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification in Korea, which followed the inaugural assembly in Washington D.C. in August 1996. FFWPU was established in 185 nations around that time as the era of the Family Federation began in earnest. In 2000, Rev. Hwang honored True Parents through his creative planning of Father's 80th birthday celebration as well as a number of other events. Early in the following year, he invested himself in preparing for the most important event in providential history, the Coronation Ceremony for the Kingship of God, which took place on January 13. He also brought success to numerous events that followed in stadiums around the nation, such as the Rally for the Settlement of God's Fatherland, the Korean Rally for the Nation of Cosmic Peace and Unity and the Rally for the Safe Settlement of the Realm of Life of the Parents of Heaven and Earth.

Father was invited to speak at the National Assembly Office Building in July 2001 and the Blessing for Registration in Cheon il Guk for the Revolution of True Heart and for True Liberation and Complete Freedom was held in the National Assembly Library in August 2004. These are examples of unprecedented breakthroughs in relation to the Korean National Assembly. Other providentially important events were the Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony of the Parents of Heaven and Earth Opening Cheon Il Guk and the Coronation of the King of Blessed Families, which took place in conjunction with True Parents' birthday celebration in 2003, which, notably, this was True Mother's sixtieth. Rev. Hwang did his best in offering all these and other providential events in accordance to God's will.

The Peace Cup Korea soccer tournament was another event that required FFWPU Korea's absolute exertion. For the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of HSA-UWC, a number of events were held in May 2004. Of particular interest was the issue of 1.8

million postage stamps to commemorate the occasion, by the Ministry of Information and Communication, which helped broadened society's awareness of our church.

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A series of Sansuwon Mountain Hiking Club New Year Leaders' Meetings was held throughout Korea from January 25 to 31, 2005. Awards of appreciation were presented by Rev. Hwang. He has actively encouraged the development of the club as a vehicle through which the Principle viewpoint can be shared with many people.



Peace TV

internet broadcasting

On January 21, members joined True Parents for the dedication ceremony for a new media venture, Pyong Il Communications, Co., Ltd. Father said that *Pyong Il* comes from *Pyong Hwa Tong Il*, meaning peaceful unification; this company should therefore deliver the message of peace to every corner of the world. Father asked the company to embody the ideals of the media arts and technology and to report worldwide about the visible and invisible worlds. Through its internet-based Peace TV service, the company will bring providential news and information to everyone, including broadcasting major events and holy days (in Korean for the time being, but services in other languages are planned for the future).



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Parents had also instructed that a number of rallies, conferences and ceremonies be held in Yeosu. Rev. Hwang invested himself wholeheartedly to ensure that these, too, were successful. I believe his hard work contributed to the arrival of the time after the coming of heaven with True Parents' declaration of *Ssang Hab Shib Seung Il*. And for True Parents' King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity, the final event on Rev. Hwang's watch, he brought great joy and glory to True Parents by successfully holding this ceremony, at the Cheongpyeong Heaven and Earth Training Center, which was attended by over thirty thousand people including distinguished guests from Korea and abroad.

Since True Parents had instructed that all these historic and providentially significant things be done, no detail could be overlooked in preparing for them. Their success was in no small part owing to Rev. Hwang's penetrating view of the providence and his meticulousness.

Second, in regard to publications, which even True Parents expressed great interest in, Rev. Hwang showed unusual tenacity and sense in guiding the publication of books. It was in this area that he expressed his love and concern for the spiritual lives of members and non-members alike. He published a great variety of them. He oversaw the publication of 405 different books in twenty different topic areas. Two hundred and two volumes of excerpts from Father's speeches brought the total number to 412 volumes. Seventy books were produced in Japanese and eleven in English.

He published a variety of books that introduced True Parents' vision and achievements including eleven books on their life courses and eight introducing True Father's philosophy of peace. In particular, the publication of twelve books of Father's prayers was a novel idea.

In response to the lack of systematic educational material targeting the second generation, nine books of hoondok material having various themes, such as *Living with God*, were produced, as was a twelve-book set for children entitled *Stories of Love Told by My Father*. Another creative idea related to second-generation education were the production of a series of comic books teaching the Divine Principle. Books, brochures, pamphlets and newsletters to be used as witnessing tools, designed to express our move-

ment's vision and practices also abounded.

Third, during his time in office, Rev. Hwang, showed great interest and support for building new churches throughout the nation. Beginning with the Bonhwa church in Gyeongbuk Province, eleven new modern churches were built. Certainly, the most important achievement in the construction category is the construction of a new FFWPU Korea headquarters building, which Korean members have long hoped to see happen. On the site of what had been our headquarters for many decades, as part of the celebration of True Mother's milestone, sixtieth birthday celebration, ground was broken in July 2003 for the new church headquarters building. It is scheduled to be completed later this month.

