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International President's Message

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The following was excerpted from Rev. Kwak's speech on May 1, 2007, the 53rd Anniversary of the Founding of HSA-UWC

Kook-jin nim and Ji-yea nim, Shin-mi nim and Lee Hyung-jin nim cut HSA-UWC anniversary cake, while former presidents of the Korean or international movement—Rev. Kwak Chung-hwan, Mrs. Sa Gil-ja (wife of the late Rev. Eu Hyo-won), Rev. Kim Young-hwi and his wife Chung Dae-wha and Rev. Hwang Sun-jo look on



Restoring Eden

As a former president of the Family Federation, I would like to say a few words about what we might be thinking about on this deeply meaningful day of commemoration. I believe that everyone would agree and has reflected deeply on the fact that HSA-UWC was not created from the will of a person, but from God's divine will. Therefore, I believe that how much we respect that root and how much we plant that root in our lifestyle as FFWPU members is important.

It is important that we be determined to maintain certain practices in daily life: To honor God in our hearts, to maintain the habit of attending Him in daily life and to monitor how much of each day's twenty-four hours we keep True Parents in our hearts. Since the Family Federation was established according to God's will, we need to think about its history and how it will develop in the time ahead.

When we analyze the reality of the providence we are encountering and consider its meaning, if our viewpoint is even slightly mistaken, it is easy for me, as it is for you, to have feelings about FFWPU that are based on the secular world's measuring stick and to evaluate it according to the viewpoint of ordinary society. I have personally experienced these things, and I am determined not to make these mistakes. As we celebrate our fifty-third anniversary, therefore, we need to look at things from the viewpoint that we are to build Cheon Il Guk, which is a completely different, new heaven and new earth. We must look from the amazing viewpoint of attending True Parents eternally as the eternal king and queen after the coming of heaven, instead of seeing them merely in light of the parent-child relationship. Today should be the day to repent for how erroneous our thinking, our viewpoint, and our habits have been—repeatedly connected to humanistic thinking and to the viewpoint of ordinary society. In front of True Parents, who have declared the beginning of a new civilization, we should pledge to develop ourselves more.

I don't know how it is with all of you, but even when I look back at my experiences, I've had difficult times, lonely times. I have been in situations where I couldn't express my innermost feelings and had to keep everything to myself. When we look at these occasions from a purely human perspective or based on society's point of view, the circumstances that exist in society and the logic pervasive there, there have been times of distress and heavy ordeals after which it is hard to get back on one's feet. Yet when we turn this around and measure these against God and True Parents' standard, and when we seek to resemble True Father based on that standard, there is no difficulty, there is nothing we cannot overcome, no river that we cannot cross. We realize that all the matters that we cannot bear or feel burdened by are actually our own thinking, humanistic thinking. As members of this organization that God created we should not think in this

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Three months ago, we sent to our readers the first in what we hope will be a series of minisurveys dealing with *Today's World* magazine. It included questions about what the reader liked most and what he or she might like to see more of in the magazine. We also asked what was disappointing and what, if anything, we focus too much on.

Many readers responded that they appreciated Father's speeches and liked to read about what members of the True Family are saying and doing. A good number clearly find the international president's message stimulating. There was also broad interest expressed in the news and feature aspects of the magazine, but we had perhaps divided up the categories too much and the only visible bias seemed to be in favor of our coverage of the international mission work—indicating an interest in how our movement is developing on the global level.

Although readers tended to leave the question about disappointment blank, there were those who helpfully expressed their angst over one aspect of the magazine or another. One area that received several mentions was copy-editing and proofreading. With this, as in any other area of concern, it helps us to see our work, and our limitations, more clearly if we can look through our readers' eyes.

We are glad that readers feel the magazine is generally heading in the right direction, but we still want to hear the kind of constructive criticism that can help us improve and find new avenues to provide a useful and stimulating resource. We would like to thank you for your responses. We know we should make time to contact the responders personally. Of course we will be doing that soon through the next survey!

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The New Civilization Tour: Father's Extemporaneous Remarks in Korea

True Father set the pace for the current world tour. He often spoke at length before beginning his prepared text. The following is excerpted from his pre-speech remarks on April 25, in Seoul's Central City complex:

This rally today is the final one of those I have been doing in Korea. Actually this should be a party, a celebration. Should it be a rally party or a celebration party?... This rally should serve as a simple celebration; this gathering today will be an occasion my wife and I could not have imagined....

What is the title of this rally? ["A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the United Nations and the World."] All issues are included in that title.

Please feel as if you are at a celebration. Do not have a heavy heart; please feel as if you are light enough to levitate.... How many people are here today? [There are 1,500.] I hope you can spend this time with a light heart—light enough to hover in the air.

I could talk about results, but they can be found in everything I have said during the course of these gatherings.

Families are the unit that can enter heaven. Do you understand? You cannot enter alone. Christianity has the expectation of individual salvation, but with that kind of faith you would be a loner in heaven. There, God, as the eternal parent, can live with His children within the realm of the ideal. Yet, you would not be able to go there by yourself; no matter how successful a man or woman may be, he or she cannot enter heaven alone.

Look at the introductory part of my speech; it reads, "Respected ambassadors for peace and leaders of Hawaii, distinguished guests from Japan and Korea who have come

from afar to honor this occasion with your presence, ladies and gentlemen! My wife Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, my family and I extend our heartfelt welcome to you all." When you see that you are being invited by all our family members, who are united in heart and mind, you can understand that something new is unfolding in your lifetime and in this time in fallen history. It is the greatest honor for you all. It makes no difference whether you are a successful person or not. Do not think, "Don't you know who I am?" just because you have a lofty position. I am blind to such things. We are in a time when the highest person may descend to the lowest position and a lowly person may be elevated to the highest position. Keep that in mind and please appreciate this occasion to which you have been invited. Are you with me?

Let me look at your faces. Would you like to see a smiling face or would you like to see a disgruntled or angry face? If I laughed and had a smile on my face the entire setting would be transformed into a sea of laughter and everybody would be floating in the air. Those sitting by the wall laugh like this: "ha, ha, ha." It seems to be noisier in the front seats. But that's understandable; these people have to go to the spirit world soon. They have to be trained extensively on earth so that they will shine when they go to the heavenly world, on account of their service and attendance. It's not bad to see young people and old people laughing like this. The path of God's will has indicated how, over time, God has organized the beginning of a new heaven and earth through me. You should know how each stage in history was connected. That's important.





It should be made known that a young boy, fifteen or sixteen years old, in his teenage years, struggled in prayer with tremendously significant issues involving heaven and earth. When I was sixteen there was nothing I could not do. I did well in my studies; I was good at predicting the future in my neighborhood, the future of the children and nation. I always got it right. I was a problem child in my household. Was it because someone told me to be so that I was like that? I was in a position where I would concern myself with the future. Yet, I was not living my life in my own way. There definitely has to be a central focus, a system to guide you that indicates the direction to go.

When a boy turns sixteen, he does everything well, be it studying, weeding out a rice paddy, sweeping off weeds, or wrestling. Because I had exercised on a horizontal bar, I was strong enough to clear it in one quick motion. I am not a dull-witted man. Whether looking from a secular perspective or from the viewpoint of my clan, I am in such a position that no one can deny this.

In the days when Japan ruled Korea, being a pastor was something tremendous. Centering on the new culture, my great-uncle endeavored to make known the will of Heaven. He became a pastor, at a time of pioneering when new developments were going on within Jeongju County. Shouldering the responsibility for churches in more than twelve townships, he traveled day and night to stir up Korean youths. I can never forget the face of my great uncle, who worked hard to educate the young men because they must not die when they should be making preparations for an era when

the nation could go whichever way it chose.

My great uncle was a handsome man, handsomer even than I! He was a handsome man, though his face actually looked like a woman's, especially his eyes when you looked at them from the side. His eyes were those of a pioneer, full of vitality, and also like those of a woman preparing her heart for marriage, yearning for the ideal she has cherished in her dreams.

When I was five or six years old, I really liked my great uncle; I always asked when he would come. Whereas I lived in the countryside in the North, about fifty miles away, my grandfather worked as a traveling pastor, visiting many regions and major cities, so I could not meet him. If I go on in this way, I will never stop speaking about him, so I'll stop here, because I think you know enough about him now!

As you may know, I began on this providential path when I cut my wisdom teeth.... The way of the Unification Church refers to the path that the Church and I have blazed after I took responsibility for the course of the providence. You should know that I have trodden that providential way. The followers of this Moon so-and-so may not have followed him this far had he used the term "providential way" from the time he lived in his village as a boy. You need to remember that it was based on the providential path that the Unification Church first began to take pride in the content of the word.

What is the providential path? For Buddhists, it is the path they are following; for Christianity, believing in Jesus is the providential path. Confucians centered on Confucianism,



Buddhists centered on Buddhism, and Muslims centered on Islam are all following a providential path. What, then, is the center of the providential path? People don't know. The providential path we should follow, this providential path, is a serious matter. You would find it interesting to hear my thoughts on this. I have never spoken about it in circumstances such as this. Would you like me to tell you this story, or not? It would take me more than a year to tell it!

The tables are well laid-out today. Were they laid out to serve me? These tables were prepared to serve you. Who set them? It was the Unification Church. That means it was I who prepared them. So it would naturally suggest that it is not I who am being served, but the guests, who are more honorable than I. So, would it be right or wrong for me to speak for three or four hours as a way of serving them? You sitting right in the front, answer me, please. Would it be doing right or wrong? [It would be doing right!]

The path of the providence has carried on through history. If you don't know about this, you must go back to find that providential path. What came next was the era of *Wolli Haesol*.¹ The Divine Principle is enough by itself, so what was the use of *Wolli Haesol*?

If there is a jar of honey, when one has eaten a piece of rice cake, he should be fed a spoonful of honey so the rice cake does not stick in his throat. Honey is sweet, and the one eating the rice cake will swallow the cake together with the honey, and all will be well. So what was the use of *Wolli Haesol*? There are all kinds of people in the world, and because there are those in the secular world who need to have it explained, *Wolli Haesol* was given. What came next? It was the Divine Principle. So progress occurred there, because it was the era where people could be taught the Principle directly. What would come after the era of the Divine Principle?

Teaching centering on the Divine Principle can be explained in this manner: My Pledge, which was for individuals, can be put aside. The Family Pledge is central now. So if the Divine Principle is enough in itself, where does the Family Pledge come in? The path of the Divine Principle should take us from the individual to the family, nation, world, and even all of heaven and earth, to reach an infinitely great destination. You need to prepare to take that path. So what era are we in? It is the era of the Divine Principle.

You need to be able to distinguish the eras. This is very important. Can the ambassadors for peace group, the mountain hiking group and the multi-faceted groups of the Unification Church all claim that the contents of the Divine Principle are signposts testifying to them? Are you able to say that you are the providential path itself, that you do not need *Wolli Haesol* because you are a master who can personally explain it? The Divine Principle should be taught uniformly, whether it is in the hands of a nation's president or in the hands of the people, for everyone should become its owner. Who should be its owner? Should it be the president of the world?

If I am told by God to preach, I will respond.

What's next? The Family Pledge. Fulfilling only the first verse of the Family Pledge would allow a person to go to the kingdom of heaven. All would pass through the gates, regardless of religion or denomination. Each of them is

¹ *Explanation of Divine Principle* was published in Korean in 1957; it has never been published in English

asserting that theirs is the most important. Given the state the world is in, were you to ask what is actually covered by and discussed in the substantial Principle, representatives from Christianity, Confucianism, Buddhism or Islam could not give a clear answer.

Then who should explain the Principle? Who should tell others about it? Not even I am the owner of the Principle. Do you understand? God Himself appeared and said that He trod the providential path in such and such a way, and He taught the Principle in such and such a way, and since the Divine Principle failed to take root, the Family Pledge, which did take root, was deemed necessary for us to settle down. All of you can recite from the first to the eighth verse, can't you? Raise your hands if you cannot....

You've all done as you like. That's why the Divine Principle has come. God's bitter grief tells us we must go this way, centering on the Family Pledge. What else would it be but the Family Pledge? Whenever I have been insulted and humiliated I have spoken to you through the whole night, missing sleep and eating nothing....

What comes after the Family Pledge? What's next? It is Cheon Seong Gyeong. The Bible is not totally different. You need the image of God shown to you in your living environment. That is where the Mother and the Father are. If God is the first generation, Adam is the second generation; those in the third generation should all center upon the four-position foundation and cultivate it.

Satan has made the word "bastard" into a swear word, and in short has made everything opposite. He has made good words into evil words as his own language. The words I use in this era of genuine battle should not include these words the meanings of which have been twisted....

Although during the course of my life I have traveled the world and have been insulted a great deal, and many unfortunate incidents have occurred around me, there sometimes is a need for unfortunate incidents to take place.

Let's say there are two villages fighting each other to death, and a wise man appears and takes hold of each person in the two fighting villages, and tries to persuade them not to fight. He would go to everyone, person by person, until one villager changed his mind and promised not to fight. He'd then go on speaking to others, "Do you want to fight again? If you don't, turn around." If he were to embody the standard of peace in the midst of the fighting, and if he can turn the minds of two men among the two groups numbering in the hundreds who are fighting to kill each other, those two can become the model for peace. Isn't that how results in the normal environment of the world are achieved? Only then can the true fruit be harvested.

There is good and evil. What is goodness? What else can this be but goodness? Evil is evil. For your information, the Chinese character for goodness is made when the Chinese character for sheep [*yang*] is knifed and bled. That is how it can be interpreted. It is the Chinese character for sheep that has been slaughtered, and a mouth has swallowed it. Only when it is swallowed by the mouth can it become the seed, sprout buds and grow. The mouth here refers to a person, and the Chinese character for sheep suggests that goodness sheds the blood of a sacrifice, and when someone appears after swallowing that and digesting even more, it will mean victory for God's side. That is the conclusion. Do you understand? In sacrificing yourself, though you are driven to the brink of death, you do not die. Only after the sons and



Pledge Service and the commemoration of the 48th True Parents' Day were held on April 17, 2007, at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace. More than 3,000 people attended the celebration.

daughters of your enemy and the father and wife of your enemy have taken swords in their hands and stabbed you with them, and you have swallowed blood, can you become a person of goodness. That is how it is. Is that the right way to interpret it or not? If it is not, tell me.

What is sin? Sin is sin. How else can we understand it now that we know that sin is sin? It is a sin not to be a part of a four-position foundation. Is that right? If the Buddhists believing in Buddhism and Christians believing in Jesus had interpreted sin in this way, there would have been many in Korea today who would have soared high above others in the religious realm and the world of individuality in striving after the ideal. However, this has not been the case, and in light of this, we have become a people who know nothing but despair and disappointment; that is why we still continue to suffer. Isn't that disagreeable? That is the reality of good and evil.

Isn't it all about the four-position foundation? Centered on God, if Adam is the first generation, his son is the second generation, his grandson is the third generation, and only

after the fruit of the four-position foundation centered on them is harvested can the five seeds be buried in the soil. There, if they do not perish, they can unite gradually so that five become four, four become three, three become two, and two become one, and a fruit that is greater than the seed sown by God can be harvested.

Does that make you feel good or bad? [It makes us feel good.] If it makes you feel good, what does *Aju* mean? It means I am truly grateful, because I have become the owner.

This was done through Cheon Seong Gyeong. What come next are the messages of goodness, the Peace Messages. Once you have absorbed them all, you can go wherever you want. Even the spirit world would be like your own country, and even if you were to go to hell, you would be given the authority of a king, and those living there would confess their sins to you and serve you as their lord....

Above the throne, the center of the universe has become the owner, and the will idealized by God has been accomplished. That is why the Unification Church members say *Aju* rather than *Amen*. Is the word "*Aju*" generally used in



A joint celebration of the True Parents' 47th Holy Wedding anniversary (3rd month, 16th day of the lunar calendar, May 2 this year) and the 1st birthday of Hyung-jin nim and Yeon-ah nim's son Shin-deuk nim was held at the Cheon Jeong Peace Palace

unpleasant situations or in pleasant ones? Considerate people are good in themselves, but shouldn't they have something added to them so that they can bear fruit?...

Once the joyous day comes when the earth can embrace all created beings and dance with delight, in that world, the authority and prestige of God will stand triumphantly above all, even if He were to go a little bit crazy. [Aju!] However it is, at least you are paying attention to me.

What the Unification Church desires to have is the seed—the seed of love, the seed of life, the seed of lineage, and those who desire something other than that are descendants of the devil and a group of traitors that can ruin heaven and earth. You should know this. O.K.? O.K. is short for "the opening of the kingdom," that is, the gates to the kingdom of God. What is O.K.? It is "the opening of Korea." It is the key to enter the kingdom of heaven. Say, "Key." [Key!] If you don't need that key, you are as good as dead. Those who need that key are alive, so they will come flocking to it.

Are you dead or alive? [We are alive.] You need to have the key. What key? It is the key to the providential path, the substance of the Divine Principle. Centering on the substance of the Family Pledge, and based on the ideal husband and wife and the four great realms of four generations, everyone in heaven and earth should open their mouths and say O.K., Aju! After being told the results, you all desire to have that fruit. If those who do not hope for it are taught about it before the fruit emerges, there will be no one who could refuse that fruit. Thus, the automatic conclusion is that all of them will enter the kingdom of heaven.

True Parents means the True Father and the True Mother.

You should do as they tell you, even if they tell you to do a funny dance. Though others may wonder why company CEOs, cabinet ministers and even presidents are doing a strange-looking dance, you men should be able to dance naked with your wives in your own homes.

This lady right here is not Han Hak-ja, but Moon Hak-ja. Through this very wonderful day she has been given the name Moon Hak-ja, and she should stand up if I tell her to stand up, and come to me when I ask her to. Would it be good for a wife not to listen to her husband? She will come when asked to do so, and as she turns around and goes back, if she beckons me with her fingers behind her back, should I follow her or not? [You should follow her.] There's no need to teach you, since you already know. If True Mother is really a True Parent, do True Parents consist of a True Father and a True Mother, or not?

Satan has been trying to make it so that True Parents would never exist, for all eternity. He has been trying to pull out their roots. There are those who need the True Parents, however, and who want to be uprooted so their own buried roots can be dug up and made clean. Anything less than that is not sufficient.

[Father asks Mother to sing a song.]

To move on—in our Unification Church, trinities are precious. Father and son are connected in a vertical line. Next, the husband and wife are one in heart, as are brothers and sisters. It is only in Christianity that you find the ideology of the oneness in heart of three generations....

Your minds are similar to one another on the horizontal.

Without this horizontal line, the end cannot be seen. That is why we are searching for the center. Unless we are at the center, we cannot see the ends, to one side as well as the other. Where is the center of the two poles? If you were to shift position even a little, you would not be able to see them. Since this side will become the center, once it happens, Heaven will make it so that where two become one, life and love will be sown and lineage will come into existence.

One person alone cannot make a lineage. Could a widow give birth to sons and daughters even if she were to live for a million years?

We are standing at the very center of the horizontal line. Here, after being adjusted, when the two sides meet at the center so that the length in each direction is the same, exactly matching, they cannot be pulled apart no matter how hard one tries. If the man is stronger, they will be pulled to the man's side, and if the woman is stronger they will be pulled to the woman's side. Since there is only one central point on that horizontal line, the logic of their equality is unimpeachable.

And when, standing below, I am called and a vertical line is drawn from there to me, there will be no need for religion, nationhood, meditation, studying, or anything else. Why would they be necessary, since everyone would live on earth until they end up in the kingdom of heaven as the sons and daughters of Heavenly Father? In short, there would be no need to offer devotions.

Therefore, the intermediary part is missing on the horizontal line. Even God Himself will have to come to the dead center to set the point, and once it is set, its shadow will automatically become the core. It is similar to concentrating beams of light through a magnifying lens, which will set the target on fire.

This world came to be filled with confusion because the eight stages of the universe failed to be connected to the one point on the perpendicular. Once you understand this, automatically you will be able to travel back and forth from the eighth stage through to the twelfth and go out into the wider universe.

I said a little while ago that whatever is outside of the four-position foundation is a sin. Only when the sheep goes through slaughter and is eaten can it be called good. This concurs with the Principle. Please bear this in mind.

If you want to follow in our footsteps and take the same positions as us, you need to follow us until you can act in our place as the father and the mother, rotating centering on spherical motion through 360 degrees, at any angle, uniting with that standard... That is the point at which God can find rest and even get some sleep. What would it be like if there were holes in this that allowed storms and strong winds to come in?

The universe is in motion, and by mutual effort it has developed until now toward the unified realm of harmony. We should strive for an era of universal outlook that can bring about further development. Even after I go to the spirit world I will have to educate others about the new era. Do you understand? If you cannot do that on earth, give up now. Whether you are a Buddhist monk, a guru, a member of Cheondo-gyo, a pastor, or a priest, you all face the same destiny. You need to go to the final resting place of God—where He should go to rest forever—sleep with Him, taking your entire clan with you, so that on behalf of the people you have brought there, Heaven can fill in the gaps.

And when the world turns once, you will come back to the same position you were originally in. But the world will become a place where you can experience even greater development and thus be connected to the happiness of eternal joy...

Therefore, husband and wife should be one in heart. The skin of the fruit, the outer layer of the seed of the fruit has three layers—the father-son relationship, the conjugal relationship and sibling relationships. Within the three layers, a boy does not die but, rather, is born from the parents and grows up from a tiny baby through boyhood, youth, manhood and old age. If everything that lies latent within each of us as a seed does not cherish hopeful dreams, the seed of life cannot develop.

Bear this in mind, and know that Mrs. Han Hak-ja will play an important role in the Pacific Rim era seen from the historical viewpoint in relation to the will of God. It is the beginning of the will. The responsibility we are called to fulfill, to raise ourselves to the substantial standards taught by God, remains; and you must understand how urgent this is. If we are late by even a decade or two, this "atomic bomb" will explode by itself and the entire planet might be wiped away. Such a difficult time would come. "A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will: The United States and the Future Direction of the Free World." Everything is covered here....

I have told you already that I have fought to pioneer a new path of righteousness. Even if you think I am wrong and have piled these thoughts up against the walls all the way to the ceiling, this thinking must be brought down overnight. Even if you have built a castle, it should be destroyed in a day. Unless you follow the heart of God, who has taught that the land should be level, and who desires to see the ideal that existed prior to the creation of the world, it is impossible for you to leave behind the qualifications of a relationship that can last permanently. You should know that this conclusion cannot be denied.

Though it sounds complicated, do you understand what I'm saying? After becoming Moon Hak-ja, my wife, as a couple we should give birth to and raise three daughters with the surname Moon. Why? If Jesus had become a parent, who should have found wives for his three disciples? If there had been successful parents in Eden, or if three disciples had died with Jesus, or if they had gone to Rome, things might have been different, but everything became a mess. You need to realize how appalled God was and that His will was twisted as He looked down upon it.

Regarding the providential path and the Divine Principle, even if you find the way into the secret chambers of God and find out even those things that cannot indicate the life one has led, all the treasures that are stored in the secret storeroom of heaven cannot be opened without a key. You can only connect to them if you are connected to the same root as the owner's sons and daughters, that is, the central root, and also to the central core. Could genuine elements connect to them? They could not. The liberation of humankind can never come about before one can have the pride of being able to master the four great realms.

In this respect, and in regard to the Pacific Rim cultural realm, what is the opening of God's civilization of universal peace? When it comes to the universe, the peaceful house where two people can dwell is the universe. The universe is Heaven's home (*Cheon-ju*). In Heaven's home there must be

peace, but fights have broken out, with people arguing about who is higher or lower.

Regarding the civilization of universal peace on the fundamental level...it is not the character *shin* meaning "new" which describes the civilization, but *shin* from *kwee-shin*, which means a spirit. Yet this *shin* should not be interpreted as a spirit or ghost but as "God." Godly civilization.

There have been so many believers throughout history. In bringing salvation to humankind, God manifested as the God of salvation, the God of indemnity in relation to the need for atonement, and the God of sacrifice. Through these three stages the three fruits emerge as one, then the ideal of the four-position foundation can be fulfilled. Isn't this the inevitable conclusion?

Those who say they have understood this, raise your hands high and say, "Thank you God. Since all these blessings have not become God's, you should wish that they do become God's. Accomplish that wish! May Heaven receive all the hopes that have been fulfilled." You should think in this way and be united in oneness with your spouse, because husband and wife are one in body. The same is true for a speech. The speech is given by True Parents, because it is not only the father who has spoken. At least Mother has sung a song; if she hadn't, I would be criticized. It is good she has at least sung.

It is nice to sit down and listen to a speech. Do you think it is easy to stand up and sing? It's very difficult. Singing a song that is liked by everyone else can be difficult, but it comforts us and brings us together in harmony. It makes an environment that can be unified and reaps it as the fruit of Heaven, so Heaven cannot resist being a part of the joyful gathering. Aju!

That is why such speeches are precious. You need to live according to their words. What we are doing today from an early hour is learning that the providential way and the era of *Wolli Haesol* should pass away. Three generations cannot be connected through the Divine Principle book.

On April 10, the Women's Federation for World Peace celebrated its 15th anniversary. Father spoke for an hour before Mother gave the Peace Message. The event was held at Central City in Seoul.

You need to occupy the position where two can connect to each other directly, so that one person's heart will feel like the heart of the other, and vice versa. Only when in that position, where one will know what the other is thinking before he says anything, will he be able to practice the Family Pledge and approach the throne of God, well versed in Cheon Seong Gyeong, so that he can set off on the journey of eternal life, going to the far, far East, then turning one full circle and another, thus traveling around the universe.

How great are the treasures created by God? And how happy would one be if they were bequeathed to him? Would he be happy, or not? You should know that I am engaged in this work because I am familiar with such a world of dreams.

In Korea, the azaleas usher in spring, but they cannot be the key because they do not open the door. Korean azaleas make the spring pleasant for everyone; it is the azalea season now. Did you know azaleas come in five colors? What comes next? Lilies. After that are morning glories. These flowers are like jars of honey because they give sweet honey, but the fruit comes out here. There's a great distance between heaven and earth.

In the Bible, a wonderful bride is referred to as a lily. Did you know that when three lilies—the father lily, grandfather lily and grandson lily—are in bloom, an entire town can be filled with their fragrance?...

No matter how distinguished and beautiful a woman is, she must first become admirable. Hoon-sook, even if you have a doctoral degree from Russia, it is nothing to be proud of, because what you need is not to dance alone, but to prepare for the day when you can dance with your husband. When you are alone, butterflies and bees won't come to you, the harmony of the universe, the getting together of all creation, will not come about.

Raise your hand if you are a married woman. You should become lilies. Fathers should be able to say, "My daughter lily is the best. After getting married, she has become more admirable than her parents. We have given birth to sons and



daughters who are much, much better than we are."

When the three eras are changed, from there, movement through formation, growth and perfection will occur. When that happens, the central root will sprout a central stem that will put forth central buds. Years will pass, the seeds acquired from them can be planted in all nations. Even when they are planted in a world with a completely different climate, the shoots will remain and viable seeds can be gathered because there are four seasons. That is why I am talking about lilies....

The speeches for the construction of the place for the settlement of world peace and the establishment of Cheon Il Guk families are important expositions being given at this banquet. No matter how excellent Mother is, she should ask me to stand in front of her and give the introduction, for only then can I hold the key. Do you understand?

She is the Mother. By implanting the sperm of the father in the ovum of the mother, everything has become O.K. There can be no such thing as the Fall. How much would God rejoice over such a person? Harboring such a mind, remember this day as the day recording a celebration, and even if you were to forget everything that's in your mind, remember that it is our church that has taught you what the core is, what sin is, what goodness is, and has even shown you God's substantial standard of life, established by the Unification Church....

You cannot be stopped because you are of a different bloodline. The True Parents must liberate the three disciples.

Centering on the three disciples' first, second and third generations, the twelve tribes need to be organized into one great tribe, and centering on the entire world, there should be 72 apostles, and further on, 120 apostles. Only then can the kingdom of heaven come down to earth; that is the formula. You need to know this. Is that clear?

Don't hold your heads high and square your shoulders, thinking you are superior, and you women don't sway your hips to attract men. Women should never sway their hips; that isn't good at all. When three women are walking, there are three sets of hips moving with them. The women of the three generations of the grandfather and father should walk in sync....

The man is the guardian of the breasts. He is the owner who should ease the pressure from his wife's breasts when they are painful during lactation, have the woman bear their children, and feed the mother and the children, on behalf of God.

Why do I travel around with my wife when it's more convenient to travel alone? It's unavoidable. I have done enough to show you why.