Lastly, Rev. Hwang was active in promoting our movement to the press. He has encouraged the spread of God's will through NGO activities and in various activities for expanding friendly powers. Due to the persecution and harm done to our church historically by the press, we had avoided contact with media outlets. However, through Rev. Hwang's aggressive contact with the mass media, he achieved great success in terms of public relations. I believe this changed the perception of the press in regards to True Parents' achievements and our overall church movement. Statistically, the press covered us a total of 177 times—eighty-one times through public broadcasts, twenty times in daily newspapers, thirty-two times in weekly magazines, and forty-four times in monthly magazines. What is important is that most of the coverage reflected the genuine work of True Parents and the Unification Movement.

As International President, Rev. Hwang has lent his active support to the activities of the Korean national messiahs since their appointment in 1996, and the continental directors, to maintain and develop the mission work continuing throughout the world.

Of course, we perhaps cannot say that all these achievements were accomplished by Rev. Hwang's efforts alone, but as the success and failure of any project depends on its leadership, I believe that through his outstanding leadership as president, Rev. Hwang was successful in encouraging our members to make the impossible possible. He showed unusual ability in bringing together



Special Task Force—Korea

The First, Second and Third Special Courses for World Ocean Leaders, January 27- February 7, 2005

A Time for Miracles

One remarkable happening after another...

By Han Heung-soo and Lee Heung-soo from STF Korea

On January 26th, during hoondokhae in the Hannam dong house, True Parents unexpectedly invited Special Task Force (STF) members to Yeosu. Once Father was told that the contingent of first-year STF members had plans to visit tsunami-stricken areas in Thailand and Sri Lanka, though, he encouraged them to go ahead with their plans. Seventy-two second-year STF members adjusted their schedule and headed to Yeosu. This was the third time this year that STF members have gone to Yeosu.

The first episode, over January 11th and 12th, began at a morning hoondokhae when True Father asked whose birthday fell in that week. Those people and leaders of STF were invited down to Yeosu. Mother went down by car, so that Father and the sixteen chosen people could fit in a helicopter and fly down to Yeosu, where they toured the area and went fishing on the ocean.

Members of STF told True Parents about their activities over the preceding year, which had been motivated by True Father's teachings and by the core values that Hyun-jin nim has instilled in them. There was a testimony about a mother who had been worried that her son would be unable to accept being matched to someone from another country. She was completely flabbergasted when she spoke again to him about getting matched and he told her, "Mom, I'd be happy with anyone, as long as it's not a man." She later visited an STF leader to ask what he could possibly have said to her son to so dramatically change his mind.

True Father has always emphasized the importance of purity, a pure lineage, pure love and absolute faith, love and obedience. Thus, he appeared satisfied to hear that an increasing number of second-generation members have rebuffed the objections of their anxious parents in order to follow God's will—just as those from the first generation in their younger years had defied their parents to follow God's will and the providence. During that visit, STF members caught more than a hundred mackerel pikes and set a standard for total investment and complete success in the frigid weather while at sea.

The second time, Father invited to Yeosu all those born on True Parents' birthday or during the week of their birthday. Once again, sixteen members were chosen to



STF members in Yeosu, February 22, 2005



go by helicopter with Father; and once again, Mother went by car. True Parents personally supervised the members during that visit. The STF members struggled on the ocean in fishing and were able to go beyond previous limits.

The Eventful Third Course at Yeosu

For STF Korea's third experience at Yeosu this year, True Parents called all our second-year members there for a stay to last from January 28 to February 7. It may be that their calling us, representative of the second generation, for the first and second visits constituted formation and growth stages and that the third session was the completion stage of a condition for the future or one somehow related to their birthday celebration.

In any event, we were called to the Special Twelve-Day Workshop for Global Oceanic Leaders. Members still preparing to lead public lives felt honored to be included; the title alone engendered a sense of responsibility for the future.

True Parents had wanted to begin the first day of the workshop at Blue Sea Garden with us, but they arrived at 11:59 pm because of some difficulties with the helicopter. True Father said he was elated to have been able to spend even a minute of the first day with us, so that we could begin it together.

Father personally supervised the first three days of the workshop. He was our grandfather and called us his own grandchildren. He reminded us that he had not summoned us based of who we currently are, but based on his vision of us as future leaders.

During hoondokhae, Cheong Seong Gyeong was read. Father told us not to live flippantly but to unite mind and body while immersed in a state of complete selflessness.