"A Providential View of the Pacific Rim Era in Light of God's Will"—the currents of history. "The United States and the Future Direction of the Free World." As everything is included in the flow of history, and if everyone has aligned themselves to head toward one common destination, a common fruit will automatically emerge as the result. Aju. ♦



Hoon-sook nim and her daughter Shin-wol nim, who enchanted the crowd with a song, with Korean leaders and other members at the Paju burial ground to honor Heung-jin nim on "han sik nal," or "cold food day." This occurs every year on April 6 and is a day to tidy the area around the burial mounds and greet ancestors.



Kook-jin Moon Speaks on the 53rd Anniversary

The following are excerpts from Kook-jin nim's May 1st speech in the Family Federation Building auditorium:

Distinguished guests, leaders of the Unification Movement, my beloved brothers and sisters:

Today we are gathered here on this auspicious occasion to celebrate the fifty-third anniversary of the Unification Church. All the members of our movement who have worked hard in realizing the will of God and True Parents in each corner of the world send their respects. At this moment, I am sure they are offering their thanks and congratulations for the grace and love God and our beloved True Parents have bestowed on them.

When we look back on the history of our movement it all began from the Seodaemun church. Yet, we have since then made incredible growth and now have a worldwide foundation built by the tears, sweat and blood of our True Parents, with the blessings of Heavenly Father. The force that drove our movement to this victory can be found in True Father's unyielding determination to liberate God by fulfilling God's will, in line with his promise to do so, made to God on Easter Sunday in 1935 after accepting the mission of bringing salvation to all humankind.

With this determination and passion, True Parents have led their lives. This year in particular we celebrated True Father's eighty-eighth birthday. Yet, as they have shown us during the "Rally to Declare the Beginning of a New Universal Civilization of Peace," even today, True Parents are placing their lives on the line and investing their entire being for the sake of the world on this path.

At the beginning of the seventh year of Cheon Il Guk, True Parents proclaimed a jubilee year in God's providence, a year the likes of which humankind has never experienced. God's heart has been in pain throughout history because Satan's dominion entrapped humankind within its evil sovereignty, in the

fetters of the 'era before heaven.' That time has finally come to an end, and from this year on the gates of the revolutionary era after the coming of heaven can be opened wide, ushering in an era of a new sovereignty of goodness, in which humanity can attend God as the central being.

A jubilee year in God's providence refers to an era in which history and all creation have returned to that pristine era at the time of creation, where creation existed in a state of beauty God desired and as His object of joy. Thus, I believe that we, who live in such times, should radiate and give off a lovely fragrance like that of a beautiful flower as God's objects of goodness....

True Parents have founded many providential organizations in order to fulfill the providence and the Foundation has been supporting these organizations. Because these organizations were created by True Parents for the purpose of contributing to the fulfillment of the providence, to better understand the situation and the details of their activities and achievements, I have personally visited each and every one of these organizations.



After that, with True Parents' permission, I began a tour of our churches, which serve as the root and the foundation of our movement and the providence. With a goal of visiting 120 churches, I have successfully visited 72 churches as of today. During my tour I was deeply moved at the sight of our dedicated church leaders and members who have followed True Parents to this day and are working hard to realize God's will.

I also was able to see the difficulties of our church and the critical issues that need to be resolved. To offer help from my position, a Task Force Team was formed in conjunction with the Korean Headquarters for the development of our churches. At this time, this team has completed an accurate analysis of the field and is developing a long-term plan for addressing these issues. In consideration of the unfavorable circumstances of the field, the Foundation allocated a budget of 2.5 billion won in 2007 and will continue to work on improving the church environment. This is not simply about repairing the church buildings but is about improving the church environment and building an infrastructure to give strength to our witnessing activities.

Until now the revenue generated from our land in Yeouido [used as a parking lot] served as a great source in supporting our providential organizations and churches. Yet, with the development of that land, we no longer can expect such revenue. At this point, the Foundation is supporting the providential organizations from the profits generated from our affiliated companies. These companies, which began making a profit two years ago, have overcome many difficult situations and have restructured themselves into profit-making businesses. Yet, these companies are not generating enough profit to sufficiently help all the providential organizations. We, of course, have great hopes for the Foundation and are confident that our profits will continue to increase. However, the situation at the Foundation still requires more time to stabilize itself and thus the decision to allocate 2.5 billion won for supporting churches was made after much deliberation. Yet, despite the financial burdens, the Foundation has decided once and for all to set aside the financial resources for improving our churches under the greater goal of developing our church as a whole.

At such a time, I would like to share the thoughts that led

Rev. Hwang Sun-jo, FFWPU-Korea president, presents an award honoring fifteen-years of service in a public mission to Kim Young-jun and his wife Kwak Shin-sook

me to make this decision, which I have kept to myself until this time. I would like to reconfirm the providential importance of these times and make a new beginning by combining all of our strengths.

Like you, I fervently desire to make real True Parents' words and to create a substantial foundation here in Korea, the providential homeland. In order to fulfill True Parents' words, there needs to be a suitable strategy and system in carrying it out. Only then can our members and even the people of this nation and world see our vision; only then can we truly create Cheon Il Guk on earth, which is our desire. I believe that there needs to be a concrete and clear strategy and system for creating Cheon Il Guk according to True Parents' providential desires and that this must be done based on the passion and mutual agreement of all those involved.

Furthermore, we should not just follow True Parents' words but we should be fully aware of the original goal and vision and become owners who can practice and take action based on those words. We should not confine ourselves by becoming servants who simply carry out orders; we must become true filial sons and daughters who understand their parents' will and make it real.

Now is the time for the True Family and all the members of the world to become one in substantially building Cheon Il Guk through mother-son cooperation centering on True Mother. True Mother has always done her best to faithfully and absolutely follow True Father. I personally believe that the example that she has shown is something we all should emulate in this age. True Mother has always given her entire being in leading a life of complete oneness with True Father. Where others would have failed, True Mother—now sixty-five years old and a mother who gave birth to thirteen children—went through demanding schedules yet continuously submitted herself to True Father's will. There is no way we can fathom the depth of her heart. I had the opportunity to accompany True Mother during the world speaking tours. Young as I am, I found the tour to be very taxing each day. Yet, True Mother has taken up the responsibility of carrying our fortunes from the victory in Korea with the "Rally to Declare the Beginning of a New Universal Civilization of Peace" to Japan, America and the entire world. The hardships that await her are beyond imagination. Yet, even today True

Mother is going on this path based on that unwavering and absolute standard.

Beloved brothers and sisters! We are truly at a significant point in time. It is a time for us to become one and to combine our strengths. From my position I have done my best to return victory and glory to God and True Parents by showing results. My fervent hope is that all our leaders and members beginning with the president can become owners of the providence and take part in this holy task. When God's will is fulfilled, let us shed tears of joy and victory together!

Once again I would like to congratulate you all on the 53rd anniversary of the Unification Church, and I would like to return this day's glory to God and to True Parents and to all of you. Thank you very much. ♦



MEPI and Hyun-jin nim



in Israel



By Michael Jenkins



The Middle East Peace Initiative's first journey to the Holy Land took place in May 2003 when 120 members of the Christian clergy in the American Clergy Leadership Conference (ACLC) went to Jerusalem with the purpose of embracing Jewish leaders and seeking their repentance for the historical rejection of Jesus. True Parents had identified that as the root cause of two thousand years of Jewish people's suffering and the root cause of their not being able to live at peace with their neighbors. To address this root cause, these members of the clergy took a step beyond the bounds of tradition to affirm that Jesus should have been accepted and that had he been so he would have fulfilled the ideal God held at the Creation, reversing the failure of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. The ministers did this by stating that the cross was not the original intention of God, and that it became the secondary path due to the rejection of Jesus by his family and the Jewish religious leaders. This secondary path was victorious because Jesus expressed forgiveness from the cross. He was then resurrected through the power of God; he has since actively worked on earth for the last two thousand years. The resurrection of Jesus was the victory. Therefore the clergymen proclaimed an end of the era of the cross; a new era in which the cross will be exchanged for a crown has now dawned.

The Jerusalem providence

When it became known that these Christian ministers had removed crosses from their churches, special interest was stirred among Jewish Israelis. Never before had Christians come with the intent of laying down the cross (and the sword) and reconciling. Due to this condition, 120 Israeli Jewish representatives came to the banquet and participated in the event at which the Jerusalem Declaration was made. This was a historic turning point, in which Jewish representatives repented for the rejection of Jesus by their ancestors and proclaimed their love for Jesus. It should be noted that the three Abrahamic faiths each played a critical role in the completion of the Jerusalem Declaration.

This led to the Washington Declaration and the Seoul Declaration and the beginning of the fourth Israel on August 20, 2003.

The next major step was the formation of the Interreligious and International Peace Council (IIPC) on October 3; ambassadors for peace were then sent to Israel together with the leaders of the Family Federation in the United States. This pilgrimage opened the way to Gaza, and we made our first visit there at that time. It was on that foundation that our Gaza representative eventually received a permit to go in and out of Gaza.

The next step was Father's call to send three thousand ambassadors for peace to Israel for



Top: Hyun-jin nim and the MEPI delegates assemble near the Jaffa Gate for the peace march

the crowning of Jesus. Forty ambassadors for peace formed a task force and worked between twenty-one and forty days in Israel to prepare. On December 22, 2003, Jews carried a crown for Jesus and called him the king of kings, honoring him as a member of their family and repenting for the fact that he was not loved by his family. Muslims and Christians also honored Jesus, and Muslims presented a special gift of a menorah to their Jewish brothers. Christians covered a representative of Islam with a robe, proclaiming respect and honor for Muhammad. Jews, Christians and Muslims came together as one family.

Though this event was reported in Israel, it was not a major news item. However, we believe that history will record this as the central turning point, at which the Jewish people could be liberated from the condition of having rejected Jesus, which resulted in their having been being persecuted throughout history. These two events—the Jerusalem Declaration and Jesus' coronation—were central dispensational events accomplished through the joining of ACLC Christian ministers with ambassadors for peace in forming MEPI and their accomplishing the internal conditions necessary to bring forgiveness, healing and love between the Abrahamic faiths.

MEPI has brought over twelve thousand ambassadors for peace from more than a hundred and forty countries to the Middle East over the last three and a half years. Because of this effort, many of the ambassadors for peace throughout the world have become increasingly committed to seeing the concept of the Universal Peace Federation as the Abel UN enacted. In particular, cooperation between the U.S. and Europe has greatly energized our ambassadors for peace as they further the work in the Middle East through dialogue, friendship and breaking down the walls that have traditionally divided the Abrahamic faiths.

Hyun-jin nim accompanies the 29th MEPI

It was in this context that Hyun-jin nim decided to come to Jerusalem to review MEPI and give advice about ways it could be further developed. He arrived quietly at Ben Gurion airport on the evening of April 9 and received a briefing from our MEPI organizers.¹ Through Hyun-jin nim's leadership, tremendous cooperation was secured from other organizations that Father and Mother have founded. Among others, Mr. David Caprara, executive vice-president of the Youth Federation for World Peace, Dr. Charles Phillips, international president of Service for Peace and Mr. Larry Moffit of UPI cooperated to make this twenty-ninth MEPI (and the twenty-first major conference) a great success.

The European contribution cannot be overemphasized. Whereas America typically has a more spiritual contribution to make, primarily through faith-oriented ambassadors for peace, the European contingent comprises primarily members of parliament, journalists and professors, who see other dimensions of the peace process as being critical. These combined forces provide a very broad spectrum of stimulation for the ambassadors for peace in the Holy Land.

After an internal briefing by key MEPI leaders, Mr. Baruch Shalev, a member of the Likud Party and a real Israeli patriot; Mr. Hod ben Zvi, secretary-general of UPF-Israel, and Dr. Masatoshi Abe, chairman of UPF-Israel, gave very thorough presentations covering the past one hundred years, including the formation and history of Israel. At dinner, our UPF secre-

¹ I gave an overview, and Robin Marsh reported on the many journeys to the Middle East that Europe had sponsored.

tary-general from Gaza, who is a Palestinian Muslim, shared his perspective on the development of Palestine and Israel, and the difficulties that have arisen in the process. It should be noted that in UPF we can listen to briefings that highlight one view or another and try to understand how people in different circumstances see things. The organization's uniqueness comes from looking at the circumstances from a larger, parental point of view.

The prayer in Gethsemane

The next morning, we began with our morning devotions and hoondokhwa, focusing on the Pacific Rim era address that True Father gave in Hawaii on March 17. From there, we went to see the holy sites. Fortunately, Dr. Yang Chang-shik, chairman of MEPI, was able to join us at that time. We first went to Gethsemane, not only to the church that enshrines a rock at which Jesus and his disciples used to pray but also to the special holy ground Father established forty-two years ago, on March 31, 1965. Around that time, Father created 120 holy grounds worldwide. The holy ground for Israel was made in Gethsemane.

Father chose an olive tree that had three branches, which we believe was chosen because it represented the Abrahamic faiths—Islam, Christianity and Judaism. What is known is that at that time Father prayed for the unity of the Abrahamic faiths and drove three nails into the tree, one for each of these faiths. When we showed the photograph of the tree to Father almost forty years later, how pleased he was to see the nails were still there! Two have been almost overgrown by the tree, but they are still visible. In 1965, when no one was considering the unity of all faiths, Father was already laying the conditions necessary to bring the peace kingdom—the unity of the children of Abraham, the unity of all believers.

Hyun-jin nim prayed solemnly and sincerely at the place Father had identified as being where Jesus had prayed in Gethsemane. Certainly that is the most tearful place on earth for God, where Jesus poured out his anguish in prayer when the three disciples could not stay awake. As he wept, he prayed that God would take away this cup. Jesus had warned the three disciples to stay alert and pray. But due to the disciples' lack of understanding, they slept on. Finally, Jesus reconciled himself to the fact that the way of the cross was the only way he could set the condition for God to be able to redeem humankind. In that garden, Jesus walked away from the tree, and Judas appeared and kissed him to identify him to the Roman soldiers. The Son of Man was betrayed into the hands of sinners. Peter jumped up, attacked a soldier and cut off his ear. Jesus healed the soldier's ear and admonished Peter for fighting. The die was cast; history was set.

It was on this solemn, holy ground that Hyun-jin nim prayed, as the inheritor of Father's spirit and tradition and as the second-generation representative of the three generations of the True Family. We felt it was a historic moment, and we were there with him. Hyun-jin nim took pictures with the representatives of Palestine and Israel, showing the unity of the two families of Ishmael and Isaac. He took photographs with the regional presidents, Rev. Song, Rev. Lee, and Dr. Yang. A special picture was taken of him with representatives of the Abrahamic faiths—Imam Bundakji, Mr. Hod Ben Zvi and Archbishop George Augustus Stallings, Jr.