Father asked Rev. Peter Kim and Rev. Hwang Sun-jo to testify as elders who have fought on the front lines. As Rev. Kim vividly described it, everyone was absorbed and able to experience the historical moment of Father's meeting Kim Il-sung, which though it began in a stubbornly somber atmosphere developed into an unqualified success in the heart of the communist world. Rev. Hwang gave a realistic testimony on the progress of his faith since he joined the church and of his many spiritual experiences. He helped us feel the spiritual upheaval of past years.

A Greater Miracle than the Parting of the Red Sea

Since we were supposed to go through a forty-day workshop experience in just twelve days, in our hearts we held a vision of the spirit True Parents have when in Alaska and enthusiastically went out to sea on boats despite the winter cold. An accident occurred on the fourth day of the workshop. The roughness of the sea intensified suddenly and a boat overturned in a strong gust of wind. All those who had been on the boat were fortunately saved by an accompanying boat, but Kazuhiro Tsukada was missing for over two hours.

Leaders from Blue Sea Garden, local residents of the nearby islands and members of the Coast Guard united in a desperate search for Tsukada.

When the boat overturned, Tsukada worried that in the cold water he might die from a rapid loss of body heat, so he went underwater, despite the high

The Chung Il Ho, designed by Father to be unsinkable top: overturned below: soon after righting



waves and the life vest he was wearing, came up under the inverted boat and climbed into the fish hold, a hollow compartment where fish are kept after being caught. This meant that Tsukada was dry; it also meant that he was not visible to those looking for him.

At one point, Tsukada came out to check if anyone was searching for him. It was at a time when his would-be rescuers had gone off to get the things they would need to try to right the boat. The people who'd come from Blue Sea Garden and the locals who were assisting in the search were oblivious to Tsukada as they hauled the inverted boat toward land. The line they used to haul the boat was thin, so they moved slowly. With a good, strong rope, they could have covered the distance to shore within twenty minutes, but as it was, it took more than an hour. Had the boat been moving faster, the air pocket in the fish hold would have filled with water, and Tsukada would have had trouble breathing and may not have survived.

Tsukada later said that in the heavy seas and at such a slow pace, he was



STF members at Hannam-dong with True Parents on January 10, 2005





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unaware the boat was moving toward land. He was thinking that if he died then, he would surely be an obstacle to some aspect of True Parents' providence that has yet to unfold. That was why he thought he had to survive, and he held absolute faith that because he was protected by God and True Parents, he would. Meanwhile, the faith of the other members of STF was rooted in True Father's having said that there wouldn't be any further sacrifices of members of the second generation following the ascension of Lee Kwon-joong, a valiant front line member and living offering

for the new, heavenly nation. Tsukada miraculously survived an accident at sea in waters cold enough to kill in minutes. The boat, which is called Chung Il Ho, was designed by Father in such a way as to be unsinkable. It could certainly be said that Tsukada was saved by Father.

After the Chung Il Ho had arrived at the dock and while the people were working to right it, they were astonished at the sight of Tsukada swimming out from under it. All the islanders and Coast Guardsmen who had invested in Tsukada's rescue were overjoyed by

his survival. The locals and the Coast Guardsmen, in the Cain-like position, were able to come closer to unity with the oceanic providence team, in the Abel-like position, through Tsukada, who, feeling grateful to be alive, yelled "Thank you True Parents! True Parents—*Mansei!*"

When Rev. Hwang told True Parents about this miracle, they were also overjoyed and talked about Tsukada's survival during hoondokhae for the following few mornings.

This ordeal and its happy outcome may have been a condition for victory



My Hope in Junior STF

A Junior STF participant's mother's testimony

By Yoon Won-hye
(Woo Da-hye's mother)

A few days ago, early in the morning, everybody was sleeping, when I woke up because of some loud shouting. My daughter was loudly shouting, "Father!" She does this nowadays as a way of starting the day with confidence. It helps her feel that she is attending True Father. Nowadays she does not miss pledge service or hoondokhae; she is looking for her identity. Since she finished the Junior Special Task Force program, her days begin in this way. She is struggling to do be the best in her heart and in realizing her ability. Before she went to Junior STF, she followed her parents' faith, but without much sincerity.

When I see her new work ethic, I feel respect for my daughter; I'm surprised by her strength, though sometimes I feel sorry for her. How did she develop such a strong spirit and such a brave heart in just twenty-four days? What kind of awakening did she undergo that she has been transformed into something of a true child who a heart is so near to the will of God?

I'd worried about the many test that were part of the procedure for joining the Junior STF program, and I'd had concerns, because all of her school vacation time was taken up by the program. Nevertheless, the tension in the atmosphere of the workshop was so different; I was attracted to the idea they were training our children to lead the world.