From there we went to the Church of All Nations. In the garden next to the church are huge olive trees, whose trunks are eight feet in diameter; some of these trees date back to

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The New Civilization To



Father toured his homeland, speaking in twenty-one locations from April 3 to 25 in cities including Seoul, Gwangju, Daejeon, Busan and Jeju. Seen here is a hall in the Olympic complex in Seoul on April 4.

SAW ANCESTORS PREPARING FOR THE RALLY

Southern Gyeongsang Province Rally — Jeong Jong-ho, assistant church leader

Around dawn, I received a revelation in a dream. I clearly witnessed many good spirits coming down to the hall and arranging chairs and cleaning up. The leader was the ancestor of the Han clan, who had brought a message from God, which he gave to True Mother. True Parents were overjoyed and instructed that it be read to the audience. I woke up at that moment. My heart was joyful. In my dream, the audience had filled the hall; in reality it was, indeed, packed with people.

I believe that all the spirits have been mobilized to make preparations for the rally centered on True Mother since it is a rally to proclaim the coming of the women's era and the Pacific Rim civilization, even in the spirit world. ♦

A MIRACLE OF FAITH HEALING

Daejeon Rally — Jeon Yeon-soon

Deaconess Jeon Yeon-soon could not move because of a bad back. True Parents were visiting Daejeon for the first time in a long time, but pitifully she could not go out and work. She was melancholy and spent her days crying. A week before the rally, True Parents appeared to her in a dream. Her husband, who had passed on to the spirit world, also appeared and gave her some medicine. Miraculously, as soon as she spiritually

took the medicine, the chronic pain that had been plaguing her physical body for so long disappeared. Deaconess Jeon was so happy she was almost floating. She worked hard and on the day of the rally she came at the head of a bus full of people. ♦

ELDER MEMBERS OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH HELP FROM THE SPIRIT WORLD

Chooncheon Rally — Lee Gi-wian, a Korean husband to a Japan wife

I am a hoondok church leader, and one of my predecessors, know in the spirit world, is Rev. Hwang Hwan-chae. [Rev. Hwang had been blessed among the thirty-six couples.] At the time of the 12,000 rallies, we could not even conceive of holding a rally in our area because we do not have a regional foundation. Rev. Hwang appeared to me in a dream, though, and reprimanded me. He warned me to hold the rally. Thinking to myself that the spirit world was taking an interest in hoondok church leaders and watching every move we make, I immediately engaged a place to hold the rally and hurriedly promoted it. That was not long ago. From that experience I realized that however great or small a vessel we prepare on earth, the spirit world will fill it to the brim.

In the process of preparing for this rally, too, Rev. Hwang appeared to me several times and gave me revelations. I came to discern that he was asking me to have his tribe attend the rally, so I dispatched a bus to his hometown, Seomyeon, and invited his tribe and all the other residents to the rally.

our: Some Experiences

This experience taught me that the providence is being carried out in both dimensions, in the spirit world and on earth. This gives me great hope.◆

ANCESTORS COME DOWN TO EARTH

Kim Yoon-soo, a church leader's wife

While offering conditions for the success of this rally, my father-in-law, who had passed away some while after having received the blessing, appeared to me to explain the spiritual state of some church members and to warn me about hardships that would come to my family. This phenomenon is still occurring.

In the early years of the church, my father-in-law donated his home to be used as a church and served the pioneering church leaders well as representatives of True Parents. Before he passed away, he had read the Divine Principle seventy times and led a life that was true to the word. Since he passed away, I have seen him a few times in my dreams. Recently he has been coming every day.

Whenever he comes, he tells me about the spiritual state of members, and foretells future occurrences, which is a great help in guiding members' spiritual lives. In doing activities to prepare for this rally, whenever I went out I felt that he was always by my side, cooperating with all that I did.

Thanks to him, I more than accomplished my goal for today's rally. Today, my husband personally drove the bus to the rally, and I was the guide. I explained about the spiritual experiences I've had recently. Everyone was filled with curiosity and listened attentively.

I spoke with conviction. I told the ambassadors for peace that I hoped they would no longer stand on the sidelines of the providence and wander here and there but would walk right down the center of the providential path, in attendance to True Parents. They all responded to that with a standing ovation.

The spirit world will not cooperate if we go to church members or ambassadors for peace and beg. No matter whom you meet, you should stand in the subject position with strong conviction

and lead the way. Only then can miracles take place. With today's rally as the starting point, I will work even harder to honor True Parents through my accomplishments.◆

TRUE PARENTS SPIRITUALLY APPEAR

Northern Choongcheong Province Rally

To hold the rally successfully, all our blessed families set special daily conditions—a breakfast fast, forty bows and hoondokhwae of messages from the spirit world. Rev. Lee Gyeong-ae, a church leader, did a seven-day fast, then resumed her activities, taking this as an opportunity to find members who had drifted away from the will and restore them to the religious standard they had when they first joined the church. What was truly remarkable was that True Parents spiritually visited members in places far from the church, scolded them and encouraged them to renew a life of faith.◆

THE CREATION IS SHOUTING OUT

The messages from the spirit world were read by Guk Hyo-moon of Honam University, an ambassador for peace. As a Christian, Mr. Guk understood how serious the content of the messages from the spirit world were, but he could not rid himself of doubts he harbored as to whether or not the messages were true.

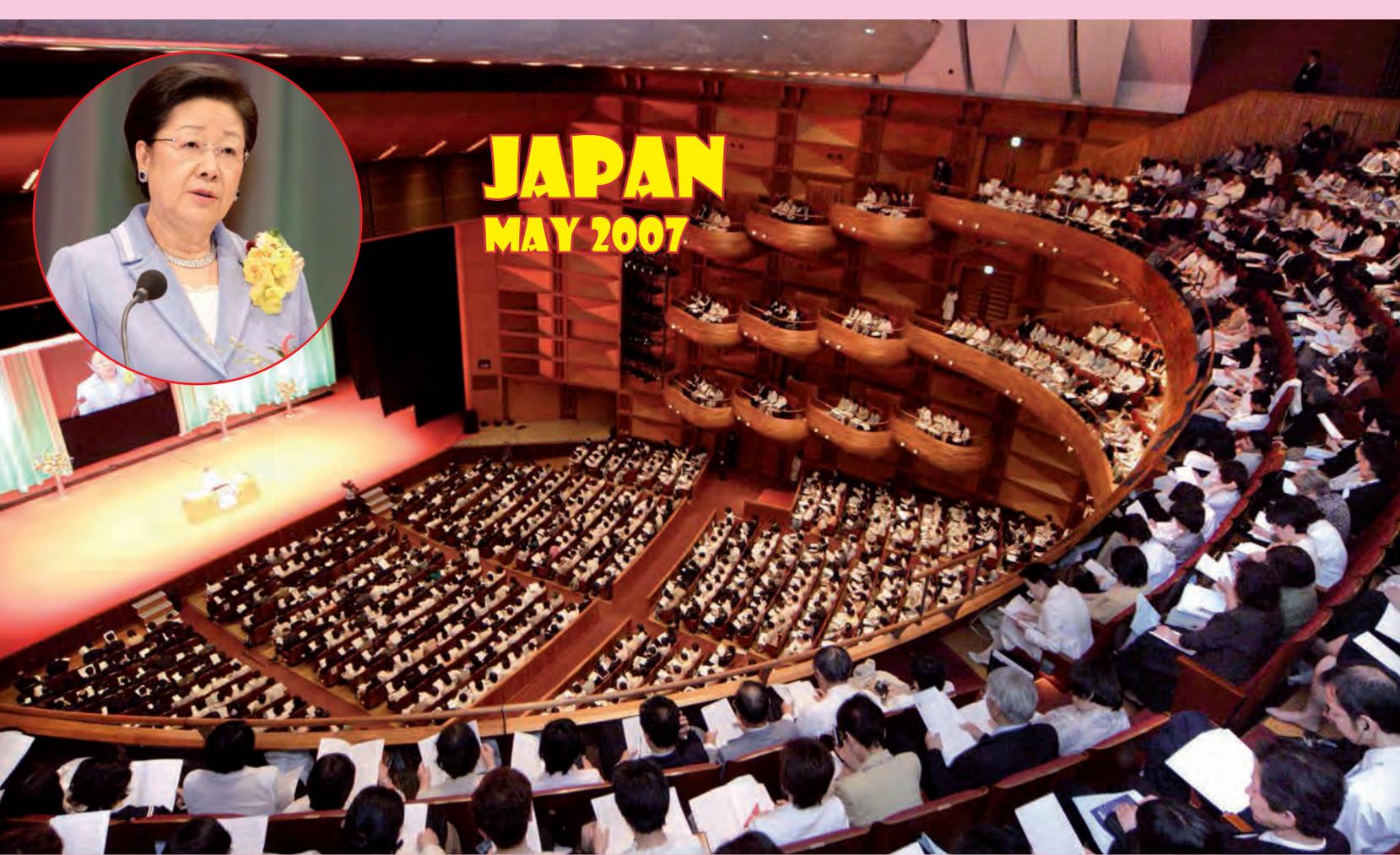
Then, three days ago, he had a vivid dream, in which all creation sang, "My masters are the True Parents; my masters are the True Parents; praise the True Parents; praise the True Parents." Surprised by the song, he woke up to find that it was a dream. Then another awakening came to him, "The creation is shouting out to me in order to awaken from ignorance this foolish man who does not know the will of Heaven." He collected himself and sincerely prepared to take his place onstage today. This was the report he gave.◆



At each Korean event, Father called three early woman members onstage, asked them to become model, ideal women centered on True Mother and to work with her; here, Chung Dae-wha (*facing*), Moon Lan-young, Kang Chung-cha and True Mother clasp hands.



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TESTIMONY OF A DIVISION HEALED

My husband and I were married on May 4, thirty-eight years ago. We have nothing but gratitude in our hearts towards God for leading us here, and for allowing us, on our 38th wedding anniversary, and closely observed by many, to stand on the holy stage as representatives in the

Holy Wine Ceremony, and to start over again as husband and wife.

Even when we would listen to the Word, my husband had many difficult feelings in his heart, and so we could not unite closely. He had continuously refused to participate in similar rallies, with the holy wine ceremony, so I felt the tremendous cooperation of Heaven when my husband quietly agreed to

attend on this occasion.

As we stood there, holding hands, and received the benediction, without my being aware of it hot tears flooded down my cheeks. On our 38th wedding anniversary, we became aware of our mission for the unification of our spiritual homeland divided at the 38th parallel. We promise to dedicate our effort. ♦

True Mother spoke from May 2 to 11 in ten cities in Japan, such as Tokyo, Osaka, Nagoya and Hiroshima. Photos on this page are from the event at the International Hall in the city of Kobe on May 5.



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On May 21 True Mother, Hyun-jin nim, his wife Jun-sook nim, and Hyo-jin nim's wife Yeon-ah nim began the U.S. phase of an international speaking tour that had its roots in Korea at the beginning of April. They will visit all fifty American states under the banner, "America's Destiny: One Family Under God." While True Mother and Hyun-jin nim have traveled west-

ward, visiting twelve major cities across the U.S., the daughters-in-law began separately in Alaska and in Hawaii and have moved eastward. The daughters-in-law will each visit nineteen states in nineteen days.

On the first evening, at New York City's Manhattan Center, following a rousing introduction by Hyun-jin nim, True Mother addressed two thousand

clergymen, diplomats, woman peace-makers and others prominent and active in society. Mother then honored eighty community leaders as ambassadors for peace. An important theme of the tour is America's role in furthering the peace and prosperity of all nations, not by power or might, but by renewing values, building ideal families, and genuinely living for others. ♦

A 50-state U.S. tour began May 21 with True Mother and Hyun-jin nim in New York, Yeon-ah nim in Alaska and Jun-sook nim in Hawaii. Below: New Jersey, May 22, the Holy Burning Ceremony, True Mother with war veterans and signing the proclamation.



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three thousand years ago. It is amazing to think that some of these trees were already standing there when Jesus walked by.

Reconciliation and unity

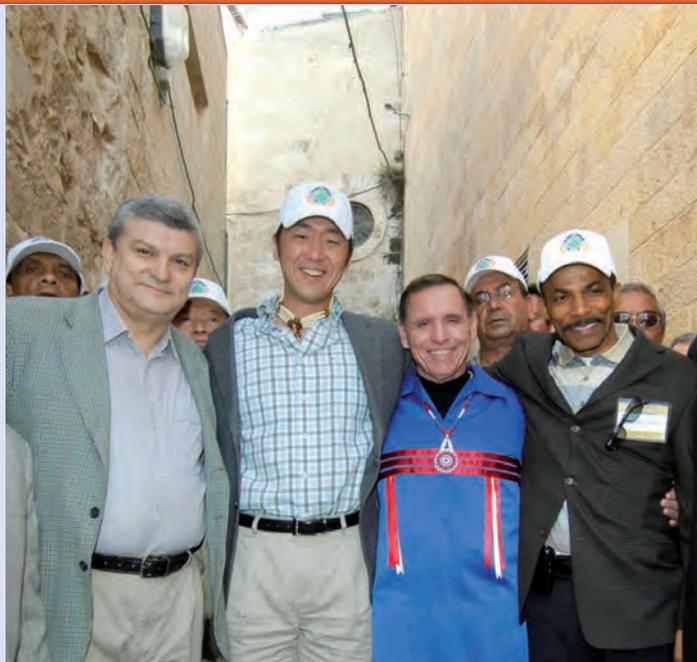
As we left the church, we saw the Golden Gate, a sealed door in Jerusalem's Eastern Wall. It is prophesied that when the Messiah returns, he will walk through that gate. Mr. Mohamad Jodeh from Denver, in the United States, was very moved as we looked toward the Muslim cemeteries in the vicinity of the old wall. His father and grandfathers are buried right in front of the gate. We should understand that the people God has called as ambassadors for peace are certainly not called by chance. Mr. Jodeh's cousin is the holder of the key of the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. At 5:00 AM every morning he opens Christianity's holiest site. It is interesting that a Muslim has to hold the key. We have heard that the Christians cannot agree on who should hold it. Mr. Jodeh's cousin has shown us the key.

In one of Father's Peace Messages, he calls the Middle East "one of the worlds tinderboxes." This is the reality in Jerusalem. It absolutely is a tinderbox. Although there are wars raging elsewhere in the world, such as in Darfur and in Iraq, where greater losses occur, the stakes are higher in Jerusalem than anywhere else. It is a tinderbox and one wrong spark could set off a global war that will entangle the Abrahamic faiths.