As parents, it is difficult to make our children suffer, but through this course they can be trained through [controlled and supervised] hardships. Even if I was a little bit nervous, I believed in the leadership of Hyun-jin nim, who said there is no more effective education than experience.

My daughter had been attending the students' Sunday services, but she did not seem to be developing much faith through this, so I signed the parental consent forms for her to go to STF with the hope that she might strengthen her faith and learn something from other kids her age (in their first year of three-years' of high school), even though at the time I thought she was basically a self-centered person.

The result has been very impressive. My husband and I have observed our daughter's genuine, personal faith since she finished the program. It even seems at times



in a greater fight (the preparation for True Parents' coronation at the King of Peace Crowning Ceremony of Cosmic Unity) and on a higher level (the ultimate, cosmic level) than Moses' course in the restoration of Canaan.

Katsuhiko Tsukada and Lee Hyang-joo

Not only did True Parents have many words of blessing for Tsukada, he and Lee Hyung-joo became the first couple matched by True Parents in the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. Before matching Tsukada, True Father had selected a few possible candidates, among whom were some women who'd already been blessed. Apparently, blessing Tsukada was so important that such an unusual exception was possible. In the end, though, Tsukada was matched to a fellow STF member he'd served beside for the past year. His fiancée is from the second generation; Tsukada is from the first. Thus, this miracle and blessing have taken on even greater significance. True Parents gave the couple the equivalent of \$10,000 in Korean currency.

That afternoon, True Parents called for everyone to play yute as we cel-

ebrated with the newly matched couple. We were immersed in True Parents' great love and were restless and delirious as if we'd been matched ourselves. The fortune of the newly matched couple was evident even during the yute game. Of the eight teams, the team the bride-to-be was on came in first; the team the groom-to-be was on first played against and lost to the bride-to-be's team but came in first of the remaining teams.

On the last day of the workshop, True Father tried to spend as much time with us as he could and give us even more love until moments before he left for Seoul. As the STF members were standing up in True Parents' residence to offer a bow, True Father told us to "become people who can dream and be able to live those dreams." While seeing True Father, who never stopped blessing us with his guidance, we felt grateful and thanked True Parents for all they have given us and for their endless love.

The significance of the oceanic providence

We had to return to Seoul and put

those precious times behind us, but through the special twelve-day workshop, which seemed at once so long yet not long enough, we were able to leave with solid certainty in our hearts that Father and Mother are our genuine parents.

As we did hoondokhae with a book called the "Providence of the Pacific Rim," we were able to realize how long True Parents have planned for and invested in the oceanic providence. With our own eyes, we saw how the providence will begin to bear fruit in Yeosu. We now understand that we cannot become the leaders of our movement that True Father wants us to be unless we understand the oceanic providence.

True Parents' investment of great love in us, who possess no special qualifications, is an expression of their sincere hearts and their expectation for us to fulfill our responsibilities as the leaders of the second generation and of our movement. We should inject the love we have received from True Parents into our work and once again resolve to represent substantial hope that the world can change. ♦

that she is teaching us. Actually, even though I have followed True Parents for a long time, I know and regret that I sometimes want a comfortable life and go about the practice of my faith in form alone. These are serious issues nowadays when it is time to gather the fruit of the providence. My daughter has caused me to reflect on my own life of ease. More than this, I have seen her

My daughter has caused me to reflect on my life of ease. Moreover, she has become the one more likely to initiate daily spiritual activity. Hyun-jin nim has said that the fundamental cause of various social problems and the problems that young people experience is the absence of true love and true family ties in a time when people are focused on ideology. He saw that society is filled with pragmatic, self-centered people, so he emphasizes living for others' sakes, so that the world becomes more peaceful and people have more hope.

He said, "True peace can't come without serving others. Service, which is the core of peace, can be accomplished on the basis of living for others.

This is the core of peace. This can't be done by selfish people. I think this is the fundamental point that can transform our selfish society; it is a vision for true peace based on the conscience. Young people are subjective; they stir things up. That's a trait of our second generation. There are many existing activities and educational programs for the second generation. The problem is that the duration of these programs is too short; it

would be nice if the education were continual. Junior STF could solve this and other fundamental problems. I feel it has great potential for development.

This course is the first step toward those of our children's generations' becoming world leaders through principle-based activities and fundraising. They go through a variety of education programs, develop stronger spirits, come to a better understanding of true love, loving their parents and loving themselves. They are experiencing things that their parents did not experience at that age.

The first Junior STF team has been formed. I hope this program can develop a lot. I hope Junior STF can educate people from our second generation to be core leaders who can accomplish the vision of one global family based on the providence. I wish there were a Junior STF program that the parents could participate in with our children; we could support and cooperate with them.