Yet Father continues: "...Jews, Christians and Muslims have found the resources in my philosophy of peace to engage in a new dimension of dialogue." Father's understanding is that this is the place to reconcile all enemies and unify the Abrahamic faiths to protect the world from what Harvard Professor Samuel Huntington calls the inevitable "clash of civilizations" to come. We say no to the clash of civilizations because we see that although Jerusalem is a tinderbox, a deeper power exists there in all three Abrahamic faiths. When they are guided by True Parents' true love, the walls come down and they can and will come together.

We felt the spirit of peace with Hyun-jin nim. With each step we took together, he demonstrated unconditional love for Muslims, Christians and Jews. Having left Gethsemane, we walked through the Old City. Our tour guide, Ayad, is an Anglican Christian. We walked down the central street, called the Corridor. Though the city has accumulated layers above where it was at Jesus' time, archeological excavations have uncovered the location of the outermost wall. We could see the wall that existed two thousand years ago in Jerusalem. Every step you take in the Old City makes you feel that you are not only walking through history but are part of history.

Then we arrived at the Western Wall, the site with the holiest significance to Judaism. The Jewish faith is based on the word. Therefore, if the word supports something, the Jews will follow it. Isaiah 56:7 has a very special verse: "These will I bring to my holy mountain and make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people." This verse is inscribed on a stone plaque at one of the entrances to the Wall area; because this is in the word, all Jews understand that Judaism's holy place is open to all people who wish to pray. Even though there are many Orthodox Jews rocking back and forth in prayer and placing their written prayers in crevices in the Wall, there is no resistance whatsoever to all the believers from different



Hyun-jin nim with ambassadors for peace during a peace march through the streets of Jerusalem's Old City

faiths coming together at the Wall to pray to the one God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Why? Because it is in the word.

Therefore, critical to our ability to unify the Abrahamic faiths are two elements, the truth, which is the word, and love. These two elements are fundamental and necessary for unity. Father has identified common teachings in the scriptures of the Jews, Christians and Muslims, core values that are consistent with their fundamental teachings. Those values can bring us together as one. We must seek common ground as the family of Abraham, and certainly the spirit of unity is present there at the Western Wall.

We could sense in Hyun-jin nim enormous appreciation for these holy sites. He studied at the Unification Theological Seminary. He is not only well versed in theology but also in history—both biblical and contemporary. As we walked by the Wall, we looked down through a glass-enclosed area, fifteen feet below, to where we could see the original foundation of the wall that existed at the time of Jesus. Jesus had certainly prayed at this wall.

Right above the Western Wall is one of the most beautiful religious sites on earth; called Haram al-Sharif in Arabic, it is better known in English as the Dome of the Rock. Its golden dome is one of the most artistic treasures of religious history. Built in the seventh century, it encloses the rock from which Muhammad ascended into heaven in spirit. The entire plaza is often referred to as Al-Aqsa Mosque; the actual mosque is south of the Dome of the Rock. Later we would visit it with prominent Muslim leaders.

Next we went to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, arguably Christianity's holiest site. This church encloses the rock called Golgotha, upon which Christ was crucified. It gives you chills to see the pilgrims from all over the world—Christians from Europe, Asia and America—coming there to touch the rock upon which Jesus paid the ultimate price. We prayed there at Golgotha, and in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher were able to go to the place identified by True Father as the actual tomb of Jesus. Because so much of God's heart and tears and sacrifice are connected with these geographical loca-



Left to right: Dr. Yang Chang-shik (a UPF regional president), Rev. Betty Tatalajski, Hyun-jin nim, Rev. Norman Keanaaina, Pastor Jesse Edwards and Rev. Jenkins singing after an uplifting speech by Hyun-jin nim

tions, the spirit there puts one in a state of captivated awe. We concluded our visit to the holy sites with prayer.

Interfaith work in the Holy Land

That night we had a special dinner with the Arab ambassadors for peace, who are Christian, Druze and Muslim. Our Arab ambassadors for peace, Father Hatoum, Mr. Walid Sadik (a Muslim former member of the Knesset) and Mr. Ali Birani (a prominent leader of the Druze community) were joined by Imam Bundakji, who was born in Jordan, and Mr. Mohamad Jodeh, who was born in Jerusalem. Mr. Hod Ben Zvi was also present, so again the three Abrahamic faiths were represented. It is not easy to keep an interfaith coalition together in Jerusalem, where the spiritual walls are quite strong. We always find that there are few divisions, heart to heart, between Muslim and Jewish people, who could easily live together if we were to remove the specter of politics and discord. Therefore, a movement of service and faith truly is the only way to bring the people together. It has to do go down to the grassroots, where people live.

That evening our ambassadors for peace from Europe and the U.S. arrived. Dr. Yang gave an opening briefing on the fundamentals of MEPI, the reality of the situation that exists there between the Abrahamic faiths and the implications for Palestine and Israel, and I gave a presentation on the history of MEPI.

Mr. Taj Hamad, a Muslim and Unificationist from Sudan, and co-chair of the MEPI committee, carries with him vast, global experience of bringing harmony among the various faith traditions. Taj's contribution is priceless, and his leadership always brings a sense of inner peace and calm among Muslims, Christians and Jews. All can relate with him. Taj did a beautiful job of moderating our session and helping ambassadors for peace come together as one. These sessions are very special because they allow our local ambassadors for peace from Jerusalem to meet the participants. Sheikh Abdul Aziz

Bukhari, whose family has lived in the same house in Jerusalem for four hundred years, embraced our delegates. We're always amazed that as MEPI participants we are not in Jerusalem as outsiders or as simple visitors. Our own ambassadors for peace live in Jerusalem; therefore we have family there. Sheikh Bukhari always makes us feel that we are family. He testifies that in his experience in the Middle East nothing has brought as much hope as the repeated MEPI pilgrimages.

The first thing it does is make people struggling for peace in Jerusalem feel that they are no longer alone, that they have brothers and sisters around the world who are not only praying for them but also working to support them. It is very moving for our delegates that as soon as the Sheikh is finished, a prominent leader of the Jewish community, Mr. Baruch Shalev, also shares his confidence and belief that MEPI is actually making a difference.

In our opening session, Bishop of Jerusalem Riah Abu Al Asal also helped our ambassadors for peace understand that the crisis is real and that the key to bringing peace in all the Middle East is to be found through faith and dialogue and by concentrating on solving the problem of the Palestinian-Israeli divide. Bishop Riah said that if we can solve this problem all the Middle East will come to live in peace.

So many important delegates from our Israeli MEPI came that evening. Among them were Mayor Ahmed, the mayor of Buscan Al Marj, along with Mahmoud, his vice mayor, whom MEPI had recently brought to America. The mayor was featured in a UPI article about their having secured land on top of a mountain where Jesus once walked and one of Muhammad's disciples died. At that holy place, they founded a peace center for Muslims, Christians and Jews. What is unique about that peace center is that it is entirely funded with Muslim money. This runs counter to the concept, which you often run into in the world, that there is no relationship between the Abrahamic faiths in Israel. Many do not know how much Muslims are doing to try to bring the Abrahamic faiths together.

It was a great blessing to have with us our very special rabbi from America, Rabbi Mordechai Waldman, from Temple Beth Taphileth Moses Synagogue in Detroit. Rabbi Waldman has become famous in UPF because not only did he demonstrate the unity of Palestinians and Jews at the special coronation ceremony for Father and Mother at the Dirksen Senate Office Building in 2004 but he also accompanied Father on a peace message tour. It was while touring that he said he would like to be married if Father Moon could find him a wife. There was one prominent woman leader at the peace tour stop in Los Angeles, the final city in that year's tour of America. Her name is Susan. They met, and it was love at first sight. True Parents blessed them, and they are a beautiful example of joy in God's peace kingdom.

Consistently, Rev. Betty Tatalajski has attended MEPI with us. She's a fine spiritual leader from Arizona. The woman ministers from her church, the Temple of Universality, always participate in the MEPI program, covering their own costs because their church has felt called by God to pray for and protect the leaders of MEPI and really support Rev. and Mrs. Moon and the work for peace.

Each morning we began with our 5 AM prayer and a reading of God's word. Special breakfast meetings were organized, as they were on Hyun-jin nim's twelve-city tour across America, giving Hyun-jin nim an opportunity to meet key ambassadors for peace from Europe, the U.S., Israel and Palestine.

With a True Son in the Holy Land

By Hod Ben Zvi

A short reflection on Hyun-jin nim's visit to the Holy Land from April 10 to the 14 this year

Hyun-jin nim's visit was truly an amazing experience. I had the good fortune of spending more than three days in a row together with him. It was my first experience to spend a substantial amount of time with a True Son of True Parents.

In his first remarks when traveling up from the airport to Jerusalem, he expressed his surprise over the green landscape, in contrast to the desert like scenery one might expect. From then on, he developed such a deep and personal interest in everything that he saw and everyone that he met. On many occasions, I was brought to tears. The reason was that in a very natural way, Hyun-jin nim shared about True Parents. When he said "my Appa," I felt immediately embraced, as if I were part of the True Family. He would share different things from his observation of life or about books he had read. It all seemed like he was closing

a circle. This was a circle of life won with sincere and hard effort, truly penetrating into the essence of God's dream and True Parents' hope. Hyun-jin nim shared God's heart and True Parents' feelings in a way that it made me feel a strong desire to fulfill them. I was inspired to inherit his dream.

During his time here, we visited Yad Va Shem (the holocaust museum). Unlike other visitors I have accompanied, he did not rush through the place. He took his time to observe the documents, and later commented about his interest in learning how people sustained their lives during those terrible years. When we stepped out of the museum, he was not trying just to move on but asked if there were any other parts of the museum we could see. I explained that there were several other buildings and he suggested we spend the remaining time visiting them. On that occasion, he shared his feelings about True Father's six incarcerations, and particularly about Hungnam. Though he did not say so many words, I could sense his constant, deep love for his father.

That first morning, he met Mr. David Sasson. David is an Iraqi Jew who emigrated to London and joined our MEPI program a couple of years ago. David has been opening up every level of leadership in Israeli society—from university figures to the peace movement leaders, members of the Knesset, and many former generals. David knows no boundaries and plays a critical role along with Mr. Robin Marsh and Ms. Margaret Ali, who direct our MEPI in Europe.

After breakfast we had the opportunity to meet Bishop Riah from the Anglican church. Bishop Riah is completing fourteen years in that role. He is now going to focus on interfaith development and world peace with MEPI and with other organizations. It was truly a joy to be with him as he said something that moved everybody, "Though the people may not be moving in the right direction, God is on the move. We have to follow God. We have to understand that God does not want war and conflict. God wants us to reconcile as brothers and to lead the world to a world of peace and harmony for all families." Hyun-jin nim and Bishop Riah swiftly became close in spirit.

Extraordinary peace initiatives

Hyun-jin nim and our delegation went on to the Jerusalem Peace Center, which is our UPF peace embassy for Jerusalem, while Bishop Riah took Dr. Yang, Rev. Song and Mr. Marsh on to a special meeting with Palestinian President Abbas. When the right people are working with MEPI, doors open so naturally. The meeting with the president was very warm. MEPI delegates have met him before, but this time was very special.

After that, we were able to discuss prospects for peace with Saeb Erekat, who is the chief negotiator for the Palestinian Authority. Mr. Erekat was down to earth and totally matter of fact. He mentioned that we should sympathize with him because he's negotiating from an extremely difficult position, for a people who have no army, no tanks, no helicopters, nothing but the will to try to form a peaceful nation, side by side with Israel. As in all of our discussions, Hyun-jin nim

promoted our core values, that dialogue in faith and serving one another would be the key to making lasting relationships and would lead to peace.

From there, we had an opportunity to meet Yariv Oppenheimer, the general-director of Peace Now, the largest peace movement in Israel and one of the most successful ones. It has a long and distinguished history. Coming more from the liberal, secular perspective, they have promoted respect for all Muslims, Christians and Jews, with a firm conviction that Palestinians and Israelis can have two nations side by side. Peace Now has organized 300,000 people in rallies in Tel Aviv. This organization has probably the strongest ability to pull the common Israeli citizen toward peace and has reported that 80 percent of the people of Israel would like to see two nations living peacefully side by side. Many key leaders in the Labor Party, government ministers and key Knesset members are co-founders of Peace Now and have been very good friends of MEPI.

We concluded that evening with the Bereaved Family Forum. The Bereaved Family Forum always sends one Palestinian and one Israeli representative to our MEPI events. Rami Elhanan and Aziz Abu Sarah were the two representatives. People were deeply moved by their testimonies. Rami lost his fourteen-year-old daughter to a suicide bomber. He said that his whole world came apart that night. He became cynical, angry and hateful. Then one day, somebody else who had lost a child in the conflict contacted him and encouraged him to share his pain and to hear the painful accounts of others, especially Muslims from Palestine. Rami shared that it was listening to testimonies that expressed others' pain that healed his heart. He, Aziz and others have transcended their hatred and realized that we must work together as one family to stop the violence. The participants in the forum were overwhelmed.

The next morning we welcomed Imam Bundakji, Mr. Eduardo Castro from the Philippines, Mr. Jodeh and Archbishop Stallings to share the developments of MEPI. Each morning there was much love and bonding of hearts.

One of the truly striking things was the way he absolutely kept his position as a parent. There were many instances in which one could easily take sides and engage in the normal political talk. But on all occasions without exception, he kept a head-wing view, not leaning towards any particular side. The Middle East is indeed a troubled area, a hot issue, so to speak. It seems that everyone has a strong opinion about who is right and who is wrong in the Palestinian–Israeli conflict. But Hyun-jin nim consistently taught us to stay away from the political debate and to focus on service and interfaith work. In many ways, his visit was so liberating. It is so clear that under his leadership we can set sail on the right course.

We gained confidence that the fulfillment of True Parents' dream of peace in the Middle East is truly at hand. During his speech in the Israeli parliament—the Knesset—he read True Father's poem "Crown of Glory." In that, he captured the essence of the right approach to lead us all out of war and conflict.

We all pray that many hearts could be opened to his message and that many young people will feel inspired to inherit God's dream.◆



Hyun-jin nim with Hod Ben Zvi's family in Israel

A special briefing session was hosted by two Knesset members. This allowed our delegates to understand that you will find many divergent views of the path to peace in the Middle East among the Jewish and Muslim Knesset members, as you would among members of any other pluralistic society. This session was very special in that the focus was on representatives from each continent. Mr. Gago Apostoli, the minister of transportation from Albania and a prominent ambassador for peace, shared that his nation was committed to helping the peace process in the Middle East and that he had discovered a great purpose not only for his own life but also for his nation by becoming an ambassador for peace. He added that all nations must help in the work for peace in Jerusalem.