We are entering a period of settlement after having finished a long period of wandering through the wilderness. I worry that we are perhaps used to life in the wilderness. Perhaps we are leading comfortable lives. Perhaps we will be buried in the wilderness alongside Moses. Are we able to completely believe in Joshua and Caleb and settle in Canaan? I'm sure that Junior STF will fulfill the roles of Joshua and Caleb. If we do our best at what True Parents have directed us to do, an eternally peaceful world, an ideal Canaan, will come to be. ♦



Sketch of a Nation: Building a Future in Sri Lanka



By David Beard
Today's World

The work of True Parents' representatives in any nation can be understood in a new dimension when viewed in the context of the local history and geo-political situation.

When Ratnasabapathy Thillairajan (everyone calls him Thillai, pronounced “tea lie”) received word in 1994 that he should return from America to his native Sri Lanka, he took an opportunity in Alaska to ask Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan what specifically he should do there. Rev. Kwak told him, “Just go and live there.”

For someone like Thillai, perhaps nothing more needed to be said. In interviewing him three years ago and in an interview he did with my editor recently, he doesn't come across as the kind of person who could look to his own comfort while his country has so many pressing needs. Indeed, he seems to feel that the fortunes of Sri Lanka are intimately tied to his own internal efforts.

From Adam Forward

Sri Lanka, according to Islamic legend, was the land offered to Adam and Eve to ease their despair over having been expelled from Eden. It is a tear-shaped island that is virtually linked to the southeastern tip of India by a series of limestone reefs, known as Adam's Bridge, which lies just beneath the surface of Palk Strait. I cannot tell you whether our original ancestors actually used this bridge to cross into what is today Sri Lanka, but if they did, my guess is they found little solace there.

Sri Lankan history reflects our dual Adamic inheritance. People from northern India, known as Sinhalese, are believed to have

arrived there in about 600 B.C. In the third century B.C. they welcomed Buddhist missionaries from the India, where—due to Hindu revival and invasions in the sixth century by White Huns and in the thirteenth by Muslims—Buddhism was virtually eradicated by the thirteenth century. In Sri Lanka, together with a cutting from the tree under which Buddha reached enlightenment, Buddhism took root and it thrives to this day.

The Sinhalese initially flourished in the north-central part of the island. The ruins of Anuradhapura, including dome-shaped Buddhist monuments (some larger than the Egyptian pyramids), attest both to the grandeur of the Sinhalese kingdom and to the persistence of Tamil conquerors, led by princes from southern India, whose repeated invasions eventually drove the Sinhalese to the southwest region of the island.

The island experienced more than four hundred years of colonization by European powers. In 1505, when the Portuguese, who had come to India seeking spices and spreading the Catholic faith, came to port at Sri Lanka to avoid a storm, they were in the midst of a naval campaign against Muslims in Africa and India. At the time of their arrival, the island comprised three kingdoms—Sinhalese kingdoms at Kotte and Kandy and a Tamil kingdom at Jaffna. The Portuguese settled first as guests in Colombo, but eventually came to exert control over coastal areas of the country. Not surprisingly, many of the island's Muslim coastal traders headed to the Central Highlands.

In subsequent years, the Dutch supplanted the Portuguese, and then the British replaced the Dutch. When, in 1815, the British



The Ambassador of Peace certificate at the closing ceremony of the January 21, 2001 IIFWP conference



A Chief of Police receiving a WANGO pin at a January 2001 WANGO conference



Thillai lecturing at the WANGO conference

defeated the last of the local kings, they held control of the whole island, then known as Ceylon¹.

The metrics that matter in Sri Lanka are ethnicity, faith and language. Today, Sinhalese make up three quarters of the population of just under 20 million. They speak Sinhala and most are Buddhist, though a significant number cross over into a Christian (mainly Catholic) category. Descendants of the early Tamil conquerors, known as Sri Lankan Tamils, make up about 12 percent of the population and primarily inhabit the northern and eastern parts of the island. They speak Tamil and are mainly Hindu.

About 5 percent of Sri Lankans are Indian Tamils. Unlike Sri Lankan Tamils—who have been on the island for hundreds of years—they were brought over from India during the 1800s by Britain to work the tea plantations in the Central Highlands. The two Tamil groups have been called “ethnically distinct.” The tea workers originate from a lower caste than the Sri Lankan Tamils do. Indian Tamils are also more likely to speak Sinhala as a second language, which contributes to the divide between the two groups. A significant number of both Tamil groups cross over into that Christian (mainly Catholic) category, so that about 8 percent of Sri Lankans count themselves Christian.

Muslims, 7 percent of the whole, descend mainly from Arab traders and Indian and Malay immigrants. They do not cross over religious lines, but they do cross linguistic ones.