Ambassador Edward Peck, chief of mission to Iraq for the United States (1978–1980) and later deputy director of counterterrorism for the Reagan White House, gave a balanced and complete presentation. He began by speaking of a massacre, Dier Yassin, that occurred before Israel was formed. It was very moving that an American ambassador had the sensitivity to speak about the suffering of the Palestinians and at the same time to highlight the suffering of the Israelis in this conflict. It was done in a manner that could be received by all. One delegate in the audience was actually at Dier Yassin when he was a small boy. Thirty-seven members of his family were massacred on that day, including his grandmother. As a little boy, he had thrown himself into a ditch and somehow survived. He later came to America and became a prominent imam—Imam Dawud Assad of the Islamic Center of Central New Jersey.

In this session, Amb. Peck highlighted the fact that a great opportunity for peace exists right now and that America must truly take a fair position supporting both sides in the peace process. His address also underscored the fact that MEPI is continuing to rise, through its presenters, to higher levels of understanding and dialogue.

I presented the UPF position that dialogue is essential to the peace process and that as an NGO primarily composed of

leaders of all backgrounds who see their faith as the guiding light of their lives, UPF can always maintain dialogue even when all political processes break down. UPF is therefore an invaluable NGO because politics alone cannot bring peace. There must be the parallel tracks of faith leaders, woman leaders and youth leaders working to maintain communication, dialogue and service.

I underscored the fact that the civil rights movement, in their struggle in Selma, Alabama, faced the same impossible odds when proposing change. At the time that Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. first began to march, many people publicly told him that he would never be able to change the situation, that black and white would never eat together at the same lunch counter and that he would never bring peace to the conflict between the races. But that one preacher, Dr. King, showed that through joining hands—black, white, brown, Hispanic, American Indian, Jewish and Christian hands—the spirit of God could appear. What was said to be impossible became possible. Therefore, it is our faith that we will see peace in the Middle East.

Hyun-jin nim spoke with incredible depth, receiving a very strong inspiration that his message should concentrate on love. He read Father's poem, written when Father was sixteen years old. It was an amazing message. "When I doubt people, I feel pain...." His message was unique among all the presentations, as it helped lift the whole discussion to a higher level. It was not about land and material, or about differences of faith, rather he told us that when we repent, when we love one another, when we rise up to believe in God and our fellow man, new possibilities open up.

The members of the Knesset shared a very interesting idea—that a Jewish and Muslim member of the Knesset and a member of the Palestinian parliament join together to call for peace and that together they highlight a proposal by the member nations of the Arab League that calls for Israel to recognize those nations and for those nations to recognize Israel. We see the hand of God moving on every level. The day after



Hyun-jin nim spoke about the responsibility of religious leaders in America during the morning MEPI orientation

we held this panel, it became clear that Israel was in fact seriously considering how to work with the Arab League.

Dr. Yang highlighted the fundamental principle of MEPI—that all three Abrahamic faiths share one God and that there must be a recognition that God is essential for peace. The session ended with Rev. Walter Fauntroy, whose message garnered enthusiastic applause. Rev. Fauntroy was a co-chairman and local coordinator for the August 28, 1963 March on Washington, at which Dr. King gave his historic “I Have a Dream” speech.

Rev. Fauntroy walked with Dr. King through so many impossible situations. His address about experiences of black and white reconciliation in America filled the room with hope. He promised those who are leading the people to peace in Jerusalem that he would cooperate with them and let all of America know that we have friends on each side of the conflict who are able to bring peace to the land.

Untangling past failures

After that we visited Yad Vashem with Hyun-jin nim. Every head of state who comes to Israel must go to Yad Vashem. It’s a way to honor and pay respect to those who lost their lives in the Holocaust. The memorial is a deeply stirring, overwhelming display of how prejudice and hatred, when institutionalized in a state, can bring evil destruction and shame to humanity. At each display we saw, Hyun-jin nim read and paused carefully, absorbing each and every image. We were all moved at the depth of his concentration and the careful steps he took to appreciate and understand this central, historic point in Jewish history leading to the formation of Israel.

We were comforted by the fact that we believe the conditions that allowed for this tragedy to occur have now been reversed. We believe that as Jews, Christians and Muslims bind together, and especially as we honor Jesus, reversing his rejection, that the forces of evil will be obstructed from working again in such a way.

The next morning, we marched in the Old City of Jerusalem, Christians, Muslims and Jews together, starting from the Jaffa Gate. We walked through the old Palestinian quarter, singing “Peace, shalom, salaam alaikum.” Many have shared with us that they welcome our presence and the sound of

those words of peace reverberating in English, Hebrew and Arabic through the stones of the Old City, stones that many times have been covered with blood. Shop owners and young children come out every time we march. Does anybody hear our cry? We are sure that they hear.

Voices of hope

There was a time, a few years ago, when our efforts were not understood; every time we marched there would be immediate reactions from some of the most powerful Jewish, Muslim and Christian religious leaders in the city. Sometimes they would condemn us and rumors would go throughout the city that we were up to no good. However, those voices have now fallen silent and our voices have risen—peace, shalom, salaam alaikum. Voices of doubt have changed to voices of understanding and even hope that no matter what, MEPI will not stop as ambassadors for peace come from every nation to pray for peace in Jerusalem. “Peace, shalom, salaam alaikum, pray for peace in the Middle East.”

We concluded our march with prayer at the Western Wall with Jewish, Christian and Muslim representatives, and then continued on to Al-Aqsa Mosque. It is great to see the expression of welcome from the Muslim sheikhs when we go there. We believe if the true holy men and women of the Abrahamic faiths become connected in love, anyone trying to drive them apart will lose power, and as at Jericho when Joshua led the Israelites, who raised a great shout, the walls will come tumbling down.

We ended our tour with Hyun-jin nim with a visit to one of the most prominent Muslim leaders in Palestine, the Supreme Judge of the Sharia courts, who has the authority to interpret the Koran. This Sheikh welcomed Hyun-jin nim with incredible warmth and told him in no uncertain terms that Hyun-jin nim’s father and mother are truly the peace leaders of the world. We sincerely thank Hyun-jin nim and all those who supported this tour for making this journey for peace one that can never be forgotten.

A new day has dawned for MEPI. A new day has dawned for the Middle East. We encourage everyone from every nation to find a way to join us in Jerusalem. ♦

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way. In saying these things, I would like everyone to collectively decide to develop more, to return to purity, and to become better today than yesterday, better tomorrow than today.

The Family Federation's starting point was the Garden of Eden. That is why, in this new age, what all aspects of the movement centered on HSA-UWC, FFWPU, and UPF have to do is re-create Eden. The restoration of Eden means that in the end, the spiritual and physical worlds are restored, become one, and become the peace kingdom. Having this destination leads us in an unchanging direction. There is no other course but to go this way.

That is why we always have to learn from True Parents by looking at Father's life course and his daily life, which do not waver in any situation. In so doing, we need to inherit Father's objectives centered on the original, vertical axis of the parent-child relationship between God and human beings.

This year, especially, don't we feel spiritual energy when True Parents talk about lineage—God's lineage—during public meetings, during hoondokhwae, even at the dining table? **How seriously and how freely they take charge of heaven and earth!**

In light of that, they have to restore God's bloodline and restore the Garden of Eden. When, within these principles, we understand this development, we can understand that this is not one denomination or some kind of religious organization. Because True Parents longed to remove such a name tag, they created the Family Federation, and (on the next level) the Universal Peace Federation, as well as many organizations in addition to these. Even now, they are busily working, and their work always flows from the same conclusion about the bloodline and receiving the blessing, which is that not one person should be left out.

As blessed families we should cut off any conditions for Satan to hold onto us. Next, although we are inadequate for the tasks before us, lack qualifications and have many faults, we should wash these problems off again, resolve them, and make ourselves proper once again. True Father is always thinking about that country, that world, that lineage of God, that world of one family—while emphasizing righteousness and this nation—centered on the family that was conceived of and visualized as the original Garden of Eden. Because he is doing so, on this occasion of offering our congratulations on the founding of the Family Federation, isn't passing on the lineage the most important thing FFWPU has to do? I'm referring to the blessing. At this point, because we are all members of FFWPU, I'm saying that we need to once again muster the determination to be intensely active in giving the blessing, which is the original, fundamental purpose of FFWPU's existence. We express in different ways that the realization of the kingdom of heaven is externally the restoration of the national sovereignty and so forth, but in the end it is a **matter of harvesting fruits.**

Next, fundamentally, FFWPU was founded as the root organization in the process of achieving Father's overall intention for the central providence. Since 1995, everything has been turning toward the age of the Universal Peace Federation. What this means is that Father is restoring the bloodline.

Next, thinking deeply about how to accomplish that, he is trying to bring everyone to live in God's lineage. Yet this

is *not* the kind of restoration of Eden that concludes with Father judging and destroying secular people who do not live up to his expectations. Because we lost the lineage, Eden will be restored only when what was formed through the false lineage **goes through rebirth, and is cleansed and saved.**

That is why Father could not bring himself to judge the world, which has constantly failed to follow him. He suffers and works so hard because he has been a parent toward others from the outset and because even bad, fallen children are his children. What is needed to restore them cannot be achieved with activities that go only in one direction, only through church activities. He has to cover **360 degrees, working in all directions. He has to go from the world level to that of heaven and earth.** Father's frustration lies there. He invests his whole heart because these times call for urgency. The reason for Father's anxiety lies here. For this reason, no matter what field we are active in—covering whatever aspect of Father's multidirectional work—we should unite and connect together.

Now, an age of a **new beginning is being declared.** During this time, the significance of the declaration of this age is that each of the foundations that Father has created until now, covering all 360 degrees, is at the point where it is fully assembled and has achieved a conclusion. In light of this, we are celebrating the fifty-third anniversary of the founding of FFWPU today.

Father has created many organizations for the restoration of Eden, **yet these are not what Father really wants.** What Father wants is the restoration of Eden. **That means to restore the bloodline through the blessing and to complete the three kingships through the family.** Everyone should be restored to Eden, **which is to be filled with these kinds of families.** When such a time comes, we are each engrafted through the blessing to God and True Parents, who are the true original root, and to the True Family, the original trunk. **What Father requires of all families and FFWPU members is for everyone to attain victory through accomplishing the three kingships.**

Our destiny is not just for ourselves, our sons and daughters and grandchildren. This destiny has to be connected to countless generations, who all need to receive the same sap from the tree. **That is why every one of us, centered on original, true relationships, should embody the core of what Father is working to restore, the Garden of Eden.** In order for ice to melt, its temperature needs to reach the melting point, right? When we become those who induce that melting point, as we, **the families who have received the blessing, steadily grow in number, won't the ice gradually melt and Eden thus be restored naturally?**

But the restoration of Eden cannot be achieved only through its external attributes. The reason Father created all these organizations and is carrying out these very visible activities is to **connect everything together. When we come back to the root, it is the family.**

The anniversary of the founding of our church is a day to solidify our determination to maintain this tradition to the end.

I am speaking in the hope that we may become people who will fulfill our responsibilities and in this way think deeply about the meaning of this commemorative day in front of God, True Parents and the True Family, who, through us, **long to be able to make the future brighter than the past.** ♦

The Peace Message Is Given *Urbi et Orbi*: A Cathartic Moment in Washington DC

By Laurent Ladouce



Left: Hyun-jin nim introducing his parents; Right: Father and Mother cut the anniversary cake as Dr. Pak Bo-hi, past chairman of the Washington Times Corporation, and Dr. Irina Shushkevich and her husband Prof. Stanislav Shushkevich, former chairman of the Supreme Soviet of Belarus, look on

Laurent Ladouce, a native of France, attended the Washington Times' 25th anniversary celebration and shares the following reflections:

As Unificationists, we have witnessed extraordinary moments, about one of which our founder would later say, "If you truly understood the infinite value of this day, you would not be able to sit still. You would go throughout the world singing hymns of joy and dancing in ecstasy."

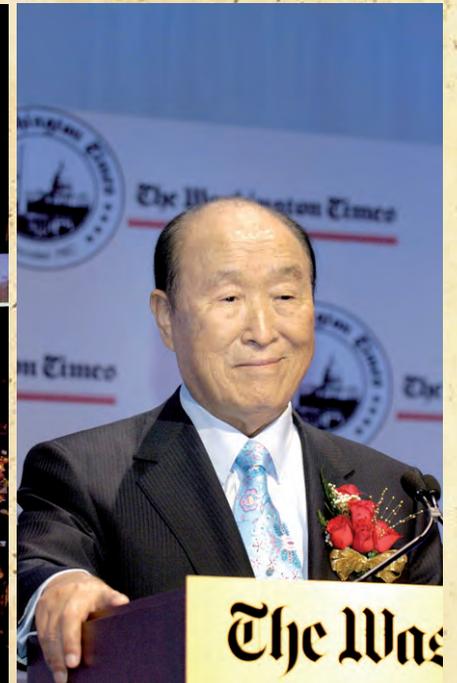
The media today have the power to create a communion, both intellectual and emotional, among people. The reading of the morning daily is the prayer of the modern man, German philosopher Hegel observed. And the evening TV newscast has been described as the holy mass that brings together all the families of a nation. Media fascinate and mesmerize people collectively and have replaced religion in educating the masses. We know too well how the media can create moments of intense communion, especially on the occasions of the football World Cup, a celebrity's wedding, a great hero's funeral or when disaster strikes.

In my personal observation as a Unificationist, a moment of infinite value took place at the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the *Washington Times*, a newspaper the Reverend Sun Myung Moon founded at the time of his worldwide ministry when there was far less acceptance of him than there is today, a time for him of significant adversity and religious persecution including his conviction and imprisonment in the United States on charges of tax evasion.

Not many Unificationists were present at the *Washington Times* anniversary event. The audience comprised mainly people from outside our movement. Among them was George H. W. Bush (president of the United States 1989–1993), once one of the most powerful men in the world.

"Well ... I am truly living a cathartic moment" were the very first words uttered by





the former president as he delivered his speech on May 17. That's an interesting choice of words. "Catharsis" as used in drama refers to a sudden emotional climax, where feelings are overwhelming or when an extreme change in emotional state results in revitalization. From a spiritual viewpoint, a cathartic moment is one of intense emotion where the spiritual truth is revealed from above, engraved within, echoed from without. The truth is no longer theoretical, it pervades the whole reality; you feel it in your flesh and see it reverberated on the faces of your neighbors. This was what I experienced on May 17.

The moment was enshrined in a truly amazing hall, the National Building Museum, which contains columns that are among the tallest in the world, giving it the look of a cathedral. The moment may have been cathartic from a more mun-

dane and personal viewpoint for some, but that is part of the spiritual drama—in the great collective experiences of life, the spirit world gives each person an occasion to purge or purify his or her mind of personal burdens. Mr. Bush expressed his frustration over how the media had treated him on many occasions. He said that as a father, though, he felt much more pain now whenever the media uses bad names to describe his own son, President George W. Bush. The former president seemed to seek our sympathy over this painful situation.

Right after Mr. Bush ended his speech, Hyun-jin nim introduced his parents. After the former president departed, Father and Mother Moon were to come onstage to light the candles of the anniversary cake. However, before they had a chance to, a loud, clanging fire alarm went off, covering the

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Left: The forty-first president of the United States, George Herbert Walker Bush, speaking at the Washington Times 25th Anniversary Gala, Right: Hyun-jin nim greeting noted Jordanian Islamic scholar, Dr. Hamdi Murad





Nepal and the South Asia Peace Initiative

By Ek Nath Dhakal



The following was adapted from the PowerPoint slides and voice recording of a presentation given by Ek Nath Dhakal at a UPF conference in Seoul as well as a thirty-minute interview of Rev. Dhakal, in which he expanded on many of the issues his nation is currently confronting and the work UPF is doing to address them.

I'd like to begin by giving some background to the South Asia Peace Initiative. As you probably know, Nepal is between two giant nations, China and India, and has a population of about 30 million. In 1990, there was a massive popular uprising in Nepal. It was known in Nepali as *Jana Andolan*, the People's Movement. This resulted in the king giving up absolute rule, promulgating a new constitution and allowing political parties.

On June 1, 2001, at Narayanhity Royal Palace, twenty-nine-year-old Crown Prince Dipendra killed ten members of the royal family, including his father, his mother, his sister, his brother and three paternal aunts, before shooting himself. He died three days later. Officially, Nepal's State Council had named Crown Prince Dipendra king as his father's successor. On his death, the late king's younger brother, Gyanendra was named king.

Meanwhile, the country was undergoing a long Maoist insurgency. It had arisen in 1996. In the decade that followed, the rebels killed an estimated 13,000 Nepalese citizens.¹ Several times Maoists had announced a cease-fire. The government, too, initiated peace dialogs, but those talks had broken down many times over the years.

In February 2005, after criticizing the democratic parties for failing to deal effectively with the rebels, King Gyanendra dissolved parliament and stated, "For the larger interest of the Nepalese general public, the nation and democracy and people's fundamentals rights, we have decided to form a new government under my own chairmanship," thereby at least temporarily reinstating absolute monarchical rule.

In light of this situation, UPF-Nepal wanted to support the peace process and has been purposely coordinating the South Asia Peace Initiative programs with the ongoing peace building process. In addition, when True Parents, other members of their family and the North American ambassadors for peace came to Nepal to speak, the events seemed to be in sync with our local peace work.

South Asia Peace Initiative Beginnings

As early as two years ago, the situation was still very difficult in Nepal. When there is one government—whether that is with one party or a monarch—other parties cannot even talk with that government. There is a huge distance between the ruling party and the opposition political parties. The South Asia Peace Initiative (SAPI) is significant because it brings all political parties and representatives from the monarchy together. This is the only such forum in Nepal. Based on the past work of UPF, we could establish an inclusive forum through ambassadors

¹ Following an interview of the Supreme Commander of the Maoist Army, which patterned itself on Peru's Shining Path guerrillas, Charles Haviland of the BBC wrote, "More people have in fact been killed by the government side, but the Maoists have ruthlessly pinpointed and executed people."

for peace, generals, members of the monarchy and all Nepalese political parties, civic organizations and the media.

Also, as you probably know, India, one of the world's largest nations, is hugely influential in South Asia. India and Nepal have an open border. We don't need visas to travel to each other's country, just an identity card. Nepalese can work in India, even in the Indian government. Indian businessmen are free to open businesses in Nepal. We have a very good relationship, but our security situation directly affects India's security.

Recognizing this, we involved Ambassador Krishna Venkatesh Rajan, India's ambassador to Nepal (1995–2000), who is now a member of the Indian Security Advisory Board. That's quite an important and powerful position. We included other notable Indian leaders in the South Asia Peace Initiative as well, such as Mr. Tushar Gandhi, great-grandson of Mahatma Gandhi.

UPF was the facilitator bringing them all together so that they could state their own views. Whatever friendly relations they were able to develop was UPF's contribution toward unity and peace.

These conferences continued from the time when the monarchy ruled Nepal to the time of party rule, and they continue today in the same spirit. All the political parties, the monarchy and the Maoists recognize that UPF is providing a shared platform where they all can speak out and develop policies aimed at achieving peace.

In June 2005, we held specifically designed educational seminars in five Nepalese regions (Pokhara, Bhiratnagar, Nepalgunj, Kathmandu and Lumbini) to create a forum for open national dialogue and debate. The final program

was designated the first South Asia Peace Initiative. It took place on July 22, 2005, in Lumbini, the birthplace of Lord Buddha, and drew distinguished guests from Nepal and India.

There were presentations and active discussions on a theme from different perspectives because the leaders from diverse groups saw things differently. We concentrated on the current situation of the countries involved. We introduced the UPF founder's vision and sought solutions. Based on this perspective, we discussed it all day and reached consensus. These forums have a different identity because there are people from different political backgrounds, but they were not representing their parties. They had come as ambassadors for peace; in that spirit we reached conclusions.

The program we came up with, "Appeal for Peace," was an appropriate arrangement to resolve the conflict and end the violence, to effect a cease-fire and the laying down the arms. At that time, the Maoist rebels were inciting so much violence. Actually, their root philosophy is from Mao, from China, but the Nepalese Maoist leader, Prachanda,² has also added something to the philosophy himself, therefore they call their ideology the Prachanda Way or the Marxist-Leninist, Maoist and Prachanda Way. They added some new philosophical points, a local influence.

The Maoists were not present at the first SAPI, but we appealed to them to keep the common good of the nation above personal or group interests and to accept the values of coexistence, human rights, and the rule of law. We also declared that educational institutions

² This is the *nom de guerre* for 52-year-old Pushpa Kamal Dahal. It means "The Fierce One."

should be violence-free zones.

This appeal was signed by seventy leaders in government, religion and civic organizations as well as student leaders. It ran in a major newspaper on August 28. On September 3, the Maoists unilaterally declared a three-month cease-fire. I see a correlation between the work of UPF and the peace process in Nepal. Some people might say the two events are linked; some might say it is coincidence; others might say this is divine grace. In any event, it is true that these events occurred just days apart.

SAPI II

The second SAPI, "South Asian Conflicts: The Non-Violent Option," was held on November 12, 2005, at Kathmandu University; Dr. Suresh Raj Sharma, the university's vice-chancellor, was the chairman. We invited Mr. Tushar Gandhi, the managing trustee of the Mahatma Gandhi Foundation, who spoke on the relevance of Gandhi today. During his speech he said, "As an ambassador for peace, I suggest you have direct dialog with the Maoists."

SAPI II resulted in a twelve-point proposal that was released to the press and read by Dr. Kamal K. Joshi, who is the chairman of Nepal's University Grants Commission. The ultimate cause of conflict originated in putting private concerns above public responsibilities. Lasting peace can only really be established when we live more for others than for ourselves, it stated. Another point called for face-to-face dialog with the Maoists.

Mr. Tara Nath Ranabhat, who at that time was speaker of the house, also addressed a press conference, where he acknowledged the value of UPF's contribution to the peace process. It was this speaker of the house who had invit-



Mr. Ram Karki, foreign affairs leader, Central Working Committee, Communist Party of Nepal-Maoists, giving a presentation at SAPI V



Dr. Shreekrishna Yadav, member of the government Public Service Commission, posing a question



Member of Parliament Ram Jeewan Singh, asking a question as well-known actor Mr. Ravi Giri listens

ed True Father to Nepal to speak as part of the first world peace tour. Father arrived ten days after SAPI II. He delivered his peace message to a capacity crowd of 4,500, and his speech was broadcast live for three hours over government television, which is seen in forty-four countries. The following day, the headline of the nation's leading paper read, "Love and Peace Are the Answers to All Woes."

On the same day that True Father spoke in Kathmandu, Nepal, the Maoist rebels and leaders from the Seven Party Alliance (SPA) agreed to their own twelve-point Memorandum of Understanding in New Delhi, India. I see these as related events. There had been violence for over ten years. The first time that Father visited Nepal was on the very day that the SPA and the Maoists signed their agreement as part of the peace process. The Seven Parties are democratic groups within parliament;³ they are parliamentarians, among whom, of course, some are UPF ambassadors for peace.

SAPI III

The third SAPI, "Regional Conflicts in South Asia: The Human Dimension," was held on March 15, 2006, at the Peace Embassy Building in Kathmandu. Strikes and protests to restore parliamentary democracy were continual throughout Nepal. The Kathmandu valley had been blockaded; Maoist rebels had ordered all vehicles off major roads. Since delivery was severely disrupted, prices of daily consumables had shot up 80 percent.

This conference resulted in a twenty-two-point resolution being announced by Dr. Keshar Jung Rayamajhi, one-time president of the privy council.⁴ The document noted that true democracy—rule by the people—must be based on

³ The SPA comprised members of a parliament King Gyanendra had dissolved. Though at the time, the MOU lacked government sanction, for the first time, the Maoists accepted the ideas of laying down arms and joining a participatory, democratic government. The SPA and the MOU took on new life when parliament was reinstated.

⁴ It was he who announced the massacre of the royal family members to the Nepalese people.



Left to right: Rev. Dhakal, Dr. Robert Kittel, UPF India; Ambassador Rajan, Comrade Prachandra, leader of the Maoist insurgents; and Prachandra's second in command, Dr. Baburam Bhattarai

responsible citizenship. Essentially, true democracy is self-governance, where people regulate themselves through their own conscience.

In New Delhi, secret talks were being held between the Maoists and the SPA, which up to that point "didn't seem too upbeat," according to press reports. Suddenly, on March 19 (four days after SAPI III), there was a breakthrough and a renewed appreciation of the original Memorandum of Understanding emerged. In early April, as the birth pains of democracy grew more intense, a Second People's Movement, *Jana Andolan II*—this time focused on restoring parliamentary democracy—emerged. The strikes continued.

On April 17, a printed memo was circulated to all members of UPF-Nepal calling for a seven-day period of penance for the "national harmony of Nepal." Various conditions were done—a one-day fast, hoondokhwae, forty-minute prayers, peace rallies, 120 bows to heaven and a candlelight vigil. On April 24, the final day, King Gyanendra addressed the nation and said he would "reinstatate the House of Representatives, which was dissolved on 22 May 2002." I see another link here between UPF activities and developments in Nepal.

Mother-son cooperation

The second world peace tour took True Mother to 180 nations in six months and focused on mother-son cooperation. On June 1, she visited Nepal and spoke at the Birendra International Convention Centre. She was accompanied by Hyunjin nim, who delivered the founder's address to about one thousand five hundred leaders. Mother donated \$50,000 for the care of children suffering because

of the conflict in Nepal.

We were involved in the rally, so we only learned the next day, after True Mother had left for New Delhi, that while she was in Kathmandu the Maoists were also there in huge numbers at what the *Kathmandu Post* called a "mammoth Maoist rally." Maoists, providentially, represent the Cain side; they are atheists; the seven political parties are more peaceful and appear to be the Abel side. Maoists have never before exposed themselves in the city; they have

operated only in the remote areas.

Maoists have many followers, so we do have to respect their view also. On the same day that Mother visited, hundreds of thousands of people came from all over the nation to the Maoist-organized rally in Kathmandu. From my perspective as a church leader, I see that they came because the True Mother of Humanity came to Kathmandu. In some way it showed an internal desire to reconcile and to unite with Mother. As I say in my presentation, Mother Moon had not come just for a select few—not only for one party or one group. She had come for all her children.

Progress as a secular state

As a result of the Seven Party Alliance and Maoists coming together—and following our week of penance—the king reinstated parliament. The parliament that was formed made many historic declarations. Among these was one in which they declared Nepal a secular state. Before Nepal was the only Hindu kingdom in the world. Our official religion was Hinduism as declared by the state, because our king was Hindu.

Of course, "secular" here refers to a democratic state, and that's what the people need. People felt the government has to treat all religions as having the same status. Before, according to our constitution, religion in Nepal meant only either Hinduism or Buddhism. You could not register any church or any other denomination legally. The parliament declared a secular state so that there could be equality for all faiths. I see this as a positive development of the peace process. Thousands of people from the Newari community, the ethnic group that may have been the

original inhabitants of the Kathmandu valley, took part in a mass public gathering welcoming the proclamation that declared Nepal a secular state.

SAPI IV

On June 26, 2006, the fourth SAPI, "Human Rights and Human Responsibilities: In Conflict and Post-Conflict Situations" was held at the Radisson Hotel in Kathmandu. This event was widely covered in the newspapers and on television newscasts. Among our distinguished speakers was Mr. D. R. Kaarthiskeyan, who in a distinguished career held many key posts including those of director-general of India's National Human Rights Commission and director-general of the Indian Police. He called on religious and spiritual leaders to take a more active role, especially in post-conflict Nepal.

Speaker of the House Subash C. Nembang spoke at and presided over the closing session. The following day, the Maoists announced that they would extend a nationwide cease-fire another three months. The head of a United Nations team, Swedish diplomat Mr. Staffan de Mistura, arrived in Nepal and began dialogue in order to build up trust with both the Maoists and ruling party.

Peace, spirituality and forgiveness

For the third world peace tour, True Mother and eleven of her family members came to Nepal and spoke in twelve cities. The government had issued an official letter of invitation to the True

Family members, which was issued by the Speaker of the House Subash C. Nembang. Kathmandu received True Mother as a national guest on September 22. More than ten thousand CARP members lined True Mother's route through Kathmandu.

This visit of True Mother and other members of the True Family coincided with a weeklong International Youth Conference that was sponsored by a Swiss organization, the World Spirit Council, and an American organization, Children of the Earth. Their theme was "Deepening Our Spirituality," and the conference focused on "exploring aspects of consciousness through different religions and discovering how spiritual values can transform the world into a more harmonious place to live."