Though their first language is Tamil, they are likely to speak Sinhala as well. This has placed them in a dangerous position.

For roughly five generations, the whole of Sri Lanka had been under a blanket of British colonization until, in 1948, that blanket was removed. There was elation mixed with a sense of unease as the various factions confronted an unknown future. For whatever reasons, in the areas of education and government positions, the Sri Lankan Tamil minority had been given preference under the British. Suddenly, they were an unprotected and worried minority. The Sinhalese were the intimidated majority. A short distance away in the Southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu (Land of the Tamils), fifty million people share ties of religion and language with the Tamils on Sri Lanka. The Sinhalese felt isolated. No people elsewhere in the world speak the Sinhala language, and no other people adhere to the Sinhalese’s particular brand of Buddhism.

In such an atmosphere of doubt and apprehension, negotiations for Sri Lankan sovereignty took place. Though the British were inclined to return Sri Lanka its sovereignty, they required that the chief negotiator, a Sinhalese Buddhist, Don Stephen (D.S.) Senanayake, demonstrate that he had the support of the minority Sri Lankan Tamils. Senanayake lured Tamil leaders to his side with promises of positions in the new government. The British Colonial Office was satisfied. A constitution was agreed upon and signed, and a date was set for independence.

Tamil voters, however, were not pleased, and in elections in 1947—a year before independence—the Tamil politicians who had sided with Senanayake were ousted from power. Thus, the Sri Lankan Tamils maintain that the transitory Tamil support was an aberration—true representatives of their community never signed the constitution, and the island should return to its precolonial circumstances when the Tamils had their own, separate kingdom.

Nevertheless, the Tamils had no great difficulty with the policies of D. S. Senanayake once he became their first prime minister. Senanayake advocated Sri Lankan nationalism; he emphasized pluralism. In contrast to nearby Burma and India, Sri Lanka’s independence occurred without bloodshed, but trouble followed soon enough.



Thillai with members

The Troubles’ Beginnings

The first serious wedge driven between the Sri Lankan Tamils and the Sinhalese was the Official Language Act of 1956, soon after Solomon West Ridgeway Dias (S.W.R.D.) Bandaranaike, father of the current Sri Lankan president, became prime minister. Parliament’s passing of the act meant Sinhala would replace English as the official language. Language was to be a test of patriotism, evidence that citizens held more loyalty to their island home than to nearby Tamil Nadu. Muslims did not oppose the Language Act, thereby endearing them to the Sinhalese and making an enemy of the Sri Lankan Tamils, who saw the act as a threat to educational and employment opportunities. The Tamils protested nonviolently. Negotiations ensued, and an agreement was reached but never implemented. Politically active Buddhist monks vehemently opposed the agreement, calling it a “betrayal of Sinhalese-Buddhist people.”

It should be stressed that though groups associate themselves



Participants listen attentively at the WANGO conference



Students in their school uniforms were also on hand to hear a message of cooperative unity, WANGO conference, January 2001

with religions, the fissures that exist between Sri Lankans are not caused by religious differences. Sri Lankan independence unleashed powerful desire among both Sinhalese and Tamils to reproduce their factions' glorious, precolonial pasts. S.W.R.D. had risen to power by appealing to nationalistic Sinhalese; he made some enemies among them for his not being nationalistic enough. On September 25, 1959, a disgruntled monk assassinated Bandaranaike, shooting him to death in his own home. In elections the following year, his widow, Sirimavo Bandaranaike, like her husband a Christian convert to Buddhism, became the world's first woman prime minister.

In those early days, there were errors of judgment fueled by insecurities on both sides of the Sinhalese-Tamil divide. Tensions have only escalated as time has passed. Ghastly acts of terror by Tamil separatists have brought violent retribution by Sinhalese mobs that sometimes took weeks to subdue and cost hundreds of lives. The government has been fighting the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), the modern successors of earlier separatists, for a quarter of a century. Precarious though it may be, a Norwegian brokered cease-fire has been in place since February 2002. In September of that year, the rebels dropped their demand for a separate state, but for the first time since 2001, there was a suicide bombing in Colombo this past July.

Most of this, though, like television news, highlights only the darker aspects of Sri Lankan life. It is too easy to lose sight of the love that exists within Sri Lankan families of all stripes. Surely, in homes all throughout Sri Lanka, small children stand beneath a parent with both arms raised, yearning to be held. Why is it that Sri Lanka is better known for communal violence than it is for having the lowest divorce rate of any nation on earth?² Of course, Sri Lanka's infamy could be attributed to the public's thirst for sensationalism or to schadenfreude, but perhaps our attention is drawn there because their struggle to avert disintegration as a country is something we can personally relate to on a smaller scale. For a glimpse of the brighter side of Sri Lankan life, we'll need to rejoin Thillai as he travels home.

Thillai's Return

As Thillai's expressed it, by going back to Sri Lanka he was doing his tribal messiah mission. He is from Jaffna, a city on the Jaffna Peninsula, an irregularly shaped land mass—something of a cowllick—at the northern extremity of his island country. Jaffna is the center of Tamil resistance. Thillai explained, "In my whole life since I joined the movement, as I grew up, the whole Sri Lankan Tamil problem came up. I joined the church in 1978. The Sri Lankan problem really started around 1975-'76 and started getting to the peak when I went to the seminary. The deeper I was involved in the Unification Movement, the deeper the Sri Lankan problem became—especially in my hometown. Jaffna is basically the heart

of the battle for Sri Lanka. Both sides want to destroy the other, and all sorts of battles surrounded the Jaffna Peninsula."

More than once in the two interviews we did with him, Thillai alluded to a connection between his work and the life of his nation: "Every time I do a thing, the providence is connected. The day I went to lay the first foundation stone [of a preschool beside a Buddhist temple] ...as I was leaving, the Central Bank of Sri Lanka was bombed, so I got into a traffic jam. They may have been planning the bombing for a long time but... even a small interreligious work, and I immediately see some conflict coming into exposure."

Perhaps it is his steadfast attitude that allows good fortune to follow Thillai and bless his efforts—or at least protect him and his family from disaster. Sri Lanka was one of the areas hardest hit by the December tsunamis that caused devastation and massive loss of life throughout Southeast Asia. Thillai related his experience in an e-mail message:

"On the December 20, our family went to India to participate in a blessed children's workshop. When the Tsunami struck [on December 26], I felt that God did not want me to be there and watch the entire situation [or even to have it as a memory]. December 26 was the first day of the workshop. I was a bit worried and called my sister and found none of my relations was affected. After arrival in Sri Lanka, I contacted all the people who lived near the sea. To my surprise, no one who had taken the holy wine and participated in the blessing was killed or had their house damaged. We have over 2,000 previously married couples and it is amazing.... One particular village where I had done the pre-blessing lost 125 people, but no one connected to the blessing. Over and over again, I am hearing this. The power of the blessing is amazing among Sri Lankan people.... The continental director asked us to bless all the people near the sea so that they will not be affected in the future."

Though this is the most dramatic evidence I have heard that someone is watching over Thillai and his family, it is certainly not the first. Several years ago, Thillai, his wife Kimiko and their children lived in Nuwara Eliya in the Central Highlands. They were living in a house that was to have been rent-free until December of that year, but by April the landlord was decidedly antagonistic toward them and the work they were doing. The landlord's behavior was somewhat strange. On the last Sunday in May, he walked into the room where they were holding Sunday service with a toothbrush in his mouth, brushing his teeth while harassing the guests. He had been using all kinds of ways to force Thillai and his family to leave. The following day, Thillai secured a new place for them to live. Then, on Tuesday, while his children were in school and Thillai was home alone and in the shower, there was a "huge, thundering crash." An oak tree, two meters in diameter, that had stood for 113 years, chose the day after Thillai had secured new accommodations to come crashing through the Sunday service room. No one was hurt, but there was nothing left of the room but



Appealing to the hearts of Buddhist leaders is a key element of bringing peace to Sri Lanka



Sri Lanka has a multi-ethnic society that can inspire hope in other nations as it works toward national harmony

debris.

Another time, Kimiko was calling to make a dental appointment but dialed the wrong number. The phone was answered by Mr. C. Mahendren, a former Sri Lankan ambassador to Korea. Thillai knew him and had taken him to the inauguration of the Family Federation in Washington D.C. Thillai took the phone and Mr. Mahendren asked Thillai what he could do for him. Thillai thought quickly and replied, "I'm doing the blessing now. I'd like to come and give you the blessing." Thillai explained what multiplied from that: "Mr. Mahendren has helped our movement since back when Father gave suit material to the ambassadors to Korea from poor countries. I pre-blessed him on the second of December. On the fifth, a new government came into power and C. Mahendren [became] advisor to the Prime Minister." Another former ambassador to Korea Thillai had connections with became the Minister of Commerce at that time. The government has since changed again, but Thillai's work continues unabated.