This was not our event, but I can't help seeing these events as having a Cain-Abel relationship. Members of Father Moon's family—many of them young—were in Nepal delivering the peace message at the same time that youth not only from Nepal but from all over the world visited the country to explore a similar theme—peace and spirituality.

In mid-October, headlines in the newspaper *The Himalayan* broadcast what everyone already knew: "Inflexibility Leads to Deadlock in Talks." On October 15, picketers appeared outside Prime Minister Girija Prasad Koirala's official residence carrying placards that read "Forgive, Love, Unite," the slogan famous to Unificationists from the time True Father called on Americans to sup-

port the office of the presidency during the scandalous years of the Nixon Administration. These picketers were Nepalese members and ambassadors for peace urging peaceful reconciliation.

At the beginning of the next month, top leaders of the SPA along with Maoist leader Prachanda signed a landmark deal on arms management. The government and the Maoists were able to reach a good conclusion, including cease-fire and dialog. Dialog also led them to sign the November 11, 2006 Comprehensive Peace Agreement. It declares that the Maoists will yield and give up violence. Armed conflict will be resolved through peaceful interaction. The United Nations obligation is to observe and to keep the Maoists weapons and an equal amount of weapons from the Nepalese Army locked up. We have over a thousand people from the UN now in Nepal. Some are soldiers; some are election specialists and other types of specialists. Now Maoists don't legally have arms, though they may be hiding some illegally. Carrying arms is illegal. Recently, the Maoists joined the government. The government forgave the Maoists for what they had done, and the Maoists forgave the government for what it had done.

SAPI V

As Mr. Gandhi had suggested, we sought direct dialog with representatives of the Maoist leadership. We had had indirect contact with them already, through letters, or through press releases given to newspapers. The fifth South



Ek Nath Dhakal (civilian on the left), and Mrs. Julia Kim, co-regional president of UPF Asia, among police officers and soldiers who attended presentations on UPF's method of bringing peace

Asia Peace Initiative, "In Support of the Peace Process: The Role of National and International Civil Society," took place in early December 2006 at the Hotel Le Meridien. It was significant for having Mr. Ram Karki, the Maoist foreign affairs leader from their Central Working Committee, as one of the speakers.

The meeting was quite effective because along with UPF presentations all the key political parties involved in Nepal stated their party's stance. Ram Karki could see that UPF's forum was a valuable environment. Also, as he listened to speeches from different party leaders, he saw how they appreciate the work of UPF and Father Moon. He was encouraged to make an appointment with his supremo, so immediately after our meeting, he guided us to his president's office, where we met with Comrade Prachanda.

It was a natural meeting. Prachanda is not in hiding, but he is careful about being seen in public. Of course, his militants were with him in his office, but he was not heavily guarded. We were welcomed well. The time of our meeting was exactly fixed and at that time Prachanda came to the small room with his second in command and Ram Karki. He met Robert Kittel from India, Ambassador Rajan, our UPF friends in Nepal and me. The meeting lasted about thirty minutes and was very friendly. We introduced our founder's vision and UPF's peace mission. I'm not sure how deep their knowledge is about Father; I think they see Father as a peace promoter. They don't believe in religion, so there's no way for them to see him as the Messiah. Prachanda seemed to appreciate our presentation, though, and asked for the brochures. We also gave them ginseng tea for their good health.

We felt they were quite serious about peace. I think they must have come to some realizations. One important realization is that fighting cannot solve the problem. They fought over the years, but the Second People's Movement, nineteen days' of protests in April 2006, where the people peacefully demanded the king restore democracy, resulted in the king relenting and restoring the parliament. They were able to bring



A discussion group at the Peace Embassy during SAPI III, which was held while rebels blocked major roads to Kathmandu

changes that the Maoists couldn't bring even with all the killing. Even the Maoist leaders said, "Peaceful resolution is more powerful than armed conflict."

The Maoist side especially wants to set up the republican system, to no longer have the monarchy, but it cannot be done easily. They have to follow the legal process. There are only two options to set up the republican system. One is to have a constitutional assembly election. This election is very important; it will be done once in a hundred or two hundred years. Preparation for this is underway, but it does not seem they will be able to finish all the preliminary work that is required before the date they have fixed, because it is within



UPF is the only NGO in Nepal that relates with leaders of all the Nepalese political parties and the monarchy. It has ambassadors for peace in all seventy-five districts of the mountainous country, a student organization working on college campuses and its own newspaper, the Universal Times.

three months.

A second option they're discussing is to introduce the republican system by referendum from the people. Until now it is not clear whether they will use the referendum or a constitutional election to discover the people's views on whether they should keep the monarch or not. The monarchy is temporarily suspended until this issue is decided.

Looking ahead

In addition to the traditional political parties and the Maoists, who now are participants in government, along with other civic organizations, we consider ourselves, UPF, a participant in the peace process, offering an independent view. After some years of effort, it seems fair to ask, "As of today, where is the peace process?"

One of the most significant developments has been the recently created new government Ministry of Peace and Reconstruction. Never before in Nepalese history have we had a ministry like this. We did not realize we needed it before, but now we see how important peace is. The person who will head that ministry is now the most senior minister in the government after the prime minister. Under that ministry there will be a peace commission where invited leaders from different peace organizations will serve as commissioners. The minister was one of the speakers in the South Asia Peace Initiative; we have a good relationship with him. He is fully aware of our activities.

I would like to acknowledge the guidance and support from Dr. Christopher Kim and his wife Dr. Julia Kim. As regional presidents of the movement in Asia, they have fully supported and encouraged the South Asia Peace Initiative. SAPI is also a result of the teamwork of the South Asia leaders, particularly Dr. Robert Kittel, Mrs. Ursula McLackland, and Ambassador K.V. Rajan.

There is still much work to be done, but we believe True Father's philosophy of peace, love and unification is the best way to bring peace and reconciliation in Nepal today. ♦

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voices of the speakers and creating a moment of doubt and chaos. After a few minutes, which seemed more like an hour, it was announced that the federal building had to be evacuated and that firemen would come. As people slowly proceeded to the exits, the alarm suddenly stopped; people were told that the fire department had said there was no danger and they could reenter the building. Many guests clapped and quickly returned to their seats to hear the founder's speech.

The caterer said, "In thirty years of catering for such events, this is the first time I have seen this. Usually, if people have already had their dinner and they have just heard someone like the former president, they won't come back. But they did come back."

Father Moon was able to deliver the thirteenth Peace Message. Before leaving Korea for the United States, he had said, "It is time for the UN, the U.S. government, God's will and the Unification Movement to be in alignment. March 17, April 17, May 17—three months can bring three eras to one focal point. The path to America this time is to bring a decisive end and conclusion in providential history."

Father Moon not only spoke, he truly blasted the message forcefully; and the voice of Dr. Peter Kim translating into English seemed to shake the whole building. As the message was thus proclaimed in the great hall, I was reminded of the Book of Revelation, "And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God'.... And he that sat upon the throne said, 'Behold, I make all things new.' And he said unto me, 'Write: for these words are true and faithful.'"

For twenty-five years, the *Washington Times* has served as the conscience or moral compass of America in troubled times. The paper has challenged falsehood and proclaimed the truth, in ways brighter and bolder, as its motto says. It has been the voice linked to the founding vision for America, as a nation under God, with each person having certain inalienable rights whose origin is God and not man.

Among those present at the *Washington Times* anniversary celebration were the three hundred guests representing eighty-two nations who had attended a two-and-a-half-day conference organized by the Universal Peace Federation. The conference covered the topic "American Leadership at a Time of Global Crisis." Each session was remarkably well moderated, and the presentations helped to assess the many responsibilities of the United States in its leadership position. All participants agreed that the U.S. must restore its credibility and prestige in order to guide the world in the right direction. They were two and a half days of profound clarification.

While attending with many people who had traveled from around the world, I was able to feel how much God loves the United States and why. Conversely, many good Americans

expressed with great humility how they have been trying throughout their lives to love the world with God's heart.

For me, the most interesting session concerned the "culture wars" in the United States. Whereas the theory of the clash of civilization says that Western civilization is at war with other civilizations, the theory of culture wars sees the frontline as being within each country.

In the United States, such a cultural war is seen as existing between the so-called orthodox Americans (or traditionalist or conservative) and the progressive or liberal Americans. Between the two groups is a large segment of Americans who are independent and sometimes side with one camp, sometimes with the other.

Two leading conservative intellectuals, Mr. Dinesh D'Souza and Mr. Robert Knight, spoke brilliantly about this situation. But I felt they could not offer a true solution. Instead, Mr. James Flynn, regional secretary-general of UPF-U.S.A., calmly provided it. While expressing that strong family values and ethical principles are at the root of life in the United States, he urged conservative, God-loving Americans to be non-sectarian. America has been designed by God to



be a microcosm of all nations, races and religions, and Christians, Jews, Muslims and others have to unite in America, embracing other creeds within and then without.

In two and a half days, an insightful diagnosis was made of the real problems of the U.S. and the world, and much confusion was dispelled. This purgation began within a UPF event, and then Father's message could be accepted in a city (*urbi*)¹ that is like Rome and by delegates from around the world (*orbi*). The false fire alarm seemed to have a special meaning; if the U.S. and the rest of the world cannot unite with the truth, even the Messiah cannot bring his saving grace. The incident was reminiscent of June 1976, when a sudden storm almost cancelled the Yankee Stadium rally; it was saved miraculously by the spontaneous reactions of our members and the audience who braved the storm to receive the word.◆

¹ These Latin terms are used by the Catholic Church to describe the intended audience of the Pope's messages.

Sudan Reemerges



By Abdel Moumin

The mission in Sudan has endured great troubles and difficulties since 1997, the year we were severely suppressed by Sudanese security officials. Our activities were banned, and our mission went underground. The government then was taking a hard-line, fanatical stance. We have spent most of this time translating the Divine Principle, Unification Thought and hoondokhwaee books into Arabic. We are in the process of translating Cheon Seong Gyeong into Arabic.

Since the government signed a peace agreement with the south,¹ things have been improving day by day. Now there is more freedom and more respect for human rights. In this healthy atmosphere, we openly resumed and broadened our activities, though doing so felt spiritually very challenging. We officially reregistered our local NGO and have rented a small office.

Especially after attending the New Beginning workshop with Dae-mo nim in Nairobi, things dramatically changed inside our blessed families and in our public mission. My two daughters completely changed. They have grown up in a traditional Muslim society as Unificationist blessed children. Though they are young, fifteen and sixteen, they do special bowing condition every night and participate fully in 5:00 AM hoondokhwaee. They have started to share full responsibility with me as adults. We prepare everything together for our weekly members meeting, which is a Friday service for those of our members from a Muslim background. They are also urging other blessed children to organize their own semiweekly meeting days, where they sing holy songs and read a speech of Father's, Divine Principle or something from the UPF series of character education books *Discovering the Real Me*, which they find very interesting and useful.

I have completed *United Visions*, a book that introduces Divine Principle from an Islamic perspective, which I wrote about for the December 2004 issue of *Today's World*. We print this in small numbers to meet the demand of our witnessing activities. For seven years, we taught our Muslim guests from this book, in which we teach the Divine Principle using quotations from both the Koran and the Bible, but with a greater concentration on the Koran. Using it, seven good young new members are develop-

¹ On January 9, 2005, a treaty, the Comprehensive Peace Agreement, was signed by representatives of the government (based in Khartoum in northern Sudan) and the mainly Christian and animist Sudan People's Liberation Movement, based in the south.

Photos from the January 29th New Beginning workshop in Nairobi, Kenya, which Sudanese members attended



ing their faith.

Later, though, due to difficulties from Muslim society, we decided not to talk about religion or Divine Principle (even from Islamic point of view). We started to give peace building seminars in other cultural centers, in which my assistant, our brother Dr. Adil, and I teach people about the Principle indirectly.

That series of lectures was entirely successful. Many people attended and involved themselves in discussions. They accepted us although they knew who we are.

Then we received the instruction to hold 12,000 events by April 17, 2007. We understood that in Sudan, with a predominantly Muslim population, it is not easy to teach any new religious ideas whatsoever, not because of the government but because Sudanese society itself seems medieval. Nevertheless, we took the risk and started to hold rallies daily. For that purpose, we called the people who had attended our peace building seminars. Amazingly, they insisted on being told about the teachings of Dr. Moon (True Father). So we started to teach them using *United Visions*. About fifteen people attended this series of daily lectures, which is a very big number in Islamic countries. So, the rallies held in our office became Divine Principle workshops.

All of the people that attended these were young men and women, university graduates who were not yet thirty. They listened with open minds, because most of them had come from a



leftist secular background rather than a classical Muslim one. Most of them listened and accepted what they heard. I was thinking to make them ambassadors for peace, but I thought they are too young. Then suddenly we received the news from Hyun-jin nim's office about YFWP Youth Ambassador For Peace certificates. So, at the conclusion of the workshop, we graduated them all as youth ambassadors for peace.

Amazingly, this group brought twenty-five more young people who want to study the Divine Principle. Our office is very small; we have only one room. Now some people have to listen to the lectures through windows, standing up, because there is neither enough space nor enough chairs. This second group consisted of both Muslims and Christians, so we had to handle the situation carefully. We never compromised, and it came out good and fair for both types of participant.

For Muslims we talked about the issue that Christians believe Isaac was the son Abraham sacrificed, whereas they believe it was Ishmael, and we presented Jesus as a sinless man, not an ordinary prophet. For Christians we had to handle Christology carefully. To our surprise, all of them were satisfied. They understand each other's theological differences, and they felt that what they were hearing was something new. Of course, the issues of the Fall of Man, Resurrection and Last Days are the same

in Islam as in Christianity.

Now we have risen to new dimension. We feel that the spirit of resurrection and the spirit of the time after the coming of heaven are with us. We feel more confidence and joy doing the mission. We understand that there has been a great breakthrough in the Sudanese spirit world. We are seriously thinking about moving to a bigger house. Of course, we understand that we still have to be careful. It is wise not to make too much noise in a society like ours, but we feel nonetheless that we have to do something. With the help of the merit of the age prepared by True Parents, with the help of the spirit world centering on Heung-jin nim, Dae-mo nim and the Prophet Muhammad, we feel we can achieve victory. ♦



Top: Members with Dr. Adil (middle)
Left: Dr. Adil presenting Youth Ambassadors for Peace Certificates
Right: Youth ambassadors for peace in a group photo with Dr. Adil (second from left standing) and Abdel Moumin (seated, second from the left)