One day, Thillai was visiting people, just trying to make friends, when he happened on a former Roman Catholic provincial. Thillai gave him "Building a Culture of Peace," a book of extracts from Father's speeches. A while later, during the period when he was being badgered by his landlord, to Thillai's door (in the shade of a mighty oak) came the leader of a community of nuns. She had traced him back from the person he had given the book to. The Franciscan order was preparing for a quadrennial conference. As Thillai tells it, they "located me and asked if I could do a one-day seminar for them. The seminar was wholly on True Father's speeches, basically using hoondok material. They didn't want me to read the speeches. They wanted me to speak from my own experience on this teaching. With great spirituality, they understood Father's message. It was a good conference. Through this, all the Franciscan nuns became our friends." There were sixty-five nuns in each of two one-day seminars. Now whenever he is involved with an interreligious conference, the Franciscan nuns send very good people. Two younger nuns joined an RYS project.

RYS has played an important role in Sri Lanka. There have been a dozen RYS projects since Thillai's return. Two were done in very tense areas. One of these was in the town of Mannar, on a strip of land that juts out into the Palk Strait. "I can remember hearing the artillery shells at night," Thillai said, "We had incredible difficulty with the police and army, but we managed to bring hope to the people of this area." Things are calmer now in Mannar than they were then and calmer than they were six hundred years ago, when, as Thillai explained, "the Tamil king of Jaffna went and killed six hundred people in Mannar, because they'd converted to Catholicism."

Mannar is still a Catholic town. Saint Xavier High School there has an exceptional soccer team. Their players were among the 140 athletes Sri Lanka sent to Korea for the second International Peace

Sports Festival in July 2004. Thillai explained that the airfare to Korea was over U.S. \$600. Most parents paid the fee, but "the soccer team parents are poor fishermen, so the school took the responsibility and asked all the schoolchildren to pay \$1 each." Two government bodies donated a total of \$7,000. "An international award really benefits their careers and lives.... The parents go out of their way. Some parents initially pledged more money than they actually had and wanted to withdraw. [To bring good athletes] for five or six parents we gave a partial scholarship of half the airfare. We distributed about \$6,000 to particularly needy, desperate cases.... We could manage to get twenty-three medals from Sri Lanka alone, which is quite a substantial number of medals in the whole group."

Also in the last year, Sri Lanka established a chapter of WANGO; WFWP gave scholarships to twenty-nine children and is sponsoring a medical student and a dental student through university; the Sri Lankan ambassador to Korea was blessed in Korea and Sri Lanka's Crown of Peace Awards ceremony, done together with the Maldives, drew an impressive array of national figures. Thillai described it as an "unprecedented success." As he expressed it, "The chief guest of honor was His Worship the Mayor of Colombo. Prasanna Gunawardena; and a cabinet minister, H.M. Fowzie, gave the congratulatory remarks."

A final note brings us back to the beginning. When the Sinhalese originally came from northern India to occupy Sri Lanka, they did not find it uninhabited. Sri Lanka's aboriginal people are called the Veddah, and the story of their conquest by the Sinhalese is said to be found in the Ramayana, an ancient Hindu epic. After an RYS project that Mr. and Miss University took part in last year, Thillai took them around to meet VIPs, including the current leader of the Veddah, Chief Uruvarige Wanniya. Thillai speaks of him with a measure of respect, "He's an original man living in the original way of life, but he's a highly respected person in the country—more so than a minister or the president, whose job is just one that comes and goes. He is permanently a chief until he dies."

Indeed, when Uruvarige Wanniya's father, Uruvarige Tissahamy, died in 1998, he was the chief of only 3,000 people, yet 100,000 Sri Lankan mourners came to pay their last respects. It was a state-sponsored funeral where the old chief was buried in a coffin made of tree bark.

There's something inspiring in the symbolism of a swarm of people drawn to express pure-hearted sentiments for an original man and an original way of life. "Was he the one, or should we look for another?" Sri Lankans are still looking for Adam to cross that bridge. ♦

1 The name Sri Lanka was adopted in 1972; for simplicity, I have used only "Sri Lanka" and "Sri Lankan" throughout this article.

2 0.15 per 1,000 people



A pre-school established by WFWP-Japan and donated to the Sarvodaya Movement (A Local NGO) It was built on the premises of a Buddhist temple.



Altogether 130 nuns were educated in two seminars at their provincial headquarters in Colombo



The kingdom of heaven on earth and in heaven now being set up by the True Parents is the ideal kingdom, the ideal of creation, which God has longed to see since the beginning of the universe. It is the central kingdom of peace. It will complete the era after the coming of heaven, which opened to humankind in the months prior to 2005, the fifth year of Cheon Il Guk. It is a world of liberation and complete freedom. Here, all walls and borders that have divided people for thousands and tens of thousands of years are abolished, irrespective of their reasons and justifications. Here all humankind lives as one family transcending religion and nationality, and attends the True Parents as their True Teacher and True King.

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